

GARDENS Four Seasons

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ONLINE Seed & Plant Sources



*“One of the most
delightful things
about a garden
is the anticipation
it provides”*

~ W. E. Johns

*(& right at THIS moment we have PLENTY of time for
AN-TIC-I-PATION!)*

(“Win a Landscape Design Class” - see page 9)

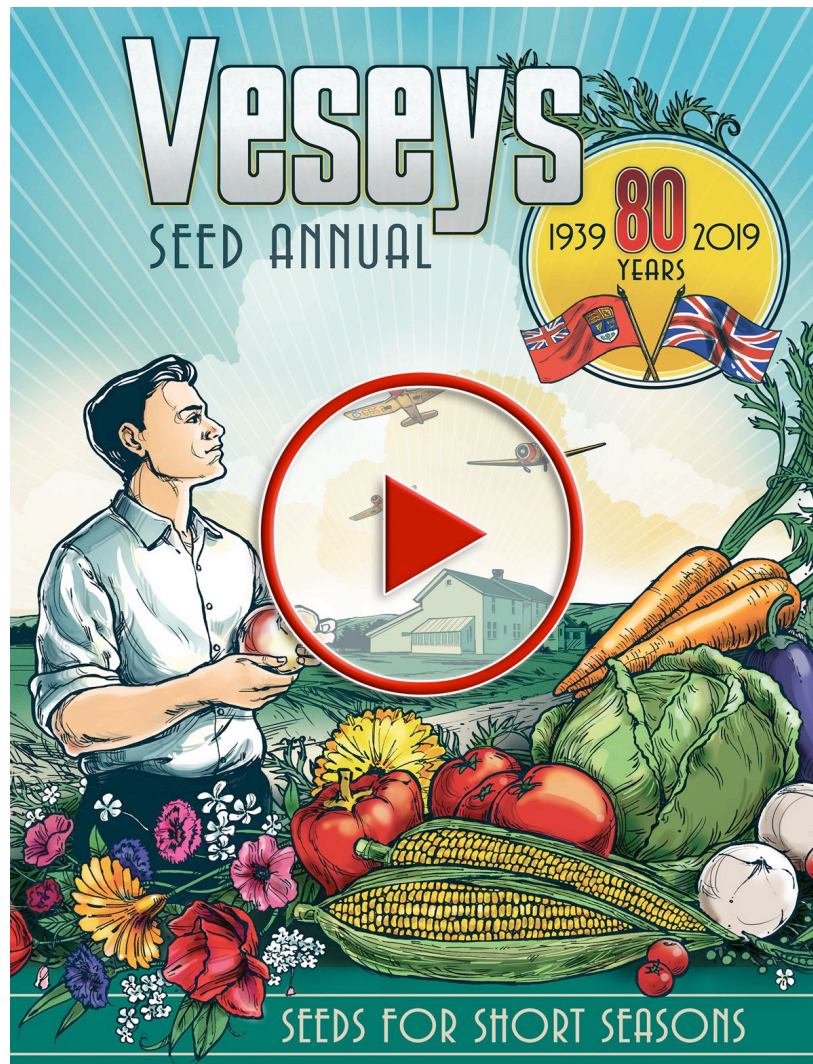
Online shopping vs Shopping Local - sometimes a bit of a dilemma what with the selection online often trumping local sources. They both have their pros & cons. My personal choice is to buy from local, often small businesses before I consider the world wide web. Often it comes down to the rare or unusual & that is where I head for my computer.

The internet world of shopping is your oyster if you are prepared to wait a bit & possibly pay for shipping. (never order seed potatoes if you can help it!)

So with that thought in mind I am sharing a few of my favourites which are mostly Western Canadian - the exception being Vesey's in PEI. Some have seed catalogues you can request but all have a great online presence!

Now's the time to expand your gardening horizons & try at least one new plant variety a year. In fact that reminds me of when my kids were little. Every Spring they were each allowed to pick out one new type of plant for their own garden patches. One year they both wanted Lamb's Ears (*Stachys lanata*) so we had it growing everywhere for a few years as they tend to readily self seed! Guess I was a Mom that couldn't say no :)





VESEYS - <https://www.veseys.com>

As you can tell from their seed catalogue cover - Veseys have been a family run operation for 80 years! I have to admit they are a favourite of mine - particularly since I visited their location in PEI a number of years ago.

They offer excellent Customer Service & are always available to answer any questions or solve any concerns. Request a copy of their 2019 catalogue & peruse to your delight!

What is more hardy & drought tolerant than Prairie Wildflowers? nothing!

Find out at <https://www.growwildflowers.ca>

BLAZING STAR WILDFLOWER COMPANY is located practically in our back yards. (I have my eye on the Prairie Crocus & Dwarf Milkweed :)

Operating out of Aberdeen, SK - just a few miles to the NE they specialize in Native Wildflowers. This family owned enterprise (since 1992) offers personalized seed packets for special occasions like Weddings but also supply Saskatoon's yearly Nature City Festival with packets.

For the longest time I could not for the life of me figure out how a delicate native Coneflower came to my to grow in my garden - then it dawned on me - I'd scattered the seeds a few years back. If they can germinate & survive my aggressive weeding - they can survive anything!

Plus it is very nice to shop local & grow native don'tcha think?

(btw - Blazing Star is the perennial 'Liatris')



T & T SEEDS are another company that offer an excellent online shopping experience & their stock consisting of non-GMO (non-Genetically Modified Organisms) seeds & plants. are second to none! You can request a catalogue from them also or just browse their website.

<https://ttseeds.com>

Located just a bit west of Winnipeg - they are the only nursery in Canada to offer the columnar Northern TreasuRed Apple tree. I received mine from them about 4 years ago & it is holding true to the fact it only has a 2-3' wide span. Eventually mine will reach 12-15' high & produce full size apples - how cool is that?

(order early - they have limited stock each Spring)



WEST COAST SEEDS are another family owned retailer since 1983. Their specialties (or as I like to say - Spesh-ee-Al-ities) are organic plants & seeds. A copy of their 2019 Gardening Guide is yours upon request. <https://www.westcoastseeds.com>



I order each year from them since they are the only place I know of that carries the magical Heirloom Sweet Pea *Matucana* (check it out in my **Plant of the**

Month). & did you know you could grow your own Sesame or Quinoa harvest?

Yes - they have quite a selection!





HERITAGE HARVEST SEEDS run their business out of Carman, Manitoba. As their name implies - their focus is on Heritage varieties vegetables, flowers & herbs & so they offer only non-GMO seed <https://www.heritageharvestseed.com>

I have never ordered from them but intend to try out the Kaiser Alexander Cucumber - advertised as the crunchiest, best tasting cucumber ever! (wonder if that brown skin is edible?)





LANDSCAPE DESIGN CLASSES

- starting soon!

In just 5 fun & lively classes you will:

- learn the clever way to measure & draw your yard to scale
- create a personalized list of shrubs, plants & perennials
- save money by picking up dozens of money-saving ideas
- save time by discovering low maintenance methods used by pros!
- create a plan for your own paradise at the only class of its kind in Saskatoon!

All classes held in Denise's Saskatoon classroom

Start Dates:

March 25 (Mon.) - 10am - noon *or* 6:30 - 8:30pm

Mar. 28 (Thurs.) - 10am - noon *or* 6:30 - 8:30pm

March. 30 (Sat.) - 10am - noon

Contact DENISE @ (306) 244-0049 *or*

visit www.gardensfourseasons.com to book your time.

GARDENS Four Seasons

"Inspired Landscape Design since 1989!"





“WIN A LANDSCAPE DESIGN CLASS”

from GARDENS Four Seasons!

I’m amping up my presence on FACEBOOK so decided a contest would be a good way to officially announce that.

Simply **LIKE my FACEBOOK Page** & your name will automatically be entered into the draw for a Landscape Design Class - a \$349 value!

Aside from the chance to win the Class - you will have immediate notification to any updates on the Wonderful World of Garden Design - lots of which may not appear in GARDENDESIGN.

Draw will be made **March 17** - one week prior to the start of my Spring Classes. (Hey! That is St. Patrick’s Day - what better way to celebrate the wearin’ o’ the green than to PLAN a little green! :)

So? Whatcha waitin’ for? Click the LIKE button today!

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READER FEEDBACK

Responses from last issue's **GARDENDESIGN**.....

*Very nice Denise, I thoroughly enjoyed this Gardendesign issue.
I always look forward to seeing what you have "up your sleeve".
Thanks for sending them every month or two.*

Heather M.

Loved it!!!!

Peggy Krapf

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Heart's Ease Landscape & Garden Design

& a little comment in New Year's Resolutions that appeared in a recent Bridges issue - echoed my own feelings -

".....take time to enjoy your garden. Make time once a day/once a week, to take a beverage & a seat in different spots in your garden. This gives you a different perspective on the garden & allows you to generate ideas for changing/enhancing the view."

- courtesy local gardener Jill Thompson

PLANT OF THE MONTH

LATHYRUS odoratus 'Matucana'

Sweet Peas, to me, are *THE* quintessential Summer flower. I plant them in a few spots in my yard as well as next to my patio allowing me to enjoy the scent often. I cut them from first bloom 'til the first frost & often treat visitors with a nosegay to take home.



The Matucana is an heirloom variety so the flower size is a bit smaller than the everyday Sweet Pea, but it more than makes up for that by being the strongest scent of any sweet pea in the entire world!

As for beauty - well, the richly bi-coloured magenta & purple blossoms create a lush, rich look both on the vine & in a vase.

I can almost smell them now - Divine!



DESIGN BRILLIANCE

For this edition I thought I'd show you some Design Brilliance in New Trends - according to GARDENS Four Seasons. You will be seeing more & more of these features come Summer!

BLACK FENCES

- whether seen as a simple Privacy Screen or as entire Fence Line, they suit any landscape style but are particularly yummy in a Modern or Contemporary setting.



BROAD ELONGATED PAVERS

- instead of the standard brick size & shape - these are sweeping the Landscape Industry off it's feet! Classy & practical with a Modern Edge for sure!



SECRET GARDENS

- we've all heard of these but they've taken on a life of their own - they've become so popular that some enjoy them more than the spa or even lake time!



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we'll look at -

MAKE your YARD say '*WELCOME!*'

**Meantime, want to check out a
GARDENDESIGN BACK ISSUE?**

Ask for the edition
featuring - HERB
GARDENS & get your
creative juices flowing!



Feel free to forward this to any friends!

(or they can email me to request their own copy!)

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