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**SPRING PLANTINGS 2012**  
**FRUITS - VEGGIES - CONIFERS**

Greetings from our new offices. We've moved to Kingston Shopping Plaza in Kingston, just a shovel throw away from our old offices. So, if you want to stop by or mail in your order, pay attention to our new address – 232 Plaza Road. We'll still be in the same buildings in New Paltz and Kingston for order pickup in April.

This year we have variations on the old favorites, as well as some new offerings. Aside from four deer-resistant spruces, we have a limited number of Canadian Hemlock and American Larch, for those who want to try something different. "Try Larch for a lark"

On the fruit front, we are very patriotic with red gooseberries, white currants and two new varieties of blueberries. Currants and gooseberries are wonderful small fruits that can be eaten fresh or made into flavorful jams and jellies. They berry early in the season and can be grown in light shade. We've also added an elderberry, "Samdal", which is quite different from your wild elderberry. In addition to our everbearing strawberries there is a late summer red raspberry and a yellow variety, "Anne", that luscious yellow raspberry that never makes it to my table (being eaten along the way). Its delicate texture means the only place you'll find it is on your own bush. Veggie wise we've got horseradish, asparagus and onions....red, white and yellow (not blue).

Unfortunately our wholesale prices have gone up, so we have had to raise some of ours as well. We've tried to keep prices down by continuing to offer a featured tree at a reduced rate (this year is a Douglas fir), and offering bundles at a reduced rate. To help keep the deer at bay, we have our pack of four different spruces at a \$6 discount over the individual bundle price and a Berry bundle, which saves you a bundle (\$8 to be precise). Your orders are due by March 9<sup>th</sup>....don't postpone and then forget. We usually have a few extra available but it's much better to get what you want, not what's left. And as a reminder, we now take credit cards as well. Hope to see you in the spring.

**FRUITS**

**BLUEBERRIES:** *Blueberries require two varieties for cross pollination-- we sell them as a pair*  
**Bluegold** is an early-midseason variety, that is highly productive with large firm berries and excellent flavor. Fruit ripening is concentrated, with harvesting in 1 or 2 picks. The plant grows compact, spreading somewhat, and is cold hardy. Zones 4-7. **Bluecrop** is the leading commercial variety, producing high yields of large, bright blue berries that are firm and grow in large clusters. The berry flavor is superb, fresh or frozen. Bluecrop is known for its hardiness, vigor and consistent production. The plant grows to a height of 4-6 feet. Zones 4-7

**ELDERBERRIES:** **Samdal** is a newer variety from Denmark. Plants are vigorous, producing long shoots from soil level one growing season and bearing fruit the next. These are removed after bearing and replaced by the current year's growth. This makes the plant easy to prune and manage as a bush. Large fruit clusters with good flavor ripen in August each year. Zones 4-8 (Offered in bundles of 2.)

**RHUBARB:** This easy to grow plant will reward you with stalks year after year. The **MacDonald** strain produces large tender stalks with a gentle red color. Rhubarb is deer resistant (the leaves are poisonous), so you can use it as an ornamental as well as for fruit. Zones 4-8 (Offered in bundles of 2.)



**STRAWBERRIES:** **Seascape** plants are very vigorous, producing berries all summer long. A day neutral berry, it is exceptionally disease resistant and produces a very high yield of large, sweet, deep red berries. The rich, uniform color and excellent flavor make it a favorite with home gardeners. Zones 4-7 (Offered in bundles of 5)

**RASPBERRIES:** Developed by the Cornell Small Fruit Breeding Program, **Encore** is winter hardy and fruits in late midseason. The berries are red, large, firm, and slightly conical with good raspberry flavor. Plants are vigorous, sturdy, upright, and *nearly spineless*. **Anne** is a large-fruited fall bearer with a pale yellow color and conical shape. It has tall upright canes but does not sucker adequately for large stands. Zones 4-8 ((Offered in bundles of 5.)

**RIBES:** A gooseberry and a currant. The **Hinnomaki Red** gooseberry is a variety from Finland with superb flavor, high yields, and a beautiful red fruit color. The outer skin is tangy while the flesh is sweet. **Blanka** is a white currant that yields heavy, opaque, white fruit on long strings. The immature fruit is tart, but turns sweeter when fully ripe. Blanka is used for winemaking, juice, and for fresh consumption as well as general use. Zones 3-7 (Offered as a pair, one each)

**VEGGIES**

**ASPARAGUS:** **Jersey Knight** is an extremely vigorous all male variety, with large, succulent flavorful spears. Resistant to rust, crown rot and fusarium, it does well in heavy, clay-like soils. Zones 3-8 (Offered in bundles of 10)

**HORSERADISH:** The “**Big Top**” strain is noted for its size, vigor, adaptability and resistance to foliage diseases, rust and bacterial spot. A perennial, it will come back each year to give your nose an awakening. Usually harvested in the fall, but can be dug at any time. Spreads easily so put it in a permanent spot. Zones 3-8. (Offered in bundles of 2)

**ONIONS:** These sets come already bagged with approximately 80 bulbs in each bag: all are long-day varieties suitable for the Northeast.

**Yellow Stuggart** Large German yellow-skinned onion for long storage. Crisp and full flavored. Flat round in shape, early maturing and suitable for summer production. Excellent bolt tolerance and cold hardy.

**White Ebenezer:** Medium to large white-skinned flattened bulbs, with a sweet, mild taste and good keeping qualities. Excellent for growing green onions or salad onions, good cooked or raw.

**Red Wethersfield** has a dark burgundy skin and internal red color. Grow for mild, good-sized onions that are excellent in salads.

## CONIFERS

### *Conifers are 3 year old bare-root seedlings*

**BALSAM FIR** (to Zone 3) is one of the more important conifers in the northern United States. It is also known as balsam or eastern fir. A small to medium-sized tree used primarily for pulp and light frame construction, and it is one of the most popular Christmas trees. Wildlife rely extensively on this tree for food and shelter. Seedlings 6-12”.

**DOUGLAS FIR:** (to Zone 4) (**Our featured tree**) Excellent ornamental and Christmas tree. Deep green color, good form, excellent density and late bud break. Grows faster in light, fertile and well-drained soil in full sun. Takes 9-10 years for 3 yr. old seedling to reach 6’. Seedlings 10-16”.



**RED PINE:** (to Zone 2) Description: Native 50’ timber tree can grow as high as 80’. Fast growing species, especially in acid, sandy & dry soils. Needles are Dark Green & long. This tree prefers colder climates, and performs well in windbreaks. Seedlings 10-16”.

**BLACK HILLS SPRUCE** (Zones 2-6) is a slow growing tree with a mature height of 30’-80’; it is dense & pyramidal in shape. Long stout branches from ground up, bright green to bluish needles. Root system is shallow, fibrous and wide spreading giving good use for farm windbreaks. Browsed by mammals. Nesting site for birds. Makes a good winter cover. Seedlings 10-16”.

**COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE:** (Zones 2-7) One of the finest trees for ornamental and Christmas tree use. Color of needles ranges between a dark green and a silver-blue depending upon the particular plant soil conditions. Has the largest needles of all the spruces. Makes a colorful screen or windbreak. Will grow best in well drained soils. Grows to 100’, reaching 6 feet in 8-9 years from 3 yr. seedling. Seedlings 10-16”.



**NORWAY SPRUCE:** (Zones 3-7) A tall, fast growing (1-2 ft/yr) evergreen tree native to Europe. Drooping branchlets with dark green needles. Mature height up to 150’. Needs moist (not wet), well drained soil. Avoid dry sites. Used as ornamentals and windbreaks. Seedlings 10-16”

**WHITE SPRUCE:** (Zones 2-6) evergreen has needles which are stiff, 1/3 to 3/4 inch long, green to blue-green in color, square in cross section. When crushed a pungent odor is apparent. Needle tips are pointed, but not sharp. Conical, medium-sized trees. Seedlings 10-16”

**We’re offering a deer resistant pack again this year** – 10 each of Spruces –Black Hills, Colorado Blue, Norway and White for only \$36.

## SPECIAL INTEREST TREES

**CANADIAN HEMLOCK:** (to Zone 3) 70’ Delicate conifer. Preference to acid soils and full sun. Can tolerate shaded conditions. Needles are lacy yellow-green in the spring turning to a polished green. Difficulties with Woolly Adelgid, needs to be monitored.

**AMERICAN LARCH:** (to Zone 1): 80’ deciduous tree that is native on wet soil. Sun seeker, intolerant of shade, does well on upland soils. Elegant needles that turn an intense golden yellow in the fall, before losing them for the winter. Adds an interesting alternative to your plantings...a deciduous conifer.

### **PICK-UP DATES—don’t forget --MARK THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

-- Wednesday/Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz

-- Friday, April @20<sup>th</sup> (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) at Ulster County Highway Garage, 66 Hurley Ave, Kingston

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County will not be responsible for seedlings after pick-up dates or after they are removed from pick-up station. All orders subject to availability or supply, otherwise money will be refunded. The seedlings are BAREROOT, not balled stock, of stated sizes. For more information, contact Dona Crawford, Master Gardener Coordinator - (845) 340-3990**