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Dear Jennifer,

SUCCESS IN A HIGHLAND GARDEN

On a recent visit you asked me about my interest in Rock Dust since I had bought this from Angus Horticultural in 2005 and then repeated this again this year 2006.

My interest stems from "The Secrets of Rockdust" Conference which was held at The Pitlochry Festival Theatre in the spring of 2005. I had been advised of this day by a very good friend-Dr Watty Yellowlees of Aberfeldy- himself a very good and knowledgeable gardener. Although I am not an organic gardener, I do embrace some of their experience and again although not an expert in any way nevertheless I am a very keen gardener and willing to try out anything new that may help my efforts !

So what has Rock Dust done for me ?

VEGETABLES:

It is not by coincidence that my vegetables this year were better than ever. I can say this since the weather was not that kind (my garden is at 800 ft) and I purposely only applied the Rock Dust to part of the vegetable borders to see any comparison possible. The vegetables were larger, good condition and of excellent taste (remarked on by several of our stalking guests) also so important they kept longer than I have ever managed previously. For example there is no way usually that I could still be using my potatoes from 2005 up until early 2006 !

FLOWERS:

I only tried out the Rock Dust on one half of my herbaceous border but the difference was clear to see in that the same flowers, for example white phlox, were taller, greener and even with fuller flower heads than the non treated border.

2006:

This year I have already applied Rock Dust in good quantity to my vegetable borders and am increasing the areas of application to several other flower borders hoping for the same results as with my herbaceous last year.

Polytunnel:

Due to the height here and the request from my wife Isobel to keep her kitchen in salads and parsley etc throughout the year I invested in a polytunnel where again I used Rock Dust throughout. It is a new dimension to me altogether so I can report that I did have parsley and rocket etc almost for the whole 12 months but am not sure what contribution the Rock Dust made to this advance !

I hope this rather long tale is of interest to you. In actual fact I will need to order more supplies of Rock Dust from Alistair since I seem to have gone mad with it this year on the additional borders !!

Yours sincerely
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