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A big Lael's Moon Garden Howdy, little buckaroos!

Many thanks to those of you who inquired about our well-being in the recent snow storm and flood. The snow did some damage to trees in our display/test garden, but most of it is repairable with some judicious pruning.

Despite the extensive national news coverage, the flood here at Lael's Moon Garden was only a near miss, and nothing like last year. There was little flood damage in the nursery (some mud and tipped over pots) and no damage to the house, outbuildings or vehicles. We learned from last year's flood and we were much better prepared this year. We had time to move things to high ground and sandbag and the flood was less, so we are in good shape. The two nursery employees who live in flood zones also fared well with no serious damage.

Attached are some pictures taken around the nursery and gardens Friday morning. The water has now gone down here for the most part.

Our hearts go out to others in Centralia, Chehalis, Adna, Bucoda and surrounding areas who did suffer considerable damage for the second year in a row. We hope you and yours were not among them. We'll be making a contribution to the American Red Cross for their flood relief efforts and we encourage you to do the same. Contributions can be mailed to:

American Red Cross
Mt. Rainier Chapter
1235 S. Tacoma Way
Tacoma, WA 98409.

On the memo line of your check, write "Western WA Floods" to earmark your donation.

In case you would like to visit, in January we are usually around and will be happy to open the nursery for you if you give us a call at (360) 273-9567. Otherwise, we'll be washing off plants or in the house working on our "honey do" lists where it's warm and dry.

In February, we'll reopen weekends (at least). That's when fruit trees and other field-grown trees and shrubs start arriving. If you're on a waiting list for a specific item, we'll give you a call as soon as it's here.

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House from North Moon Rd



Jelena Witchhazel and Sundance Choisya
amidst the mud



Highway sign from Moon rd and Hwy 12 intersection -
at least this year we could walk out to the Hwy



Midwinter fire dogwood, glowing even in the Mud



Empress Garden



The 'Dry' Pond wasn't built as a Rain Garden

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