



# Lael's Moon Garden Newsletter

## Thank You!

Many thanks to all of you who came to our nursery this past year. We know it was a tight time for many and we want you to know that we appreciate your business very much. Here's hoping you all have a happy and prosperous new year.

And thanks to all those who voted for us as their favorite nursery in The Best of Western Washington contest. Many folks wrote very nice things about us and reading the reviews gave us warm and fuzzy feelings. To see what others think of us go to:

<http://best.king5.com/lael-s-moon-garden-nursery/biz/493594>

## We're on Winter Hours

You may have noticed we have gone to our winter hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM. As always, if you need to come at a time other than our regular hours, give us a call at (360) 273-9567 and we will make ourselves available if at all possible.

## Live Christmas Trees are Available Now!

Why not enjoy a live Christmas tree this year? It's the "green" thing to do! They are fragrant and hold their needles better than a cut tree. After the holidays, live Christmas trees can be planted to add permanent beauty to your landscape. If you buy a cut tree every year, the money you invest is gone after the holidays, but live trees are a permanent investment that grows.



We offer a variety of sizes and species of trees to fit every taste and budget. Each one comes in a container that acts as a tree stand while your tree is in your living room. Just cover the container with a tree skirt like you would cover a cut tree stand and you're ready to decorate. Water the tree periodically to keep soil moist (we suggest using ice cubes).

After the holidays, move the tree outside. You can plant it right away or hold it in the container until spring if you like. (We recommend immediate planting so the tree can get established over the winter, but we realize not everyone is keen about working outside this time of year!)

Don't have space in your yard for another tree that gets big? The Rochester Park would gladly accept your tree as a deductible donation after the holidays. If you donate it to them, we'll pick it up free and plant it for them. Just give us a call. Or you may be able to donate it to your church or school landscape.

Another green alternative is to "rent" the tree. Here's how that works: You pay regular price when you pick up the tree. When you return the tree to us in viable condition after the holidays, we'll give you a credit against future purchases equal to one-third of the original cost of the tree.

Whether you plant the tree yourself, donate it to a worthy cause or return it for credit, it will continue to add beauty, produce oxygen, and absorb carbon dioxide for many years to come.

Kermit the frog, the Lorax and Al Gore will all be so pleased!

### **Class on Pruning Japanese Maples**



Do you have an old weeping Japanese maple that needs to be pruned? So do we! We will be pruning ours on

**December 12 at 1:00 pm**

and we would be happy to show you how it's done. We will cover such things as making it wider, making it narrower, making it taller, and opening it up to show the branch

structure. The class is free and an explanatory handout will be provided. We'll do it rain or shine and there is a limited amount of semi-dry space under our covered Japanese gate from which to observe. Please dress for the weather. To help us have an appropriate number of handouts available, please call us at: (360) 273-9567 if you plan to attend.

### **Helping You do Something Nice for the Holidays**



You are probably aware that we try to find ways to give back to our community. We donated a percentage of our gross sales to the American Red Cross for the victims of 9-11 and hurricane Katrina. Although we do not donate to political or religious organizations, we contribute merchandise or gift certificates to fund raisers for a wide variety of schools, educational programs and other charities.

This holiday season, we will be collecting canned goods for the Thurston County Food Bank and the Rochester

Organization of Families (ROOF) Food Bank. “Lots of businesses do that,” you say, “What’s the big deal?” The big deal is we’ll give you free plants in exchange for the canned goods you bring us. (Who else does that?)



For every three cans of people food you bring us, we’ll give you a free plant (your choice) from the following list—while supplies last:

- Silene “Clifford Moore” (one gallon, pictured)—a cool little variegated evergreen perennial with pink flowers in summer. Regular \$8.99
- Senecio grayii (one gallon)—a small drought-tolerant shrub with silver, evergreen foliage and yellow daisy-like flowers in summer. Regular \$9.99
- Japanese Maple seedling (one gallon)—2’-3’ tall now, will grow to be full-sized (20’ +/-). Regular \$9.99
- Saxifraga aureopunctata (one gallon)—a cool evergreen slow ground cover for shade. The leaves are green with yellow spots. It has small white flowers on wiry stems in spring. Regular \$5.99

Here’s the best deal of all! If you bring us a dozen (12) cans of people food, we’ll give you a \$20 credit toward any plant in our current inventory regularly priced at \$79.99 or more. Bring another 12 and get another credit toward another plant in our current inventory, and so on. If you’re planning to landscape now or next spring, this can give you substantial savings for a few inexpensive cases of food. The plants must be purchased at the time of your donation, but if you like we can tag and hold the plants for you until you’re ready to plant. This plant credit would also be a good way to get a smokin’ deal on a tree purchased as a Christmas gift!

A receipt will be provided for tax purposes for each canned food donation. Whichever way you want to donate, you do something nice for someone else and yourself too.

We will be accepting food donations during regular nursery hours (Weekends only 10 AM to 5 PM, other times by appointment) until December 20.

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