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Holiday Season 2005



# Growing with Gray's

A Seasonal Gardening Newsletter for the Willamette Valley

See Inside For Holiday Specials!

## What A Service!

Our customers call it the "marriage saver" and for good reason. It works like this. You call us, tell us what type of tree you want and when you want it. We come on the day you choose with a beautiful, fresh, premium quality tree and set it up on a stand right where you want it, ready to decorate! And... we'll even come and pick it up after Christmas! This complete service, including the tree, starts at *under \$50*.

Of course, we also have beautiful trees at the lots at both stores for those of you who are more traditional!

## Freshest Trees In Town!

If you're looking for the perfect Christmas Tree come to Gray's. We carry only premium quality, fresh (cut no earlier than the day before delivery) locally grown trees, all at reasonable prices. We have flocked and pre-lit trees also! Choose from Noble, Grand, Doug, Nordman...



## Special Delivery!

Share the beauty of the Pacific Northwest with those less fortunate (your friends and relatives who live elsewhere) with a fresh, hand made noble wreath decorated with holly, juniper, pine cones and a bow, treated to stay fresh in an attractive box. **Anywhere in the continental U.S. for only \$39.95**

## Winter Can Provide Beauty And Color Too!

Looking out the window at a winter blooming Camellia with a Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar hanging behind it reminds one that winter need not be as dreary and colorless as memory suggests. Peering through the white barked trunks of Birch trees to see winter blooming Heather is like looking at a painting that forms lasting memories. The bright red foliage of Nandina in front of yellow blooms on Witch Hazel branches is a picture on a sunlit winter morning. Twisting branches form a Contorted Filbert while Red Twig Dogwoods make a backdrop of tastefully contrasting color. Ideas for winter enjoyment can be seen throughout the nursery and, if you like, throughout your landscape.

Here are three common examples that are often overlooked:

**Nandina** plants offer a wide range of uses for winter color. Growing 12" tall and wide in a dwarf size to 7' tall and 4' wide in a larger shrub, Nandina has white blooms in summer that form orange berries in fall. The berries usually last into winter. These evergreen plants turn red for great looking fall and winter color. They are great in containers as well.

**Sarcococca** plants have white winter blooms with a fragrance reminiscent of Daphne. The long lasting flowers bloom in beautiful contrast against dark green foliage. They perform best in part shade during the warmer months. Sarcococca grows 4'-5' tall and 3'-4' wide. We also offer a shorter growing Himalayan variety grows 18" tall and spreads 3'.

Of course, one of the all-time favorites is the winter blooming **Camellia**, with its stunning large blooms in bright color ranges. Camellias are evergreen, with rich waxy green foliage year 'round. Camellia Sasanqua varieties can be grown in sun or shade, so you're not as limited in the placement of these varieties. These unbeatable winter blooms are very showy and virtually eliminate any excuse for a bland winter landscape.

## Live Christmas Trees Are Gaining In Popularity

We have been selling live Christmas trees for years and more and more people are realizing the benefits of live trees over cut. While they require a slightly different approach, "you don't have to put a stand on them" claims a long time live-tree customer.

Live trees come in more varieties than cut, so you can choose a tree that, after Christmas, will look great in your landscape.

We have over 20 varieties of live trees, from the usual Doug Fir that reach 60' or more mature to dwarf varieties that work well in small spaces.



Many people put lights on the tree and keep it on the porch until a few days before Christmas, when they acclimate it for indoors. It's not at all difficult and we have a free care sheet at the stores for anyone who is interested in an alternative to cut trees.

## Designer Poinsettias Make Quite A Statement



We will have a great selection starting the week of Thanksgiving, with over 20 varieties of beautiful Oregon grown Poinsettias in many sizes and colors. Here are a couple of the newer varieties that are quite interesting:

**Shimmer Pink** is pink with red & white accents, almost like peppermint. This is a very interesting new look.

**Cortez Burgandy** is beautiful rich dark Burgundy color with a dark Green foliage. This poinsettia generated lots of excitement last year and is in limited supply.

**Sonora White Glitter** is an exciting bicolor variety. It has very good branching and very distinct whitish flecks against dark red bracts making it one of the best "jingle" types available.



# Holiday Season Specials

**ALL OUTDOOR CERAMIC POTTERY**

**50% off**

thru November 30



**Woodinville premium wild bird food save 10%**

thru November 30



**Gardman wild bird feeders**

**30% off**

entire selection thru November 30



**Pansies 4"**

**only 89¢ everyday price!**

**Orchid special**

Dendrobium 2" reg. \$7.99

**special \$5.99**

Phalaenopsis 4" reg. \$19.99

**special \$16.99**



(orchid special limited to availability, ends November 30)



**Wreath 16-18"**

hand made mixed green comes with a **free bow special \$14.99**

(limited to stock)



**Wreath center piece**

hand made fresh with a free scented red candle

**only \$12.99**

(limited to stock)



**YANKEE CANDLE**

the entire line is **30% off** everyday at Gray's!

## We're Not Serving Leftovers Here

This time of year can be depressing for avid gardeners because, compared to spring and summer, choices are limited for color and interest in your garden and containers. When you walk into a lot of nurseries this time of year, what you find are "left overs". Not so at Gray's - our staff can show you plants that will perform well during the colder months and are brought in just for this time of year.

So if you've got bare spots where the summer flowering plants were or those bloomed out mums are, let us help you make it look inviting again!

## Fresh Handmade Wreaths At Great Prices!

We have a great selection of styles and sizes all made right here in the Willamette Valley! These locally made wreaths, swags and greens are fresh, so they'll look great through the holidays. You can match your wreath, centerpiece and swag for a fresh, northwest look that brings a wonderful fragrance of the holidays to your home!

# Great Christmas Gift Ideas At Gray's

Here is a small sampling of gifts that the gardener on your list will enjoy for years to come!



Gray's has a knock out selection of **birdbaths** that will make a perfect gift for year round enjoyment, including some very interesting new styles!



New for fall & great Christmas gift! **Garden Armor** puncture & cut resistant garden gloves. This new technology fabric provides comfort, grip and durability while offering 100 times the puncture resistance of regular gloves. Busy gardeners love the protection from thorns, barbs and spikes. Only \$19.99 after \$5.00 manufacturer's rebate!



Our collection of **fine garden art** is the best in the area. From the classic bronze heron sculptures to the beautiful fountains to funky outdoor art of our local artists, your gift will be a unique enhancement to any garden!



Always a favorite, a Gray's **Gift Certificate** is sure to please the new homeowner or any garden enthusiast!

**Gardening Books** are a great gift idea with lots of beautiful color photos. They're also great for dreaming and planning during those dreary winter days by the fire!



Gray's has the largest and most varied selection of **wind chimes** in the area. These are gifts that will be cherished throughout the year, whether it be a blustery winter day or a soft summer breeze.



The **Barnel B7** precision ergonomically designed hand pruner is a very well engineered pruning shear for smaller hands. This will become your wife's favorite because it is very comfortable and can still cut relatively large branches with ease.



**We have hundreds more great ideas at the stores and remember, we gift wrap for free!**

## Now Is The Time For Dormant Spraying Of Fruit Trees And Deciduous Shrubs

Dormant season spraying helps to keep destructive insect populations as well as potentially deadly fungal infections under control. Dormant spray should be applied to all deciduous trees and shrubs that had insect infestations or disease during the prior year. This is especially important for fruit trees and roses. Dormant sprays should be applied at least once when all of the leaves have fallen (late November or early December), twice if infestations or disease were very bad during the

previous season, and repeated one more time in February before bugs begin to swell. Dormant oil will smother insect eggs over-wintering in the same places as fungal spores. Lime sulphur is an excellent control for insects and diseases.

As always, you are welcome to come by the store for free advice and handouts. If you have a plant that you have particular questions on, it is sometimes helpful to clip a branch from the effected area and bring it in with you.