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## Nursery News / July 2020

Open Tues-Sun 9:00 - 4:00



*'Pretty Lady Rose'*

### Dreaming of a rosy future

Need something to look forward to next spring?

Check out our [online catalogue](#) for roses and dream away.

We are now accepting pre-orders for spring 2021!

Please send us an [email](#), call (250-656-0384) or drop by the nursery to place your order.

## Time to start thinking about Winter!



**Now is the time to start sowing your winter veggies!**

We have a great selection of **West Coast Seeds** specifically selected for winter growing. We also still have a wide variety of seeds from **Pacific Northwest Seeds** and **Salt Spring Seeds**.

If you are not up to starting from seed, we will have **veggie starts available at the end of July/early August**.

### Friend or Foe?

Aphids are the bane of rose lovers everywhere. Many of us immediately reach for the insecticidal soap; however, if you look a little closer **you'll often find predators in abundance** ready to help you out in your quest to grow beautiful, healthy roses.



*Ladybug larva*

**Ladybugs** are well known and recognizable by everyone, but their more voracious offspring look nothing like their parents. They look more like something out of an alien Sci-Fi movie, so don't reach for the spray to get rid of them!



*Adult ladybug feeding on aphids*

Another excellent predator in the garden is the **larva of the syrphid fly**, also known as the hover fly. These little guys move quite quickly and a single larva will eat up to 400 aphids in its lifetime.



*Syrphid fly larva*



*Aphid midge larva preying on aphids*

**Aphidoletes**, also known as the aphid midge, are perhaps less well known but equally effective against aphids. If you look very closely you might see their bright orange larvae amongst the aphids. Like ladybugs they can kill up to 50 aphids per day! You can read more about them [here](#).

Don't see any of these beneficials in your garden yet? You can order Aphidoletes through Russell Nursery. These excellent predators are raised here in North Saanich at [Applied Bionomics](#).



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