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Brrrrrrr hard frosts I heard - while I was lucky enough to be enjoying milder weather in the far north for 10 days. However on our return, found we brought the same temperatures back with us! The most urgent requirement right now is rain - with parched ground trees and Shrubs will be suffering. All shallow rooted shrubs like Camellia, Rhododendron, Hydrangea,

Azalea, Lavender, Hebe, Fuchsia and some perennials such as Ajuga Reptans and Sedum need to be deep root watered when the ground is as dry as this Winter. I notice my Iris's are looking very thirsty as well, so it was out with the hose again on my return. (avoid watering late in the day - soil and foliage should not be wet going into the night.)

Polyanthus and Primroses are starting to brighten little corners of our garden. Primroses are so pretty - they clump up well and in time can be broken up and spread to form a front border, adding colour to drab Winter gardens.

Remember to continue protecting plants like Margarite Daisies and Pelargoniums from frosts with frost cloth as a cover above them, not touching. If they frost on the top, just leave the frosted tops to protect the new growth beneath. This would not work further inland - it would be best to start nursing cuttings to be planted out when the frosts are over.

Rose pruning is happening now. Just in case you need reminding on how to tackle pruning make a slanted cut just above a strong outward facing bud. Standard Roses should be pruned to about 25cm above the main stem and Bush Roses can be cut back about twothirds, leaving 3-4 buds on each branch. Mature Climbers will need old canes removed ,to be replaced with new strong canes tied horizontally against a wall or fence to encourage flowering buds. Secateurs must be sharp to avoid damage by ripping branches, which will lead to die back.

Compost: Turn over uncovered compost now, add moisture if the pile is dry. If you still have leaves to Rake up, why not fill large black rubbish bags, add a little water and leave to rot. Leaf mulch is a natural benefit to soil which we tend to remove at leaf fall stage because it looks untidy. Rotting it down this way, you can then add it to the soil and it will not be noticed.

Manure: At this time of the year I make a few trips to the Waireaka sale yards for the Waireaka Valley Lions Club sawdust and sheep manure. Volunteers clean out calving sheds and under shearing sheds to keep the stand topped up for keen gardeners. I use the sawdust on garden pathways and the sheep manure on the compost heaps, the Vegetable garden and around Roses when horse manure is not at hand. Sawdust can be used on wet gardens as a weed suppressant, as it helps to absorb excess moisture - but never on dry gardens... Vegetables: Start raising Vegetable seeds for Spring planting under glass or plastic, with ventilation spaces to circulate air and stop seeds going mouldy. On the coast, plant seedling plants that are now on offer, along with Garlic cloves.

Start sprouting seed Potatoes - early varieties like Jersey Benne, Cliffs kidney, Rocket, Ilam hardy, Maris Anchor, should be sprouting now for an early planting.

I must again sing the praises of Comfrey - it is such a useful plant and if you can get your hands on some, I suggest you plant root sections in an area of your garden where it can spread and send it's roots deep down into the soil, to tap into much needed nutrients. It is fast growing, high in potassium and can be cut back again and again. I have listed some uses for comfrey around the garden.

1. Compost activator - add to your compost bin to heat up decomposing materials and enrich the compost.

2. Put Comfrey leaves into a bucket with a little rainwater and rot down for around 6 weeks to give you a rich liquid fertilizer. 3. Lay Comfrey leaves in a Potato trench and leave for 3 days, prior to planting the tubers to give them a Potassium rich boost of fertiliser. 4. Use as a Comfrey leaf mulch around plants, by layering leaves around ground stems. Potassium will be released slowly to plants as the leaves break down – Great for Tomatoes, Beans and Fruit bushes. 5. Use wilted leaves as a nutrient rich Chicken feed Cheers, Linda

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Thursday 11th

Awamoa Indoor Bowling at 1:30pm. Coaching available. Enquiries to Ph. 434 5061.

North Otago Asthma Society Respiratory Exercise Class, 10am, St John Hall, Exe Street. Enquires Ph 437 2673.

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Mainly Music – pre-schoolers/parents. 10am Oamaru Baptist, 14 Sandringham St. \$3. mainlymusic.org.nz

Friday 12th

AA Meeting, Orwell St Chapel, 12noon, Ph. 432 4191 or 437 2928.

Newcomers Coffee Group 10.30am at the Opera House. Ph. Christine 027 242 8643.

North Otago Astronomical Society's Dome open for Public viewing weather permitting, 7:30-9:00pm.

North Otago Darts: Ribble St Hall. Housie 7:30pm, 40 games plus super house & raffles. Waitaki Travel Club; Monthly meeting, The Manor Estate at 10am. Guest Speaker Robert Duff"Our travels in Russia"

Saturday 13th

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Sunday 14th

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Excelsior Petanque Club day, 12noon. All Welcome Ph. 437 2557 or 437 1590.

Reformed Church Oamaru, 4 Eden St. morning service at 10:30am, followed by Sunday School; evening service at 5pm.

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Monday 15th

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Threadworms are small, thin, worms between 2mm & 13mm long, that look like cotton threads & live in your bowel. Hygiene measures can clear up an infection and reduce the likelihood of reinfection. How do you get threadworms? Threadworms are spread from human to human. They are not carried by animals so don't come from pets. Threadworms are spread easily within families, creches and daycare centres, schools, and camps. If one person in your family has threadworms, others probably do too. Threadworms leave your gut at night and lay eggs on the skin around your anus (bottom). The eggs can get onto your hands or under your fingernails through scratching the itchy area or because of poor hand washing after using the toilet. You can pass them on to an uninfected person, for example through food handling. Threadworm eggs can also get onto carpets, bed linen, towels, flannels and into household dust and in this way, they are passed from person to person. It may be between 2 and 6 weeks after contact with a source of infection before the life cycle is complete and eggs are laid in the newly infected person.

What are the signs? Itchy bottom, especially at night. Restlessness, bed-wetting and irritability, eg grinding teeth. Threadworms visible outside of a bowel motion, or around the anus. Decreased appetite. The most obvious way an infection is diagnosed is if the threadworms can be seen in the stool (poo) or on toilet paper. How is a threadworm infection treated? In most cases, a threadworm infection can be treated with strict hygiene measures. This also reduces the likelihood of reinfection. Medication to treat a threadworm infection can be bought over the counter from your local pharmacy.

Hygiene: you can limit your chances of getting threadworms and spreading them to others, by following these hygiene measures.

- Wash your hands carefully and often.
- Avoid scratching around your anus.
- · Keep your fingernails short.
- Wash your clothes and bedding regularly.
- Bathe and change your underwear every day.
- Avoid sharing a bathtub or sharing face cloths.
- Vacuum your carpets often.

You can buy worm medication from your pharmacy. All household members, including adults and those without symptoms, should be treated with worm medicine at the same time. It is recommended you take 2 doses of mebendazole – one dose initially and another dose 2 weeks later.

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