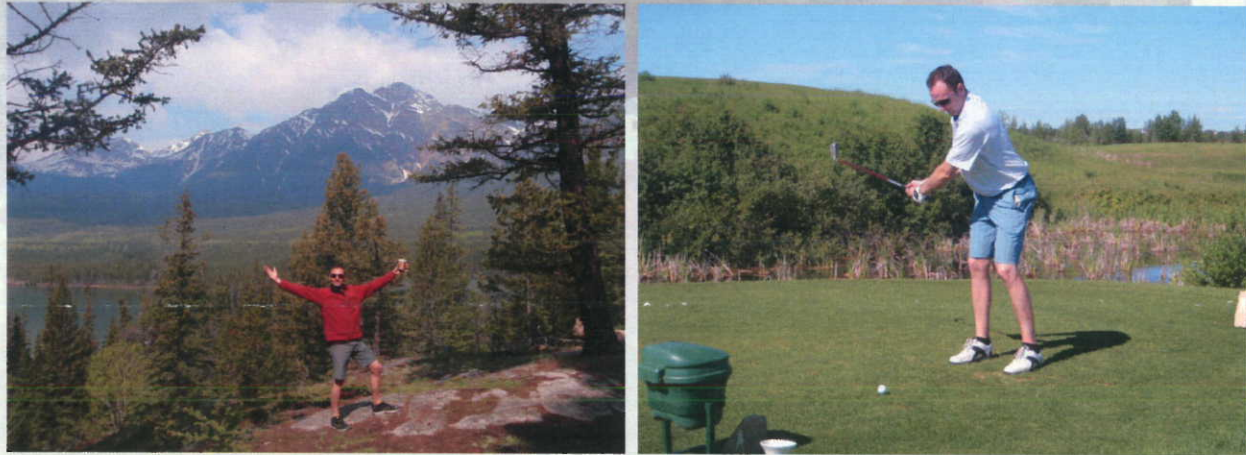


Preferred Group Team Member Update

John Carter

John has been enjoying the summer, and making the most of the weather. It's golf tournament season, and he has enjoyed catching up with friends and colleagues at the RE/MAX and EAA golf tournaments in the past month. He's also snuck away to the mountains a few weekends for an overnight and some hiking in the gorgeous natural wonder that is our Rocky Mountains. A few weddings to attend yet this year, and a one week holiday to a cabin in Shuswap B.C. in August will be great relaxation. Excitement is growing as planning continues for his wedding with his fiancée Ashley coming up in May 2012. All of that, plus he's consistently busy helping real estate clients too. Always available to assist you with your real estate questions or needs, so feel free to call or email. Enjoy the summer!



ENTERTAIN WITH EASE

Outdoor entertaining is a treasured activity during the summer, but if the wind picks up during meat time you may find yourself chasing paper plates and napkins around your yard. Avoid any messy fly-a-ways with this simple tip; include with your table setting a bucket of clean, river rocks (these can be purchased at any craft store). River rocks not only provide nice decoration, but make a perfect paper weight. Place one rock on the stack of plates and one on the stack of napkins; inform your guests the rocks on the table can be used to hold down their plate while they eat.



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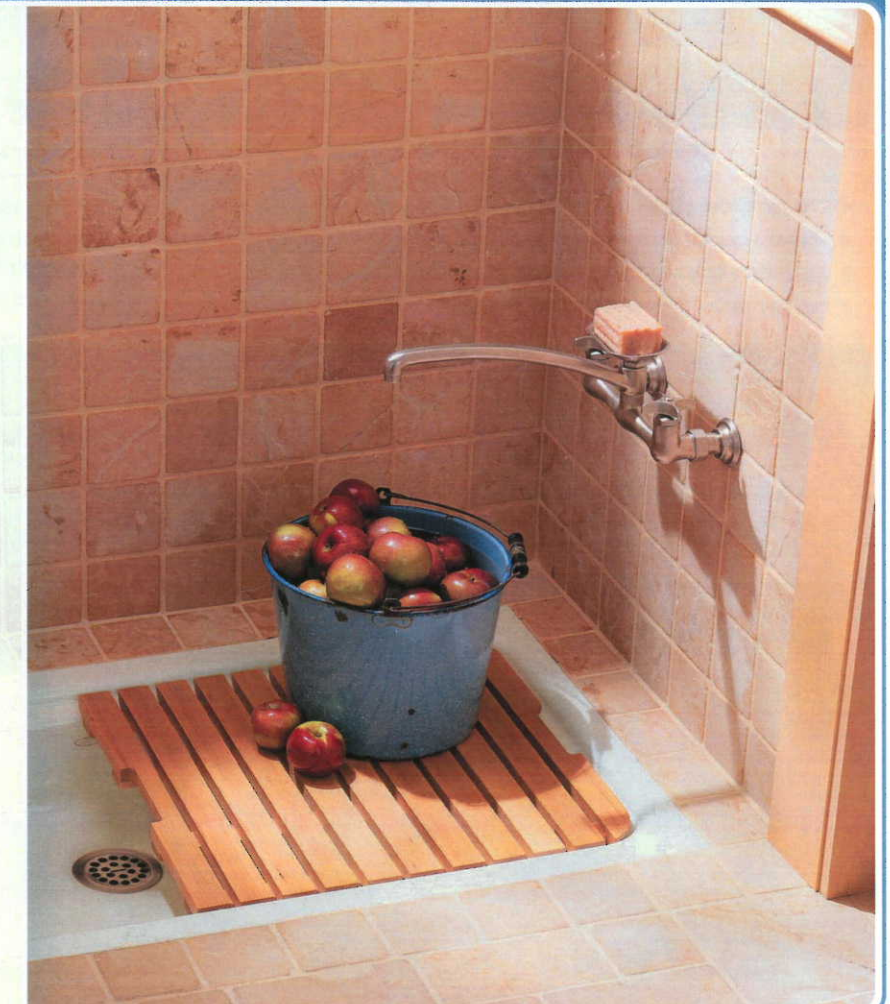
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Useful Utilities

If you're following the trends, you'll have noticed that a popular design theme today is 'purpose'. We re-purpose old furniture, give purpose to tables and benches by including built-in storage and try to create purpose for unused space in our homes. To give more use to an already purposeful space, add a floor level sink to your utility room.

A floor level sink is a centre that can help you keep your home clean with ease. It can be used for many applications; cleaning muddy boots after a day in the garden, showering off kids after playing in the sand or providing a comfortable space to bathe your dog while keeping the mess confined to one area. Plan your sink space to include both a tap and a hand-held shower head to easily clean-up any leftover debris.

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BLT SALAD WITH BLUE CHEESE DRESSING

Ingredients

Dressing

- 1/2 Cup Plain Nonfat Yogurt
- 1/4 Cup Skim Milk
- 1/2 Cup Green Onions (Including Green Tops), Thinly Sliced
- 1/4 Cup Blue Cheese, Crumbled
- 1/2 Clove Garlic, Pressed
- 1/4 Teaspoon Basil
- 1/2 Teaspoon Rosemary, Crushed
- Dash Salt, To Taste

Salad

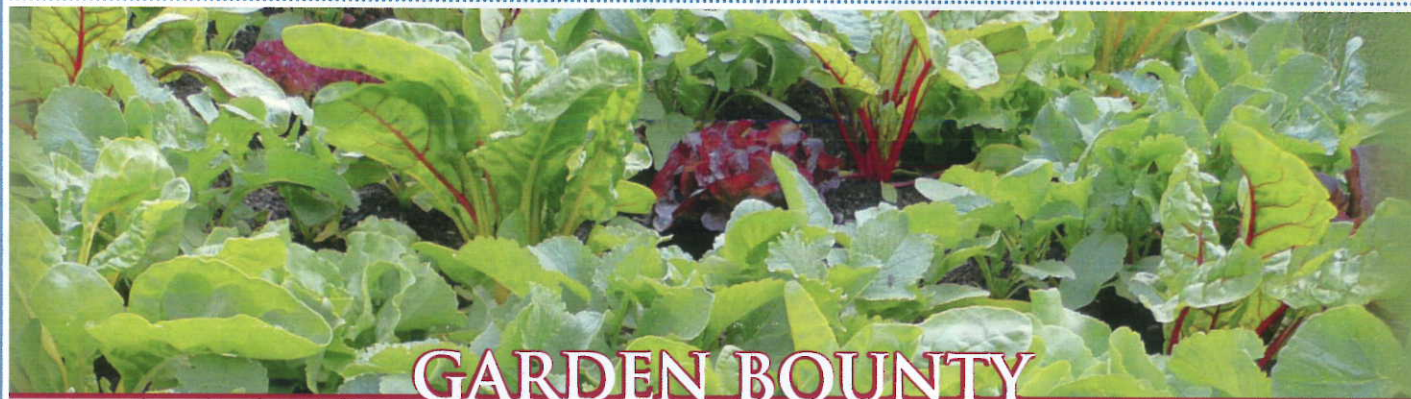
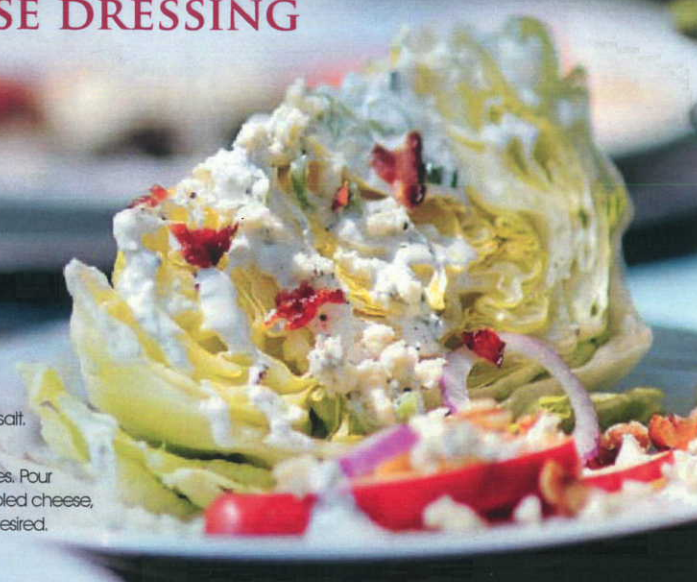
- 1 Large Head Iceberg Lettuce
- 6 Slices Thick-Cut Bacon
- 1 Cup Blue Cheese, Crumbled
- Black Pepper, Chopped
- Pears, Walnuts, Red Onion & Tomatoes, To Taste

Directions

- 1 In small bowl, stir together yogurt and milk. Mix in onions, cheese, garlic, herbs and salt. Cover and chill 30 minutes or more to blend flavors.
- 2 Cook bacon until crisp and crumble into large pieces. Cut lettuce into four to six wedges. Pour blue cheese dressing over the top. Sprinkle bacon over dressing. Add additional crumbled cheese, freshly ground black pepper, chopped pears, walnuts, red onion and/or tomatoes, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Recipe courtesy of www.ARAcontent.com



GARDEN BOUNTY

The end of August brings with it bountiful crops of fresh garden vegetables. If your vegetable crop is plentiful this summer, here are a few ways to use it all and enjoy your fresh vegetables all year long:

- Can tomatoes to be used later for pizza sauce, chili, salsa or spaghetti.
- Make a vegetable stock with onions, carrots and herbs; freeze to use at a later date.
- Bake cakes and breads fortified with zucchini and carrots.
- Turn your cucumbers and carrots into pickles.
- Mix your excess of fresh herbs with a little bit of olive oil and freeze for later use.
- Create gourmet gift baskets to give to your friends and neighbors, complete with fresh vegetables and the ingredients they need to make a delicious meal.
- Donate to a shelter as they often rely on donations to care for people.

STAY AWAY FROM WALLET WOES

Traveling? Keep yourself safe from any would-be thieves by protecting your wallet. Only carry with you what you will be using for cash or credit and carry it in either your front pants pocket or in a money belt around your waist. Make sure you have a copy of the card numbers, driver's license and passport you brought with you in your hotel safe; if they do get misplaced you will have the information needed.

Flight Test!

Taxiing down the tarmac, the jetliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour-long wait, it finally took off.

A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?" "The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," explained the Flight Attendant, "and it took us a while to find a new pilot."



FALL HOME CHECKUP

As the leaves on the trees change from green to beautiful hues of red, yellow and orange, we are given a reminder that the seasons are changing. Here are 6 ways to keep your home in tip-top shape by preparing it for the autumn season.

- Check your roof for missing or broken shingles and clean the eavestroughs once all the leaves have fallen off the trees. This simple upkeep can save you from water leak headaches down the road.
- Look for any missing weather stripping and caulking around window and door frames. Replace as necessary to prevent cold air leaking through in the winter.
- Have your furnace inspected to ensure it's in good working order. Change the filter and light the pilot light so it's operational when needed. If you have a wood burning fireplace, now is a good time to get that inspected and cleaned to make sure it's ready for indoor fire season.
- Remove the summer sheets covering your windows and replace them with heavier drapes for the fall. This will help to keep the cool air out and the warm air in!
- Replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check for proper operation. Ensure you have a detector close to your sleeping area so you can hear the alarm if it goes off in the middle of the night.
- Overseed and fertilize your lawn to keep it healthy and vibrant for the upcoming spring.

Logics Puzzle

Three friends from different villages in Austria are members of the same Oompah band. Can you work out the age of each man (39, 40, 42), his occupation (one is a farmer), the instrument he plays and the name of his village (one is Obersdorf)?

1. Boris (who isn't the hotel keeper) is older than the tuba player (who isn't from the village of Alpensee).
2. The man who plays the flugelhorn isn't the oldest band member.
3. The man aged 40 is from a village with the same initial letter as the village the accordion player comes from.
4. The policeman is younger than Wilhelm.
5. The man from Ottenbach is either the youngest or the oldest and may or may not be Walter.

Name	Age	Occupation	Instrument	Village

Solution

Obersdorf	Tuba	Hotel Keeper	40	Wilhelm
Alpensee	Flugelhorn	Policeman	39	Walter
Ottenbach	Accordion	Farmer	42	Boris
Village	Instrument	Occupation	Age	Name

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