



## ***The 2007 Prairie Garden – Available NOW!***

*The 2007 Prairie Garden* is now available at bookstores and garden centres across the Prairies. Featuring ‘**The Edible Landscape**,’ this comprehensive issue challenges today’s gardeners and homeowners to integrate edibles into their yards and gardens.

Guest Editor Jim Kohut and The Prairie Garden Committee have assembled a broad panorama of articles designed to motivate prairie gardeners to discover the joys of growing vegetables, fruits, berries and nuts in their own yards. The President and one of the founders of Northscaping.com, a popular resource and community website for northern gardeners, Kohut has an intimate appreciation of the challenges facing the modern suburban homeowner besides the matter of gardening in the harsh prairie climate; “postage-stamp” properties, active lifestyles, and competing priorities. He contends that a ‘new paradigm’ is in order, a new way of bringing edibles into the modern landscape without sacrificing its functional integrity, and within the constraints of the suburban lifestyle.

**The Edible Landscape** explores edible gardening from the new perspective of integration, a way of looking at the home landscape as a contiguous whole within which a place for edibles can always be found. Intriguing topics such as edibles that double as ornamentals, flowers that are beautiful and edible at the same time, landscaping with fruit and nut trees, and even edibles for the family pets are complemented by vegetable gardening fundamentals to please the “traditionalist” gardeners. The issue’s focus provides all levels of gardeners with new information and ideas to help them think beyond the limits of their existing gardens and yards.

Feature articles on edible landscaping comprise two-thirds of this edition. Articles by Mary Brittain, B.J. Jackson and Tanya Stefanec describe how to integrate heirloom vegetables into the yard. Did you know that nut trees can be grown on the Prairies? Rick Durand tells how. Merv Pritchard shows how to go about vegetable gardening - naturally! Contributions from the University of Minnesota and University of Saskatchewan introduce prairie gardeners to new plant developments that combine ornamental attributes with a delicious harvest. Gardeners will chuckle along with Mary Popien as she ‘shares’ her garden, and will be pleasantly surprised by Stefan Fediuk’s “Unwanted Dinner Guest.” Thematic articles are complemented by a dazzling 16-page colour section insert, and gardeners who love to cook will revel in the many tried and true recipes that accompany the articles.

The traditional general gardening section features such topics as “How Cold Kills” by renowned Dr. Ieuan Evans of Alberta, and the story of the Beausejour Daylily Gardens by Carol Bender. Hugh Skinner reviews Sara Williams’ new book “In a Cold Land – Saskatchewan’s Horticultural Pioneers.” The 2006 Prairie Garden Award for Excellence celebrates two winners; Barbara Laschkewitsch of Fargo, N.D. and Dr. Wilbert Ronald of Portage la Prairie, MB, whose captivating stories are told.

And that’s just scratching the surface! Prairie gardeners and homeowners alike will be entertained and enlightened by the 2007 edition of *The Prairie Garden*. This is the 68th year for the digest-sized gardening annual published by The Prairie Garden Committee, a volunteer organization. *The Prairie Garden* has a standing order list of gardening enthusiasts who receive this book hot off the press each year. To order, or to be placed on the order list, send your request along with a cheque or money order for \$12.95 (\$10.00 plus \$2.95 shipping and handling) to: The Prairie Garden, P.O. Box 517, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 2J3. Orders may also be placed by telephone: (204) 489-3466, fax: (204) 489-1644, or by email: [prairiegarden@mts.net](mailto:prairiegarden@mts.net). For more information, visit our website: [www.theprairiegarden.ca](http://www.theprairiegarden.ca) or contact the Editor, Audrey Hosegood, at (807) 467-7727 or at the email address above.