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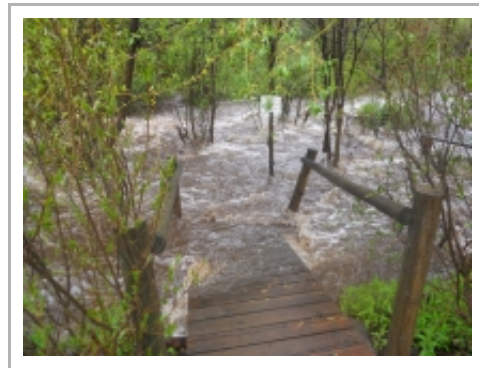
JUNE 2011

Friends, in this newsletter, we'll give you updates on:

- **June 2011 Flood Damage**
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June 2011 Flood Damage

Monday night (June 6) we went to bed and the creek was fine. Then, Tuesday morning we woke up to a river running through our yard and the gardens on the south side of the creek destroyed. We frantically put out a call to Carmen Craft and other folks in Helena and within 30 minutes vehicles filled with volunteers were showing up at our door. Wow, what a wonderful community we live in! By the end of the day at least 60 people had shown up to work. Gruber's delivered 4 dump truck loads of granite and the County kept giving us more sand bags. Our dear friend, Colleen Teeling spent the day in the kitchen making spaghetti by the barrel, so that people would have a hot meal. The Jefferson City Volunteer Fire Dept came out to lend a hand, AYA Students and staff, both boys and girls came and filled a ton of bags. Kerry and guests from the Boulder Hot Springs showed up to help until they found out they had their own problems. Folks from Boulder, Helena, East Helena and everywhere in between came to help.



([More Pictures](#))

The great news is we saved the cabins and the bridges. The main part of the garden by the gazebo is good except for being submerged in water and so are the Hummingbird, Vegetable and Rose Gardens. The sad news is the Children's garden, that we worked so hard on last fall, is totally gone. The path to the Secret Garden as well as the paths in the Shade garden are gone. We haven't been able to get back to the Secret Garden but it had at least 3 feet of water in it at one point. The small island by the gazebo is also gone and about ½ of the shade garden floated away. Buddha used to oversee the moss bed but now it is a small lake. Life is so interesting. We have temporarily closed the gardens until the water goes down, but the nursery and gift shop are open. Customers are always welcome! We will try to inform people when we reopen.

If you are interested in helping in the reconstruction of the garden, there are many [opportunities to help](#). Thanks!

Upcoming Summer Events

We have 3 **High Tea's** coming up on [July 17](#), [August 7](#), and [August 28](#). Remember to get your tickets early as we always sell out! Gather your friends together for a nice group outing. We do a tour of the garden and then we have a wonderful tea with a 3 course lunch and harp music to serenade you while you eat.



We have 3 **evening strolls with Richard and I** upcoming on [July 12](#), [August 9](#), and [Sept 13](#). Pre-registration is required. (The walk originally planned for June 14 has been cancelled.) We close the gates, get a liquid refreshment and go for a walk in the garden. People are always asking us if we ever do a private tour, this is your chance to walk with us and ask questions or discuss your garden situation. It is quiet and intimate! No phones, no interruptions.

The famed **Fairy and Wizard Festival is upcoming on June 25th from 10—4pm**. Yes we will still have it. Admission is \$6.00. I understand the Tooth Fairy and Fairy Godmother will be onsite as well as the Story teller fairy and Pinky Dinky Doo! We are still looking for food vendors, craft vendors and entertainment. If you have or know of someone who has the ability to entertain children, please give us a call! We have a venue for you!



Available for Sale

[Annual Passes](#) and [Gift Certificates](#) are on sale now in the Gift shop or online! Don't forget these great gift ideas for birthdays, anniversaries, thank you gifts or housewarming! Gift certificates can also be used in the Nursery. And your **annual pass gives you a 10% discount in the Nursery** as well. Use it for your landscaping needs!

Speaking of the nursery, Richard has the most **amazing selection of trees, shrubs and perennials available** this year. The fruit trees are in full bloom and stunning, the Rudolph and Radiant crabapples are incredible! We have more than doubled the size of our nursery, and did you know that we guarantee our trees and shrubs?



Rudolph Crab

We have a really nice selection of Native plants, **Montana grown seeds from Fisher seeds** in Belgrade, seed potatoes, onion sets, and beautiful **Montana grown vegetables and herbs**. The time is now to get your gardens in. We have new product coming in weekly.

Photo Contest

We promised and now it is here! Our first annual photo contest is now open. We have two categories: Youth (under 18) and General. The contest is co-sponsored by Birds & Beasleys, Ben Franklins, Carmen's Corner in Boulder, Kenton Rowe Photography and of

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course Tizer Gardens. First prize in each section is a Luminex camera! Other prizes include photography lessons with Kenton Rowe (a nationally recognized photographer), framing by Ben Franklin's, scrapbooking supplies and lessons from Carmen's Corner, and binoculars by Birds and Beasley's. Winning photos will be used as post cards and on the Tizer Garden website. Photos must be taken at Tizer Gardens. ([Official rules](#)) Contest closes Sept 1st. **Submit your photos today!**

Tizer Nature Connection

It is official! The Tizer Nature Connection is a 501c3! After years of dreams and months of planning and hard work, the Nature Connection is a reality. The first projects from the organization will be working with various school groups in the gardens this summer. Volunteers Joanne Eisenzimer and Kathy Pickens along with Education Chairwoman Mary Ellen Earnhardt have compiled a wonderful collection of programs to be run in the garden for kids of all ages.

Robert Reinke and Eric Tilleman and the students at the Cascade School have worked hard to produce wonderful kiosks for plant information. The kiosks were designed by Bob Reinke and then manufactured by the students under the Direction of Eric. They will be stationed through out the gardens and filled with plant information with photos. We have had enough of trying to find tags that will look good and hold up to weather and traffic. Now everyone will be able to learn as they walk through the gardens.

Tizer Nature Connection (TNC) is actively looking for volunteers to help with a couple of new upcoming gardening projects both in the garden and offsite. We need help with docents in the gardens, leaders for the school groups, event volunteers and coordinators, grant writers. Whatever your expertise, we could probably use your help. Please [contact us](#) for more information or to sign up.

As with any new organization, TNC is also needing funding. If you are able to donate even a few dollars to help get this organization off the ground we could use the help! We are having a raffle! Tizer Gardens have donated two beautiful trees to be raffled off in the fall. The trees are a Bristlecone Pine & Limber Pine. The oldest living tree in the world. Buy a ticket and a chance to win, help plant the seed for TNC, then win the tree and plant a living legacy. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. They can be purchased from any board member or at Tizer Gardens.

Zone 4 Magazine

[Zone 4 Magazine](#) has once again out done themselves again by producing the best gardening magazine for this area, second to none. Andra and Dan work so hard traveling the region to get stories on local gardens. A first rate magazine and the information is all relevant to us. If you haven't already subscribed, it is well worth your while. The magazines are also available here at the gardens. In fact I have a couple of complimentary issues if you would like to check them out.



P.S. Fine Gardening magazine will soon be running an article written by Belva. We are not sure which issue but it is upcoming.