



The Savage Gardener

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SPRING

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should
smell like dirt.

~Margaret Atwood



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17-18: Herb Sale

Save 30% on all herbs

April 21-22: Perennial Sale

Save 30% on all perennials

April 28: Veggie Container Class

This class is free, starts at 10 am

May 12: Mother's Day Kids Project

Fee \$10 per child, starts at 10 am kids get to pot-up a special container just for mom, includes pot, soil & plants

Please pre-register for all classes by calling us at 360-297-8711 or email: classes@savageplants.com

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE NURSERY

Here are some exciting new plants to look for this year



Discporopsis jinfushanensis 'Sichuan jade' Sichuan Jade Fairy Bell

This tough-as-nails evergreen perennial is winter hardy with beautiful foliage. Lance-shaped leaves are a glossy, dark green with recessed, parallel veins. In spring, each leaf axil gives way to a superb white bell-like flower.

Sparklers® Willow-Leaf Stachyurus Stachyurus salicifolia 'MonEmeri'

One of the finest late winter flowering shrubs for temperate climates, its small, gracefully arching shrub brandishes highly textured bamboo-like, narrow evergreen leaves along stems to eight feet tall and wide. In March, a smothering of pendulous, axillary soft yellow catkins appear, making the entire concoction too breathtaking for words.





Summer Snow® Beauty Berry Callicarpa Summer Snow®

A new and sprightly variegated form of Beauty Berry with creamy white-margined foliage. Axillary clusters of pink lavender flowers in spring result in crops of rose-purple berries in autumn. Lovely in the mixed border for months of colorful foliage.

Spring is a great time of year to give your plants and soil an extra boost. We offer a variety of fertilizers. [Hendrikus organics](#) and [Soil Science](#) have several lines to fit all of your fertilizing needs. [Oly Mountain Fish Compost](#) is also a great product to amend your soils.

IN THE GIFT SHOP



If there were a theme in the gift shop this spring it would be BIRDS! We have brought in many new bird inspired gifts and home decor.

Besides our selection of birdhouses and bird feeders, we've added an assortment of 'bird' candleholders, water pitchers, planting boxes, bookmarks and much, much more.

OVER IN THE WINE SHOP



In the garden and in the kitchen, nothing shouts Spring more than asparagus. Very nutritious and low in calories it is a fresh, delicious treat on the spring table after months of winter vegetables.

From a wine perspective, asparagus is notorious for being difficult to pair with. In fact, many restaurants ban it from their kitchens for fear of a customer ruining their experience by selecting an incompatible yet fabulous wine to go with their otherwise delicious entree. In truth, asparagus may be a little tricky, but not impossible.

Avoid fruity wines, wines that are oaked, as well as, wines high in tannins.

Bright, fresh, minerally wines such as Gruner Veltliner or Sancerre pair well as they can complement the vegetative qualities of asparagus. An aromatic dry Alsatian Riesling also pairs well, however my top choice for a spring asparagus pairing is Pinot Gris, leaning more towards the lighter, crisper Oregon or Washington Pinot Gris or Italian Pinot Grigios as opposed to the fuller more rounded French Pinot Gris.



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