

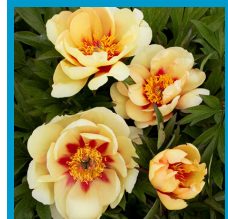


# 3rd Annual Free Planting Days

(Expert composting and organic gardening advice too!)

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### ITOH Peonies



Named for Toichi Itoh, the first hybridizer to successfully cross a giant Japanese tree Peony with a Chinese herbaceous Peony in the 1940's, these popular gems are prized for their huge, beautiful blooms and lush green foliage. The Villager has a handful of #5g and very few #1g's. [Look](#).

### Gardening



Organic Vegetable  
We have EVEN MORE fresh tomatoes, peppers, squash, chard, lettuce, greens, etc... in plants and seed. 4 trucks full in the past 2 days, AGAIN!!!



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### VOLES

## 3RD ANNUAL FREE PLANTING DAZE!

Join the Fun FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, June 24-25! Create colorful baskets!

Here's how it works...

1. You buy the plants and pots or bring up to 4 pots from home!
2. We will plant them for you with Gardener's Gold Organic Soil and Gardner & Bloome Fertilizers!

Maximum pot size 20" diameter, no window boxes or wine barrels please.

**the Villager nursery & gifts**  
Planting Hours 10-2  
Friday and Saturday  
530 / 587 - 0771 • 10678 Donner Pass Rd in Truckee  
Open Monday-Saturday 8:30-5:30, Sunday 9-5

**Planting Daze (Great for 4th of July planters!)**  
**HUGE BONUS:** Lont time organic-gardening specialist and educator with Gardner & Bloome, **Gisele Schoniger** and Kellogg Garden Products expert, **Mike McLain** will BOTH be on hand to help plant your pots for free as well as answer ANY organics, compost, mulch or fertilizer questions you can dream up. They are here for 2 days just to help YOU.

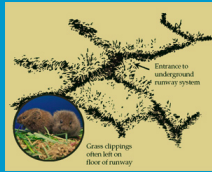
### Lilacs are going OFF!

The lilacs are blooming a MONTH later than usual - WOW. (and have you seen the rivers!) The town is fragrant with the aroma of common French lilac everywhere. Those planted in downtown Truckee have been growing since the mid-1800's... thriving little care. We have a good selection of these hardy shrubs native to calcarious soils of mountainous southern Europe.



**Kellogg Mature Composts**  
**Buy 3 get 1 free JUST through June.**  
Grab our favorite mature, inoculant grade, finished thermal composts, teeming with beneficial microbes, true humus, nutrients and a sweet healthy smell. They're alive inside!  
•**Topper NOW** after raking your lawn and for any lawn issue. Use with wildflower seed. We loan the cage roller-spreader for Free for the first 24 hours. People ARE calling hourly waiting to use them. Truckee Rents does rent rollers for a nominal fee AND they have aerators a new modified Power

check the video



OK, they are here to stay, they are not going away. All the predators NEED them to survive. For repellents under the snow nothing comes close to the success of Biosol (on lawns only) but this year with 9 months under snow...all bets are off. Several landscaper friends tell us that the Plantskydd granules applied to perennial beds late did a great job. Check out this very effective trapping technique: [LINK](#)

Rake for spring cleaning! I can't wait for a day off to use it! [Look](#).  
 •**Gromulch** for every tree and shrub you plant. AND an excellent (really THE best) top-mulch.  
 •**Amend** for annuals, perennials and aerated lawns.  
 •**Bumper Crop** for vegetables and anything else.  
 Did we mention that mulching saves water - loads!

### Wildflowers

Sagehen was probably at it's peak last Thursday (according to Scott Bower at Martis who has been regularly checking). I ran out there after work with my wife and eldest daughter (Erica just graduated and accepted a UCLA invite) on Wednesday, the longest day of the year. FYI: on the



Camas and Bistort

longest day of the year, trails through the woods get sketchy (visibility-wise) at right about 9:00PM. The displays this year were moderate with not as many flowering stalks as in say...2009. The wild garlic was just starting to bloom. We have had native Camas in pots but few ask for it or care actually... We are such plant nerds. We carry SO MANY native plants and 99.9% of gardeners are not interested. I'm always looking at people's carts and I when it's really busy, I search for the most interesting cart to find that person to talk to... The Penstemon rydbergii is just coming into bloom in many meadows and it has a wonderful display. We have about 20 species of hardy Penstemon in stock right now - Collect them ALL!

### Upcoming Classes and Seminars

June 24-25 - Friday and Saturday - 10-2 Villager Planting Daze - see above or check our [facebook page](#).  
 June 29 - Villager and A Thyme to Plant sponsored Music in the Park - (the local band is Fearless Chicken: <http://fearlesschicken.com/songs2/03-Track-03.mp3>)

July 4 - Monday: 4th of July Parade - We are open while we water from 8-9:30 before the parade. Walk-in during the parade and enjoy our fiesta. Open 'till 2:00pm after the parade for your last-minute red, white and blue posies.

July 7 - Thursday, 5:30-7:00pm: Tough Trees and Shrubs for Mountain Homes and How to Plant Them - Shrubs and Trees for shade, spring or fall color, for fruit, or for screening, barriers, accent, edible berries, snow-storage and more. Mountain planting techniques, fertilization and care. There are quite a few native shrubs that thrive in our gardens. "We've killed HUNDREDS of trees and shrubs in order to offer you the ones that thrive with ease". Truckee Thursdays have been a huge tourist attraction and parking for miles around is packed - we're thinking Thursday classes are pointless. Sent us an e-mail with your thoughts, please? [Etc](#)

[Click Here](#), so... ..back to Saturday morning classes...

July 23 - Saturday, 9:30-11:00am: Mountain Native Plants, Historical Introductions and Wildflower Plantings - Learn to choose the best and easiest native plants for many situations. Learn how to protect and enhance your existing native plant populations. Gather some seed collecting tips and ideas for wild berry jellies and jams. Bring samples for identification after the class. We'll also cover a few of the historically important introduced species thriving in Truckee without care for more than a century.

July 30 - Saturday, 10am-4pm: Lake of the Sky Garden Club 23rd Annual Garden Tour, 2011 Truckee - View six hardy gardens. Includes light refreshments. Tickets on sale NOW at the Villager Nursery after June 15th. This is a fun tour that should never be missed. The Villager is a convenient ticket outlet. No matter where the tour is in the region, there are always great ideas for Truckee gardeners to enjoy - this year it is especially important that you attend. Will-Call at the Villager Saturday Morning. Contact Anne Chartier 530-546-4902, [annechartier@marykay.com](mailto:annechartier@marykay.com) or <http://lakesky.homestead.com/> -Garden Tour Sale at the Villager all day (20% off all plants and composts with a Garden Tour Ticket).

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**\$5-10  
Off**

### Famous Flowers Special

Bring this coupon in to receive \$5 off any one (1) #2g-Peony or #5g-Lilac or #5g-Rose (or one of each). \$10 off one (1) #10g-Lilac expires 6/30/2011

Offer Expires: June 30, 2011, not valid on sale items or with other offers. Coupon must be presented.

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