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## Nursery News / Fall 2018

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### Psssst... our sale is still on!

Our annual sale continues to September 23rd at 5pm. **New stock added daily.**

**Japanese Maples and all other Trees 20% off**

**Shrubs and Conifers 20-40% off**

**Perennials, Grasses, Herbs and Annuals 25% off**

**Pottery 25% off**

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### When is the best time to plant, you ask?

In Victoria we are fortunate to have weather that allows us to plant nearly year-round but if you're looking for the best time to plant **-fall is perfect.**

Cooler weather, soil which is still warm and natural rainfall provide the ideal conditions for successful planting. Trees, shrubs and perennials that go in the ground in fall have a chance to start establishing their root system before winter weather sets in which gives them a jump start for next spring.

The tree program at Russell Nursery is geared towards fall planting. We grow most of the trees we sell (including Japanese maples) from either bare-root stock or liners. Our **greatest selection of trees** is ready now for fall planting.



*Celebrate National Tree Day Sept 26th by planting a tree. Mature *Acer griseum* pictured above.*

Spring and summer flowering bulbs should be planted out between September and December. Our **bulbs have arrived** just in time! We carry a diverse selection of bulbs (including crocus, snow drops, hyacinths, daffodils, tulips, fritillaria and alliums). We are always trying to source local but we are excited to tell you that the majority of our bulbs come direct from Holland.



*Allium 'Purple Sensation'*



*Tulip mix 'Love at First Blush'*



*Daffodil 'Tete a Tete Boucle'*

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## Upcoming Classes and Workshops

The length of our classes and workshops vary but usually last about an hour. You can register by [email](#) or by phone (250-656-0384). **\*\*\*Please provide your phone number when registering.**

### All Season Container Workshop - with Faye Ford

Learn how to design and create a stunning four season container planting that will last for years. Faye's classes are fun and you will take home a container with that something extra.

Cost: \$50 + GST (includes all materials)

Dates: Sunday, Sept 30 at 1:00 pm

Monday, Oct 1 at 10:00 am

### Tool Sharpening Workshop - with Brian Russell

In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to take apart, clean and sharpen your hand pruners and other pruning tools, as well as how to sharpen spades & shovels. Bring 1 or 2 tools you would like to work on.

Cost: \$20 + GST

Dates: Saturday, Oct 13 at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

### Winter Pruning of Trees and Shrubs - with Noah Alexander

Puzzled by pruning? These workshops cover general pruning theory and practice, with demonstrations. Noah is a professional arborist who can answer all your pruning questions.

Cost: \$20 + GST

Dates: Saturday, Oct 20 at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

Saturday, Oct 27 at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

Saturday, Nov 3 at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

### Wreath Making

Learn how to create a one-of-a-kind wreath from a wide array of pretty greens and decorative berries. It has become a tradition for many of you to start the holiday

season by coming to one of our wreath making classes. It's a fun way to get together with friends or co-workers; however, classes fill up quickly so register as soon as you can.

Cost: \$50 + GST (includes all materials, please bring your pruners)

Dates: 17 classes offered between Nov 24 and Dec 15.

Click [here](#) for dates and times.

## Table Arrangements

Create a beautiful long-lasting centrepiece for your holiday table.

Cost: \$50 + GST (includes all materials, please bring your pruners)

Dates: Sunday, Dec 16 at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

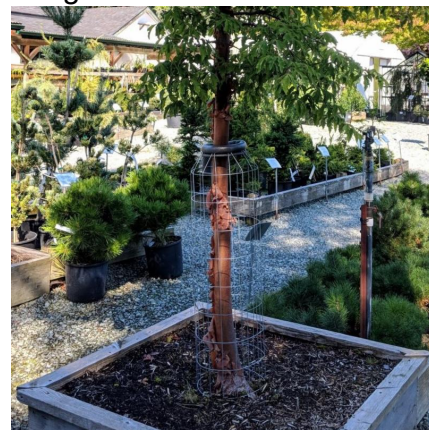
Monday, Dec 17 at 10:00 am

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## Trees need our help

**Newly planted trees require extra TLC** to ensure they get off to a good start. If you are the proud parent of a new tree, you might enjoy reading [How to care for a young tree](#). This article provides information and tips on how trees grow, their watering needs and how to avoid wildlife damage.

**Damage from deer can be devastating** for young trees (or any tree with a smaller diameter). Starting in early fall, bucks use trees as scratching posts to remove the velvet from their antlers. They also rub trees to mark their territory and attract females. **Protecting tree trunks with a barrier** like the tree trunk guard pictured **is highly recommended!**



*Locally made tree guards are available for sale at the nursery.*

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## Plants We Love

Working at the nursery, we get to know lots of plants. Some stand out for us because of their unique beauty and/or how well they perform in the garden. Here are some we think you should know about...

### Styrax 'Evening Light'

**Why we love it:** Styrax 'Evening Light' is a relatively small tree (10-15' high x 10-15' wide in ten years) that has an upright habit, deep purple leaves and pendulous white bell-shaped flowers. Flowers give way to olive-shaped drupes that persist until late fall.

**Where to use it:** Use this tree as a single dramatic specimen in a small space or consider a grouping to create impact in a larger garden. Best colour in full sun.





**How to take care of it:** Ensure this tree has adequate moisture and good drainage. Stake when first planted but then very little maintenance required to keep this tree looking good.

### **Geranium 'Rozanne'**

**Why We Love It:** Geranium 'Rozanne' provides long-lasting colour in the garden. Its violet-blue flowers play

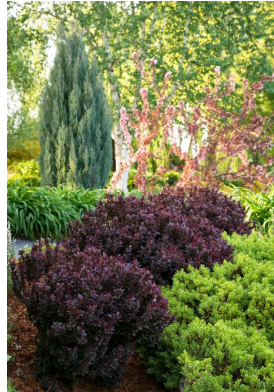
well with many other plants and can last for months (from early summer through to fall). Winner of both the RHS Award of Garden Merit as well as Perennial Plant of the Year in 2008. Grows to 18" high x 24" wide.

**Where to Use It:** This is a great front-of-the-border edging plant and is also very useful and showy as a mass underplanting for trees. Will do well in full sun and partial sun locations.

**How to take Care of It:** Provide moist, well drained soil. Flowering slows down mid-season, can prune back to half to encourage more blooms.



### **Berberis 'Concorde'**



**Why We Love It:** Berberis 'Concorde' is a wonderful small shrub that will add colour to any garden. It is one of the darkest barberries with a deep red-burgundy leaf colour that turns crimson in fall. Although it loses its leaves in winter, it starts leafing out very early in spring. Grows to 18" high x 18" wide.

**Where to Use It:** Best colour in full sun. This berberis looks fantastic planted in drifts near the front of a border, along with ornamental grasses and dwarf pines.

**How to take Care of It:** Provide moist, well drained soil. No pruning necessary.

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## **Dreaming of Spring?**

Do the shorter days and cooler weather have you dreaming of spring? Check out our online [rose catalogue](#) and dream away.

We have a large selection of roses coming in February. You can buy them bare-root in February/March or potted up around the end of May.



*'Easy Going'*

You are welcome to pre-order from our catalogue. Please send us an [email](#), call (250-656-0384) or drop by the nursery.

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## **Blast from the Past**

**Russell Nursery Newsletter edition: Fall of 2017**

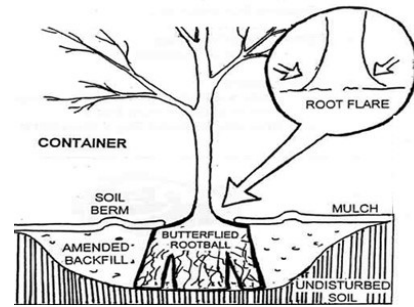
**Ten Tips for Successful Planting**

The principle of '**Do it once, do it right**' definitely applies to planting. Get new plants off to a good start by paying attention to the basics. You will be glad you did.

**1. Plants Grow!** The most common planting mistake is not allowing enough space between plants. Read plant tags carefully to determine appropriate site and spacing.

**2. Soak plants well while still in their nursery pots.** Soak in a bucket or dribble with the hose.

**3. Dig the planting hole** the same depth as, and 2 to 3 times wider than the root ball. Fill with water and let it drain away - more than once if it's dry.



**4. Tease and spread roots gently outward.**

Entwined roots need loosening - slice vertically and splay. If the roots are a solid mass, slice an inch or so right off the bottom. **Don't skip this step!**

**5. Find the root flare and place plants in the hole,** make sure that the root flare is at grade. ***Do not plant too deeply - the root flare should be at the soil surface.***

**6. Half fill the hole around the plant with native soil.** Add a handful of bone meal and no more than 25% of amendments like compost. Exception is heavy clay - mix in one third gritty compost and/or bark mulch. Water the partly filled hole to settle the soil, then top up with the rest of the soil.

**7. Tamp down soil** around plant, gently but firmly.

**8. Mulch** around plant with compost or bark mulch. Avoid getting mulch close to woody stems or crown of plant.

**9. Stake trees** with a sturdy stake on either side of the root ball.

**10. Water** slowly and deeply. Always water at planting time, even if the soil is wet and it's raining. Watering settles the soil around the roots and eliminates air pockets.

#### **Summer is the time to check your irrigation**

It's easier to see problems in the summer and fall, when shrubs are in leaf and perennials are full grown, than in spring when branches are bare and plants are dormant. Look for sprinklers that are blocked or areas that are being missed and either repair or make a list for spring.

#### **Winter is the time to check your drainage**

It's hard to relate to poor drainage at this time of year, so make a point of touring the garden when it's really wet, and looking for squishy spots. Make note of areas that need to be remediated or replanted with water tolerant plants.

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**Russell Nursery** is the BC distributor for **Halls English Greenhouses**. These quality greenhouses are available in a variety of sizes and models and several are set up at the nursery. For information please visit our [website](#).

***Not sure which is the right greenhouse for you?***

A Halls Greenhouse Rep will be pleased to visit your property for a free on-site consultation.

**To make an appointment, please call 250-656-0384  
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***October harvest  
from the  
greenhouse***



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