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(Starting April 20)

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We are OPEN and WORKING! Due to the recent long winter and record snow fall, we were anxiously awaiting the day we would be able to bring employees off their winter layoff and start potting bare-root trees and shrubs for spring and summer sale. This day came one week later than normal, but once we started, the process was very smooth.

The nursery is now starting to fill up with not only potted bare-root plants but also container and balled and burlap stock.

The exception to this would be some of our unique and unusual evergreens that are grown in a more temperate state – Oregon. Hopefully, we will have these evergreens in by the first or second week of May, which ideally will put us past any chances of a hard frost that could be damaging to soft new growth that appeared before the plants shipped from Oregon. So stop on by at the nursery to browse for the plant(s) you've always wanted in your landscape.

A lot of people do not look for additional reasons to purchase and plant their next tree, evergreen or shrub. However, there are probably spouses in the background questioning, "Another tree? Where are you going to plant that one?" According to L. Nau, president of the American Conifer Society Northeastern Region, following are just a few of the reasons to consider to support your next purchase:

- Just three trees strategically placed around a home can decrease utility bills by 50%.

- Residential property values can increase 5%–20% if trees are in the landscape.
- Sales at businesses on tree-lined streets are up to 12% higher.
- Crime rates decrease in areas with more greenery.
- Children who have a view of greenery perform better in school.
- Access to green spaces relieves the symptoms of Attention Deficit Disorder, resulting in better concentration.
- Access to green areas helps reduce stress and aggression in urban environments.
- Each year, an acre of trees absorbs the amount of carbon produced by driving a car 26,000 miles. We should all do our part.



Hopefully these reasons will be enough to justify to yourself and your spouse the benefits of purchasing your next plant. And keep in mind, if you need help with landscape design ideas and/or doing the actual work, Steve or Joe would appreciate the opportunity to work with you on accomplishing your dream project.

As a last note, are you aware that Van Zeeland Nursery & Landscape was voted Best Landscaper in 2007 by Post-Crescent readers; that we have recently joined the American Conifer Society; that one of the state's largest Silver Maples is on our nursery property; or that I have been Certified as a Landscape Professional? If you would like to learn more about these topics or anything else regarding our company, please visit www.vanzeelandnursery.com.

Happy Planting!

Rick Sanderfoot



Your Outdoor Oasis
by Joe Meulemans
Landscape Design & Horticulture

What's your dream? Is it spending time at the end of a busy day on your deck or patio with a liquid refreshment in the privacy of your backyard? Reality usually includes views of the kids' play yard, neighbors on their patio, utility boxes, dog runs, trash cans and so on. With



living in an urban setting, these realities are unavoidable. But with well-designed and executed privacy/screening plantings, your personal oasis is attainable.

Start by taking inventory of your space; which views should be hidden and which should be enhanced. Next, consider the level of privacy that is desired. Based on these first two steps, your exterior living area can be created, whether it be a simple mixed shrub border or a dense perimeter planting.

Other considerations in creating a backyard retreat include activities of the family, size of the property, winter screening, maintenance and budget. Also keep in mind hardscape features such as decks and patios, walks and paths, fences and retaining walls.

With the busyness of today's life style, having an outdoor living space surrounded by nature is an escape that will refresh and recharge. Walk out your back door – your vacation awaits you.



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"Almost any garden, if you see it at just the right moment, can be confused with paradise." H. Mitchell



Emerald Ash Borer

by Steve Van Ryzin

Landscape Design & Horticulture

I would like to discuss a topic that many of you have heard of in recent years. It is a topic that is anticipated to affect the estimated 717 million ash trees in Wisconsin.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discovered in Michigan in 2002. It is an aggressive wood-boring beetle that attacks and kills all species of ash. It usually kills a tree in one to three years. The good news is, although

EAB has since spread to six other states (including a small infestation in Virginia that has since been eradicated), it has not been detected in Wisconsin!

The main defense against EAB is to identify infestations early and destroy the affected trees. Also, it is illegal to transport any firewood across state borders. This is to prevent the accidental spread of the insect into Wisconsin. The adult beetle has a relatively small range of travel so its spread may take quite a while to arrive in the Fox Valley.

We continue to plant ash trees in local landscapes and encourage people to maintain a diverse tree population. Plant maple, ginkgo, oak, hybrid elm, catalpa, Kentucky coffee tree, willow, etc., as well as ash to prevent a major loss if some disease or insect were to strike one variety. Our nursery staff will help you decide which is the right tree for the right place in your situation.

For more information about EAB, check out <http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/>

It's Spring! Be on the lookout for...



Emerald Ash Borer

- Aphids
- Apple Scab
- Dead Branches
- Off Color Needles
- Rodent Damage

Rodent damage, in particular from rabbits, was bad this past winter due to high snow levels, a long winter and the resulting lack of available food sources for the rodents. Also, many evergreens suffered winter burn (a browning of needles on the south or west side of the plant) due to the long winter. If you notice any of these, and you need assistance, stop in with a sample of your problem and talk to one of our professionals. We are here to help you find answers to your gardening and landscaping questions.

Other Plants to Check Out:

'Degroot's Spire' Arbor vitae – This narrow columnar form of American Arborvitae is in demand for its habit and texture. It's foliage is rich green, thick, and ruffled in texture with branchlets occasionally twisting and layering over one another. It can be planted as a specimen or used in narrow situations where high screening is needed.

'Wolf River' Apple – An old variety (1881), hardy and long lived. Best known for its large fruit size – up to 5" in diameter! Color is pale yellow to green with carmine red blushes and stripes. Primarily used as a cooking apple. Ripens early.

Other Fruit Trees – We also carry many other varieties of apple trees, peaches, plums, apricots, pears and cherries.

'Espresso' Kentucky Coffee Tree – If you've wanted to get a beautifully structured (oval to vase shaped with upright arching branches) large leaved tree, this may be the tree for you. And unlike most trees, it is FRUITLESS. Stop in to check it out.

'Dark Horse' Weigela – The magenta pink flowers of this small shrub stand out against its bronze foliage and lime venation. Beautiful and low maintenance plant. Attractive to birds and butterflies.

Featured Plant

Our featured plant is the Autumn Blaze Pear. This ornamental tree is an introduction by Dr. Westwood, Oregon State, for consistent reddish purple fall color. It has a distinct rounded form that distinguishes it from other pears. The most cold hardy of the Calleryana cultivars, it has white flowers in spring and dark, glossy foliage.

Pyrus calleryana 'Autumn Blaze'

Height: 35'

Spread: 20'

Shape: pyramidal, rounded

Foliage: Glossy Green

Fall Foliage: Crimson Red

Answers to your spring garden questions inside!

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*Check out our featured plant inside!
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