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From:"Bethany Lael"Sent:Friday, April 18, 2008 9:37 PMSubject:Blooming Now! and Laels Moon Garden may be coming to a location near you

Hello Gardening Friends

Our wonderful plants are looking good and blooming in spite of the weather. I've enclosed some pictures taken this afternoon during one of the sun breaks.

We are still trying to finish up the spring newsletter and get it distributed. It's just one more thing that didn't get done with the flood and cleanup consuming our time this winter. In the meantime, a few teasers....

Camellias have such beautiful flowers. Ours survived the flood, the cold nights and are blooming like crazy. We have them in shades of pink and red and even have a few that have been trained espalier style.



The larch arch is really filling out. Hard to believe we planted this only 7 or so years ago. We have trained it across the path using a rebar frame and each year it grows 18" or more.



Oh look at those "fat pink pussy willows," or "Do you have any Tulip trees?" Whatever people may call magnolias, they are lovely and bloom reliably. We have magnolias with white, pink or magenta flowers in shrub or tree from. Vulcan shown below has very large double flowers.



And then there was the flood. We have almost finished the clean up and have placed some of the floaters in Cheap Thrills. One thing the flood forced us to do was to rearrange the nursery. We have relocated larger plants in the lowest areas as we learned that a #15 pot will float and remain upright while smaller pots were tumbled and tossed about. We have created a new and improved conifer area and it is well stocked with lots of goodies.



We are doing several garden shows this spring, many along with a partner firm, Northwest Projects. Larry's son Dan has a general contracting and landscaping company. You can find out more about Northwest Projects at <u>www.northwestprojects.com</u> or visit with us at one of the following events.

April 25, 26 and 27th Gift and Garden Event @ St Martins University in Lacey

Friday 10 AM to 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM Admission fees go to support charity Speakers include: Ed Hume, Ciscoe Morris & Marianne Binnetti Sponsored by Jr League of Olympia Web page - <u>http://www.jlolympia.org/pages/giftgarden.htm</u>

May 2-4 Spring Gathering at Our Secret Garden, Down by the Riverside @ 212 Middlefork Rd, Chehalis

Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 1:00 PM to 5 PM Free Admission. Ideas and Inspiration for your home and garden. Multiple vendors will display and sell one-of-a-kind antiques, primitives, handmade folk art, country décor, signs, plants and more. Phone # 360.262.9798

May 10th and 11th Pierce County Master Gardeners Plant Sale WSU Research facility, 7612 Pioneer Way E, Puyallup

Saturday 9:30 AM to 4 PM and Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM Portion of sales are donated to Master Gardener Foundation Free Admission Sponsored by Pierce County Master Gardener Foundation

May 17th and 18th-Grays Harbor Home & Garden Show @ Elma Fairgrounds

Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM **Free** Admission Speakers: not published yet Sponsored by Grays Harbor County Master Gardeners and Twin County Master Builders Web page - <u>http://graysharbor.wsu.edu/MG/</u>

June 6-8-Pt. Defiance Flower & Garden Show @ Pt. Defiance Park in Tacoma

Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM. Sunday 10 AM to 5PM

\$\$ Admission charge, Proceeds from the show benefit the gardens @ Pt Defiance Park Speakers include Ciscoe Morris, Marianne Binnetti, Marty Wingate and local gardening icons. Sponsored by Pt Defiance Foundation and Metro Parks Tacoma Web page - <u>http://www.ptdefianceflowershow.com/</u>

Inspiration to visit us soon:

