

Flower pots, baskets and bright spots in the garden are popping up all over the neighborhood. Sometimes I think we are just serving up the appetizer plate for the deer but for at least a while it is beautiful.

Today I was visiting with one of our residents as she was putting some nice plants in the ground and she was telling me how much her flowers mean to her. Living in Stillwaters Estates means you can garden as much or as little as you want but for many who live here, getting your hands in the dirt is still a very meaningful exercise for the heart and soul.

I went to a local nursery over the weekend (Dirty Thumb on Highway 6) and enjoyed walking through the rows and rows of flowers and bursts of color. Just the process of looking through the many rows of plants and choosing a few for patio pots is a fun thing to do. There are many options locally for new plantings:

Bennies Gardens – 1870 Bishop Rd, Chehalis

Dirty Thumb Nursery – 1580 State Route 6, Chehalis

Kaija's Garden and Pet – 623 NW State Ave., Chehalis

Lael's Moon Garden Nursery – 17813 Moon Rd. SW, Rochester

Pioneer West Nursery– 710 Tower, Centralia

There are others in Rochester, Toledo, Onalaska and further out if you want to check them out. The listings and addresses can be found by just typing in “Nurseries for Centralia, WA” on the internet. Technology brings the gardens to

your fingertips!

❌ Farmers Markets are another great source for gardens and we have some great markets in the area. Not so close but very nice is the **Olympia Farmers Market**. This is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out their details at <http://www.olympiafarmersmarket.com/>

Locally we have several markets to choose from:

Community Farmers Market, open Tuesdays starting June 2nd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Boistfort street in Chehalis. More info at <http://www.communityfarmersmarket.net/vendors.html>

Historic Lewis County Farmers Market, open Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the corner of North Pearl and Maple in Centralia. More info at <http://www.lewiscountyfarmersmarket.org/>

Enjoy the very pleasant gardening weather this week!

Quote of the Week: Bread feeds the body, indeed, but flowers feed also the soul. -The Koran

Happenings this Week:

Thursday, May 21st: Movie night here at The Gathering Place. This month's movie is St. Vincent starring Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy and Chris O'Dowd. Ice cream is served at 5:45 and the movie starts promptly at 6 p.m. Come join the fun!

❌ **Monday, May 25th:** Memorial Day. Ceremonies to Honor Departed

Military Veterans Ceremonies to honor deceased military members will take place at local cemeteries on Memorial Day, Monday. These are being conducted by American Legion Post 101 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3409 in Winlock. The day's schedule is as follows.

8:30 a.m. — Meet at Veterans Clubhouse, 575 Nevil Road, Winlock

9:30 a.m. — Napavine Cemetery 10 a.m. — St. Urban Cemetery


10:30 a.m. — Vader Catholic Cemetery

11 a.m. — Little Falls Cemetery Noon — Winlock Cemetery

2 p.m. — St. Francis Cemetery 2:30 p.m. — Lone Hill Cemetery

3 p.m. — Toledo Cemetery

Thursday, May 28th: Potluck night at Stillwaters starts at 6 p.m. here in The Gathering Place. Bring your favorite main dish, appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Bring your own plate but silver, napkins and cups are provided. All residents and guests are welcome.

 **Weather:** Warm weather today and tomorrow and then the temperatures drop back into the 60s for a few days (typical Memorial Day weather). But there is sunshine coming next week! By Wednesday next week we will have full sun and very pleasant temperatures in the high 70's. Enjoy!