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	<p>Featured Quote:</p> <p>"In joy or sadness, flowers are our constant friends." ~Kazuko Okakura</p>	<p>Gifts for the Gardener</p> <p>Here are some great ideas for gifts your favorite gardener will just love!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Newsletter is coming back!</p> <p>Paul will be on his Alaska trip for a couple of weeks, during which there will be no newsletter. After his return, we will start a regular newsletter again.</p> <p>If you are worried that you may have missed a newsletter, please check the archives here, weeks with no newsletter will be noted.</p>		<p>Contact Information:</p> <p>E-Mail: Click to contact us.</p> <p>Telephone: (207) 985-6972 (800) 259-9231 (Sunday 6 AM to 10 AM)</p> <p>Fax: (207) 985-6972</p> <p>Address: Paul Parent Garden Club 2 Blueberry Pines Dr Kennebunk, ME 04043</p> <p>Regular Phone Hours: Mon.-Sat. 8 AM to 6 PM Sunday: 10 AM to 6 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summit Chemical: Mosquito Dunks and Mosquito Bits</p> <p>Mosquito Dunks</p> <p>Kills mosquitoes before they're old enough to bite! The Mosquito Dunks are America's best selling home owner mosquito control product. The only product with BTI, a bacteria toxic only to mosquito larvae, that lasts 30 days and treats 100 square feet of surface water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-toxic to all other wildlife, pets, fish, and humans.• Simply apply Mosquito Dunks to any standing water, or water garden.• Kills within hours; lasts for 30 days or more.• Labeled For Organic Gardening by the USEPA.• Highly effective low impact product <p>To learn more about Mosquito Dunks, click here.</p> <p>Mosquito Bits "Quick Kill"</p> <p>Marshy swampy areas inundated with larvae? Sprinkle Mosquito Bits (Quick Kill) as a shock to quickly annihilate the larval population. Corn cob granules coated in Bti, the Bits do not last long but provide a punch, turning water black with larvae to a clear pool--void of future mosquitoes. A week after application, either</p>		<p>Tell your friends about Paul! Send them a copy of Paul's latest newsletter.</p> <p>(Note: this will not subscribe them to the newsletter, nor retain their email - it will just send them a copy from you.)</p> <p>Your e-mail []</p> <p>Your name []</p> <p>Their e-mail []</p> <p>Their name []</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Send >>]</p> <p>Where can I find Paul on Sunday mornings?</p> <p>Click here to find Paul Parent Garden</p>

supplement with Mosquito Dunks, for long term control, or continue to add Bits on a bi-weekly basis. [Club™ radio stations.](#)

The Mosquito Bits are now labeled to control fungus gnats in plant beds or pots! Utilizing a similar mode of action for control of mosquito larvae, the Bits, either sprinkled on the soils surface or mixed with potting soil prior to planting, will kill fungus gnat larvae with the same safety and target-specific control offered for mosquito larvae.

To learn more about [Mosquito Bits](#), [click here](#).

#1 Because of all the rain this summer, the mosquito population become a major problem for those working outside (along with flies, gnats and no-see-ums), so let's treat our yard so we can enjoy being outside. Most of these insect pests will spend their time hiding in thick evergreens shrubs or tall grasses during the heat of the day, and come out to feed on you as the day cools down and evening arrives. They prefer dark colored clothing over light and bright colors. If you have type O blood you will be their first choice; if you're drinking an alcohol beverage or are wearing perfume or aftershave you will also become a preferred target--and if you're all sweaty from working in the garden you will be their first choice--so take a shower before going back out to enjoy your deck or patio for that evening cookout.

To control mosquitoes, be sure to treat all water features on your property like bird baths, fountains, garden ponds, self-watering containers, water barrels at the base of a house gutter and downspout. Also check pot saucers on your deck or patio that may be filled with water, watering cans filled with water, wheelbarrows left sitting up, your snow tires left up against the garage with water in them and wet or swampy areas with standing water. Use Summit Chemical Mosquito Bits or Dunks to treat these areas and kill the larvae before they mature into adult mosquitoes. These products are organic and will not hurt your pets and wildlife if they drink them. Mosquitoes need only one tablespoon of water to lay eggs in for more mosquitoes, so be sure your empty pots and containers are upside down when you store them.

If you want to enjoy the outdoors, spray your foundation plants, flower gardens, wooded areas around your home, thick growing ground covers and grassy fields with a product from Bonide Lawn and Garden called Mosquito Beater. Mosquito Beater contains 2.5% Permethrin, a safe and effective pesticide that will kill and repel mosquitoes, flies, gnats and no-see-ums. Just attach the ready to use bottle sprayer to your garden hose and spray these areas of your yard.

If you have a screened porch and are noticing mosquitoes sitting on those screens, window screens and screen doors, spray the screens with Lynwood Labs' Screen and Surface Spray. It will kill those mosquitoes, gnats, house flies and no-see-ums that land on the screens for 4 weeks or more and keep them out of your house. August is West Nile virus month with mosquitoes, so let's control the population now before things get out of control!

#2 Japanese beetles are now feeding on your flowers, vegetables, shrubs, and trees. They will eat their body weight in foliage and flowers every day, quickly destroying the look of your garden and killing some of your garden plants. In their spare time, they are also mating and producing eggs for next year's Japanese beetle infestation of your garden. The eggs are laid in your lawn about one inch deep into the loam, where they can feed on the roots of your grass and grow into a large grubs. Each grub will also eat its weight in grass roots every day that it feeds, killing your grass in large patches during August and September. The grubs live only in a sunny lawn--not in the shade--and eat grass but not weeds. Each adult Japanese beetle can lay 100 or more eggs during their lifetime each summer.

Spray your garden and affected shrubs and trees with Bonide Beetle Killer or--to stay organic--use Bonide's Captain Jack Dead Bug Brew with their built in bottle and self-mixing sprayer. Bayer Advanced also has two products called Complete Insect Killer or Vegetable and Garden Insect Control that will kill the adult Japanese beetles feeding in your garden or on your shrubs and trees--they are both very effective. If you are seeing the adults in your yard feeding on your plants in great numbers, it may be a good idea to treat your sunny lawn against the grubs so you do not lose your lawn this fall.

If you're treating your lawn against grubs, use Bayer Grub Control plus Turf Revitalizer or Bonide Grub Beater and then water well to change the granular product to a liquid to kill the grubs in your lawn in just days. It will last well into the fall season. If you wait to treat the problem until the fall, these products will not be effective when the soil get cold.

If you should see sign of animals or birds digging in your lawn during late September or early October, the only product that will kill the Japanese beetle grub in the lawn is Bayer 24 Hour Grub Killer Plus. This product contains Dylox, and it will kill the grubs in your lawn in just 24 hours along with many other types of turf insects. Dylox is the only product that is effective in the fall season to control insects when the weather gets cold.

#3 Vegetable garden insects for this month are the tomato hornworm, cabbage loppers, and Colorado potato beetles. All three peak this month, and can destroy your vegetables if not controlled. The tomato hornworm will be a large green worm the size of your fingers feeding on the foliage of the tomatoes and peppers and also the fruit they produce.

Cabbage loppers feed on all cold weather crops like broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, kale, collards, cauliflower, and celery. The caterpillar-like insect is soft and fuzzy about 1 inch

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long and it is the same color as the plant it feeds on. It will make holes in the foliage of the plant and will also be found in the parts of the plant that you eat.

Colorado potato beetles are hard-shelled insects 1/2 to 3/4 inches long, oval, and have stripes running down their backs. They also have nymphs or young that are worm-like; these also feed on the plant, destroying the foliage and flowers on your potatoes and preventing potatoes from forming or maturing in the ground.

All three insects can be controlled with Bayer Vegetable and Garden Insect spray or Bonide Garden Eight. If you want to stay organic, use Bonide Captain Jack Dead Bug Brew which contains Spinosad, a wonderful bacterium that will kill many types of insects and not hurt the beneficial insects or birds in the garden.

#4 Poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac and other noxious weeds are best controlled and killed during August, as they are growing faster this month than at any other time of the year. Each plant is making a lot of new growth at this time and this new growth will quickly absorb the weed killer sprayed on the foliage and will take it down to the roots to kill the plant faster than the older growth can.

Use Bonide Kleenup grass and weed killer as it is TWICE as strong as Roundup (18% Roundup to 41% Bonide active ingredients), and it is less expensive for you to purchase. Bayer also has a new weed and grass killer called Dura Zone that will do a great job and also provides up to 6 months of additional protection. Both of these products can be used in walkways, gravel driveways, drainage ditches and on your patio to control weeds.

#5 If you have Canadian Hemlock on your property that you use for privacy, shade, or as a noise barrier please look at the tips of the plant where the new growth was made this spring for the possibility of an insect called "wooly adelgid." Wooly adelgid will be found on the underside of the green foliage on the tips of the branches and looks like small clumps of white cotton. August is the month when this insect is laying eggs for next year on the plant in these cottony masses.

If your plants are under 6 feet tall, you can use horticulture oil to smother them on the plant--but the best way is to treat the plant is with a product called "Tree and Shrub" developed by Bayer Advanced and also sold by Bonide Lawn and Garden. Tree and Shrub is a systemic product that *does not* have to be sprayed on the tree; just mix in a watering can or bucket and pour around the base of the tree. The roots will quickly pick up the product and move it up the tree--even mature trees up to 75 feet tall--and the product will protect it for twelve months against this insect pest. The product will kill the adults this fall and the eggs that hatch next spring with just one application at this time of the year.

If untreated, this insect can kill a mature 75 foot tall Canadian hemlock in just 3 years--and I have seen this myself. Most of us do not have equipment that will reach that height and you do not have to worry about getting the product all over you if you spray. Just mix to the directions and pour on the ground at the base of the tree. Tree and Shrub will also kill emerald ash borers, Asiatic long horn beetles and fall web worms. Be sure to use it in the spring to kill the birch leaf miners on all types of birches without spraying.

The wooly adelgid treatment was just found in 2012 (new) and the treatment lasts all year. Tree and Shrub will also kill the little red beetle that attacks your Oriental and hybrid lilies during the spring and summer. It's called the Asiatic lily beetle, was found in counties in coastal Maine this summer--as far north as Portland, Maine. If unchecked, it could destroy the hemlock forests of northern New England. The only other natural way to control this terrible insect pest of hemlock is to have a winter with several days with temperatures below minus 20 degrees, so global warming is not helping to control or stop it from moving north. All states have joined together now and have stopped selling hemlock from one state to another to slow down the movement of this pest. So check your hemlocks for this terrible insect pest!

#6 Fleas and ticks are beginning to get ready to move indoors on your pets as the weather begins to change. They can tell--when the days get shorter and the evening temperatures become cooler--that it's time to find a warm place for the winter ahead. If you're finding ticks on yourself or on your clothing it's also another sign of the changes ahead of us. With all the rain this summer the flea and tick population is up, so be aware of a potential problem especially if you have pets that go outside regularly. Treat your yard with either Bayer Advanced Complete Insect Killer in a liquid or granular formulation this month or Bonide Lawn and Garden Ant, Flea, and Tick killer. Both products will last for 4 weeks plus--and when the frost arrives it will kill any remaining insects where your pets play in your yard. Once the fleas get into your house they will quickly lay eggs in your carpet, couch, and the dog's beds, so you will begin to feel them biting at your ankles when you're watching TV. If you start to notice a problem, Bonide Lawn and garden has a new product called Flee and Roach spray to be used on carpets, drapes, upholstered furniture, and pet bedding. It will kill the adult fleas on contact--also the larvae and the eggs that they are laying this month. If the problem cannot be controlled, then you will have to use the new Bonide Total Release Flea Fogger that will provide 7 months protection in your home. So treat the yard now before they get inside your home later on this month.

7# Crabgrass is now growing like crazy due to all the rain during June. Did you know that 21 states from Florida to Maine and west had 10 to 15 inches of rain--and this amount of rain diluted the crabgrass preventer you applied this spring creating a bumper crop on your lawn? It is still not too late to kill this crabgrass before it begins to make seed for next year. Think of this...every crabgrass plant in your lawn now can make up to 2000 seeds for next year--and that could be a real problem.

Spray your lawn with either Bayer Advanced Crabgrass Killer for your lawn or Bonide Weed Beater Plus Crabgrass and Broadleaf Weed Killer as soon as possible. I would give the lawn a second application 7 to 10 days later just to be sure that you hit every plant with the first application. Also, some of the plants are getting large now so a second application will help

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knock them out faster before they have a chance to make seed this month.

If you see that the plants are making seed, be sure to use a lawn mower that has a bagger attachment on it. If yours does not have a bag attachment, borrow one from a friend or neighbor or when you mow the grass you will cut the seed pods and blow them all over the yard, spreading the problem even more. Also never put crabgrass seeds in your compost pile or your compost will contain seed and your gardens will now have problems next year; send the grass clippings to the dump or dispose of them far from your lawn and garden. Starts working on your crabgrass problem now; don't wait until next year!

#8 At the end of the month, start thinking of reseeding your lawn to fill in those thin spots or even planting a new lawn from scratch. Fall is the best time of the year to do this because the soil is warm and the seed will germinate faster. Any weeds that develop will be killed off by the frost and cold weather. Fall also bring us additional rainfall, making it easier for us to keep the seed moist at all times for better germination.

Visit your local garden center for help to select the best seed for your area. Know the amount of sunshine the lawn will receive, like morning sun only or late-in-the-day sun only--or even all day sunshine. Measure your area to be planted and, when starting from scratch, always double the amount of seed that you will need, as the extra cost is less than planting new grass seed if you have poor germination.

In the fall AVOID annual grass seed, as this seed will die during the winter and you will have to reseed next spring. Annual seed means one year, like petunias or tomatoes, that have to be planted every year, so stay away from this seed blend and always choose perennial seed blends that will survive the winter months ahead of us. Tell the sales person what your soil is like and how deep the loam is where you're planting the seed. If you want a lawn for the kids to play baseball and football on, let them know. Do you water your lawn during the heat and drought of summer? Let them know. Do you want the perfect lawn? Let them know. Do you have several large Oaks, maples, or pines where your lawn is to be? Let them know.

The best lawn mixtures come from proven grass seed companies like Jonathan Green and Bonide Lawn and Garden, so stay away from bargain seed blends and big box stores who have no one to help you select the right seed for your growing conditions. Use a seed starter fertilizer for faster germination and quicker development of the plant and its roots before winter arrives. If you have moss, also apply Magic-Cal from Jonathan Green or Turf Turbo from Bonide to make your soil sweeter and help keep moss from developing in your lawn. These two products will give you results in just a week or two, compared to the old fashioned lime--that will take 6 months or more to do the same work. One bag of lime that weighs 50 pounds will cover 1000 sq. ft. and cost 2 to 3 dollars a bag, while the new products weigh 40 pounds per bag and cover 5000 sq. ft.--they cost half the price and a have lot less weight to be handled by you.

#9 Continue spraying your fruit trees until you're ready to harvest, because with all the wet weather we are having, disease can still be a problem. Every other week is recommended at this time of the year to keep fruit clean of fungus and insect damage. Use the Bonide Fruit Tree Spray that will contain both insect and Disease control or Organocide Organic fruit tree spray called Plant Doctor.

Keep an eye open for potential problems with deer feeding on your fruit trees. If you see deer beginning to feed on your fruit, hang a packet of Shake-Away Deer repellent on each fruit tree. The product is made up of a granular coyote urine and it will keep them away as the coyote is their natural predator. This is a new product and is used by commercial fruit growers and available at your local garden center.

#10 Start to prepare your house plants that have been outside all summer long for the trip back inside. Also if you're going to bring in herbs from your garden, you may want to start digging them up now and potting them so they can adapt to the move indoors. Keep them in the shade for a few days until they adjust to their new home.

Check your plants carefully for insects so you don't bring them inside for the winter. I always spray them with horticultural oil just in case there is something hiding on the plant. Oil is all-natural and will kill the adult, young and eggs on your plants--all at the same time, so you won't have problems later. The oil spray will also shine up the foliage, making the plant look like new. If the plants need to be repotted, now is the time to do it--while you're not rushing to get them in before a frost is predicted.

I also fertilize all the house plants before bringing them inside with Dynamite time released fertilizer; this plant food will last most of the winter without additional plant food. The secret to preventing leaf drop is to get the plants indoors about the time that the kids go back to school and the windows are still open. This way they can adapt to the change gradually before you close the windows and turn on the heat in the house that will dry up the humidity around the foliage. If you adjust the climate gradually, your plants will adjust more easily and will grow better for you during the winter months. If you have houseplants that have grown too large for your home, call your schools, the library, or even the town hall and I am sure you will find a good home for them.

I found an answer for a big problem of house plants with fungus gnats in the soil. These are small fly-like insects that come out of the soil when you water your plants. They live in soil rich in organic matter and feed on the roots of the plant. If you see this pest in your houseplants, sprinkle some Summit Chemical Mosquito Bits in the soil and water your plants. This is an organic insecticide that kills mosquitoes and it will also kill fungus gnats in the soil of your potted house plants. In the past, the only product that worked was Diazinon, which is off the market now. But Mosquito Bits will do a great job for you and prevent the problem from spreading from plant to plant. Put this information in the back of your head for future problems!

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Featured Recipe:

Luscious Grilled Chicken



Summer is perfect for grilling! This quick marinade makes flavorful, juicy chicken ready for the grill in less than 30 minutes. Serve with homemade potato salad and grilled vegetables for a great summertime dinner in less than an hour.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 1/3 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 tablespoon crushed coriander seed
- 1 3/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper or 1/3 teaspoon crushed black peppercorns
- 3 teaspoons liquid smoke
- 1/3 cup olive or peanut oil
- 6 chicken breast pieces with ribs
- 1 zipper-style plastic bag, one-gallon sized

Step by Step:

- Open one-gallon size zipper style plastic bag.
- Add spices: onion, garlic and chili powders, paprika, ground cumin, crushed coriander seed, salt, and black pepper (or crushed black peppercorns); mix

together in plastic bag until well combined.

- Add 3 teaspoons liquid smoke to spice mixture and drizzle with olive or peanut oil.
- Knead mixture through plastic until thoroughly mixed, about 2 minutes.
- Remove chicken from refrigerator and rinse under cold water, patting dry with paper towels. If chicken breasts are large, cut in half with chef's knife or butcher knife so that pieces are uniform.
- Place chicken into zipper style plastic bag. Seal zippered bag and thoroughly toss chicken in marinade until it covers all pieces.
- Push air out of the bag and seal, placing into a bowl in the refrigerator (in case bag leaks) and allowing to rest for 15-20 minutes.

- Clean rack and turn grill to high, closing cover until grill is hot.
- Prepare clean grill rack by oiling lightly or by removing rack with potholders, moving away from fire and spraying with nonstick spray.
- Remove chicken from bag and place onto grill breast side down, allowing chicken to sear on both sides over high heat, about 4 minutes per side.
- Turn off one burner and transfer seared chicken to this side of grill, cooking over indirect heat and turning often, about 18-20 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Yield: 6 servings.

Recipe courtesy of "Cooking for Pleasure" by Jeanine Harsen.



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