



## Lael's Moon Garden Plant Your Own Eden™

Veggie Times

May, 2011

### Tomatoes and Peppers- MTYEWTK

You can choose trial-tested tomatoes right now at Lael's Moon Garden. Nothing is better than garden fresh ripe tomatoes (as opposed to the styrofoam ones you get in stores.) We have been doing tomato trials in recent summers and have stocked varieties that we know will grow and produce here.

Do you have troubles growing good tomatoes in the soggy NW? Here are some tips to improve your success with tomatoes (and other veggies).

Last summer was a special challenge for those of you who grow tomatoes in the ground. You might be interested in the way we do our trials. It works!

Click here to read more about Tomatoes and Peppers:

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipstomatoesandpeppers.html>



Early Girl Tomato

### A Rant about Native Plants

In the Great Northwest we are blessed with a great many beautiful native plants. There is a growing interest in landscaping with native plants because of their supposed adaptation to local conditions. I don't claim to be an expert on the subject, but my experience with native plant gardening suggests that some like it in my garden and some don't. What follows is a discussion of some of my successes with natives. As you might expect, I quickly gloss over my failures!

Lael's Moon Garden offers most of the native plants discussed in the article.

Alpine Firs (*Abies lasiocarpa*),

Murrayana Pines (*Pinus contorta* subsp: *murrayana*)

Mountain Hemlocks (*Tsuga mertensiana*)

Flowering Currants (*Ribes sanguineum*)

Evergreen Huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*)

Red Huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*)

Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*)

Weeping Alaska Cedar (*Chamaecyparis Nootkatensis*)





Pacific Wax Myrtle (*Myrica californica*)  
Blue Elderberries (*Sambucus* sp.)  
Doug fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)  
Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*)  
Garry Oak (*Quercus garryana*)  
Vine Maple (*Acer circinatum*)

If you're into native plants, Lael's Moon Garden is the place to go for an outstanding selection!

Click on this link to see descriptions and pictures of various natives:

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipsnwnatives.html>

**Mountain Hemlock**



**Flowering Currant**



**Evergreen Huckleberry**

## June Garden Shows



Come visit with us and lots of other nurseries. Score some plants to slake your plant habit. You'll find lots of rare, unusual and just good plants at the sales.

**June 4 and 5- Plant Fair @ Glenwood Gardens  
10 AM to 4 PM, Sat. & Sun.**

A plant celebration for gardeners and plant collectors. Find unique and exceptional additions to your garden with rare and hard to find varieties of trees, shrubs and perennials. Specialty plant vendors and local artists bring their best to enhance your garden. Free admission, Free parking

15155 Glenwood Road S.W., Port Orchard, WA 98367, 360-876-2449

<http://www.glenwood-gardens.com/events.html>





**June 10, 11 & 12 - Sorticulture, Everett**  
**Friday 10 AM to 8 PM. Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM**

Unites art and the garden in a celebration of creative outdoor living. Featured artists create distinctive hand-crafted garden art and nurseries produce a wide variety of plants to transform your backyard. Learn tips and tricks from top regional gardening experts including KING 5's Ciscoe Morris. Sorticulture also features display gardens, food fair, wine garden, live music and activities for the kids. Free admission.

Legion Memorial Park,  
 145 Alvenson Blvd, Everett, WA 98201  
<http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=1228>

## New Plants Keep Coming

A little sunshine and the plants are leafing out nicely, many of the flowering trees are in bloom and there are lots of new plants to see at the nursery. You can find a partial list of our plants at

Plant inventory May 2011 <http://laelsmoongarden.com/inventory.html>

This is by no means a comprehensive list of our plants. We have lots more of all kinds of plants; it's merely the plants we have inventoried.

If you're looking for something not on the list, visit, call or email us and we'll see if we have it or can get it for you.

And if you see something you want on the list, please contact us and we'll check to see if it is still available.



**Golden Chain Tree**

## Garden Tasks for May and June (courtesy of OSU and WSU Extension)

- Visit public gardens for fresh ideas.
- Prune lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons, and azaleas right after blooming.
- If needed, fertilize lightly.
- Rhododendrons, azaleas, pieris, and camellias, kalmias and ericaceous plants like an acid-type fertilizer.
- Others use a general purpose.
- Remove spent bulb seedpods, allowing bulb foliage to mature.
- When soil warms (around Memorial day), plant corn and beans.
- Transplant starts of heat-lovers such as tomatoes, peppers, squash and cucumbers.
- Replant replacement crops as early lettuce, greens, bok choys and spinach mature.





- Mulch the garden with a thin layer of straw or rough compost after soil warms to keep down weeds.
- Check irrigation system for summer.
- Provide an inch of water a week as rains taper off.

More details: Insert links WSU extension: <http://gardening.wsu.edu/text/calen.htm>  
or OSU May Calendar: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar#may>

## Flowering Trees (And a few Shrubs)

Here are some ideas for Flowering Trees in approximate ordering of blooming.



**Satomi Dogwood (Cornus kousa)**

Flowering Plums (Prunus)  
Flowering Currants (Ribes sanguineum)  
Flowering Cherries (Prunus)  
Magnolias, deciduous  
Crabapples (malus)  
Dogwoods (Cornus)  
Golden Chain (Laburnum)  
Lilacs (Syringa)  
Japanese Snowbells (Styrax)

Click on this link to see descriptions and pictures of the varieties available at the nursery.  
<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipsfloweringtrees.html>

Click on this link for details on Dogwoods  
<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipsdogwoods.html>

Find something you like? We have lots more at the nursery. Just ask us if you don't see what you're looking for. And if you are looking for plants, we're finding them.

## Blueberries, Grapes and Strawberries

We still have a fairly good selection of blueberries, grapes, and strawberries. We have just a few large blueberry plants in # 10 pots about 3' tall, varieties: Bluecrop, Blueray and Herbert. See the plant inventory list for varieties and prices or call us.

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/inventory.html>



## Website Links

**Tomatoes (MTYEWTK):** <http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipstomatoesandpeppers.html>

**Friendly Natives:** <http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipsnwnatives.html>

**June Garden Shows:** <http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardenshows.html>



**New Plants – Plants available:** <http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/inventory.html>

**Garden Tasks May and June:** <http://gardening.wsu.edu/text/calen.htm>

Or <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar#may>

**Garden Tips – Fruit and Nuts:**

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipsfruitnutsberries.html>

**Flowering Trees:** <http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipsfloweringtrees.html>

**Dogwoods:** <http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/tipsdogwoods.html>



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Largest Selection of Outdoor, Hardy Plants in the Area. Large and small trees, edibles, ornamental shrubs and selected perennials.

Located near the corner of St Hwy 12 and Moon Rd, 6 miles west of I-5, exit 88.

Open Thursday through Monday 10 AM to 6 PM. Other times by appt.

See web site for more details, nursery pictures, hours, directions and more:

<http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/visithoursmore.html>

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