



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

**Inspirations!**

**Nov., 2011**

### Thank You

Many thanks to all of you who visited us at the nursery or a gardening event this past year. We appreciate your business.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

### Living Christmas Trees

Once again we have wonderful coniferous trees that make great living Christmas trees. Choose from traditional pyramidal trees such as Nordmann or Frazier firs or try something a little different perhaps a weeping spruce or bright yellow Spanish fir.



A living Christmas tree can be kept inside



for a couple of weeks and then moved outside for planting to be enjoyed in your landscape for many years. You could also purchase a tree to be used as your Christmas tree and then donate that tree to a community green space such as a park, school, church or other common area. Donating a tree may qualify for a tax deduction.

Complete instructions on caring for your living Christmas tree can be found on our web site @

<http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips.html>

Scroll down to find Christmas tree care.

**Abies pinsapo Aurea (Spanish Fir)**



## 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



<http://www.greatplantpicks.org/display?id=2451&searchterm=all>



### **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.

Read more at Great Plant Picks:

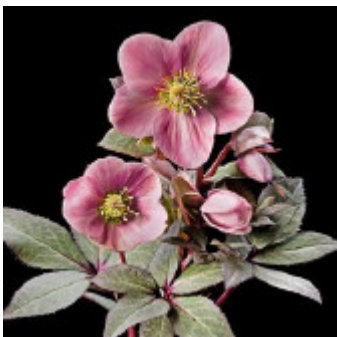
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### **Primula Corporal Baxter**

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.

Photo courtesy of Great Plant Picks click link below for more info

<http://www.greatplantpicks.org/display?id=9700&searchterm=bulb&searchtype=committee>

**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.



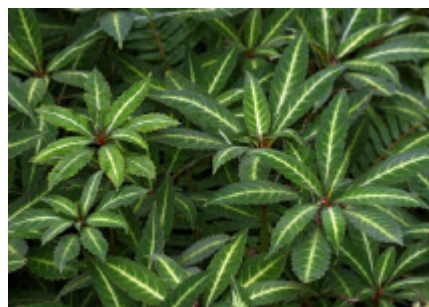
**Camassia leichtlinii Sacajawea**

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 10 AM to 5 PM 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.



## Trees available for Fall Planting - NW Natives and Others



Fall is the best time to plant new shade trees, shrubs and that windbreak or privacy screen you've wanted all summer. New fall plantings will not have to face hot weather (and the need for much supplemental watering) for almost seven months. Don't worry about winter cold harming fall plantings. Roots are well insulated in the ground and a three inch layer of mulch can provide added winter protection.

Some Examples:

Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) #5 pot - 4-5' - \$14.99;  
Vine Maple (*Acer circinatum*) - #15 pot 4-5' tall - \$39.99;  
Grand Fir (*Abies grandis*) #15 5-6' for \$39.99;  
Garry Oak - (*Quercus garryana*) #10 pot 5-6' for \$49.99  
Leyland cypress (*cupressocyparis x leylandii*) -  
#5 pot 4-5' tall \$19.99; 10 or more \$19.99.....

And lots more. So many to choose from; it's best to visit the nursery to choose your trees.

Complete list of trees, sizes and prices on website at:

<http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/specalsandoffers/fallplanting.html>

## Fruit and Nut Trees

Every year we get new bare root trees in February. We sell as many as we can bare root at a discounted price and when they start to leaf out, we pot up the remaining trees. We have several varieties of apples, cherries, pears, nuts and some small fruits in containers available at the nursery now. These are well-rooted and can be planted out now to get a head start on being established for next summer.



**Honeycrisp Apple**



**Pink Lemonade blueberry**



**Early Burlat Cherry**

You can see a list of what container fruits are available on our website at:

<http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/specalsandoffers/fruitsandnutscontainer.html>



## Small Business Saturday



The 2nd annual Small Business Saturday® is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses on one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year.

On November 26, we're asking people to shop small at their favorite local stores and help fuel the economy. When we all shop small, it will be huge.

Join us for small business Saturday. There is a special offer good through Sunday Nov. 27 and all visitors will be entered in a drawing for a \$25.00 nursery gift certificate. Click on link for offer

<http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/specalsandoffers/smallbizsat.html>

## Holiday Food Drive

This holiday season, we will again collect canned goods for the Rochester Organization of Families (ROOF) Food Bank.

"Lots of businesses do that," you say, "What's the big deal?"

The deal is we'll give you dollars off on plants in exchange for the canned goods you donate. (Who else does that?)

For every five cans of people food you bring us, we'll give you \$5.00 off on a plant costing \$25.00 or more.

Here's the best deal of all! If you bring us fifteen (15) 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 15 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.

**Offer Expires: December 24, 2011**





## Website Links:

**Living Christmas Tree care:** <http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips.html>

**Previews of Spring** <http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/inventory/previewsofspring.html>

**Small Biz. Saturday** <http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/specalsandoffers/smallbizsat.html>

**Fall Planting** <http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/specalsandoffers/fallplanting.html>

### **Fruit and nuts available**

<http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/specalsandoffers/fruitsandnutscontainer.html>

**Inventory at Nursery** <http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/inventory.html>



<http://www.facebook.com/Laelsmoongarden>

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The nursery is open Saturday and Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM 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.

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

<http://www.laelsmoongarden.com/visithoursmore.html>

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