

# Cosmic Stone and Garden Supply

Linkel Construction, Inc.

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"Autumn is marching on: even the scarecrows are wearing dead leaves."

Otsuyu Nakagawa



**W**hen I started writing this. I was looking out my window at lovely red, golden and orange leaves. A few days later I was watching a Nor' Easter piling snow on the yet unfrozen ground and snapping leaf laden trees. Don't you just love Maine?! (If not, it's definitely time to run). For the rest of us, prepare to be as stubborn as the maple tree on our lawn, which is still holding on to it's leaves, apparently in denial—though it did lose a limb to the storm. No matter what the weather decides to give us next -

snow, rain, warmth or ice, we are now only days away from Thanksgiving and the holiday season. Our Christmas trees are ordered and plans are being made for other holiday decorations. Hoping to be offering some new selections this year with the help of our designer, Irene Barber. So no matter what Mother Nature throws at us, I hope that we can all take it in stride; thankful for the all of the seasons which give us so much to talk about! If your trees have given up their leaves, stop in for a sturdy new rake and a reusable BOS bag to round them up and get rid of them, then get out there and string those lights. Winter is coming!

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## Holiday Hours

### **Closed Thanksgiving Day**

**Open Nov. 25th thru  
Dec. 23rd**

### **Open 7 Days a Week**

- Mon—Fri 11 AM to 6 PM
- Saturday—9 AM to 4 PM
- Sunday—9 AM to 2PM

**Closed for the season  
Dec. 24th**



Sneeboer T handle bulb planter

## Bulb Planting

Well, it's November and our Christmas trees will be arriving soon. Time to put the summer gardens to bed for the winter. Like many people this time of year, we still have a yard that needs raking and garden beds that need clearing. If you haven't planted your bulbs for early spring, it

must be done before the ground freezes. Plant lots of daffodil and crocus bulbs. The riot of color in early spring will be a welcome sight and worth the work it takes now. We do sell bulb planting tools which make the job easier. If you are doing a super large area, we even have one that can be used from a

standing position. It is well worth the investment if you are a seriously out of control bulb planter looking forward to that riotous color after a long grey winter!



## Sneeboer Garden Tools—Hand Made in Holland since 1913

*Autumn is a season for big decisions ~ like whether or not it's too late to start spring cleaning.*



Imported from Holland, each Sneeboer tool is hand forged from the finest stainless steel. These are top of the line garden tools made to last a lifetime. They are solid and individually made; polished and sharpened. The handles are of ash. They make their bulb planter in two

styles. One is the traditional hand tool size and one in the long T handled style. A bulb planter is designed to save time and effort. Simply insert into the ground and lift out the clod of earth. Pop in your bulb and cover with the clod of soil that releases when you make the next hole. The long handled

planter allows you to do this from a standing position—and this tool even doubles as a dandelion weeder. It is long enough to dig the tap root right out with minimal effort. You will not find a higher quality, more finely crafted tool than Sneeboer. They make amazing gifts for the avid gardener!



## Then It's Winter

'bout as soon as you get those bulbs in, winter should hit. How hard is anyone's guess. Non-the-less, the holiday season is soon to begin. Cosmic Stone and Garden Supply will be selling wreaths and trees again this year, starting the week of Thanksgiving. Howard will head up to Northern Maine to get the trees on the 21st.

Our first year the truck returned over loaded and looking a bit like the Grinch's sleigh but now with newer equipment we look a little less frightful. Our wreaths are decorated right at the shop so if you are looking for something specific just let us know and we will try to accommodate you. We always try to

have a variety of bow colors, including blue and white, as well as the traditional red and burgundy. We have found that berries and cones are the most popular decorations but we always have a wide variety of options on display. Special sizes and large orders are available with advance notice.

Now is the time to:

- ~schedule your winter pruning with us
- ~schedule a consultation to plan your spring garden

Email or call for more information.

## A Great Year

It's been a busy year for us in lots of ways, starting with our annual customer appreciation day celebration in June. One of our favorite events of the season—getting together with our friends each year. We had a great turnout and *The Topsham Garden Club* held a successful plant sale on our lawn. The weather was sunny and relatively mild for the season, which always helps any outdoor event.

In July we were proud to be a key sponsor of *The*

*Maine Home + Design Cape Elizabeth Garden Tour*. The weather started out a bit questionable but by the time the tour started, it was sunny and delightful for the rest of the day. Many folks turned out to stroll through the exceptional gardens on display. Proceeds from the tour went towards building fifteen public landscapes in Fort Williams Park for future generations to enjoy.

In August we were pleased to be invited to take part in *The Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival*. On yet another picture perfect weather

day we were able to enjoy displaying some of our work in the park while visiting with all the folks out enjoying the day.

Despite the heavily negative commentary on the economy, *Cosmic Stone* and *Linkel Construction* have had a busy and productive year which hopefully indicates that you are all still doing okay. We are thankful for that and hope that everyone has an enjoyable fall/winter season.

Stay healthy and think spring!



## More Than Garden Designs



As you know (if you received the spring newsletter or checked out the *Linkel Construction* website) we hired a new designer this year. Not only can Irene design a garden of any size, but she can also design a wreath of any size. From a 6" boxwood wreath to

a 60" balsam fir wreath, Irene creates them from scratch. If you want more than the basic door wreath Irene can accommodate. She is creating centerpieces and outdoor displays as well. If you have a special container that you would care to reuse, Irene will be glad to jolly it up for you. If

you have any questions about special options that you might like just give us a call at 725-1438. We will be glad to discuss the possibilities. We will also be posting some photos of new holiday designs on our website and Facebook, so check us out then give us a call!

*"Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to Spring."*

- *Anonymous*

## Updated Websites

We are pleased to say that we have two new websites this year. One for *Cosmic Stone and Garden Supply* and one for our parent company, *Linkel Construction, Inc.* Though they will probably never be 100% complete, we are pleased to be hearing that

new customers are finding us on the web. There is always more information that can be added but at this time we are pleased to have two working sights. It is easy to go from one sight to the other as well. So if you log into *Cosmic* you can easily find the connection to *Linkel* and vice versa. If

you haven't checked them out yet, please do—we welcome any feedback or suggestions.  
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We are also on Facebook now. If you are a FB user, please look for us—and be sure to like us ;)





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Snowmen fall from the sky. Some assembly required.