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*Looking ahead, it seems impossible.
Looking back, it seems inevitable.*
Could well be said about Groundworks right now!

Spring hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Come see what's blooming!

If you eat a good dinner, you can have dessert

If you have asked me about using Miracle Grow®, or what we fondly call "blue water," I would likely respond, "If you eat a good dinner, you can have dessert."

Blue water provides quick-acting, already-soluble, concentrated nutrients that absorb up into a growing plant, much like a hot fudge sundae raises your glucose level – handy if you are about to run a marathon, but those quick calories will not stick around to build your bones and muscles. Neither will blue water build a healthy soil.

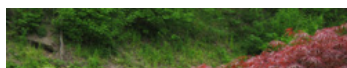
A 'good dinner' builds the soil with long-term, slow-release, hopefully organic nutrients. Also needed is pliable soil rich in organic matter to absorb moisture and let air in around the roots. We recommend a manure-based fertilizer, such as compost, or well rotted manures. Shredded bark mulch will also break down into humus in a growing year. We also use the Plant-tones to supply needed minerals.

Nineteen elements are considered essential for plant growth. Carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen are primarily supplied by air and water. Plant roots absorb the remaining 16 elements from the surrounding soil. These elements are divided into three groups based on their relative abundance in plants: Primary Nutrients (or Major Nutrients), Secondary Nutrients (or Minor Nutrients), and Trace Nutrients (or Micronutrients).

Although the Major Nutrients are needed in the greatest quantities, a deficiency of any one nutrient can prevent plant growth or reduce it to unsatisfactory levels. Even though some soils may already contain these nutrients, they may not be in a form available for plant growth. The best way to ensure that all of the nutrients are available in the soil is through regular applications of plant foods.

We carry Espoma organic fertilizers – Holly-tone, Plant-tone, Garden-tone, etc. A [chart on the Espoma website](#) illustrates what each nutrient is needed for and what a deficiency could look like. For more information, go to <http://www.espoma.com>.

Is this the plant for you?





Baptisia Carolina Moonlight in Bud

How much space do you have?

Baptisia takes up a 3' by 3' space in your flower garden. They are substantial in their habit, native to our area and come in blue, yellow, purple and bicolor.

What are the light conditions?

They like full sunlight.

Do you have deer problems?

Not that I have seen.

Why you would want to plant this?

Baptisia is an easy-to-grow, impressive plant in flower, and looks like a well-shaped small shrub when it finishes flowering.

Why you wouldn't want to plant this?

Only if you don't have the room. Baptisia is a top perennial for spring bloom.

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the Beckley Register-Herald and the Mountain Messenger.
We'll be part of the Lewisburg Farmer's Market
every Saturday through July.**

Groundworks Nursery is on the web!

All our plant varieties are listed on our website. Click through to [Groundworks Nursery](#) on the web to see what's available.

Forward to a Friend

Do you know someone who wants to improve and beautiful their lawn and garden? Please forward this newsletter!

Look for the next issue of eGleanings in a month or so. We look forward to your visits throughout the growing season.

We're located along the Greenbrier River east of Hinton, WV, on Route 3.

Questions? Comments? Call us at 304.466.4440.

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