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"A Nursery to Design From"

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Greetings,

Are you looking for some sustainable plant ideas to fit into todays drought tolerant garden? Consider the many colors and textures popular in the gardens of the arid regions of Southern California, Arizona and New Mexico. In this issue you will find some exciting examples and resources for more information.

While we have one of the most complete plant inventories, we also offer so much more that we can bring to you from around the Western states. Simply fax or email your plant list for your next project (or better yet drop by and unwind with our plants) and we will show you the CWN difference.

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Plants of Southwest Gardens



From amazing Agaves to flowering trees and shrubs; from the incredible Cacti to tough free flowering perennials, there are hundreds of drought tolerant choices found in Southwest gardens for color and texture throughout the year. Here are a few easy to grow favorites with informational links thanks to Mountain States Wholesale Nursery:

<u>Acacia stenophylla</u> - <u>Shoestring acacia</u>: Native to Australia this though wispy tree is perfectly adapted to the Southwest and the S.F. Bay Area.

<u>Baileya multiradiata - Desert Marigold</u>: This bright yellow perennial blooms all summer in the nursery.

<u>Caesalpinia gilliesii - Yellow Bird of Paradise</u>: A beautiful midsized shrub has naturalized in the Southwest and will bloom most of the summer.

<u>Chilopsis linearis - Desert Willow</u>: Another tough tree that come in several colors. One of our favorites is 'Bubba' with larger dark burgundy flowers.

<u>Dasylirion wheeleri - Desert Spoon</u>: A beautifully structured accent plant with bluish leaves to 5-6'.

Eremophila maculata - *Spotted Emu Bush* : Another Australian that works well and comes in various forms. It will bloom early, although flowers persist into summer.

<u>Hesperaloe parviflora</u> - *Red Yucca* : While this may be the traditional color of this free blooming Yucca relative their are also <u>yellow</u>, <u>pink</u> and <u>dark red</u> selections.

<u>Opuntia 'Santa Rita' - Purple Prickly Pear</u>: This cacti has pads that range from blue to purple and contrast with yellow flowers.

Penstemon parryi - *Parry's Penstemon*: One of the toughest low water penstemons. It will bloom through spring with hot pink flowers.

<u>Sophora secundiflora 'Silver Sierra' - Silver Texas Mountain Laurel</u>: A small tree with silver leaves that make a beautiful contrast to purple wisteria-like spring flowers.

<u>Tecoma stans - Arizona Yellow Bells</u>: A large free blooming shrub that has several hybrids such as 'Sierra Apricot'; 'Solar Flare' and 'Orange Jubilee'.

Along with what seems like a never ending variety of Agave, Aloe, Cacti and Succulents there is never a shortage of material to make every garden unique. We have collected many of these plants at the nursery along with additional publications. Also there is a wealth of information and fact sheets on the MSWN website at: http://www.mswn.com/plants/information-sheets/

Landscaping Workshops, Talks and Resources

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Following are but a few of the many places to plug in for more information:

The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency - Classes and Talks

<u>Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program - **Green Gardener Classes**</u>

East Bay Municipal Water District - Water Smart Gardener

Bay Area Eco Gardens - Resources, Information and Classes

City of Palo Alto - Workshops and Resources

City of Morgan Hill - Water Conservation and Resources

San Jose Water Company - Water Wise Gardening

Santa Clara Valley Water District - **Events and Workshops**

You Design It, We Deliver It

With our extensive inventory and trusted nursery partners, CWN is your one source for plants and planting supplies. The nursery is brimming with a wide varirty of colors, textures and sizes. We have in stock a complete mix to accommodate larger quantities of our best sellers, making it even easier to complete customer orders more quickly.

Here is a brief summary of what we can do for you:

- Assemble customers orders for will call or delivery, usually the same day (photos available upon request)
- · Always use the best materials available
- · Contact customers immediately if there is a quality or availability issue
- Order out of stock or specialty materials, to arrive as quickly as possible, using all resources available
- · Guarantee that CWN material will meet or exceed the customers satisfaction

Products of interest at CWN

Follow any of the links below for more information:

- Sunland Garden Products Organic Compost, Potting and Planting Mixes
- Delta Blue Grass Co. Native and Traditional Turfgrass, Seed and Fertilizers
- Pacific Sod Turfgrass and Seed
- E.B. Stone's Organics Planting Compost, Potting Soil and Fertilizers
- Horticultural Alliance's DIEHARD™ root growth stimulant products

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