

Rewards Members Welcome

This may be the first newsletter for many of you and welcome. Thank you to everyone for joining our Growing Rewards Program. Here's the news you've been waiting for all summer: Friday, Aug. 1 is the first day you can redeem your points in the program, so come on in and make a great selection! Find out how many points you have to spend by stopping in any time. You may redeem your points through Oct. 31. Sorry, points may not be redeemed for gift certificates, sales tax or on floral wire orders. But do use them on anything else. Here's the best part – you continue to accumulate points whenever you make a purchase!

Some of you have chosen to donate your points to one of the non-profit organizations we are working with for this project. If you want to know how your dollars contributed, check with us at the store. Overall the news is pretty good. Your donations totaled \$937.66. Here's how they stacked up individually. You gave a total of \$543.88 to the American Cancer Society and \$87.25 to the American Heart Association. The March of Dimes was given \$136.66 and the St. Peter Food Co-op was given \$169.87 by our patrons. Those totals reflect donations from the start of Growing Rewards in April until June 30, 2008. Thank you for your generosity.

Last but certainly not least, please come to our Private Twilight Event for Growing Rewards members only on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008, from 5 to 9 p.m. We're inviting you to stuff a cart and get 20 percent off whatever you can fit on a cart, carry or tote. While you're here, join us for hors d'oeuvres. A few exclusions will apply. For instance, floral purchases will be cash and carry only and landscape planning is not included. We can't wait to see you for this first-ever event!

Landscape Design Assistance

If you're thinking the sale is a great way to get ahead on your landscaping but don't know where to start or just need a hand with a project in progress, try out our landscape design service. Johanna Olson is available to do site visits, partial or full landscape plan drawings or have a short chat. Her help can be invaluable in getting what you want the first time and how to invest in the right plants and hardscapes for your situation.

Greetings from our Vegetable Grower

Autumn is a wonderful time to grow cool season crops such as broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, radishes and salad greens. With the rising cost of food, growing your own vegetables is a wonderful way to provide you and your family with healthy, inexpensive food.

Cool season crops generally require little garden space; ideal for small urban gardens. Don't have a garden plot? Try growing broccoli, lettuce, and even radishes in containers. There are several colorful varieties that will add some spunk to your patio. We'll have cool season vegetable plants and seeds from late July thru mid August.

Happy gardening!