

Previews of Spring

There is still time to plant spring blooming bulbs and perennials. If you just can't get to it, don't worry. We've potted up a bunch of new bulbs and plants for spring. Although most are dormant for the winter, the primulas and hellebore are available now for you to enjoy their early blooms.

Dog tooth violets (*Erythronium dens canis* "Pagoda") are not actually violets. They have a bulb that is white and pointed like a dog's tooth. They are easy to grow in woodland conditions (afternoon shade and regular moisture) and are as reliably perennial as daffodils. Dog tooth violets have showy, pendulous, star-like yellow flowers for a long period in early spring. Their broad, waxy leaves are often mottled with pale maroon markings. We containerize them in fall, so they are ready to bloom in spring. Photo courtesy of Great Plant Picks-link for more



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Ivory Queen (*Allium karataviense*)

Two fabulous soft gray blue-green broad leaves give an early show. Then in early spring a short flower stalk emerges and opens to a perfect globe of white stars. Once the flowers finish the faded seed heads look like small sunbursts in dried stems. This drought tolerant bulb is excellent for hot dry sites and loves to bake during the summer months.

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Primula Corporal Baxter

Crimson-red flowers resemble miniature roses putting on an enchanting spring show. Reliable and easy to grow, evergreen foliage, and a mild pleasing fragrance.

(Not the best photo here – it was taken Mid-November at the nursery, just wanted to show the flower color.)

Primula Ken Dearman

A double English primrose. Irresistible copper-orange double flowers last through spring. Reliable and easy to grow with evergreen foliage and a mild pleasing fragrance.



Helleborus x ballardiae Gold Collection® Pink Frost

Burgundy and white buds open light pink, maturing to burgundy red. Handsome, silvery green foliage. Grows to 12-15", evergreen foliage.





We're adding a few species tulips. Unlike the hybrids, these will naturalize in well drained soil and return each year. After a few years, you'll be able to dig and divide to share with friends.

Tulipa bakeri Lilac Wonder

This bulbous perennial has gray-green leaves to 6 inches and a lilac flower with yellow center. Grows 6 to 8 inches tall and is a good naturalizer.

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Tulipa clusiana Lady Jane

This candy-cane species tulip has a rosy-red exterior with ivory-white petal margins. The interior is ivory-white with a chrome-yellow base and its foliage is fern-green with phlox-pink edges. Blooms April about 12" tall, Zones: 4-8.



Camassia leichtlinii Sacajawea

Has narrow, upright, sword-like, deep green foliage with crisp yellow-ivory margins. Star-shaped ivory-white flowers open from the bottom up in May/June. 2' to 2 1/2'. Zones: 4-8.

Impatiens omeiana

This is a spreading perennial that naturalizes by underground stolens to form a clump. Dark green leaves with yellow stripe



and yellow snapdragon like flowers in early autumn. Shade, moist soils, hardy in zones 7-9.



Himalayan Blue Poppies 'Lingholm'
(Meconopsis x. grandis betonicifolia)

We will have a great supply of the blue poppies for spring. Our seedlings were transplanted into #2 pots and grew vigorously this past summer. They will be nice 2 year old plants in spring.

The nursery is open Weekends Saturday and Sunday in November, December and February. To visit at other times, please call us and make arrangements. We are closed in January to do maintenance and restock.

