



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2010

It's hard to believe that as we are putting together this newsletter, we realize that it is the last one for the year 2010. Where did this year go??? Seems like just yesterday that we were cheering Tony as he carried the Olympic Torch through town. Staff and Management of Osoyoos Home Hardware would like to take this opportunity to say a genuine "THANK YOU" to our customers for their loyal support. It is because of you that we are able to employ so many great people, it is because of you that we are able to generously give back to our

community, it is because of you that we are always looking for ways to improve, but most importantly, it is because of you that we still enjoy doing what we do!!!! As usual, we are moving a few things around (what would fall and winter be without re-organizing and moving merchandise around?) We remember our first Christmas in the store (1985)----Trivial Pursuit was the game of the year (still around), Sesame Street and Big Bird were more popular than ever--check out our new Beauti-tone™ Sesame Street Collection of colours and

murals. (talk about longevity)----and "We Are the World"—USA for Africa was a top selling hit single. Twenty five years later and we are still as thrilled and excited to be part of downtown Osoyoos as we were in 1985.

Frances and Larry

Note: Tickets for our Spring Cooking Classes will go on sale in January 2011. Our next newsletter will have a list of these and other exciting classes we have planned for the Spring.

Osoyoos Home Hardware is very proud of the selection of quality Pet Food that we offer to our customers. As a matter of fact, we have just recently expanded our Pet Dept. and have been told by many of our customers that our selection of product is amazing. Did you know that we carry supplements for Pets? (e.g. Recovery™ or Glucosamine). Did you know that we carry an amazing selection of treats including Aron K9 chews? Did you know that we have quite the selection of grooming aides including a complete line from Yellow Dog™? We carry brands such as Orijen, Acana, Go! Natural, Summit, Now, Firstmate and now introducing **Wellness Simple And California Natural.**



Some dogs have allergies, sensitivity and intolerance to commonly used proteins and food additives can result in gastrointestinal upsets and chronic or recurrent ear infections, hair loss, excessive scratching, hot spots and skin infections. Simple Food Solutions and California Naturals are both designed to aid in the nutritional management of these issues, naturally by removing additional proteins, carbohydrates, fillers and additives to create a healthy

alternative diet for dogs with food sensitivities. These special limited ingredient recipes offer the shortest ingredient listing of any food available and have been naturally formulated to isolate the number of allergens your dog is exposed to each day. Utilizing our unique 1 + 1 system, we combine one novel animal protein source (duck, lamb or salmon) plus one easily digestible carbohydrate source (ground rice) with a short, yet complete list of key ingredients – and nothing extra. This special, natural recipe limits the number of ingredients your dog is exposed to each day while nourishing simply and completely. The choice for natural relief is simple.

We have a simple solution at the store---Love Me Love My Pet!!!

The Christmas Tree



Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce.

The Christmas tree custom gradually became popular in other parts of Europe. In England Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria made Christmas trees fashionable by decorating the first English Christmas tree at Windsor castle with candles and a variety of sweets, fruits and gingerbread in 1841. Of course, soon other wealthy English families followed suit, using all kinds of extravagant items as decorations. Charles Dickens described such a tree as being covered with dolls, miniature furniture, tiny musical instruments, costume jewelry, toy guns and swords, fruit and candy, in the 1850s.

Most of the 19th century Americans found Christmas trees an oddity. The first record of one being on display was in the 1830s by the German settlers of Pennsylvania. They put one on show to raise money for a local church. In 1851 a tree was set up outside of a church. The people of the parish thought it such an outrage and a return to paganism and asked the minister to take it down.

By the 1890s Christmas ornaments were arriving from Germany and Christmas tree popularity was on the rise around the US. It was noted that Europeans used small trees about four feet in height, while Americans liked their Christmas trees to reach from floor to ceiling.

The early 20th century saw Americans decorating their trees mainly with homemade ornaments, while the German-American sect continued to use apples, nuts, and marzipan cookies. Popcorn joined in after being dyed bright colours and interlaced with berries and nuts.

Electricity helped introduce Christmas lights making it possible for Christmas trees to glow for days on end. With this, Christmas trees began to appear in town squares across the country. All important buildings, private and public, signalled the beginning of the Christmas holiday with the tree ceremony.

Early Christmas trees had, in place of angels, figures of fairies - the good spirits, though horns and bells were once used to frighten off evil spirits.

In Poland, Christmas trees used to be decked with angels, peacocks and other birds as well as many, many stars. In Sweden, trees are decorated with brightly painted wooden ornaments and straw figures of animals and children. In Denmark, tiny Danish flags along with mobiles of bells, stars, snowflakes and hearts are hung on Christmas trees. Japanese Christians prefer tiny fans and paper lanterns. Lithuanians cover their trees with straw bird cages, stars, and geometric shapes. The straw sends a wish for good crops in the coming year. Czechoslovakian trees display ornaments made from painted egg shells.

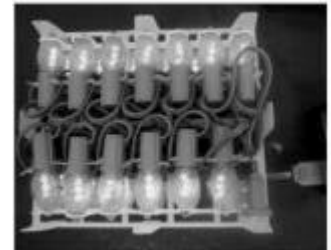
A Ukrainian Christmas tree has a spider and web for good luck. Legend has it that a poor woman with nothing to put on her children's tree woke on Christmas morning to find the branches covered with spider webs turned to silver by the rising sun.

Of course, the early trees were decorated differently than today's evergreens. Early ornaments were usually hand-crafted or edible. Nuts, candies, fruits, and pieces of coloured paper were the most common. The

average modern tree is decorated with a combination of store-bought ornaments and family memorabilia with several strings of lights strewn over the branches instead of candles, but no matter how the tree is decorated it still symbolizes a timeless Christmas tradition of families gathered together exchanging presents and love.

-Exerpt from theholidayspot.com

**From our Home Hardware Family to Yours.....
MERRY CHRISTMAS.**



Outdoor LED 25 Light C9 Set

- Available in a wide range of colours including clear
- Replacement style bulbs
- 25' length, end to end connectors
- House decorating, trees, garage
- Bulbs last 25000 hours, no glass plastic lenses
- Over 80% energy savings
- Safe, no heat, brilliant colours

Today's advanced LED's are brighter and can be found in all kinds of shapes and sizes. They can blink just like regular incandescent varieties and come in a wide range of colours. No heat and no wasted electricity. The end result is a string of lights that use about 1/10th of the electricity. They are also encased in thick plastic so broken bulbs and mistakenly stepping on one won't result in a holiday tragedy. One last benefit is the relative thickness of the wires used for these lights, making wires less likely to get tangled in the closet or garage. Now there's one Christmas tradition we can all live without...the dreaded tangled Christmas lights.

Visit Osoyoos Home Hardware for a great selection of decorations for the inside and outside of your home or business.

Lights, camera, now sit still Picture this!



By Janelle Rayson

Would you like your pet to be part of our Lifestyles of the Furry and Fabulous. We will be doing professional pet photo's on **Saturday, November 13th**. Bring along a donation to the SPCA and have your pet photographed for our 2011 edition. You will receive one Free photo and have your name entered in for a Free Draw.

Pets with initials A-L are scheduled from 10am-12pm and M-Z from 1pm-3pm.

Photography by Dee's Photography.

PETS OF THE SOUTH OKANAGAN LIFESTYLES OF THE FURRY AND FABULOUS

will go on sale in early December with all proceeds going directly to the SPCA.

Osoyoos Home Hardware is excited about the opportunity to showcase the many pets and their personalities that we have come to love.

The SPCA greatly appreciates the support given by the residents of the South Okanagan.



FRONT-LOAD WASHERS CAN BE A REAL STINKER.

If you have a front-load machine, like I do, you could be plagued by front-load washer smell: a sour, mildew stink that gets worse the more you wash your clothes. First thing to realize is that you are using too much laundry detergent, these High Efficiency machines need only 1-2TBS of detergent depending on whether you have a water softener or not. It is also recommended to use HE detergent, but it is more expensive than regular laundry detergent so using 1/4 of the



recommended amount of regular laundry detergent will work just fine. FRESHWAVE™ which is renowned for it's Crystal Gel available at Osoyoos Home Hardware, has developed a Multi-Purpose Additive which should be added to the wash cycle with the Detergent. **REMEMBER!!!** "a little dab will do ya."

We also carry a Washing Machine Cleaner that should be used on a regular basis. The smell is caused by soap suds being trapped around the front seal of the door, causing mold and mildew. Remember, the problem isn't your clothing or your detergent. It's the laundry machine. So use WAY less detergent (my biggest problem), add Freshwave™ and clean your machine on a regular basis and save money and the environment in the long run.



WHAT IS WALLTALK?



Walltalk is a wonderful form of vinyl typography, meaning that it is the appearance of printed or written characters in vinyl. Walltalk is Made in Canada and Walltalk quotes and words are individual letters with no Yucky! clear background, like less expensive products. You can create

interest and inspiration throughout your home with Walltalk. Use Walltalk to embellish vases, picture frames, mirrors, canvas, serving trays and more.

A UNIQUE GIFT



GREAT IDEAS

- › Single word + vase + flowers=VERY NICE HOSTESS GIFT!
- › Hurricane lamp + sand or pebbles + candle + Walltalk words=FABULOUS CENTERPIECE! (For holidays sit on a bed of evergreens + glittery ribbon)
- › Wreath + Walltalk = GREAT GREETINGS!
- › Family Photos + Family Quote = MEMORIES!
- › Walltalk + Stair Risers = Stairway to Heaven!
- › Walltalk Products + bare wall = NEW FOCAL POINT!

Staff Profile Dawn



Dawn has been a member of the Osoyoos Home Hardware team for the past four years, but she has lived in Osoyoos her entire life. She was born and raised here and was smart enough to realize that she didn't need to move away to realize that she was already in paradise. She

has two girls---Lisa, who is also an Osoyoos Home Hardware employee and Lacy who is a future Home Hardware employee. As an animal lover, she is very happy that we are a dog friendly store. She is so glad that our customers can bring their pets along with them when they shop. She says she loves how the store changes with the seasons-- "it's a breath of fresh air" and "you never get bored of the same old thing".

Dawn has learned many new things on the job---from someone who was afraid of computers---she began her job as a Cashier and can now be found giving Customer Service in gardening, sporting goods, outdoor living and of course! the pet department.

YOU REALLY CAN TEACH AN OLD

DOG NEW TRICKS!

Here's one of Dawn's favourite products...

Invincibles Dog Toy



These fuzzy fun-loving snakes are the first of their kind -- always up for a good toss or a tug, and able to keep squeaking after being bit, bullied, and beat up by your dog!

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Curtain Panels



Osoyoos Home Hardware now carries a great selection of curtain panels. Like paint, curtain panels factor a great deal in a room's atmosphere

and over all feeling. You can find our great selection of curtain panels in the Home Décor section next to our Paint department. There are simply so many things to do with your window treatment. Play around and get the best look for your room!



#1 SELLING
WORD COMBINATION LOCK™



Remember the old days? "Right three times past zero...left two

turns to..." Forget it! Wordlock is the new style of friendly, easy-to-use padlocks for recreation, storage, travel and commercial uses. Perfect for school lockers or the gym, toolboxes, sheds, job sites and anywhere else you need a solid, secure indoor/outdoor padlock.

Wordlock padlocks provide maximum security against theft with a 2 5/8 inch hardened steel shackle and body. With 100,000 different letter combinations, you can pick words that are easy for you to remember but next to impossible for anyone to guess. If you have several Wordlock padlocks of the same style, you can set them all to the same word in a matter of seconds. And since all our locks are weatherproof, they can stand up to the toughest environments. That's extra strong, extra secure, and extra simplified.

This is one of those items where you say...don't you wish I had thought of that!!!

Simple and Effective...what a refreshing change from all the new

confusing technology.

Osoyoos Home Hardware carries a complete selection of word locks including bike locks.

You will find this new exciting product in the Hardware Dept.



Rogers' Chocolates is steeped in tradition and a rich history that has earned us our reputation as one of Canada's premiere chocolate makers.

The first Rogers' chocolates were made in 1885 by Charles "Candy" Rogers in the back of his grocery store in Victoria, B.C. He quickly became a popular man. In 1891, Rogers expanded his chocolate operation to the company's current heritage storefront on Government Street in Victoria and the rest, as they say, is history.

Osoyoos Home Hardware is proud to be a selected retailer for Rogers Chocolates.



Fallen Leaves

The deciduous trees on your and your neighbour's property will most likely drop their leaves this month. Don't rake them up

just yet. Run your lawn mower over them with the wheels set at the highest setting. After you have 'mulched' them up into small pieces either rake them up and put the leaf remnants in the composter or compost bags or rake them onto your garden. The open soil in your garden will benefit as worms take the leaves down into the soil and convert them into nitrogen rich earthworm castings. And over the winter all of your plants will enjoy the insulation provided by the leaves.



Garden Clean Up

I don't get too carried away with this, but I am sure to do the following before heavy, heavy frost:
- Put a winterizing coiled collar on all of my young fruit trees to prevent mice and rabbit damage.
- Spray Wilt-Pruf® (pardon me for the



spelling - it is an American product) on all of my broad leafed evergreens like yews, boxwood and rhododendrons to prevent wind desiccation. It makes ALL of the difference.

- Wrap all upright evergreens (e.g. junipers and cedars) with two layers of burlap - one to prevent sun burn and the other to break the wind (can't believe I just said that!)

- Hill up my roses with ½ bushel of Marks' Choice Flower & Vegetable soil (HH item #5053-695) to insulate the bud union from the effects of deep freezing/thawing.

And finally this is a great time of year to cut what is left of the flowers in your garden and bring a bunch of them inside. Do it before they disappear to the frost or go to seed.

"Arranging a bowl of flowers in the morning can give a sense of quiet in a crowded day - like writing a poem or saying a prayer"
~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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Please join us for another great Floral Arranging Class with Donna and Joy Watson November 10 at 7pm.

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Fall Cankerworm Round-Up



If you live anywhere in North America, you've probably seen them: small, greenish worms - also called inchworms, loopers, or measuring worms - that infest many species of trees including ash, basswood.

beech, black cherry, red maple, sugar maple, red oak, white oak, apple, birch, box elder, dogwood, elm, and hickory.

Fall cankerworms emerge from the soil as adult moths, usually in late October or early November. Mating takes place as the females crawl up tree trunks in search of areas to lay their eggs. When the caterpillars hatch in the spring, they will feast on and often decimate a tree's foliage. To protect your trees from fall cankerworms, apply Tree Tanglefoot in November. Tanglefoot is a non-toxic, sticky substance that stops crawling insects from reaching the leaves. Do not apply Tree Tanglefoot directly to the trunk - use paper tree wrap or another type of banding material for easy removal. Remove and replace bands when they are full of insects.


Tree Tanglefoot has been OMRI certified for use in organic gardening and also works for gypsy moths, caterpillars, ants, root weevils, moths, and cutworms.



*Keep your knees dirty,
By Mark Cullen
Merchant of beauty.*

FIND 3 to WIN...

For a chance to win a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Osoyoos Home Hardware.

Find 3 trees () throughout this newsletter, write down their location, and drop-off entry to Osoyoos Home Hardware. All entries must be received by **December 15, 2010** to be eligible for this draw.

Just write down the page number and article where you found them on a plain piece of paper. Don't forget your name and phone number.

Winner of our September/October Find 3 was Fritz Schuepbach, a Gift Package to help support Breast Cancer awareness was awarded to them.

I have this amazing sister named Virginia. The magic she can work with a crochet hook or knitting needle is nothing compared to what she can create in a kitchen. I would like to share with you one of her favourite recipes. (*No wonder my family always loves when she comes to visit.*)

Frances

Here is one of my sister Virginia's favourite recipes.

WELSH MINER'S COOKIES

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| 1 C butter | ½ tsp of each cloves and |
| 3 C rolled oats | cinnamon |
| 1 C sugar | ½ C currants |
| ¾ C All Purpose Flour | ¼ C milk |
| 1 tsp Baking Soda | |

Cream butter and blend in sugar. Add rolled oats, flour, baking soda and spices. Work dough with hands. Add currants and milk. Shape into small balls and place about 2 inches apart on lightly greased cookie sheets. Press cookies down with a fork dipped in water. Bake at 350 degrees 8-10 minutes or until golden. Remove and cool on cake rack.

Did you know Osoyoos Home Hardware carries whole cloves and ground organic cinnamon. We also carry baking chocolate from Roger's Chocolates in Victoria.

***GREAT IDEA! Courtesy of Anna Olson**

Take a 5X7 picture frame and put a copy of your recipe inside. Using the picture frame as the base, place your freshly baked goods on a napkin or doily on the picture frame----wrap with cello (or better yet a pretty tea-towel) and tie with ribbon. A completely re-usable Gift that any hostess would appreciate.



Perhaps the only thing sweeter than the smell of fresh home baking is the beauty of the selection of gadgets available at Osoyoos Home Hardware that makes every baking task a pleasure from start to finish. Like a treasured family recipe, passed down from generation to generation, many of our quality baking tools have been designed to perform to perfection for years to come. Be sure to check out the Decorating Pen and Cupcake Corer Set from CUISIPRO™.

Cupcake Corer



Everything you need to create and decorate the perfect filled cupcakes. Set includes exclusive Cuisipro Cupcake Corer, 2 decorating squeeze bottles with tips and an offset

spatula.

Cupcake Corer creates a perfect hole in the center of the cupcake for filling with icing or hiding edible treasures.

Easy grip squeeze bottles are simple for small hands to fill and decorate cupcakes. Flower collar is the perfect hold spot. Easy to fill and large capacity (approximately 1 cup (250 ml)).

Some of the other baking products we carry...

- whisks
- bowls
- measuring cups and spoons
- silicone spatulas
- cookie cutters
- graters and rasps
- pastry brushes
- rolling pins
- pastry blenders
- parchment paper
- bakeware
- candy thermometers
- cooling racks
- cake stands
- APRONS
- Baking chocolate

Decorating Pen

Great fun for everyone and simple enough for a child to handle. The Decorating Pen quickly and easily dresses up desserts, pastries, beverages and plates with decorative swirls or messages for professional results.

Option for fine or thick lines.

Use red tip for fines lines or remove for thicker strokes.



Shepherd's pie topped with buttery mashed potatoes, creamy macaroni and cheese, lemon pie piled high with meringue..... the simple foods from a gentler time are fast becoming the culinary hallmarks of this decade. We've had our fill of oversauced dishes and nouvelle cuisine. Now, we're swooning over the dishes many of us ate as kids.

So dig out those old-recipes that were handed down from your grandmother and you will likely re-discover chinese chews, empire cookies, melting moments, pecan snowballs, peanut brittle, turkish delight, daffodil cake or thimble cookies. Make the kitchen table the "hub of your home" just as in years past. No computer, iPad, or cell phone can ever re-create those amazing memories.



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