

the Neighbourhood



FREE!
Saskatoon's
Savvy Magazine MAY/09

www.theneighbourhoodexpress.com



Back to
The Classic

Went to a

GARDEN

Party

The gardening season has begun. Greenhouses are bursting with bedding plants and our imaginations are stimulated by the possibilities for dressing up our own outdoor space. This is the time to soak up the sun, connect with nature and make the most out of the season.

Likewise fashion for spring outings anticipates the colour and beauty we want to bring back into our lives for those great summer months we all wait for.



FASHIONS BY
DAZZL, THE FASHION DIVISION AT
DUTCH GROWERS

PHOTOGRAPHY BY
HAMILTON PHOTOGRAPHICS

HAIRSTYLING BY
ROXY

SHOT ON LOCATION AT DUTCH GROWERS
THANKS TO OUR MODELS JILL,
BRIANNA, PAMELA AND ALEX.

FASHION LOCATION

Our fashion pages highlight and promote select areas in and around Saskatoon. Each issue we zoom in on a different setting while showcasing some of Saskatoon's hottest new styles.

*Trendy spring fashions
... to brighten your world*



The essence of *Dutch Growers*

The business was started as a garden centre in the early 1950s by Arie vanDuyvendyk and his wife, Adrie. Now a multi-generational, family-owned business, the impressive year-round garden centre has been expanded from plants and seeds to a wide selection of gift wares, a bistro serving light lunches and Saskatchewan's best cinnamon buns, and a fantastic range of fashions and accessories. Most of our models featured here are third generation vanDuyvendycks.

Growing green in the garden

BY LESLIE VANDUYVENDYK

When you garden you learn to appreciate the beauty and balance that is part of creation. You become a steward of the Earth.

At Dutch Growers, we strive to use the most environmentally gentle method of pest control possible and still maintain a high quality plant. The best way to start is to choose plants that show improved disease and pest resistance. Many of the newer varieties are being bred to be resistant to common plant diseases.

Some of my favourite hardy roses are part of the Parkland series of roses developed in Morden, M.B. Instead of fighting with powdery mildew or black spot, I just enjoy!

Choose plants that are healthy. Make sure the location you choose for your plant matches the plants growing requirements. A plant that wants full sun will never be happy or healthy in a shady spot.

Growing green requires an observant gardener. Check your plants frequently for pests or disease. It is much easier to control a small problem than a severe infestation.

If you need to deal with a pest or disease, start with the gentlest solu-

tion possible. For example, aphids can be controlled by squishing them between your thumb and forefinger. Squeamish? Find a five year old.

You can also control aphids using insecticidal soap. It is important to use a product that is approved for horticultural use like Safer's Insecticidal Soap. Many liquid dish soaps can harm your plants because they are actually detergents laced with colour and fragrance.

In our greenhouses, in addition to insecticidal soap, we also use ladybugs. Towards the end of May, when the weather turns warmer, we release thousands of lady bugs in the greenhouse. Each lady bug can eat up to 1,000 aphids over its lifetime.

If you choose to use chemical controls, follow the directions carefully and use the least amount of chemical possible to control the problem.

Growing green requires us to rethink how we have gardened in the past. More chemicals are being banned from residential use but at the same time, new plant varieties are being developed and new organic pest controls and gardening methods are being devised.

Grow green when you garden. Your plants, your kids and your grandkids will love you for it.



Photography by Hamilton Photographics