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Wishing You a Happy and Safe Independence Day this
4th!
(See more below - [July Specials ... see what's on-sale
here!](#))

Timely, Local Tips Now is the Time To . . .

- Be on the lookout for **Cicadas**. We are once again experiencing a cycle of cicada hatches. While these pests do generally little harm to trees and shrubs, their egg-laying activities can kill twigs and small branches. Refer to our fact sheet available online at www.moananursery.com if cicadas appear to be

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Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Feature Products:



For planting success, we recommend using these three products when planting or transplanting all plants:

Supershrive, Gardner &

[a problem](#) in your landscape. Use **Bonide Eight** according to the label for heavy infestations.

- **Lawn Brown Spots** have a number of causes: lack of water, insects, rabbits or fungus. Visit with one of our plant doctors to determine how to identify the cause in your yard.
- **Spider Mites** are likely to start showing up on distressed trees and shrubs. Remove affected foliage and treat with **Bonide Rose Rx 3 in 1** or **Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew**. Do not compost affected foliage.
- Fertilize container plants with **Dr. Earth Bud and Bloom Booster** every three weeks or **Dr. Earth Golden Bloom** liquid every two weeks; avoid applying in the heat of the day. Always water plants before adding liquid fertilizer.
- With summer heat here to stay for a while, proper watering is crucial. [Click here for How to Water Wisely for Healthy Plants.](#)

[See all our Timely, Local, High Desert, Bi-Weekly Tips -- Click here and check often -- now is the time.](#)

From the Florist at Moana

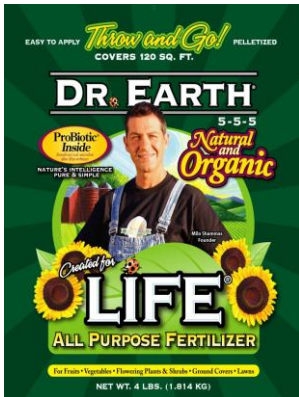
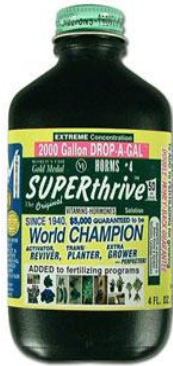
Summer is officially here! We have fresh flowers daily, with summer bouquets ready to go and can create fabulous arrangements for any special occasion or event. Come in or call us at 775-825-0671



for a same day delivery on most orders.



Bloome Soil Building Compost and Dr. Earth Life or Starter Fertilizer



New Arrivals:

- Water Plants - - water lilies, hyacinths, cattails, papyrus, cannas & more.
- 'Little Bunny' dwarf



fountain grass & 'Heavy Metal' switch grass.

- 'Snowdrift' crabapple and pink weeping cherry.
- Hibiscus, rudbeckia and phlox paniculata.
- Low light plants for home and office plus succulents for sunny window sills at Moana Lane - shipments arriving weekly.



Tabletop Fountains Just Arrived Too:

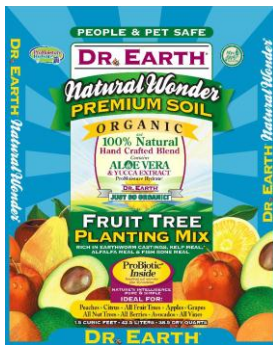


We have a great selection of tabletop fountains in a variety of styles and colors. These artisan crafted fountains are created with old world craftsmanship and sculpted with an eye for detail. Visit our Moana Lane and South Virginia locations to see these fountains which are sure to enhance your environment, adding elegance and tranquility.



Plantskydd keeps rabbits away from lawns and other areas of your garden by a combination of both taste and smell.

Bonide Annual Tree & Shrub Insect Control



Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Planting Mix

Garden Accessories:

- **Grownomics - vertical gardens and more are attractive & easy to assemble.**



Handcrafted in the USA from western red cedar; lifetime warranty. Come in to any of our three locations to see the versatile garden bed options

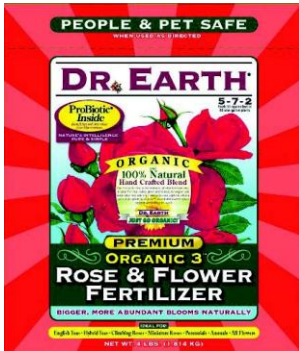
- **Bar with 2 stools (\$864) & pergola planter (\$2,253) at our Moana Lane Store**



- **Bean Bag Board Set (\$297) at our South Virginia Store**
- **Bird Baths - new selection of unique bird baths has just arrived - at all three locations**



Gail's Plant of the Month: Coneflower (Echinacea)



Dr. Earth Rose and Flower Fertilizer



**Bonide KleenUP
Grass & Weed Killer**

**Bonide Rose Rx Systemic
Drench**

Bonide Lawn Weed & Feed

**Bonide All Seasons'
Spray Oil**



One of my favorite flowers is the coneflower which meets all the criteria for a habitat garden. Butterflies and bees are attracted to the pollen and nectar it provides and its seed pods feed birds and add winter interest to

your garden.

Our high desert climate provides exactly what this perennial requires -- lots of sunshine and little moisture. Coneflower stalks are thick enough to get through windy conditions and the plant holds up in the heat. Once these beauties are established they are very drought tolerant. While there are now many colors available the Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus' is a Nevada essential in my garden.

Coneflowers have many medicinal qualities as well as being a great transitional plant in your summer garden. This early summer bloomer puts on a show as the spring flowers are winding down. Plant them with lavender, gaillardia, penstemon, agastache, roses and sedums for a summer spectacular that benefits insects, birds and us.

Be sure to plant all with **Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer** and **SuperThrive** for best results.



Gail's Gardening Tips:

Decorate for the 4th of July with petunias, geraniums, midnight penstemon and Shasta daisies for your red white and blue color scheme as well as baskets and

containers to liven up your space.

Get your farmer on with more vegetables. Plant beans and

**Bonide Liquid
Copper Fungicide**

**Bonide's Line of
Durable Grass Seed
Products**

**Green It Corn Gluten
Weed Preventer**

Dr. Earth Lawn Fertilizer

**Bonide Eight Insect
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Brew**

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squashes from seeds and starts in 4 inch or six packs. Eggplant, peppers, cucumbers and a few tomato varieties are still available in a gallon size with plenty of time left in the season to harvest. Herbs in all varieties are also available and don't forget the berries. Strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, currants and grapes are perennial crops that will feed your family for years to come. Remember the trick is to continue to plant all season as soon as one crop is done, replant another.

Matt's Shrub of the Month:

'Black Lace' Elderberry

Eye-catching specimen plant features dark purple, finely cut foliage usually found only in Japanese maples. Pink buds open to lacy blooms in May and June. Excellent in a mixed border or as the centerpiece in a large container.



July Planting Specials ...

July 1st thru July 15th (includes the 4th)



**35% Off All
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Trees ...**

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Best Prices in Town:**

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- 1 Quart Bonide KleenUP - \$4.99 (reg. \$6.99)
- 4 lb. Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer - \$7.99 (reg. \$9.99)
- 5 m Bonide Weed & Feed - \$19.99 (reg. \$29.99)

**July 1st Home Improvement Specials:
\$15 shrubs and \$59 trees ...**

- #3 Dwarf Burning Bush (reg. \$28.00)
- #3 'Crimson Pygmy' Barberry (reg. \$29.99)
- #5 'Katherine Dykes' Potentilla (reg. \$29.00)
- #15 'Krauter Vesuvius' Flowering Plum (reg. \$114.00)
- #15 'Prairiefire' Flowering Crabapple (reg. \$119.99)



'Prairiefire' Flowering Crabapple

See all the two week "specials" here.



Here are a few little-known facts about our national holiday. Feel free to use them as conversation-starters at your annual barbeque or just as a way to impress your friends and family with your patriotic knowledge!

The Flag: *Betsy Ross actually sewed the first American flag in May or June, 1776.

*On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the national flag as a way to promote national pride and unity.

*So far, there have been 28 versions of the U.S. flag to date. The most recent version was designed in 1958--after Alaska and Hawaii joined the union--by high school student Robert Heft as a school project. Robert received a "B-" on his project. He then submitted it in the national competition to select the next flag and his design won! Subsequently, his teacher raised his grade to an "A" (oops!).

Presidential Deaths: *Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, who were life-long rivals, died on July 4th, 1826. Adams' last words "Thomas Jefferson lives!" proved to be untrue: Jefferson had died five hours earlier, but Adams had not received the message.

*James Monroe also died on July 4th in 1831.

Fireworks: *We probably have John Adams to thank for our modern-day fireworks displays. He wrote that the day (he thought it should be celebrated on July 2nd) "Ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

*During the days of horse and carriage, before cars became the popular mode of transportation, July 4th was the most miserable day of the year for horses due to the loud noise.

*Since static electricity in synthetic clothing can unleash sparks that can detonate fireworks, people who manufacture the shells are required to wear cotton clothing (including their underwear).

*To date, the largest fireworks display on record took place in Madeira, Portugal in December 2006, during which 66,326 fireworks were detonated.

Declaration of Independence: *July 2, 1776 was the actual day that the Continental Congress voted on and declared independence from Britain.

*The Declaration of Independence was actually signed on August 2, 1776, by 50 of the 56 signers.

*Only one of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence recanted. This man was Richard Stockton, who was taken captive by the British in the middle of the night. After harsh treatment at the hands of the British, he declared his allegiance to the crown before being released. Before his death, Stockton re-affirmed his belief in the document and the country it created. Four other signers were also captured and treated harshly by the British, but did not recant.

Uncle Sam: *It's thought that the name "Uncle Sam" came from Samuel Wilson, who was a meat packer who provided meat to the U.S. Army. The meat shipments were stamped with the initials "U.S.", and someone jokingly said that they stood for "Uncle Sam." Somehow, around 1813, this joke eventually led to that name symbolizing the United States government.

*The traditional Uncle Sam depiction was the creation of political cartoonist Thomas Nast in the late 1800's. Nast was also responsible for the still-used images of Santa Claus, the Republican Elephant and the Democratic Donkey.

Save the Date: *July 4th was declared a federal legal holiday by Congress in 1941. Unlike most other federal holidays, its date is "sacred" and has not been moved to the nearest Friday or Monday.

(Courtesy of the Blue Hills Nursery Newsletter)

Happy 4th of July!

July High Desert Bird- of-the- Month: Black- chinned Hummingbi rd



Black-chinned

Hummingbird is named for the dark chin and throat of the male. When the light hits just right, the male shows a band

of iridescent purple below the chin. Black-chinned is usually the only hummingbird to nest in our area, with the exception of Calliope hummingbird in nearby mountains.

As with many hummingbird species, the female Black-chinned is dull metallic green on the back and flanks and grayish-white below. It is really difficult to pin down a female identification to a particular species, as most female hummingbirds look very similar.

During courtship the male performs a "pendulum" display, flying back and forth in a wide "U" pattern, and makes whirring sounds on each dive. It is quite impressive to witness.

Lots more on Hummingbirds, the rest of our expert's informative articles & local birds at www.reno.wbu.com. Sign up there for our monthly Wild Birds Unlimited Newsletter and more.

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Our website is filled with local gardening & landscaping advice to make you a green industry, high desert expert.

Moana Nursery's Birthday Club

Easy to join - just give us your birthday month and you'll receive a birthday gift from Moana Nursery during your birthday month.

Did You Know?

Tuesday is a special day at all three Moana Nursery/Wild Birds Unlimited retail locations. We call it **Senior and Military Tuesday** ... show your appropriate ID and if you are 65 or older, or if you are a current member of any branch of our armed services, we are pleased to take an **additional 10% off your total purchase**. **Tuesday is the day we honor our seniors and our military volunteers; we appreciate your service to our country.**



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