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Nursery News / Spring 2019

Spring, Glorious Spring... Coming Soon (we hope)!

The signs of spring are starting to return with the beautiful sunny weather we have been having and I'm sure many of you are excited to finally get back in to your gardens.



Our **first deliveries** from local growers **have begun to arrive** and we're looking forward to bringing you a steady stream of lovely new plants and gardening supplies to help you make the most of your garden. At this time of year we have **trucks arriving nearly every day** bringing in fresh new plants, seeds, pottery and more!

We are thrilled to have **Linda Gilkeson** speaking again this year at [Kildara Farms](#) (not far from Russell Nursery). The two topics seem especially relevant after all the snow we've had over the past few weeks. Please **see below** for more details.



'Julia Child'

Did you know we have **more than 120 different rose varieties** for sale this year?! They are now **available bare root**, or alternatively you can wait until late May or June when we will have a selection potted up and ready to plant.

Finally, are you planning on **sowing your own seeds** this year? Our **large selection of flower and vegetable seeds are now in stock**, including seed potatoes. We also carry a wide variety of high-quality Garland sowing trays.

Classes and Talks in March

We're excited to offer several different classes and talks this March:

Linda Gilkeson - Two Talks
Saturday, March 23

Learn how to make your garden more resilient!

Whether flowers, food or foliage, our plants are under increasing stress from extreme weather and pests along with declining natural helpers.

Please join us as we welcome **Linda Gilkeson, PhD**. Linda is always a **popular and entertaining speaker** with natural solutions to our most pressing garden issues.



Morning: 11am - 1pm

RESILIENT GARDENS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Learn how extreme weather affects plants, including trees, and how to design resilient food and ornamental gardens, help plants survive 'weird weather' and other management tips that will help you become an adaptable gardener.

Afternoon: 2pm - 4pm

PROTECTING AND ATTRACTING BENEFICIAL INSECTS

From pollinators to predators, many insects are beneficial to us and our gardens. Learn how our activities impact beneficial insects and how to provide a safer environment for them, including tips on right (and wrong) flowers to plant to sustain pollinators and attract the natural enemies of garden pests.

TICKETS: \$18.50 for one talk or \$30 for both.

[Please click here for more info or to register](#)

Basics of Rose Care

with Jane Tice

Professional gardener and instructor at the Pacific Horticulture College, Jane Tice will be giving a class on the basics of rose care. Topics will include planting bare root roses, pruning techniques and how to train climbers.

March 16 - 10am and 1pm

\$15 per person

Greenhouse Gardening 101

with Brian Russell & Faye Ford

Learn how to make the best use of your greenhouse through all four seasons. With informative pictures and detailed tips on growing, Brian and Faye will take you through a year in the greenhouse, right from seeding to harvest. Greenhouse growing differs in several important ways from outdoor growing; this class will enable you to grow with confidence in a glass house.

March 30th - 10am and 1pm

\$15 per person

Kyoto Garden Tour

Sitting quietly, engaged in dialogue with space and stones
discover a new respect, even a reverence, for beauty
as maple leaves change from green to crimson...

Come explore the gardens and traditional cultural arts of Kyoto, Japan.

Details, including pricing and highlights: <http://kyotogardentour.com>



Burgon & Ball

Our selection of garden tools and accessories just keeps growing as we can't seem to get enough of the **high-quality, durable selection** from Burgon & Ball in Sheffield, England.

We have a **large variety of hand trowels, forks, weeders as well as knee pads, tool belts and the new hip trugs** we couldn't resist importing from this highly reputable and well-known company.



Blast from the Past

By Sue Tice

Repotting Large Containers

Occasionally Japanese maples, roses, bamboo (especially bamboo!) and other large container plants need to be re-potted. How can you tell if it's time? If you feel that a particular plant didn't do so well last year, or that water ran right through the pot without being absorbed, then it probably is. Repotting doesn't always mean going to a bigger pot. It could just be a case of trimming the roots and replanting into the same pot using fresh soil.

Handling big pots is easier than it looks if you know a few tricks and have someone to help. A day or two ahead of time check the moisture in the containers. It's easiest to do if the soil is damp right through, but not soggy.

Before you start, you will need some fresh soil. We regularly recommend one of three options:

1. The easiest is premixed potting soil that has a soil base - avoid light weight peat- based mixes. (We like Growell Sterilized Potting Soil).
2. Alternatively, you can use a bagged soil like Grower's Delight Garden Soil mixed 50/50 with bark.
3. If you prefer to mix your own soil, a blend of equal parts finished compost, bark mulch and good garden soil is ideal.

N.B. Its best to always use sterilized soil for Japanese Maples, as garden soil can harbour harmful fungal spores.

Time to get started! Make clean-up easy by spreading out a tarp to work on.

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Not sure which is the right greenhouse for you?

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