



NEWS FROM SOQUEL NURSERY GROWERS

March 2009

Open weekdays 8 am to 4:00 pm

What Does Soquel Have?

We have several options to keep you informed of what we have available:

By mail: Once a month we send out this newsletter and availability by postal mail.

By fax: We update our availability every Friday. If you need the most current copy, call and ask for one. We can also fax it to you automatically every week.

By email: You may receive our availability every Friday by email. We send it as an attachment in three different formats: Windows Excel 2000, HTML, and PDF. Our email address is info@soquelnursery.com

Our website: www.soquelnursery.com has our weekly availability list without prices and our full catalog with photos.

If you would like to be put on or taken off any of these lists please call (831) 475-3533.

Roses are Coming

We have our 5-gallon grafted roses planted. They are just starting to leaf and root out. We don't recommend planting them now, because the loose potting soil will tear off the delicate new root hairs as it spills out of the can. Most retailers prefer to wait to purchase roses until they are fully rooted. However, once we advertise our roses they can sell out very quickly. We do not hold roses on reserve. All sales are first come, first served. If we have a variety you simply must have, you might want to buy it now and keep it in the can until it is fully rooted-probably in April. See our website, www.soquelnursery.com for photos of the roses we are growing this year. Our list is enclosed.

Dianthus

Dianthus, aka **Garden Pinks** or **Carnations**, are starting to bloom now. We have several varieties chosen for their fragrance, flower size and abundant blooms. We have dwarf mounding varieties and taller ones that make wonderful cut flowers with their sweet clove fragrance. They have gray leaves and flowers in various shades of pink, salmon, white and red. **Dianthus** enjoy fast draining, slightly alkaline soil in sun or light shade.

Blushing Maiden: Double, pale pink. 18" x 12".

C.L. Wyatt: Double, dark salmon. 1' x 1'.

Devon Glow: Double, neon pink. 1' x 1'. Fragrant.

Fancy Knickers: Double. White with occasional red centers. 6" x 12".

Miss Pinky: Double, medium pink. 6" x 12". Fragrant.

Neon Star: New! Single, deep hot pink. 7" x 7". Fragrant.

Parfait: Double, pink with magenta centers. 1' x 1'.

Rosie Cheeks: Double, vibrant pink. 6" x 12". Fragrant.

War Bonnet: Double, deep red. 1' x 1'.

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Aquilegias

Our **Columbines** are coming along nicely. We have selected these varieties for their excellent performance in our climate: attractive foliage, disease resistance and abundant bloom.

Aquilegia alpina: Deep violet blue. 18" x 1".

Aquilegia atrata: Deep burgundy. 2' x 1'.

'Barlow' series: Double and spurless, little pompoms almost like dahlias. We have **Christa** (light blue), **Bordeaux** (wine-red), and **Rose**.

Aquilegia caerulea: Large blue and white flowers with very long spurs. 2' x 2'.

Aquilegia chrysantha: Southwestern US native with yellow, long spurred flowers. 36" x 18".

'Clementine Salmon': Double, upward facing rosy-coral flowers with elongated petals. Compact mounding habit to 18" tall.

Aquilegia formosa: California redwood region native with yellow and red flowers. 2' x 1'.

'Magpie': Dark blue and white with curled spurs. 18" x 1'.

'Origami' Mix: The classic single columbine shape with elegant spurs. Bright bicolors and solids. Grey leaves. 14"-16" tall.

'Winky' Series: Compact, mounding plants with bicolored upward-facing flowers. The centers are white. We have **Purple, Red, White, and Double Blue & White**.

All Aquilegias like full sun to light shade, regular water and good drainage.

Delphiniums

If you wait until the flower spikes form to buy our Delphiniums, you might miss them! We have the **Pacific** series of **Delphinium elatum**. With rich, well-drained soil, full sun, plenty of water, fertilizer and snail bait, they will reach 4' tall.

Astolat-Pink with black center

Black Knight-Deep purple with black center

Blue Jay- Medium blue with black center

Galahad- White

King Arthur- Deep purple with white center

Summer Skies- Sky blue with white center

New for us this year is **Delphinium 'Summer Morning'**, a dwarf mounding variety with feathery foliage and branching spikes of pale pink flowers.

Watsonias

Dazzling and tough, **Watsonias** or **Bugle Lilies** are an excellent choice for low-water, low-maintenance gardens. The corms naturalize freely in our climate. Every few years you can dig some up for your friends. The 3' tall flower spikes are ideal for cut flowers. We have red, orange, pink, and white.

Rock Garden Combination

Saxifraga decipens or **Rockfoil** forms a tidy mound of intriguingly serrated foliage. It looks pettable, like a little sheep. The flowers are little five petaled stars, pink, red, white, or pink and white. Plant it with **Armeria** for a nice textural contrast. Give them good drainage and medium water. Sun or part shade.