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Plants West

Grower and broker of quality Northwest ornamentals. Specializing in field grown and container conifers, deciduous and evergreen shrubs and topiaries.



Our featured plant
this month is:

Acer dis. Orangeola

If you have never tried this beautiful weeping maple then now is the time. Bright orange-red leaves emerge in spring then slowly darken to reddish green.

Throughout the summer new orange leaves appear and shine as the sun reflects on them. Gracefully cascading to 10' at maturity.

Definitely worth stocking up for your customers.



Highlander Boxwoods: A newer variety of boxwood, which is fast growing to just 6-7' tall and 3-4' wide. Dark green foliage holds its color all winter. Ideal accent plant and cold hardy to -20 F. We have 18-24" #5, 24-30" & 30-36" #7's available this spring. These are field grown then potted with a burlap liner. These make a great sub for Graham Blandy, Dee Runk, Fastigata or Green Pillar.



Tinkerbelle Lilacs® are simply spectacular with their wine red flower buds which open to sweetly fragrant pale pink flowers. Limited availability now as a patio tree or standard so be sure to order some now for early spring delivery. You can almost smell them in this picture.



Viburnums are one of my most favorite plants. Their spicy scented flowers are amazing and they require so little care. We have the favored Carlesi Compacta and Juddi available, which are both very fragrant and cold hardy.

As each year passes I find it harder and harder to find just the right words to express my appreciation to all the great customers and vendors I have encountered in my nursery life. It goes without saying that without you wonderful people I would not be who I am today. We are approaching our 22nd year as Plants West and that astounds me. How could that many years have gone by so fast? I know it is because I find so much joy and happiness in my business and customers. Even though the spring months can be very stressful and sometimes frustrating, there is always that one customer who calls me up to say how great their delivery was or that they have already sold out and need to order again. It thrills all of us at the nursery to know that we have done a good job for you and that you consider us a loyal supplier.

As I mentioned in the fall newsletter inventory is super short this spring. We have expanded our own inventory the past few years to make up some of the shortages but there is still not enough. I have brought in a lot of plants this fall to make sure we have them for you in spring and I am constantly looking for more plants to add to our inventory. If you need something that isn't listed on the availability list then please just ask as inventory changes daily and of course younger crops are making grade too.

Shipping:

Thankfully shipping has gone pretty smoothly the past few years. I don't want to jinx it but I feel like I have some great truck brokers that are able to get reasonable rates and a pretty good supply of trucks. Please remember that we do not make any money on arranging the shipping of your order and we try very hard to route partial orders as close together as possible to make the freight charges competitive. All freight is paid to the trucking company or truck broker.

Adam and I will be at the Mants show in Baltimore this January 11-13th. We will be in booth 924 again this year so please be sure to stop by to see some of our plants, say hi, relax a bit and maybe even place an order. After the show we are heading to NY for a few days to visit his 92 year old mom and his 2 daughters. From there we head to our home in Arizona to escape the dreary grey days of Oregon but don't worry I will still be working so just call or email if you need anything. I will be back to Oregon the end of February just in time to start shipping. Again, thank you for your business and I really appreciate each and every one of you. Have a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza or whatever holiday you celebrate and may everyone stay healthy and happy this New Year.

Other News:



Happy 60th Birthday Adam!!!

This past November my dear husband turned 60 and to celebrate we attended Seattle's Oyster New Year. It was a fantastic time for Adam, his daughter Sarah, his son in law Patrick (husband of his other daughter) and myself. There were probably 100 vendors set up shucking over 25,000 local oysters, serving local wines and cooking up some yummy crab, clams, mussels and anything seafood. Adam is a huge fan of raw oysters so he said he ate his age in them but I'm not sure anyone can really eat 60 of them. I ate 5. I'm not such a big fan. Anyway it was a great long weekend of celebrations, fine wine, fine food and great company. Being married to a foodie is definitely fun!!

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