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2013 Rose Preview

BY MELANIE POTTER



Big Momma



Black Forest



Brothers Grimm



Bulls Eye



Cinnamon Dolce



**Eyeconic Melon
Lemonade**



**Eyeconic Pomegranate
Lemonade**



Bare root roses and fruit trees are making their way to the nursery. We'll have many of the old time favorites and as usual, some new additions. Here's a quick peek at the new roses we'll have in stock this year.

Big Momma: Large, cuplike blooms of bright pink petals that turn lighter toward the base which perfume the air with exquisite fragrance and are perfect for cutting.

Black Forest: Named after the beautiful densely forested area of Germany, this naturally healthy rose is beautiful with cupped bright red flowers and dense dark green foliage.

Brothers Grimm: Blended orange and apricot petals with a yellow reverse. Winter hardy & shade tolerant.

Bulls Eye: Ivory with cranberry eye. Many years of hybridizing went into this stunning

novelty shrub rose variety. Medium-size flowers keep their unique coloration the entire time they are in bloom.

Cinnamon Dolce: Exhibition quality blooms of brick red speckled with deep pink. Excellent disease resistance to mildew and rust make this rose a good choice for the West Coast.

Eyeconic Melon Lemonade: An apricot blend. The Eyeconic roses are from the Hulthemia class of roses and appreciated for the distinctive red blotch in the center of the flower.

Eyeconic Pomegranate Lemonade: A miniature rose with a large flower, deep pink, and terrific novelty. It maintains the distinctive blotch characteristic of the Hulthemia roses at all stages of flowering. It is extremely floriferous with a non fading color.

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Bare Root Season Underway

BY DAVID ROSS

January brings one of the best planting opportunities of the year. Sure, we get spoiled being able to plant year round here in sunny San Diego, so maybe you thought you could take a break this month. But, nooooo, you can't! January brings bare root roses and bare root fruit trees. The best selection of the best quality trees and roses is in both stores right now.

If you have been thinking about growing some of your own fruit, this is the perfect time to plant. If you already have an orchard, now is the time to select a few more trees to extend your current harvest. Living in Southern California means there should be no week during the year when you can't walk outside and pick fresh fruit from one of your trees! The earliest fruits include Cherries (yes, there are mild climate cherries that thrive here) and early

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Must be redeemed at time of purchase.
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Buy any Felco Pruning Shear Reg. Price \$54.99 and up and get a

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January

Garden Tasks

PRUNING

Now is the time to prune Roses, Deciduous trees, shrubs, and vines including fruit trees, grapes and berry vines. Use well maintained and sharp shears. Replace worn Felco pruner blades and springs with new ones for easier pruning.

PEST CONTROL

Dormant spray for diseases and over wintering insects. Use Liqui-Cop copper fungicide to control rust, mildew and black spot on roses and Peach Leaf Curl on Peaches and Nectarines. Use oil spray to control overwintering insects and insect eggs.

PLANTING

This is the ideal time to plant bare-root roses, fruit trees, and ornamentals. Shop early for the best selection.

LAWN CARE

Apply Scott's Super Turf Builder Plus Halts to prevent Crabgrass and other weed seed from germinating as the weather warms up.

ROSES

Apply Ada Perry's Magic Formula to established roses and add with fertilizer when planting bare-root Roses.

LOOK FOR

Camellias, Azaleas, Holly, Pyracantha, Roses and fruit trees.

2013 Rose Preview

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Frances Meiland



Ketchup & Mustard



Look Alikes Hydrangealicious



Look Alikes Phlox Baby



Love Song



Oh My



Pink Enchantment



Sparkle & Shine



Tequila Gold



Twilight Zone



Yabba Dabba Doo



Frances Meiland: Shell pink color will appear early in the season turning white with age. It is a multiple award winner in Europe for disease resistance as well as esthetics.

Look Alikes Hydrangealicious: Densely flowered clusters of small red blooms with a white eye. Remains low to the ground, requiring little maintenance. Its first flush of blooms is stunning, but it does not repeat bloom well.

Look Alikes Phlox Baby: This rose displays good disease resistance and would make a nice hedge rose. Pink blooms.

Love Song: Old-fashioned lavender blooms are long lasting. Largest blooms come with the cooler weather.

Oh My: Deep red, ruffled, velvety red flowers. Glossy dark red-green leaves have very good disease resistance.

Pink Enchantment: Disease resistant. Long stems make this pink blend rose perfect for cutting.

Popcorn Drift: A mutation of the Peach Drift Rose. Popcorn Drifts color starts out yellow fading to cream white, sometimes suffused with pink.

Sparkle & Shine: Take the award winning Sun Flare, turn the yellow color up a few notches, add improved disease resistance and you get Sparkle & Shine.

Tequila Gold: Yellow blooms nonstop through the season. Good resistance to black spot. Makes a good hedge rose.

Twilight Zone: Mysterious color and powerful perfume; it's Ebb Tide in a different dimension. Clusters of deep, velvety magenta blooms overlaid with a wisp of smoke spiral open in old-fashioned, very double form.

Yabba Dabba Doo: Humongous clusters of flirty flowers almost cover the bright green leaves. Hundreds of pointy buds open into huge hydrangea like heads of warm orange-pink with little 'eyes' of yellow peering up.

There will be more than 150 varieties of roses in our stores. We'll have bush roses, tree roses, climbers, David Austin roses and miniatures. Look for all time favorites and take another look at **Ketchup & Mustard**, one of last year's most popular new introduction. ■

Check this Out: New for 2014 is **Coretta Scott King**, a grandiflora, but both stores will have an early release of it in limited quantities. Long, pointed buds open to reveal creamy white blooms blushed with tropical tones of coral-orange with a moderate tea and spice fragrance. The upright, bushy plants hold the long-lasting clusters of double blooms high in a continuous display of color and flower power. The rose shows good disease resistance. Cool temperatures bring out the best color. It is named to honor author, activist and human rights leader, the late Coretta Scott King who carried on the work of her husband Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. August 28, 2013 will mark the 50th Anniversary of Dr. King's 'I Have A Dream' speech.



Coretta Scott King

News From The Nest: Winter Bird Feeding



BY OLD BEN OF OLD BEN'S WORKSHOP

If you like to feed birds, you're in good company. Feeding birds is one of North America's favorite pastimes. A 2006

report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that about 55.5 million Americans provide food for wild birds.

Wintertime is not an easy time for birds to find a meal. Days are often windy and cold, nights are long and even colder. Vegetation has withered or been consumed, and most insects have died or become dormant. Finding food can be especially challenging for birds on cold days. Setting up backyard feeders makes their lives easier and ours more enjoyable.

During the spring and summer, most songbirds eat insects and spiders, which are highly nutritious, abundant, and for the most part, easily captured. During fall and winter, non migratory songbirds shift their diets to fruits and seeds to survive. This is the time of year when bird feeding enthusiasts roll out the welcome mat and set the table!

Figuring out what birds eat isn't complicated. Black oil sunflower seeds attract the greatest number of species. These seeds have a high meat to shell ratio, they are nutritious and high in fat. Their small size and thin shells make them easy for small birds to crack. Although sunflower seeds are the overall favorite, some birds prefer other seeds. For example blackbirds like corn, and doves prefer corn, milo and millet. Nijer is a delicacy for small finches such as goldfinches, and siskins. Nijer seeds are small so offer them in special

Nijer feeders. Most ground feeding birds prefer white millet or red milo to black oil sunflower seeds.

Place your feeders close to natural shelters such as trees or shrubs. Evergreens are ideal, providing maximum cover from winds and predators. A distance of 10 feet from trees and shrubs seems to be ideal. You can provide resting and escape cover for ground dwelling birds, such as Song Sparrows, by placing a large, loosely stacked brush pile near your feeders.



Helpful Hints For Successful Bird Feeding:

- Avoid overcrowding at feeders by placing numerous feeders several feet apart.
- Keep your feeding area and feeders clean.
- Keep food and food storage containers dry and free of mold and insects.
- Check your feeders for safety. Sharp edges can scratch birds and lead to infections.

A dependable supply of fresh water will attract many birds to your yard, including species that don't normally visit feeders. A shallow easy to clean birdbath is best. Clean your birdbath often and keep it filled with fresh water.

If you build it, will they come? It may take a while for birds to discover a new feeder. If you are not seeing birds within a few days of setting up your feeder, try sprinkling some seeds on the ground around the feeder to make the new feeding site more obvious. ■

Winter Seed Specials

From Old Ben!

Sale Prices Valid
January 1–31, 2012

8lbs. Black Oil Sunflower Seed

Sale \$9.99 Regular \$13.99

Attracts the most species of wild birds.

3lbs. Raw Peanuts or 5lbs. Parrot Mix

Sale \$8.99 Regular \$10.99

Attracts larger birds like Blue Jays.

5lbs. Dove & Quail or 5lbs. Wild Bird with Niger

Sale \$4.99 Regular \$5.99

Attracts a wide variety of birds.

All specials limited to stock on hand. No special orders. Cannot be combined with any other discount or offer.

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ripening Peaches and Nectarines. They are closely followed by Apricots and many other varieties of Peaches and Nectarines, followed by Plums and Pluots.

Following all the early and mid-season fruits are late Peaches and Nectarines, Persimmons, Pomegranates and nuts which are harvested from about October through December. That's right, fresh "Summer" fruits from April/May all the way through December! Add to the deciduous fruit trees an assortment of the tastiest Citrus anywhere, you can harvest fresh fruit all year long!

Before OR after planting your orchard, it is time to freshen up your rose garden. Lynn Anderson may not have promised you a rose

garden, but Walter Andersen Nursery certainly will! Late December and early January brings a greater variety of #1 roses than you will find any other time of the year. Whether you are planting a new rose garden, or enhancing the one you already have, you won't find a better selection, or better quality anywhere. One of the great philosophers once said "Life is too short to grow crummy roses". Replace old, unproductive roses now, and enjoy armloads of fresh blooms as soon as April!

For both Fruit trees and roses, remember to take time to properly plant, mixing in plenty of Soil Building Compost and Gro Power fertilizer and Ada Perry's Magic Formula for Roses. Healthy, happy plants, just like healthy

and happy people, will give more and better rewards, than stressed, unhealthy plants or people! Healthy happy plants give fresh fruit and flowers, unhealthy, unhappy people just give germs and sour faces!

Editor's Note: See what the stores will carry by looking at our list of what to expect: www.walterandersen.com/pdf/2013-rose-list.pdf

www.walterandersen.com/pdf/2013-fruit-list.pdf

To keep your fruit trees and roses properly pruned, we suggest this great guide: *How To Prune Fruit Trees & Roses*; <http://shop.walterandersen.com/browse.cfm/how-to-prune-fruit-trees-revised-edition/4,2648.html>

January In-Store Specials!

Sale Prices good January 2–31, 2013

No matter what your planting project this month, we have you covered!

\$3.00 OFF Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Planting Mix

1.5CF bags.

\$3.00 OFF Edna's Best Potting Soil

1.5CF bags.

\$2.00 OFF Sunshine Rose and Flower Planting Mix

1.5CF bags.

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Dates To Remember

DEC 31 – Poway store closes at 2pm on New Year's Eve.

JAN 1 – Both stores will be closed for New Year's Day.

New Asparagus Has Awesome Appeal

BY MELANIE POTTER

If you haven't planted asparagus before, this may be the temptation you give into. If you do include asparagus in your garden, make room for these new varieties.

Sweet Purple may be a variety you refer to as magic asparagus and can interest any non-vegetable eating kids into at least trying. These are larger spears and burgundy colored with a creamy green interior. The spears are more tender than usual varieties, less stringy and have 20 percent higher sugar content so they taste good even when raw. Cook them, and they magically turn green! They will have a mild, nutty flavor.

Look for tightly compressed scales with tight, rounded tip. Later spring production protects from early frost damage. Asparagus is a hardy perennial and grows well in most areas. Beds are productive for 10 to 20 years, so plant in a permanent location.

In addition to Sweet Purple, we'll also have **Jersey Knight**. This all-male variety yields the highest quality spears of the Jersey hybrids. Developed on the East Coast, Jersey Knight performs well across the U.S. Master gardeners



**Jersey Knight
Asparagus**



**Sweet Purple
Asparagus**

have been known to pull the female plants from their asparagus patch (those producing red berries). This left the bigger more succulent male plants. Now plant hybridizers have developed Jersey Knight Asparagus, a variety that grows predominantly male plants.

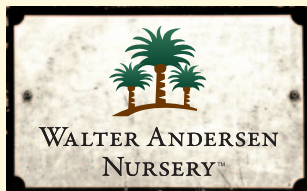
Jersey Knight is highly resistant to rust, Fusarium, root rot, crown rot and Cercospora. It is also hardy in cold winter climates where the soil freezes solid. The stalks are much larger, up to 4" around. They yield three to four times more top quality asparagus than any other varieties. These hybrid perennial plants are vigorous growers and highly disease resistant. Grow in poor, salty or alkaline soil. Jersey Knight Asparagus is hardy even in sub zero weather. You can grow bigger more flavorful asparagus spears in 1/3 to 1/4 less space. ■

January Garden Class Schedule

All Saturday classes are FREE and last about an hour. Complimentary coffee is served. During inclement weather, classes are held indoors in San Diego and on the covered, heated patio in Poway. Class topics are subject to change with no notification. You may call for confirmation.

9:00AM SAN DIEGO NURSERY	9:30AM POWAY NURSERY
1/5 Getting Ready for New Roses	1/5 Fruit Tree Pruning with Richard Wright
1/12 Last Chance Fruit Tree Pruning Class	1/12 Rose Pruning with David Ross
1/19 Planting Bare Root Fruit Trees	1/19 Fruit Tree Pruning with Richard Wright
1/26 Planting Perennials for Fragrance	1/26 Bulbs

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