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# **CWN Newsletter**

"A Nursery to Design From"

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# Greetings,

There is a palpable relief in the air as we approach Spring. Water worries have subsided; employment opportunities abound and our outdoor environment feels renewed. Everywhere there are signs of hope and renewal.

In general, inventories are building well across the industry and although some varieties always sell out quickly there are usually alternate choices that make good substitutions. Let us know how we can help get your next project ready for installation. From bidding to shipping we have you covered.

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### Recyling

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As we prepare for the busy year ahead, I am reminded of our responsibility to close the consumption loop and Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.

One area that we can all help is to keep nursery pots out of landfills and only recycle when broken or no longer usable. At the nursery we make every effort to keep the pots in circulation either by re-using or

getting them out to other growers and gardeners. Please help out and return any pots or flats either to our driver on your site or at the nursery.

### **Featured Plants**



Dasylirion wheeleri - Grey Desert Spoon

Long-lived and low-maintenance, this tough plant is native from 3000 to 6000 feet in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. It slowly forms a dense rosette of leathery silver-blue leaves with hooks along the margins. Over time it develops a short stout trunk. The tall narrow flower spikes carry small tan blooms. Plant in full sun or reflected heat, and provide good drainage.



Penstemon parryi- Parry's Penstemon

This perennial grows from southern Arizona to northern Mexico, at elevations from 1500 to 5000 feet. Its 3-foot-tall spikes of hot pink flowers provide a glorious display of color from late February to early April. It has narrow triangular blue-green leaves. Hummingbirds love it! Plant in full sun to and provide good drainage.

More excellent drought tolerant choices now in the nursery:

<u>Acacia covenyi - Blue Bush</u>: Native to Australia this though, and very blue, wispy tree is perfectly adapted to the Southwest and the S.F. Bay Area.

**Acacia stenophylla -** Shoestring Acacia: This fast-growing, evergreen Australian tree produces long, willowy phyllodes that resemble shoestrings dangling in the wind. Creamy white puffball flowers are produced in early spring, followed by long bean-like pods.

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

**Eremophila maculata 'Valentine'** - *Spotted Emu Bush* : This dense, evergreen Australian shrub provides great winter color. The tiny, dark green leaves develop an

attractive reddish tinge in the cold, and masses of hot pink to red tubular flowers are produced from January through March.

<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.

**Leucophyllum langmaniae 'Lynn's Legacy'** - Texas Ranger : Provides a profuse display of lavender blooms more often throughout the season than other selections.

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

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

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.

# **Landscaping Workshops, Talks and Resources**

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

<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 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

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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
- · 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 available resources
- · Guarantee that CWN material will meet or exceed the customers satisfaction

#### **Products of interest at CWN**

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## 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
- E.B. Stone's Organics Planting Compost, Potting Soil and Fertilizers
- Horticultural Alliance's DIEHARD™ root growth stimulant products

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