

GARDENING CORNER

Plant patents take a bit of work

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For The Spokesman

Have you ever given any thought to how a unique plant you found or read about actually got to market? I recently read several articles on the process of plant patenting that gave me a better understanding of why some plants, in the same family, are significantly more costly than others.

Imagine this scenario. You discover a plant in the wild that is so unique you want to share it. You've heard about plant patenting but how would you go about it and why would you?

If you just wanted to share the discovery with other gardeners there would be no need to go through the extensive paperwork and the expense of patenting. You could do some research and learn propagation methods. You may decide you would like to make some money and let's be honest — claim a little fame for yourself.

If you decide to patent and make some retirement money you'll need to find a professional grower and someone who is knowledgeable in horticultural marketing. Like all business deals, negotiations are necessary. The process of putting the puzzle pieces

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— Tim Wood, nursery marketer

together is arduous. Will your new patent have enough market value to recoup some of the development costs?

The cost of securing a patent ranges between \$3,000 and \$10,000, depending on the representative you hire and your capability of doing some of the technical work yourself.

Part of the cost of filing a patent is the detailed description of the plant required.

"You have to submit all the botanical data — everything from the color of the pollen to length of leaf petiole. And you have to provide comparisons to any similar plants on the market," said Tim Wood who oversees product development and heads marketing for Spring Meadow Nursery in Grand Haven, Mich. Wood also said that of the 300 plants introduced in 2020, about three plants that came from true amateurs.

As a consumer, you have a voice in

the industry. A classic example is the development of a better mildew-resistant tall phlox. The breeding team of a wholesale nursery responded to the need and created a new series under the Luminary brand name. The improved varieties are "Opalescence," "Ultraviolet" and "Backlight."

Considering the complexity and the expense of introducing a new plant to the market, it is amazing how many new plants we feel the need to add to our landscape. A statement I read recently gave me pause to think. Are we gardeners or amateur landscapers following trends?

In his book "Deep Rooted Wisdom," author and owner of Crinum nursery in Columbia, S. C., writes "Gardening is a celebration of chaos — where landscaping is meant to produce an end product — a picture that works in a very scripted way during a very scripted season."

Old tried and true varieties of plants are being replaced by newer, brighter and bolder selections. I have deer and like to plant the French marigolds (T patula) or the Signet marigold (Tageless tenuifolia). Neither are as showy as the African marigold but both have the strong smell that deer usually avoid.

Each year it seems the varieties are



Matee Nuserm file photo

A French marigold flower, one such patented plant.

harder to find. Why are they harder to find? Have more gardeners caught on to the deer tip or have consumers stopped buying them because of their strong odor and have opted for the newer bigger and less odorous varieties?

Saving seeds and sharing with friends may be part of a solution to maintaining a true gardener's philos-

ophy instead of following prescribed, sterile landscape plans found in glossy magazines.

When you do spot a new plant that you can't live without, and that will grow well in our climate, take time to think and appreciate how it got from the long process of marketing into your garden.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The Spokesman will update items in the Police Log when such a request is received. Any new information, such as the dismissal of charges or acquittal, must be verifiable. For more information, call 541-548-2185.

Redmond Police Department

June 21

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 6:45 p.m. in the 3200 block of SW 35th Street.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

6:48 a.m. in the 1500 block of NW Fir Avenue.

9:06 a.m. in the 700 block of NW Fifth Street.

9:39 a.m. in the 800 block of SW Rimrock Way.

11:27 a.m. in the 700 block of SW Highland Avenue.

12:25 p.m. in the 500 block of NE 15th Street.

4:52 p.m. in the 2800 block of SW Metolius Avenue.

Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 8:01 p.m. in the 1200 block of NW

Canal Boulevard.

June 22

Burglary — A burglary was reported at 9:16 a.m. in the 2600 block of NW 13th Street.

Thefts — A theft was reported at 3:11 a.m. in the 2000 block of SW Badger Avenue.

Vehicle crash — An accident with injury was reported at 8:38 a.m. in the 1200 block of NW Sixth Street.

June 23

Burglary — A burglary was reported at 6:43 a.m. in the area of NE 17th Street and NE Kingwood Avenue.

Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 9:30 a.m. in the 1400 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

3:05 p.m. in the 1000 block of NE 11th Street.

2:52 p.m. in the 4100 block of SW Umatilla Avenue.

3:08 p.m. in the 1900 block of SW Badger Avenue.

Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was

reported at 4:38 p.m. in the area of SW Black Butte Boulevard and SW 12th Street.

June 24

DUII — Joseph Scott Ross Jr, 25, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 2:43 a.m. in the 1100 block of SW Canyon Drive, and was also charged with criminal mischief.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

11:08 a.m. in the 800 block of NW Oak Place.

3:36 p.m. in the 2800 block of SW Indian Circle.

Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 4:23 p.m. in the 200 block of NE Franklin Avenue, and an arrest made.

June 25

Burglary — A burglary was reported at 4:21 a.m. in the 2800 block of SW Juniper Avenue.

DUII — Justin David Spaulding, 41, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 6:52 p.m. in the area of SE Ninth Street and SE Evergreen Avenue, and was also charged with reckless driving and reckless endangering.

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 9:34 a.m. in the 900 block of SW Veterans Way.

Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 5:28 p.m. in the area of NE 17th Street and NE Greenwood Avenue.

Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 8:10 a.m. in the area of SW Sixth Street and SW Glacier Avenue.

June 26

Hit-and-run — Hit-and-run incidents were reported at:

7:03 a.m. in the 300 block of SW Fifth Street.

9:49 p.m. in the 900 block of SW 23rd Street.

Thefts — A theft was reported at 12:27 a.m. in the 1200 block of SW Highland Avenue.

Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 9:26 p.m. in the 100 block of SE Jackson Street.

Vehicle crashes — Accidents were reported at: 6:36 a.m. in the area of NW 10th Street and NW Dogwood Avenue, noninjury.

3:48 p.m. in the area of NW Kingwood Avenue and NW Sixth Street.

June 27

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 8:20 p.m. in the 2400 block of SW Timber Avenue.

Vehicle crashes — Noninjury accidents were reported at:

7:18 a.m. in the 3400 block of SW Antelope Avenue.

11:38 a.m. in the area of NW 19th Street and NW Hemlock Avenue.

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WEATHER

FORECAST	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	90	49	Sunny
Thursday	88	49	Sunny
Friday	100	56	Sunny
Saturday	103	55	Sunny
Sunday	98	55	Sunny
Monday	97	55	Sunny
Tuesday	93	54	Sunny

LAST WEEK	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Monday, June 28	110*	60	0
Tuesday, June 29	112*	67	0
Wednesday, June 30	103*	63	0
Thursday, July 1	99*	61	0
Friday, July 2	97	51	0
Saturday, July 3	99	48	0
Sunday, July 4	96	49	0

Precipitation to date this year: 2.31 inches

* = daily record

National Weather Service broadcasts are on 162.50 mhz.

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