



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

### Bloomers and Coneheads!



Our bloomers are showing! And the lovely conifers are bursting forth with color. It is simply beautiful here in the nursery. Color from flowers and from foliage, sounds of baby birds twittering, ripening fruits (being picked by the birds and us); and the flower fragrances are all part of our summer scene.

We planted a number of fragrant plants around the house - the idea was to enjoy the fragrances as we lounged on the deck.

We rarely have the time to lounge on the deck but we do enjoy fragrant plants year round.

Blooming now are the Daphnes, phlox, hydrangeas and Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) in white or pink 'Ruby Spice'. The delicate flowers of summersweet open over a long period and exude fragrance all around. *Daphne Tangutica* and the *Daphne x transatlantica* have bloomed on and off since spring. *Tangutica* is also setting lovely orange berries. Tall garden phlox has a great fragrance and makes a nice cut flower. The fluffy blooms of the hydrangea trees are lightly fragrant and lush.



Soon to bloom will be the *Actaea* or *Cimicifugas*, lovely tall spikes of white or pink flowers with an incense-like scent atop dark black foliage. It makes a lovely contrast with the green and silver foliage of ferns, *pulmonaria*, *brunnera* and other shade lovers.

Of course there are lots of other plants blooming now, a few pictures follow.





A baby robin tucked away in a nest by the back deck. So cute when he tweets to his parents who are busy harvesting bugs in the garden.



Crocosmia 'Solfaterre'



Dahlia 'Akita'



Dahlia 'Karma Choc'



'Sapphire Blue' Eryngium



'Bi-color' a nearly sterile Butterfly Bush





## Conehead Alert!

We have lots of new showy conifers in small and large sizes and we finally have a few more Chief Joseph pines and Whipcord cedars for the conifer connoisseurs. There are also a few new hemlocks,

pinus and some interesting companion plants.

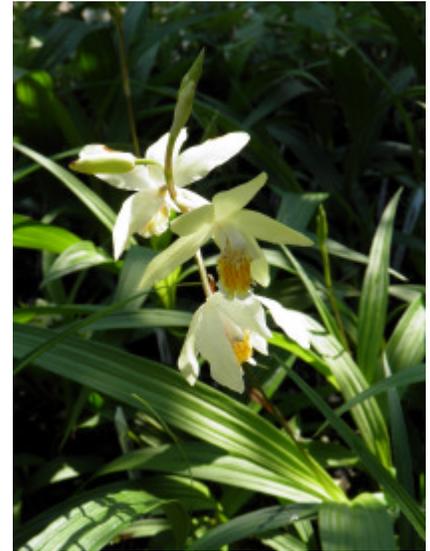


## Hardy Orchids



Bletillas (hardy ground orchids) are great plants for the northwest gardener. Rich, humusy soil, woodland garden conditions and regular watering are what are needed for these beauties. Come see

these stunning plants while they are blooming. Supplies are limited. They are slow to spread and so they are rarely available.



Click on this link to see a listing of all the new plants at the nursery.

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

Lots more pictures of the nursery and plants on our website:

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

Or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Laelsmoongarden>

Or Pinterest <http://pinterest.com/laelsmoongarden/>

If you are looking for a hardy outdoor plant that we do not have in stock, we will try to locate it for you. Just let us know what it is, how many you want, preferred size and the best way to contact you (phone or email). We'll check our many sources and let you know what's available and the price, then you decide if we should order it. You can drop us an email at [laelsmoongarden@hotmail.com](mailto:laelsmoongarden@hotmail.com) or leave us a phone message at 360.273.9567.

The botanical names are most helpful as common names can be confusing.



## Garden Shows and Plant Sales



### **Visit Some of Olympia's Best Gardens- August 18, 2012**

The garden conservancy is opening up some of the best private gardens for touring. Several lovely gardens in the Olympia area will be open for tours on August 18th from 10 AM to 4 PM. No reservations required; rain or shine. Admission to each garden is \$5.00 and the proceeds support the national preservation work of the conservancy and designated local gardens such as the Chase

garden near Graham Washington. You'll see lovely gardens, be inspired and it's for a good cause. Click the link below for more info:

<http://www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays/open-days-schedule/openday/579-olympia-open-day>



### **Sept 14 and 15 – Northwest Horticultural Society Fall Plant Sale**

North Seattle Community College Cafeteria,  
9600 College Way N, Seattle, 98103  
Friday Noon to 6 PM, Saturday 9 AM to 2 PM  
Fall show is a fantastic opportunity to find a wide assortment of choice plant material all in one spot, from some of the best wholesale and specialty nurseries in the region.

[http://www.northwesthort.org/plant\\_sales.html](http://www.northwesthort.org/plant_sales.html)



### **September 22 & 23 – Chase Garden Fall Plant Sale**

3.5 miles east of SR 161, 16015 264th St E, Orting,  
WA 98360

Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Features plants for fall and winter interest, from Japanese maples, vine maples, and red-twig dogwood to perennials and shrubs suited for fall planting. Free admission to the garden.

<http://chasegarden.gardenconservancy.org/index.php/events/chase-fall-plant-sale> or  
360-893-6739



## Things to Do in the Garden- August

- Water. Water, water! Plants need supplemental water during our dry season. For help on when to water, and how much see the garden tips on our website at <http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/howtoplantwater.html>
- Consider adding mini-sprinklers, drip and other water saving devices. Now is when you'll see stress starting to show on plants.
- Dry, curled leaf edges are a good indication that the plant is not getting enough water.
- Catch up on weeding and mulch to conserve water in the garden.
- Clean the birdbaths and refill with fresh water on a regular basis. Our feathered friends are thirsty, too.

For more details on suggested garden tasks (Watering will keep you busy enough - Remember to take time to smell the flowers.) Go to:

<http://gardening.wsu.edu/text/calen.htm>

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

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Over 1,000 varieties of large and small ornamental trees, shrubs, edibles and selected perennials. We have the best selection of hardy outdoor plants in the area.

Located near the corner of St Hwy 12 and Moon Rd, 6.5 miles west of I-5, exit 88.

Delivery of larger items can be arranged for a nominal fee. Sample delivery fees are:

- \$10 to Tenino or Littlerock
- \$20 to Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Elma or Centralia.

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

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/>

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