

January 2012



Brandon Garden Club Newsletter

PRESIDENT DEANES MESSAGE

Welcome to all members and guests. At this meeting I will introduce the executive and directors; some have retained their positions from last year but there are new directors that will appreciate your support. The program committee has worked hard to secure interesting speakers on subjects you requested, plus there will be tours and workshops. I hope everyone that attended our Xmas party enjoyed the evening; Gwen does a tremendous job every year with fun games that get

everyone participating. The cookie exchange was a hit, especially with me. Mine were so good that I hid them from Doug so I could eat them all.

We are looking forward to the MHA convention in Selkirk later this month. One of the speakers will be Gwen Beam; she will be demonstrating how to plant a living wall arrangement using succulents.

Also at this convention we will be making a presentation to the MHA directors so we can host the 2013 Convention and celebrate our 115th year as a garden club. I should have more information for you regarding the theme at this meeting.

Brandon Garden Club 2012 Executive

There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is a January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues.....

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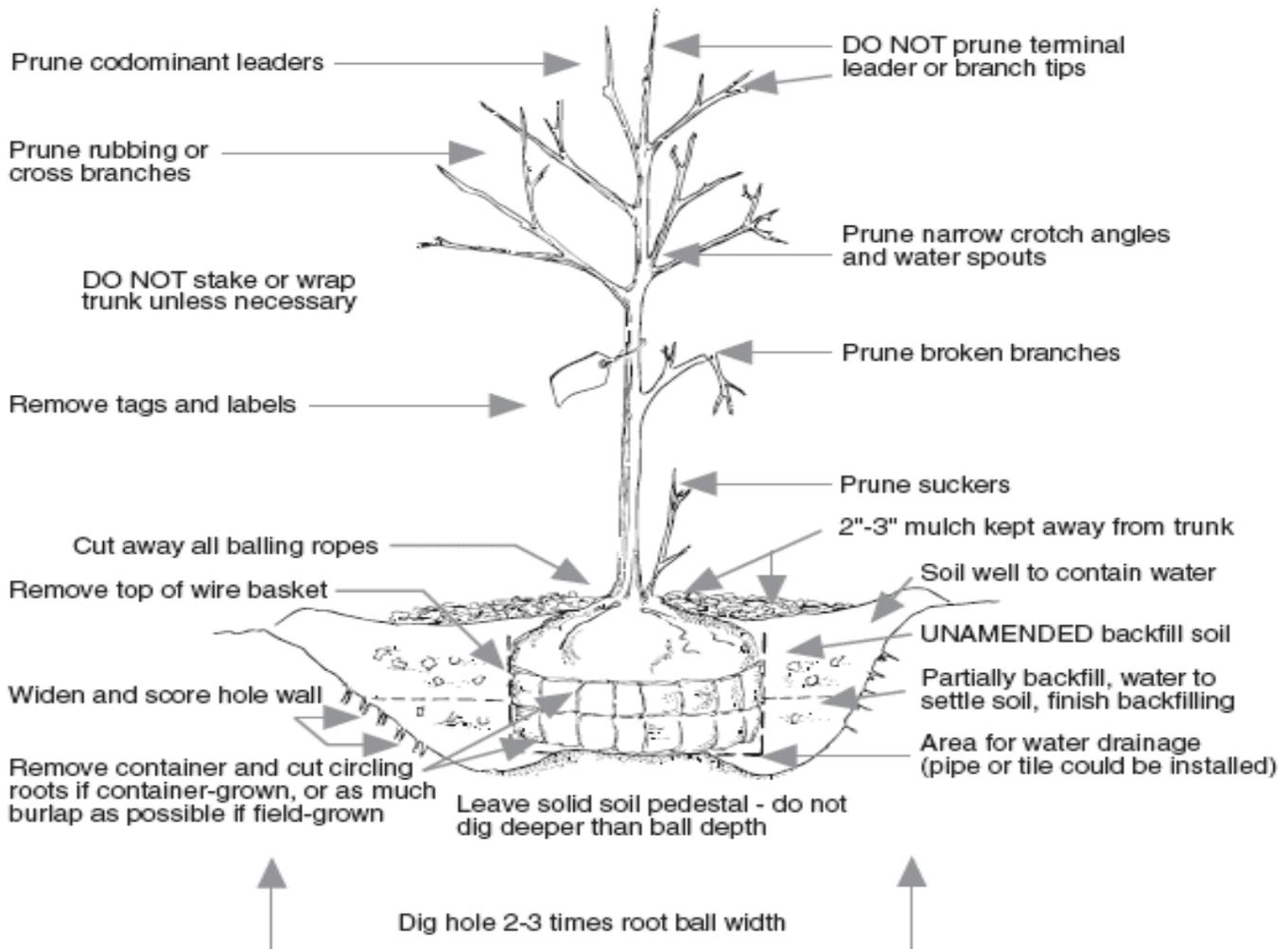
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THIS MONTH

Pat Zmetana - Shrub & Tree Maintenance



Neat things about snow:

Under the winter's collection of fallen snow, there is a secret world where small animals and insects spend the long, cold months dozing and foraging for food. This is the pukak layer, where it is always around zero degrees. Here, the heat of the earth has risen to the surface to melt and crystallize the snow, leaving gaps behind that can be turned into underground highways used by voles, mice and beetles.

If the temperature of snow is warmer than -10 degrees C, it will not squeak when you walk on it. This is because the pressure of your footstep partially melts the snow under it, allowing water to flow under your footfall. When the snow is colder than -10 C, the pressure from your weight crushes the ice crystals beneath your boot making that squeaking, or creaking, sound