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Yippee! Spring is coming! I can feel it! We are lucky to get home each night with our boots on, the mud is knee deep. But the sun is getting warmer and the birds are getting louder. It must be Spring! We spotted a Pileated Woodpecker this past week, she was cleaning house in our bird feeder. A Pileated Woodpecker is the largest woodpecker in North America, it is almost as big as a crow. My first thought was it looks prehistoric! We have never seen one before but our good friend Lisa Rhodin at the Montana Center for Wildlife says you rarely see them alone. So we are hoping she has brought her partner and we will see babies around real soon. Maybe she will push off those pesky sapsuckers.



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Annual Preseason Tree Sale Ends April 10

Thanks to our loyal customers who helped make this the biggest sale event we've ever had. Most of these prices are less than our end of season close out sale prices. Some of the trees on this sale are as much as 75% off regular season prices. Even though several selections are already sold out, there are many still available. Place your order now with 50% down payment and pick up your trees after we open for the season on April 15.

Place your order now with a 50% deposit. This is the only way we can guarantee the trees you want. Your trees will be ready for you to pick up during the first two weeks of April. If you don't have a way to haul your purchase we can discuss delivery options.



Austrian Pine

Check out all our prices and offerings:

- [Conifer Trees I](#) and [Conifer Trees II](#)
- [Deciduous Trees](#)

Here are just a few examples of the savings:

- Regularly \$29 - [Austrian Pine](#), 2'-3', up to 75% off, **just \$7**
- Regularly \$450 - [Austrian Pine](#), 8' tall, 4" to 5" caliper at 67% off, **just \$150**
- Regularly \$40 - [Norway or Black Hills Spruce](#), 3'-4', up to 70% off, **just \$12**
- Regularly \$139 - [Norway Spruce](#), 4' tall, 25 Gal. 50% off, **just \$69**

- Regularly \$495 - Prairie Spire Ash 2.5" caliper at 61% off, **just \$195**
- Regularly \$179 - [Canada Red](#), 15 Gal at 55% off, **just \$80**
- Regularly \$380 - Linden, 20 Gal, 2.5" caliper at 53% off, **just \$180**

Place your order today as we usually sell out of most of the highest discounted selections before we open for regular season hours. Thousands of trees and shrubs have already been sold. So don't wait, **order today by calling Richard at 406-933-8789** or [email him](#).

Tremendous support for Fisher Seeds

Last year we had a tremendous response to Fisher Seeds out of Belgrade, Montana. For those of you that don't know the company, it was started 88 years ago by Judy's uncle. Judy Fisher, the proprietor was here in September at our Gardener's Day and discussed her favorite vegetable varieties and gave us some wonderful planting tips. Once again we will be carrying Fisher Seeds and in fact catalogs are available if you would like to purchase your seed before we open on April 15th. **To have a catalog mailed to you, call (406) 388-6052** and tell Judy you heard about her from Tizer Gardens. Just as a side note, we will also be carrying Irish Eyes seeds again this year.

Fairy Festival: June 25th and lots more!

Check out our [calendar of events](#) and get those wings and tutu's out and brushed off!



Tizer Nature Connection

Well we finally hatched our baby! After years of planning and hours of discussions, our baby has been born: Tizer Nature Connection (formerly Tizer Botanic Garden Nature Center). Our new Board of Directors include: Chairman; Sherry Liikala; Vice Chair Mary Ellen Earnhardt; Secretary Randi Triem; Treasurer John Patrick; Executive Director Belva Lotzer; Lisa Rhodin; Robert Reinke, Gayle Shirley and Richard Krott. What an outstanding team! They have been busy putting together our business package, applying for the 501(c)(3) and planning the summer's activities.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities please call us at 933-5661 or [email us](#). We are going to need many volunteers! There will be more than enough work for everyone! Stay tuned for our kick off event coming soon!

What's new for Spring?

[Check out](#) more than 60 new trees, shrubs, exciting peonies and native grass! These plus much more will be available in the nursery this year!



Tinkerbelle Lilac

Asparagus will be arriving towards the end of April. We have both the green and the purple varieties. They generally run 10/\$9.95. If would like to reserve some please let us know.

We are also going to be carrying Semaspore grass hopper bait again. It needs to go around your property in early spring just as you are beginning to see the new baby grasshoppers. This product goes fast so getting your order in quickly is a good idea.

Looking for Summer Help

Do you have a passion for plants? Do you have some knowledge of gardening and trees? Do you have reliable transportation? You must have your own vehicle. Our usual hunt of summer help has begun! We are looking for folks that are passionate about gardening. We need part time as well as full time help in the nursery, gift shop and in the garden. We are also looking for a reliable part-time bookkeeper that is proficient in Quickbooks Pro. Check out our [job listings](#).

Photography Contest

It's coming! We promised we would have our Photography contest announcement in this newsletter; however, we are not yet ready. And so we will send you an update on that program before we open on Mother's Day.

Out and about!

In case you haven't been on Delta Airlines recently, Tizer Botanic Gardens was. We had a picture of our gazebo and a mention in their January 2011 Sky Delta magazine. It has mammoth International circulation. Many thanks to those responsible. Every little bit helps!

As well, Fine Gardening Magazine has asked Belva to write an article for one of it's upcoming issues. Stay tuned!

Zone 4 Magazine

This is the best gardening magazine for our part of the country. For those of you that have not yet [subscribed to Zone 4 magazine](#), it is time you do. They have great ideas, phenomenal stories about gardens in this region and information you need to know about.



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