



Message From General Manager

Dear GardenSoft friends,

Just a note of appreciation to those who have dropped emails to us with words of encouragement for all our endeavors. We were especially overwhelmed with the volume of folks who came by our booth at the recent Landscape Industry Show in Long Beach last month. Many of you stopped by to say hello, some ordered the new PlantMaster California upgrade and others brought colleagues along to see our products. Some of you recommended PlantMaster and GardenWorks to potential customers in the booth. I had a bit of laryngitis during the show but felt so supported and encouraged by the huge numbers of folks who showed interest in our software. It is very gratifying, especially after 18 years of working on PlantMaster.

Please continue to let us know your thoughts on improving our software. We are striving to create a superior presentation software package for you.

Warm Regards,
Gerry Kiffe

Using the Price/Size Tab in PlantMaster

This is a continuation of last month's newsletter article. If you have created a project with plants from the nursery you do business with, you may want to go the next step further.

1. Open the project and go to the *plant list* tab.
2. Click on the first plant in your list (either botanical or common name). A rectangle appears around the plant name.
3. Go to the bottom of the screen and click on *Edit Plants*.
4. Now click on the tab *Price/Size*.
5. Use the printed catalog to look up what sizes the plant is sold in, ie, flats, gals, etc. and prices. You can create custom sizes also. Delete any of the sizes listed below *15 gal* and fill in your own custom size.
6. Close the plant record window. Click on the second plant listed in the plant list; repeat 3-5.

Upgrading your PC

Here are some inexpensive ways to upgrade your computer before you start considering spending money on buying a new operating system or even buying a new computer. It is important to **back up** all your files first before doing anything else. I have talked about backing up your computer in a previous newsletter.

Run Windows Error checking. Go to **My Computer** and **right-click** on your hard drive. Choose **Properties**, then the **Tools** tab, and click on the **Check Now** button. The utility will find and fix any disk, file or folder errors.

Run a full antivirus scan. This will detect any hidden viruses that may be messing with your files and may have gotten on your hard drive somehow. It takes Anne's computer up to 3 hours to do a full scan but well worth the time. I have discussed antivirus software in a previous newsletter.

Defragment your hard drive. This is the easiest and cheapest way to "upgrade" your computer. When files are no longer fragmented, or spread all over your hard drive, the drive has to work less to find them, and you may get a small performance boost. Go to **My Computer** and **right-click** on your hard drive; choose **Properties**, then the **Tools** tab, and click on the **Defragment Now** button.

Best Regards,
Mark Chilcott

Archived Newsletters

Newsletters from 2003 and 2004 are available on our website, www.gardensoft.com. Please go to the users section and print out the old newsletters. PlantMaster 5.7, 6.0 and 6.5 users can print their logo on the Plant Briefs Report—this was discussed in a previous newsletter! Also available in the users section is a first in a series of business tips for the landscape designer. Please read and send your comments to us!

