



LANDSCAPE COMPANY

Inside this issue:

<i>In The Flower Garden — 'Walker's Low' Catmint</i>	2
<i>Employee Profile Scott Thomas</i>	3
<i>Lawn Care Program Summer Note</i>	3
<i>From Gary's Desk</i>	3
<i>New Employee Spotlight Josh Cook</i>	3
<i>President's Message</i>	<i>back cover</i>
<i>Company Information</i>	<i>back cover</i>
<i>Services</i>	<i>back cover</i>

USES FOR STONE IN THE GARDEN

Whether in the form of retaining or free-standing walls, terraces or walkways, as bold accent pieces or boulders at the edge of a small stream, stone is both a beautiful accent and a useful material in the landscape.

Stone can lend a garden focus and provides the perfect contrast to plants. It's the unyielding, inert nature of stone that can unify and enhance the ever changing, living personality of diverse garden plants. Plants represent layers of movement in the garden, while stone represents a feeling of timelessness, structure and solidity. Stone also creates a lasting framework for a wide range of garden features, ornaments and details that will add permanence to your garden.

For many of us living on or near the coast of Maine, stone isn't an afterthought to our gardens, but an element we have no choice incorporating. The trick is to evaluate what you have and transform it into what you want.

There are many creative as well as practical roles stones can play in a garden. Here are a few suggestions if you're considering

(Continued on page 2)

Plant Profile - Royal Frost Birch (*Betula platyphylla* 'Royal Frost')

'Royal Frost' Birch is an exotic looking but still very hardy birch. The tree is shaped as a loose pyramid with rich burgundy foliage from spring through summer and bright yellow-to-orange-to-red fall color. Another attractive feature is peeling cinnamon to white bark. A cross between two outstanding trees, 'Royal Frost' combines

'Whitespire's' birch borer resistance with the beautiful burgundy foliage of 'Crimson Frost'.
 Foliage color: purple-green
 Fall color: yellow-orange to red
 Sun Exposure: full sun to partial shade
 Moisture: average water needs
 Height: 40' to 50'
 Width: 20' to 25'



Leaf detail



Fall foliage



Summer foliage

(Continued from page 1)

ways to include stone in the garden:

- **Garden walls**, both freestanding and retaining create backgrounds, boundaries, edging, and contours.
- **Patios, walkways, paths, terraces and steps** can define distinct areas or allow areas to flow, move the eye or the body in a particular direction, introduce a sense of rhythm, and provide interest by creating changes in elevation.
- **Decorative pieces** such as stone pools or small fountains, troughs and containers, individual or grouped stones and boulders, millstones, and benches can be functional elements as well as add texture and character.
- **Rock gardens** of gravel and ledge can convey Mediterranean, Southwest, or Japanese garden styles. Woodland gardens can incorporate dry creek beds, which can serve a functional purpose by channeling spring runoff.

~Robin Tupper, Landscape Designer

Gardening
requires
lots of water -
most of it in the
form of
perspiration.
Lou Erickson

In The Flower Garden

'Walker's Low' Catmint 2007 Perennial Plant of the Year

The Perennial Plant Association has awarded the title of Perennial Plant of the Year to *Nepeta 'Walker's Low'*. Nominations are based on the following criteria:

- Suitable for a wide range of climatic conditions
- Low maintenance
- Pest and disease resistant
- Readily available in the year of release
- Multiple season of ornamental interest
- Easily propagated by asexual or seed propagation

Introduced in 1988 in Europe, *Walker's Low* Catmint has become increasingly popular with each passing year due to its lovely blue-violet flowers and its long bloom time, attractive gray-green foliage, ease of propagation, lack of pest or disease problems, and low maintenance requirements.

- Hardiness - USDA Zones 3 to 8
- Size - 30 to 36 inches tall and wide. *Walker's Low* is named for a garden and the name is not related to plant size
- Light - Best in full sun,

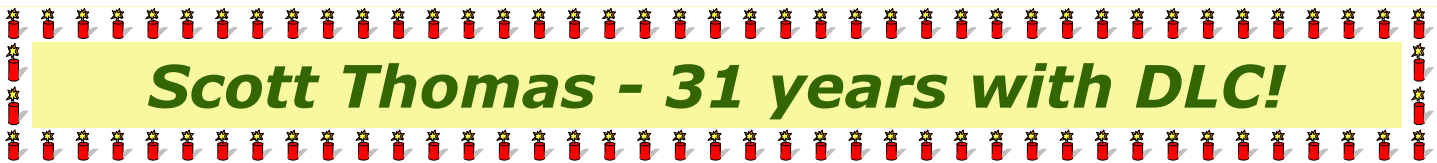
but can tolerate shade in hot climates

- Soil - Prefers well drained soil and neutral pH
- Uses - Good companion plant for early and late blooming plants. Great for perennial borders, but can be used in herb gardens, rock gardens, as a ground cover, or as a container plant.
- Unique Qualities - Will bloom continuously throughout the season if properly pruned. Great for attracting bees, but-

terflies and other pollinating insects, but is deer and rabbit resistant. Leaves release a wonderful aroma when crushed.

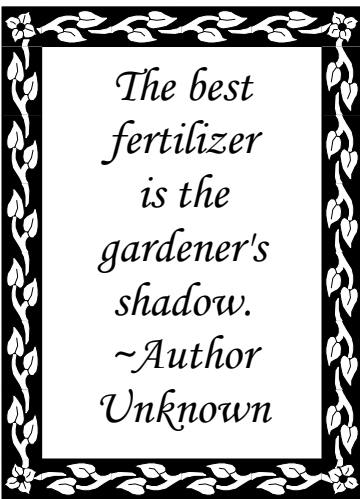
- Still, Steven,
Executive Director,
Perennial Plant
Association.
June 13th 2007
<http://www.perennialplant.org/index.asp>





Scott Thomas - 31 years with DLC!

Scott Thomas has been with Davis Landscape since it's inception on August ,1 1976. Scott started as a simple laborer even before he could drive, pedaling his bike to work every day. He's worked his way up to become a very highly valued member of the management team with the title of Head Field Supervisor. Along with running the more difficult landscaping jobs, Scott is always available to consult on some of the more unique problems that pop up. As he often says "In thirty years of pushing dirt around there isn't much that I haven't seen." Scott resides in Lewiston and has four children, Amanda, Erica, Krista, Joshua, and three grandchildren, Anthony, Lily, and Sean. We all congratulate Scott on 31 years and say, "Thank you".




Lawn Care Program Summer Notes

Japanese Beetles appear to be everywhere this season. Not only do these pests devour the leaves of many ornamental shrubs and trees, but they may also be laying eggs in your lawns. The larvae, or grubs, feed in the root zone of the lawn where they would not be affected by normal insect treatments, thus requiring a special application. Early detection by checking the root zone of the lawn in several places for newly hatched grubs gives us the best chance of treatment and can prevent damage if the infestation is severe. While some discoloration due to heat stress, dormancy, or summer diseases of the lawn are normal this time of year, if you feel that you have anything out of the ordinary happening on your lawn, please call me to check it.

~ Chris Turmelle, Lawn Care Program Manager

From Gary's Desk

Well, here we are finally in the heat of summer. Along with landscape and hardscape installations we've also begun the pruning season. I'm sitting at my desk typing this note, but when I look out my window I long for the days when I was outside with the crews and getting my hands dirty. We've lost a few work days this summer due to the weather, and had a few of our seasoned employees moving on to other pursuits, but we continue our commitment of service to you. Fall will be coming soon, and with it brisk air and gentle rains, making it a great time for any landscape improvements. For now, I hope you get outside and enjoy the rest of summer!

~ Gary Booker, Operations Manager

New Employee Spotlight ~ Josh Cook ~

Joshua Cook first came to Davis Landscape in the summer of 1997 and worked as a laborer, moving on to the grounds maintenance crew. In 2001, he left Davis to pursue other interests. This spring we were very pleased to welcome him back. Josh brings to us considerable experience in both hardscaping and landscaping. Conrad says, "Josh is an extremely conscientious person with great pride in his work". Josh lives in Auburn with his wife Heidi and five children, Dylan, Alex, Emily, Trinity, and Deanna.

