

# PARADISE GARDENS RARE PLANT NURSERY

is a small nursery & farm in north Idaho. We specialize in fragrant and uncommon perennials, herbs, ornamentals & edibles.

We select plants from our own gardens, from myriad seed lists, and from plant explorers who travel the world. We grow a wide range of western herbs, Delphiniums, Primula, Penstemons, species Roses, herbs from culinary to dyeing, intoxicatingly scented flowers & foliage, intriguing cutting flowers. We've a special yen for the unusual, the far-flung and the hard-to-find. Alpine lovelies, herbs from around the world, exotic fruits all find a place here. Plus, of course, anything blue.

Situated at the confluence of two mountain ranges, our weather swings from as low as -25°F in the winter to a brief spell (getting longer) around 100 in July-August, with sparse rain between early July and late September. Thaws may come at any time during the winter, frost any month of the year. Wet snowy winters & foggy rainy springs make us the 'Pacific Coast of Idaho'.

Our plants are grown as naturally as possible (outdoors or in an unheated greenhouse) to provide sturdy, healthy plants ready to thrive in your garden.

*2008 was a strange year in the gardens: cold and wet to start, a pretty, cool, slow spring which turned into a summer with not a lot of seed set and things ripening very late. We started a lot of ongoing changes in the gardens and greenhouse to accommodate more edibles and herbs and our increasingly dry climate. Lavender and the Salvias did well as did Primulas; we've added more culinary & medicinal herbs, specialty annuals & vines. Delphinium seed availability continues to be mysterious to us, and the offering this year reflects this: a stunning black-touched beauty from the Netherlands makes its debut in the US, and some English and New Zealand ones are harder to find.*

Prices: Plants are \$5.25 unless marked otherwise. Most are the same price as in 2008; so is shipping.

Those wishing a copy of our handmade soap catalog, just note it on the order form or email us. We use many of the herbs grown here in these wonderful fragrant soaps & herbal necessities.

Our website, [www.rareplantnursery.net](http://www.rareplantnursery.net), has pictures of many of our plants, is updated frequently and has the most current information on prices and new plants. While we are not discontinuing the print catalog, the website will always be more detailed and up to date.

*(Cover photos: Salvia recognita, Sweet Annie, red Amaranth)*

**ACORUS CALAMUS Calamus, Sweet Flag.** Fragrant orangey-scented iris-like foliage used as a strewing herb in Medieval Britain; nice just to brush through or rub to scent your fingers with tangerine. Spicy cinnamon scented roots & stems sometimes candied. Damp/shady soil. To 2-3'. Z4.

**Adlumia fungosa Bleeding Heart Vine** Lacy tendril-twiner, extravagantly bloomy, Adlumia erupts in the spring from its spray of leaves into a fountainous frilly vine of pink lockets. Biennial for shade to part sun. Gather seed and sow in 2 successive years to establish a colony. Z4 or colder.

**AGASTACHE Hummingbird Mints** Fragrant, often showy plants good for tea, cut flowers and attracting Hummingbirds--but not deer or elk, who totally ignore these useful beauties! Sun, very good drainage; leave stems standing in the winter. *A. cusickii*, *foeniculum* and *occidentalis* have fluffy bottle-brush like flower heads, the rest tubular flowers. Amongst our very favorite plants for scent, flavor and color, Agastaches are good in tea & salads, and dry well.

**aurantiaca Apricot Sprite** Compact silvery spicy minty plants with rich apricot flowers and extra long bloom season.

**a. Lilac Sprite** New variety with lilac & orange bi-colored flowers over most of the summer. Scented. Winter hardy if kept very dry. To 18".

**brevifolia** Tall attractive plants with aromatic licorice-scented leaves and spikes of reddish-purple flowers. 3 ft.

**cana Hummingbird Mint** Beautiful large (2") bright rose-pink trumpet flowers in abundance on slender base-branching plants. Sweet minty scent & taste, including the flowers which would make a nice "Martha" addition to summer fruit salads. This is a gorgeous plant. To 2-3'.

**foeniculum Root Beer Plant, Anise Hyssop** Bottle-brushy lavender flower heads on deeply aromatic plants. Flowers dry well and the whole plant makes a root-beer flavored tea (or syrup for your own root beer). Honey bees love this. 2-3'. Self sows when happy.

**mexicana 'Sangria'** German seed strain of a Mexican herb (Red Lemon Balm) which is very fragrant & tasty, with showy rosy flowers in tall spikes. Glossy lanceolate leaves on a slender, vase shaped plant to 2-3'. This is an excellent tea plant, pretty, and a hummingbird favorite.

**rupestris Sunset Hyssop** Orange-coral flowers with darker calyces, petite silvery foliage, spicy-minty scent. 12-18".

***urticifolia* Sawtooth Mountain Mint** Tall sturdy plants with mauve-pink flowers in large heads. Good mint flavor for tea, pretty dried. Idaho native, totally winter hardy and reliable. To 4' in good soil.

### ***Alcea* Hollyhock**

***ficifolia*** Singles in mixed colors of peach, pink, red & yellow; intricately cut (*ficifolia* means fig-leaved) mature foliage and a natural resistance to the rust that so plagues other Hollyhocks. 6-8 feet. Z3.

***Anthemis punctata* Rock Camomile** Low finely cut silvery white, fragrant foliage mats with woody stems, classic Camomile flowers on long wiry stems float above this mountain shrublet in early summer. Pretty and rare. \$6.00.

***Anthoxanthum odoratum* Sweet Vernal Grass** Wonderfully fragrant grass when cut or when the dried foliage is in a warm room. Thought to bring peaceful sleep and valued by northern peoples as a smudging and strewing herb; distilled for perfumery (Flouve). Forms tight thick clumps with no runners. To about 10" tufty mounds. \$7.00. Limited.

***Aquilegia vulgaris vervaena*** 'Leprechaun Gold' Variegated green & golden leaved form, splashed and speckled; blue flowers, reddish spring stems.

***Arabis blepharophylla* Red Sensation** Hardy, undemanding plants cover their silvery grey foliage in spring with large deep rose flowers—and again in the fall, often times. Great groundcover or edging for sun. 4", Z4.

***Asarina procumbens* Creeping Snapdragon** Pretty and surprisingly hardy groundcover with large soft-yellow snapdragon flowers. Downy roundy-heart shaped leaves, tinge toward red in the winter. Good rock wall plant or even in a hanging basket. Sun-shade; 4"; Z4.

***Aubretia deltoides* 'Bengal'** Semi-double flowered mix; very free flowering in spring and again lightly in autumn; ideal for rock walls or pots. Large petals and flowers in a glowing mixture of lilac-blue, purple and red. Lovely slightly downy diamond-shaped leaves on arching, semi-wiry plants. Very attractive. To 4 in. x 10".

***Buddleia davidii* Dark Mix** Sweetly fragrant wands of flowers, gorgeous in bouquets and much appreciated by butterflies. Silver-backed grey-green foliage. Generally a perennial rather than woody shrub in our climate; late to wake in spring. Z4. 3-4'. Moist soil. We offer two seed grown strains this year:

**Red Shades** Shades of reddish violet to purple-mauve.

**Nearly Black** Shades of deep violet, purple, deepest magenta, shading to lavender.

### ***Calamintha***

***grandiflora* Showy Calamint** One of our favorite showy herbs, sporting pink Penstemon-like flowers in early summer over faintly downy light green foliage. Flavor is minty until cooked, when a cinnamon-apple flavor comes to the fore. Nice in jellies, liqueurs. Spreading groundcover, not for too dry a spot. 10". Z4. 6.00

***Centranthus ruber* Jupiter's Beard** Pretty, fragrant clusters of rosy flowers bring butterflies to these shiny-leaved, long lived perennials. Makes nice clumps in the garden. Z3. Sun. Also a good cutting flower.

### ***Chrysanthemum***

**Hardy Mums** *Years ago when I worked in North Dakota, we grew Minnesota-bred Mums; they wintered over for us in Z3!*

*These are chosen to bloom early enough to flower here in north Idaho and for nice form & color.*

Special: all mums \$4.00, we got a little crazy taking cuttings..more listed on the website.

**Adorable** Bright rose-pink 3" flowers with peachy reverse. Generous with blooms from September 15 until hard frost. 24". Our favorite pink Mum.

**Autumn Fire** Glowing burnt orange, double, decorative, tall. Extremely vigorous uniform plant grows to 20" high and 30" wide. October 5 here.

**Cheerleader** A big incurved deep gold Football Mum. October 10 here.

**Minnruby** Dark true red, 2" to 2 1/2 " double blooms atop a 12" high 20" wide cushion plant. September 10 (with some silly spring flowering!). Very heavy bloom.

***parthenium* Silver Leaf Feverfew** Greyish nicely cut foliage, lots of white button flowers on this new take on a familiar medicinal herb. The silvery foliage and essential oils make it highly pest resistant.

***Clematis integrifolia rosea*** One of our favorite shrubby (non-climbing) varieties, with dangly lantern-like flowers of a soft rose on gently floppy (leaning) plants to about 2', spreading to 2-3' wide. 8.00 Limited.

**DELPHINIUMS** provide gorgeous color in many different heights and blossom types. Because we love them so, we grow over a dozen different kinds. All appreciate rich soil (very rich soil!) in full sun and good drainage. More delphs succumb to lack of feeding and wet feet than to cold.

► **Most Delphiniums ship after April 15th.**

***belladonna* types** Many branching shorter spikes of flowers over a longer period of time. Excellent for cutting (many were

bred for the florist trade) and easy to please.

**Oriental Blue** Brilliant deep blue flowers with fuzzy bees of brown, blue and yellow. Exotic, showy and sure to make your neighbors envious. 4-5'.

**Tall garden (elatum) hybrids**

**Guardian Early Blue** Rich dark navy blue with hints of violet; self colored bees. Heavily filled dense flower stalks to 4'; earliest blooming of the tall doubles.

**'Foerster's Hybrids'** From the strain created by Karl Foerster for pure colors, strong stems, winter hardiness, longevity and resistance to powdery mildew. 6'.

**New Century Hybrids** Well filled spikes of large, tightly packed flowers in a range of beautiful shades, some colors quite unusual. Stunning in the garden; excellent vase life and good mildew resistance. 4-5'.

**Ebony in Snow NEW!** Double flowers, white brushed heavily black with black bees, smashing and outrageous in the garden. Flower arranger's dream.

**New Millennium Hybrids** From New Zealand: huge fat full spikes of glorious and often unusual color. Bone hardy here in Zone 4.

**Doubles** Very full flowers, self-colored bees and some contrasting bees. Widest range of colors. 5-7'.

**Royal Aspirations** Mix of deep sapphire blues with white bees. The strain that started it all.

**Pacific Giants:** Tall, full flower stems with contrasting bees. Easily reach 6-8 feet if the soil is rich; stake them when you plant them and then tie in as needed, or plant away from walls & wind obstructions & go easy on the nitrogen and they will grow tougher stems and not need much staking. 6-8'; Z4.

**Bluebird** Bright mid blue with white bees. What you think of when you hear the word "Delphinium": saturated blue, tonic to the soul of the Blue-lover.

**Summer Skies** Our favorite of the Pacific Giants, fat full spikes of double sky blue touched with pink; white bees. A vase full of these in our kitchen once drew the comment "You! With silk flowers instead of fresh?!" Hummingbirds stake out these as centers of their territories.

**DIANTHUS** Garden gems, boasting fabulous fragrance plus intricate edges & colorations; attractive bluish grassy foliage.

**caryophyllus Carnation Fenbow's Nutmeg Clove** Best red-flowered variety, dark ruby with heavy fragrance. To 10-15". See our lists for recipes using the flowers.

**plumarius Highland Hybrids** Feathery, fragrant, pinked flowers in a wide range of shades, perfect for the border or rock wall (and for cutting, of course.) Spiky grassy blue-green foliage.

**Dioscorea batatas** Cinnamon Vine Hardy relative of the Yam: lustrous heart-shaped leaves and spicy-scented flowers. Tuberous rooted (edible) perennial vine to 6-8'. In rich deep soil the tubers become enormous and are a food crop in China.

**Euphorbia myrsinites** Spiky, squarely symmetrical branches with thick hazy blue foliage make this hardy creature a standout in the rock garden. Early spring bloom of yellow flowers with hints of orange. Prefer a rocky niche and gritty soil.

**Galium odoratum Sweet Woodruff** Spreading woodland herb. Little white stars finish the stems of shiny leaf whorls which dry to a luscious vanilla/almond sweetness. Good groundcover and used in potpourris, sachets and May wine. Shade.

**Ginkgo biloba** Maidenhair Tree. Soft curious fanlike foliage lends an exotic air to the yard; this ancient tree is beautiful and medicinal. Stays small for a tree in the north. Yearling saplings; should be planted in a nurse bed for a year or so, then lined out in their final spots.

**Hesperis matronalis Hyacinth Scented** Unusually scented and colored form of Dame's Rocket, with iridescent blue-purple flowers and a scent comprising Dame's Rocket, Stock, and the unmistakable fragrance of Hyacinths. Large sturdy plants produce generous armloads of flowers for cutting for most of the summer; you will surely want to bring flowers inside. 3' in flower.

**Hierochlœ odorata Sweet Grass, Northern Holy Grass** Sweetly scented grass used in basketry & perfumery; this is the variety for braiding. Spreads by runners. To 15-20". Sun. 7.00 *After June 1.* Limit one.

**Hyssopus officinalis Hyssop, Pink** Shiny evergreen leaves, good pink flowers. Sharp scent, shearable, deer proof; one of the toughest, most reliable of plants. A tea plant and loved by bees. Sun. 15".

**Iris**

**pallida variegata Sweet Iris** Lovely old form of this very fragrant variety; light purple flowers redolent of grapes; roots can be harvested for their violet scented roots as with true Orris. Silver striped foliage is striking in the garden. Hates wet feet, Sun. 6.00

**tectorum Japanese Roof Iris** Pretty violet blue flowers and lush green strappy foliage make this good groundcover Iris very attractive. Fairly quick grower and excellent bank (roof) holder. To 2', can take more shade than many Iris.

**LAVENDER** Quintessential cottage garden plants, popular for their xeric gardening qualities, and amongst the best scented plants on the planet. Marvelous hedging plants and welcoming by the gate or kitchen door. Give them sun and good drainage and they will reward you with ever larger crops of flowers as the years go by. Deer & elk proof. Sun, good drainage. Z4. Look for recipes & use ideas on our website.

**Ellagance Ice** White flowers in tall spikes with some tending to almost blue on the edges of the petals. Very fragrant and blooming at a very young age; compact tidy looking shrubs about 12"w. bloom most of the summer. Z4.

**Hidcote Superior** Deep violet blue flowers, mid sized plants knee high in flower, from June to September. Z5.

**Rosea** Soft pink flowers on compact plants. Color dries well; scent is sweeter even than True. 16-20" in flower

**Provence Blue** This variety is widely grown in Provence still, producing a much richer essential oil than the Lavandin that has supplanted it. Lovely blue-purple flowers on plants to knee height.

**Lewisia cotyledon** Succulent for the shady rock garden, with shining thick foliage and tissue-paper sprays of starry flowers, usually striped and always darling. Needs perfect drainage and winter cover (snow, preferably). To 4" in flower.

**Benary Special Mix** Mix of warm shades from pink to coral. Strap-like leathery mid-green leaves. Great edging plant, adores rock gardens and rock walls and crevices. To 6". June-July.

**Lilium candidum** Beautiful white trumpets in early summer, sweet scented and such a long time companion of humans that it is found in Medieval paintings of the Madonna, and in Greek times was the emblem of the goddess Juno,. Still garden worthy today, they will form colonies given time. Dormant in late summer, form leaves again in autumn. 3'. Sun. Z4.

**Limonium latifolium Sea Lavender** While not "rare", this cottage garden stand-by is somehow hard to find these days. With its clouds of hazy blue stardust like flowers which are lovely cut and dry exceptionally well, & unusual flat glossy leaves, it is a true garden asset. Z3, 2-3'.

**Lobelia speciosa -Mixed colors** This grex has the broadest color range in all the tall hardy Lobelias, from pale satin pink through rose, magenta, crimson, violet and indigo. Beautiful spikes of color for the late summer garden, and for Hummingbirds, to whom they belong. Perennial through offsets; gentle colonizer in damp ground. 2-4'. Z(4)5-7

**Meconopsis x sheldonii** Most reliable form of the amazingly blue Himalayan poppy. Tall and electrifyingly blue with touches of violet at the base of the golden stamens. Likes cool moist shade to cooler sun; must have excellent drainage. Forget the 'remove first flowers' nonsense; give them cool shade, moist not wet soil, and enjoy their stunning flowers. \$7.00 *Inquire*.

**Melissa officinalis Lemon Balm** Traditional lemon scented herb, for tea, salad, and schnapps. Soft fuzzy green heart-shaped leaves; sunny yellow flowers in late summer which bees adore. A soothing salve is also made from the fresh tops.

**Citronella Balm** New Canadian variety which has a pronounced Citronella scent to it (sharper and spicier than usual).

**Golden Lemon Balm** Foliage is nearly pure yellow in full sun; shade takes it back to green. Shorter than the standard form and more compact; same good clean lemon scent.

**Variegated** Spring growth splashed and dusted with gold on deep green, very showy. As the season progresses, the gold softly fades to green, giving this variety its pet name of 'Secret Identity Lemon Balm'.

**MINTS** Amongst the most generous of herbs, mints provide essential oils, tea leaves, salad brighteners, and even aroma-therapeutic lawns.

**Chocolate Mint** Fragrant chocolaty mint with brownish tinged foliage. Good in beverages and as a ground cover for shade. Keeps flavor well when dried or made into syrup. Bees love it. Moist soil. To 2'.

**Grapefruit Mint** Softly hairy greyish green mint with crisp refreshing grapefruit taste. Large pleated leaves hold well into winter after shearing. This is a great tea-plant and a fun addition to a fruit salad.

**Variegated Ginger Mint** Gold variegated (and happier) in shade; fades to green in full sun. Very fragrant with a floral hint of ginger. Nice where you can brush up against it. Very restrained growth habit. To 12".

**Lime Mint** Bright lime scent and taste. Add this to your summer iced tea repertoire! Ruddy curvy foliage to 15".

**Variegated Pineapple Mint** Soft downy foliage edged and splotched with cream; good pineapple scent that keeps well dried. The most restrained of mints, timid really. Brightens up a shady border.

**Orange Mint** Strong orange scent, great in sparkling water or tea. Reddish roundy leaves. To 20".

**Southeast Asian Red** Sweet-hot mint, great for cooking. Glossy leaves, reddish stems.

### **Monarda**

**bradburiana White Bergamot** Fragrant herb, powerful butterfly attractor, good tea plant and possessed of beautiful purple-spotted white flowers. Mildew resistant. Z4.

**hybrida Rose-Scented** Truly rose scented Monarda, choice and first-class when dried. Lavender flowers on plants to 2'. Add to potpourri or tuck into nosegays; or simply plant where you can brush it when you walk by. \$8.00

**mentifolia Oregano De La Sierra** Large pale rose pink flowers are spicy-hot in salads; foliage is strongly oregano-mint scented and nice to cook with; star member of the Salsa Garden. Another great deerproof Western herb. To 1-2'. Unlike many of its species, barely runs at all. Z4.

**Monardella macrantha Scarlet Monardella** Another Hummingbird plant, the low spreading plant is fragrant and showy; full of nectar; likes gravelly well drained soil. Full sun; hardy to 0F at least. Try in a hanging basket.

### **Nepeta**

**citriodora** Brisk citrus scented foliage cheers up this sleepy herb. Silverier and a bit smaller than N. cataria. Nicer in tea, too. Sun, any soil.

**mussini Clove Catnip** Blue-violet flowers and spicy-clove scented foliage. Tough and pretty rock garden plant, long lived and fragrant. Cats not interested. Sun, well drained soil, Z4. 10-12".

**m. White Form** Fragrant low clumping variety with grey foliage smelling of cloves and some say, coffee; white flowers. Thrives in dry soil, sun. Z4.

### **Origanum OREGANO**

**Golden Variegated** Compact and very showy herb with pretty lavender flowers and white and gold splashing on the leaves. Mat-forming; sun-part sun. Z4. 8-12".

**PAEONIA anomala** This species Peony has rather finely cut foliage of a reddish hue, with pink to red flowers. Mongolian seed source; 4-year seedlings. Z4. \$15. Limited.

**PENSTEMONS** offer some of the best blues plus interesting foliage, often evergreen. Many attract hummingbirds; others provide bee forage and cut flowers. A few forms are actually miniature woody shrubs. All need excellent drainage. and good sunshine for best color.

**barbatus Rondo** Dependable rock-garden or rough lawn plants, devoted to hummingbirds and good cut flowers. Bright mix of blues, lavenders, violets & pinks with glossy green leathery foliage. Give sun & good drainage. 16-20" Z4. Easy.

**PRIMULA** species provide early (and late) color, fragrance, ground covers & specimens, and a wide range of flower shapes. Most are far easier to please than the little color pots found at grocery stores in late winter (which are often annuals).

**cortusoides** Clump forming dolly with soft ruffly round green foliage and myriad stems of rosy-lavender flowers in large clusters. Sweet scented, good ground cover for shade and blooms for a long time in the spring. 12".

**denticulata mix Drumstick Primrose** Early spring blooming prim sports tennis-ball size blooms in shades of pink, lavender, purple and white. Sweet scented and very showy. Foliage remains green and fresh looking all summer. Zone 3. To 12" in flower.

**florindae 'Giant Himalayan Cowslip'** Nodding flower clusters over large deep green leaves are nutmeg scented, changing to freesia as they mature. Prefer moist soil; easy to grow & an excellent cut flower. Bloom mid-summer-fall. To 3-4'.

**muscaroides** Woolly grey-green winter buds give rise to tall (15") spikes of violet flower clusters in early-mid summer. Sweet scented & easy. P. Z4.

**PULSATILLA vulgaris Pasque Flower 'Heiler Hybrids'** Furry daintily cut foliage and large, cup shaped flowers in a wide range of colors from white through pink to deep violet. One of the very earliest spring flowers, and sometimes repeats in the autumn. Forms large clumps over time. Charming rock garden or wild meadow plant. To about 8".

**ROSES** We grow solely antique and species roses, for hardiness and fragrance; all on their own roots. Divisions will be larger and available only for spring shipping. Check the website in late spring for more roses.

**Mom's Rose** Soft pink madly double roses in high summer, outstandingly sweet fragrance. Blue-green foliage; well armored with thorns. Possibly an Alba hybrid, beloved centenarian in my Mother's yard. Spreading shrub to 5' tall. Winter hardy to Z3. \$17. Limited.

**Therese Bugnet** Sweet, soft pink very double flowers in masses on tall, trouble free plants with red stems. Fragrant, re-blooming Rugosa hybrid with the looks of the classics. From Morden, Manitoba so you know it's tough!

**Rosemary Tuscan Blue** Aromatic and tasty variety, upright grower with dark green foliage & good blue flowers in the winter. Our favorite cooking variety and in training to be a pet Christmas tree. Z7. to 6'. \$6.00

**Ruta variegata 'Harlequin'** Rare white-spattered Rue, more compact and tidy than the common form of this ancient shrub. Cut back in the spring every few years for best color. To 15". Sun, Z4.

**SALVIA** Fragrant and often showy, sages are garden workhorses. Most sport edible flowers large enough to use in salads and teas.

**azurea grandiflora** Large sky-blue flowers, very late (October). Leaves pleasantly, sharply scented & flowers fragrant. Graceful plant to 4-6', like a sky blue phlox. Welcome color late in the year. Likes heat & good drainage.

**coccinea** Brilliant crimson red flowers all summer long beckon humming-birds with color and nectar. Showy & delightful bushy plant to 18-20", soft downy bright green leaves. Tender, easy to over winter north of Z 8 & much more elegant than the stiff little S. superbas used along sidewalks.

**lavandulifolia** This Spanish sage has a light lavender scent to it, and is a nice kitchen herb. Small compact plants. Generally winters here (Z4) without aid.

**lemmonii Blackcurrant Sage** Fragrant pebbled leaves and glorious flowers which Hummingbirds adore. Flowers are bold & showy, all in bright pinks & red tones. Woody shrub to 4' or so, frost tender and an easy houseplant in Northern winters.

**melissodora Grape Sage** *Salvia melissodora* Highly fragrant foliage smells like minty grapes; pretty light purple flowers over most of the summer make a great grape flavored tea. Woody-stemmed with age. Not frost hardy but an easy house-plant or snowbird. \$6.00

**patens** Huge, exotic, brilliant deep blue flowers mid summer to hard frost, a knockout in the garden and of course a hummingbird magnet. Lightly downy arrow shaped foliage resinous and scented a smidge of gasoline! Z 8, easy snowbird.

**patens Cambridge Blue** Soft sky blue version of the above with a bit lighter foliage.

**microphylla Cherry Sage** Fragrant pebbled leaves and glorious flowers which Hummingbirds adore. (A tub of these on the front porch and you can skip the sticky wasp-attracting feeder.) Flowers are bold & showy with a lower lip almost the size of a quarter, all in bright pinks & red tones. Woody shrub to 4' or so, somewhat tender but a good houseplant in Northern winters. Z6?

**recognita** Beautiful large pink flowers with soft, fuzzy (think Pussy willow) maroon calyces dance on tall wands above resinous grey-green pebbly foliage. Long blooming and easy to please. 6.00

**scabiosifolia Crimean Sage, Bulgarian Sage** Tall wands of lilac flowers on long stems soar above ornate, deeply cut (pinnatisect) leaves

with wooly undersides; good textural plant and showy enough to be a centerpiece. Mid through late summer. 3-4'.

**Scabiosa 'Pink Diamonds'** Compact, low growing plants with round pincushion like flowers in a nice medium pink. Long bloomer for sunny spots in well draining soils. To 6 inches tall x 10 inches wide. Zones 4-9.

## THYME

**Thymus coccineus arcticus Creeping Red** Showy fragrant prostrate form w/pink flowers; turns maroon in winter.

**hybrida Rose-scented** Our new favorite Thyme. Sweet rose scent and attractive blue-green leaves. Low mounding plants, mauve flowers. Mat former. 3-4" high. Try a sprig in a cup of Darjeeling tea. \$6.00

**citriodorus 'Lime'** Fragrant lime aroma and bright chartreuse foliage; turns burgundy in the winter. Carpeting plant, good in tea. Mauve flowers. 3".

**Verbascum hybrida Southern Charm** Bright warm flowers in shades of apricot to cherry to plum on slender spikes, all with lavender-magenta eyes and rugose green leaves. Adores rich soil and full to part sun. Drought tolerant once established. Try pairing it with a nice blue sage. To 2-3'.

## VERONICA

**austriaca 'Crater Lake Blue' Strain** Knockout deep blue flower clusters in spikes on top of feathery silver-green foliage clumps to 2'. Semi-woody base and makes a glorious hedge. Sun-pt shade, moist soil. 7.00

**For the kitchen garden:** Tasty, aromatic, tempting...herbs & fruit we would not want to be without. Annuals in 3" deep pots, \$3.00, perennials as marked.

**Agretti** Heirloom Italian herb, tangy and salty (especially if grown on salty soils). Great snack or chopped into salads or sandwiches. Wild, unkempt-chive/serpenty looking plants.

## Basil:

**Cinnamon** Richly fragrant and flavorful variety, great for tea, jelly, fruit salads and salsas. Pretty pink flowers and reddish foliage. Keeps its scent when dried, nice in potpourris too.

**Lime** Bright zesty lime scent and flavor, wonderful to cook with. Many folks like this even better than lemon basil.

**Sweet Thai (Horapha, Hun Que)** Very aromatic spicy anise clove scented leaves, sweeter than standard Thai Basil in US commerce. Used in many Thai and Vietnamese dishes.

**Chinese Chives Dugeirhong Purple** Beautiful, ornamenta Chinese Leeks or Chinese Chives, rich garlicky chives with magenta bases. Clump former and beautiful on the table. Also good used as flowering chives for cooking.

**Lemon Grass** Highly fragrant & flavorful tropical grass, wonderful in teas, vinegars and to sauté with foods. Hails from India, wants to winter in the house in most of the US. 5.25

**Perilla** is a mint family member much used in Oriental cooking--the red forms color plum sauce and pickled ginger, the green ones are often used to wrap sushi and rice cakes, and they all contain compounds which are mildly antibacterial (hence perhaps their long historical usage in eating raw fish!). Cinnamon & clove notes are strong, coupled with cumin and basil notes. Make excellent vinegars with berry overtones. Even the seeds are used as spices. And we nearly forgot to mention, they are showy, enthusiastic plants like basil gone to college.

**Red (Akashiso)** Clove-berry flavors, fruity/spicy herb. Large leaves with iridescent tones. This is the one for plum sauce or pickled ginger.

**Green (Aoshiso)** Cinnamon and yet cumin--intriguing mix of flavors, stronger than Akashiso, peppery.

**Huckleberries** True Mountain Huckleberries, intensely flavored sweet and aromatic wild cousin to Blueberries. Once you've tasted them, Blueberries will be boring. (Idahoan opinion.) (A local idea of nirvana is a ride through berry patches so thick with fruit that even the horses' lips are purple.) Deep purple blue-black aromatic berries. Ericaceous plants needing acid soil high in organic material & part shade; shiny green leaves with red & orange fall color. To about 3-4'. \$8.00

**Stevia** This interesting herb has incredibly sweet foliage which it bears in profusion. You can harvest 2-3x a summer, and dry for winter use. Crumble in tea, or make an infusion to use in cooking when you don't want green flecks in the pudding. Snowbird; sun. 16x12". Available after April 15.

## Strawberries

**Alpine** Dainty berries (about twice the size of wild berries) with rich flavor and fragrance. You'll want to divide after a few years as the clumps get pretty packed; we like them as an edging. A row of these will provide breakfast berries all summer long.

**Baron von Solemacher** NEW Highly flavorful heirloom German wood strawberry. Compact plants which begin bearing early. Heavy fruit set.

**Alexandria** NEW Old European variety of the famed Fraise de Bois Ever bearing plants, with large, juicy berries (larger than Solemacher).

**Ivory** Sweet/tangy white berries are borne in profusion all summer and fall. Aromatic and tender, these little beauties have distinct pineapple overtones. Since they do not run, they are easier to accommodate in the garden.

**Pink Flowering (non-alpine form)** Ruddy green leaves and large, showy rose pink flowers; small rich, sweet fruit. Darling edging for an herb garden—we have them around our rose-scented-herbs bed.

**Musk strawberry (Hautbois)** Highly fragrant heirloom (1700's) Italian berries that don't appear in stores. Complex flavors redolent of raspberry and wine. The berries are borne in clusters above leaves and are easy to find. \$5.50 each.

**Profumato di Tortona** Large berries, prolific runners. Need another musk strawberry for fruit set.

**Capron** Pollinator musk strawberry for best fruit set; grow in some shade for larger fruit. **Limit 1.**

## Superior Annuals & Tender perennials

A selection of our uncommon annuals for baskets, windowboxes & trellis. In 3" deep rose-pots, \$3.00 unless otherwise marked.

**Sedum caeruleum** Dinky, lacy, blue-flowered annual sedum from the Mediterranean for the rock garden, window boxes or front of the border. Sun, good drainage. To 3". Fragrant.

**Brugmansia suaveolens (available after May 1)** Semi-woody shrub or small tree with large, beautiful, sweetly fragrant dangling trumpet shaped flowers. The corolla has five points that are slightly recurved. The flowers are usually white but may be yellow or pink. Related to Daturas.

**Celosia Kurume Corona** Fun new twist on the "look Mommy it's a brain" plant: swirls of deep rose and red on a ground of gold change the look to one of velvety cushions. Great in fresh or dried arrangements. Tall plants up to 30-40".

**Datura (available after May 1)**

**inoxia Angels' Trumpet** Huge evening flowers of purest white suffuse the air with a lemony-jasmine fragrance. Large soft wooly foliage makes these large plants shrub-like. All parts are toxic; not for homes with little nibblers (kids, pets). Annual in northern US, but will winter nicely in pots and develop a large thick trunk. Attract hummingbird-hawk moths, those nocturnal pretenders.

**metel Double Yellow** Extravagant hose-in-hose yellow flowers on tender shrubs which work well as annuals but also winter over indoors easily. They train beautifully as potted standards. As with all Daturas, toxic

**Dicentra scandens Golden Bleeding Heart Vine** Tender, lacy, frilly fast growing vine with lemon yellow heart shaped flowers in profusion all summer long. Give it a medium trellis with some netting and it will billow and cascade in a spectacular fashion. Part shade to full shade in hot climates.

**Ipomoea (available after May 1)**

**hederifolia lutea Yellow Trumpet Morning Glory** Small buttery yellow flowers, but lots of them, on decorative vines to 8-12'. Sun. Wants a trellis.

**nil Japanese Imperial Morning Glories** A class of highly bred, huge flowers meant for the show bench and personal satisfaction--unusual colors, patterns, and breathtaking display. Provided with the cossetting befitting royalty, they will please you all summer long. Many don't set much seed, so these are limited offerings.

**Hatsu Arashi** Huge satiny blooms open an intense indigo shade, and slowly change to a royal violet as the morning progresses. Short climber which does well with a trellis.

**Grey Morning Mist** Silvery-pewter flowers like a silk fan. Palest pink throat fades to white; white rimmed flowers. Exquisite.

**Raiku** Intriguing striped blue-violet on white, no two flowers the same. Differs from the smaller "Flying Saucers" in bolder patterning and more variability.

**purpurea Carnevale di Venezia** Italian variety, white flowers striped with varying shades of pink, blue and violet. 8'.

**Oenothera deltoides Birdcage Primrose** While typical *Oenothera* flowers on low plants give way to fantastical dried seed heads resembling ornate birdcages, sometimes reaching 8" across. Sunny, dry soil.

**Polygonum tinctorum Japanese Indigo** Warm climate annual grown for dyeing cotton, linen and silk. Relative of 'Kiss Me Over the Garden Gate', if you are adventurous and don't mind a bit of mess, you can collect the leaves and process for Indigo. Rich soil, warm conditions.

**SCENTED GERANIUMS** Quintessential cottage garden plants, perfect to scent the house and garden. Try a leaf of rose geranium in a jar of apple jelly, citronella in fingerbowls, and both are wonderful in potpourri.

**Citronella** Bright citrusy scented foliage, summery.

**Rose** True, sweet nostalgic rose scent.

**Tagetes lemmonii Mountain Marigold** Sweet-minty-pungent scented sprawling, shrubby plant with filigreed foliage. Bright yellow-gold flowers. In warmer climates than ours, Mountain Marigold forms a large shrub; blooms late summer to hard frost; deer-proof. To 4' x 6' if it's happy.

**Tweedia caerulea Climbing Blue Milkweed** Amazingly turquoise flowers, fuzzy green leaves and the curious habit of vining if grown

with something to climb upon, and if not, being bushy instead. Tropical perennial.

**VIOLA Trimardeau** French longstemmed pansies for cutting; fragrant, cut and come again pansies for true cottage garden bouquets. 6-8"; part shade.

## Handmade Soaps & Herbal Specialties

Here's a little selection of what we make, more are listed online or ask for our flyer.

**Northern Lights** Mysterious, dark woody scent of evergreens & roses, marbled like the northern night's Aurora Borealis. *Ingredients: Olive, organic palm, coconut & canola oils, fir needle & Rose oils, conifer, rose geranium & lavender essential oils, mineral color, rosemary oil extract.*

**Beeswax & Honey** Honey and beeswax give rich lather, warm scent and long life in the shower to this fragrant soap. Saponified olive, organic palm & coconut oils, local honey & beeswax, essential oil blend, rosemary oil extract.

**Original Citrus Shampoo Bar** Rich lather plus conditioning castor & jojoba oils in this soap that's a shampoo and conditioner in one. Scented with sweet orange oil, litsea, peppermint, lavender and grapefruit. Saponified oils of coconut, olive, castor, organic palm, grapeseed, avocado and jojoba, rose clay, essential oils, rosemary oil extract.

**Carnation Shampoo Bar** The spicy scent of carnations is loved by men and women. This fragrant soap lathers wonderfully and won't dry hair out or spill in your luggage. Saponified palm, coconut & canola oils, mango butter, fragrance, rose clay, rosemary oil extract.

**White Lavender** White lavender infused oil plus fir needle and clary sage for a crisp bright scent in this creamy bar enriched with Shea Butter. *Lavender infused palm, canola & coconut oils, Shea Butter, essential oil, mineral color, rosemary oil extract.*

**Gardener's Soap** Cleaning power of oranges and rosemary to scrub without drying the hands. Calendula oil added for extra soothing. *Saponified olive, coconut, organic palmoils, calendula and rosemary infused oils, essential oils, orange peel, ground rosemary, green clay, rosemary extract.*

**Gardener's Salve** Practical, portable balm in leak-proof screwtop tin to carry in your pocket or toss into your bag. Calendula oil, beeswax, olive oil, mango butter, Lavender & Rosemary essential oils, rosemary oil extract. All natural, needing no preservatives. 4.00

**Lavender Sachets** for the linen closet (or toss in the dryer) Our own English Lavender flowers in organza sachet bags. \$3.00.

### . . and for Kitty Aromatherapy:

**Catnip Fish** Cloth toy filled with premium wild harvested catnip for kitty wild times.

Freshly dried wild & sewn into catnip mudsharks, catnip tropical fish, catnip koi. . . because cats get bored of mice! Securely sewn for hours of play. Cat-tested, cat approved. \$6 or 2/10.

Soap flyer.....free.

## Ordering Information

**Pricing:** Prices are listed in the individual descriptions. Most plants are \$5.25, slow growing alpiners & plants difficult to propagate are \$6.00-\$7.00 and some may be more. *We have held most prices at last year's levels, but if you order after spring, please inquire as to price changes; we move plants up to larger pots as they grow!*

**You may pay by check or money order.** Orders paid with money orders will be processed faster than those using personal checks. Checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged \$25.

### Plant Sizes

Plants are grown in ground and dug to fill your order, or cold greenhouse grown; all have well developed root systems. Many will bloom their first year for you. Alpiners and woody plants are slower to reach full size and thus may be in smaller pots.

Most of our plants are seed-grown or divisions and thus may vary to some degree--that's Mother Nature keeping herself fresh.

**Gift certificates:** We are pleased to offer gift certificates in any amount you specify (starting at \$10). Simply send us a letter enclosing a check for the amount and the recipient's name and address. We will send them a calligraphic certificate and a catalog with your compliments. Alternatively, we can send them to you to be hand-delivered.

### Please note:

We carefully select and pack our best plants for their safe arrival to you. We guarantee our plants to be healthy and to arrive in good condition. If this is not the case, notify us within 5 days, and we will gladly resolve the issue, offer growing tips, or credit your account. *See your new plants flyer for care & planting tips and feel free to contact us with plant care questions.*

- If plants are damaged in shipping, notify the shipper (USPS or FEDEX) at once.

### Plant Availability

We are a small specialty nursery & it is inevitable that we will run out of some plants due to demand, wildlife or weather. Please order early for best selection. It is helpful to us if you give us a list of your preferred substitutes. If we must substitute to fill your order in a timely fashion or because plants are sold out, alternates will be of equal or greater value. We will send substitutes unless requested otherwise, in which case a credit slip or refund will be issued.

### Caring for your new plants

Remove wrapping carefully & check for watering. If weather is too inclement for planting, plants can be kept in their pots or heeled in if not in pots, or temporarily potted on. We include a care sheet with each order & it is available on our website.

### Shipping:

We ship by Fedex or Priority Mail to get plants to you quickly, usually 2-3 days. Shipping plants begins in March and extends until June or July depending upon weather. Fall shipping on many plants is available in September. You may request a ship date and we will do our best to comply. If there is a date you will NOT be able to receive plants, PLEASE MARK THIS ON THE FORM.

We don't profit from our shipping charges, but we do hope to break even. **Where we are able to ship plants in flat rate boxes safely we will do so. Very heavy or very large orders may require extra postage, we will contact you before sending if this is the case.**

You are responsible for complying with all import/ quarantine/ inspection regulations on your end, as the 50 states & Canadian provinces all have their own differing rules. Plants shipped to Canada will need a phytosanitary certificate, contact us about this before placing your order.

## Recommended Reading

[This Green World](#), Rutherford Platt

[Dictionary of Gardening](#), Nicholson (1896)

[An Encyclopedia of Gardening](#), W. P. Wright (1911)

[Eyewitness Handbooks: Herbs, Perennials](#)

[Flowers & Fruit](#), Colette

[Gentians](#), Fritz Köhlein

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[The New Garden Encyclopedia](#) 1943 Victory Garden Edition, E. L. D. Seymour, ed.

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[Plants of Southern Interior British Columbia](#), Parish · CoupÉ · Lloyd

[Popular Flowers](#), E. S. Rand, Jr. (1876)

[The Rock Garden Month by Month](#), Jefferson-Brown & Upward

[Scented Flora of the World](#), Roy Genders

[The Scented Garden](#), Rosemary Verey

[Winter Botany](#), William Trelease

[Wild berries of the West](#), Derig & Fuller

also, visit our website for recipes & how-to's featuring herbs and flowers, and other interesting horticultural references & resources.