

Orchard Nursery & Florist

Home & Garden News

Certified Nursery Staff • Rare and Unusual Plants • Distinctive Gifts • Floral Design Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

Making Christmas Memories

An Evening... with Santa!

Thurs., Nov. 12th 5:30-8 PM

Santa pays us a visit from the North Pole and joins in the festivities. All will enjoy Home Baked Cookies and Orchard's Famous Hot Mulled Cider! Raffle Prizes, Special Appearances and Gourmet Tastings. Don't miss this festive Holiday Evening at Orchard. No Reservations required. Save the coupon inside.

ORCHARD'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

For your Holiday shopping convenience, all our indoor shops will stay open until 7 PM on Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Please note:

We will be closed Thanksgiving Day Nov. 26th.

We will be closing at 2 PM on Christmas Eve, and we will be closed December 25th and 26th.

We will be closing at 2 PM on New Years Eve, and we will be closed January 1st

**Orchard Nursery, Florist
& Lazy K Gift House
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There is a feeling in the air. Did you hear a sleigh bell? Were those twinkling lights on the neighbor's house? I'm sure I smell fresh baked Gingerbread. Oh my goodness, it's Christmastime at Orchard Nursery and Florist!

The talented staff has once again transformed the store into a magical Holiday wonderland and created the charming and delightful Christmas atmosphere that Orchard has become famous for. We have all the necessary trimmings that will make the upcoming holidays special, bright and memorable. Orchard is the place to discover some of the finest ornaments from around the world and be sure not to miss our enchanting collection of handmade German Nutcrackers and Smokers that are displayed in our German Village corner. There is something new and inspiring everywhere you look!

Of course we have all the traditional and classic items you expect as well Byers Carolers, Mark Roberts Fairies and hand carved and painted Russian Ornaments. New this year, our front porch will become home to an enchanted Dept. 56 Christmas Village display created by Laurie Callaway of Callaway Garden Design. Visit Orchard Nursery to remember your Christmas' past and create some new Christmas memories you'll cherish for years to come.

Garden designer, Laurie Callaway, grew up here

in California, loving the out-of-doors. As a young child she fashioned acorn tops, mustard flowers and tree branches into people, furniture, and tiny villages. Her love of building miniature Christmas

villages started in Christmas 2001 when she surprised her husband with a train set. He had often reminisced about the train that always circled his family Christmas tree. Laurie started with a few Dickens Village houses and each year her village grew around the train set! She has been sharing it ever since.



This year at Orchard Nursery & Florist we are pleased to share Laurie's Christmas Village with you. Stop by our Christmas shop to see the Magic Laurie has created. Travel the Streets of the Victorian Dicken's Village with it's elegant gentry preparing for the Holidays. Go back to a simpler day in the Country Village and count the animals in the barnyard, peer into the School House windows, or shop the old Christmas tree lot, with it's Mountain Tram,

Laurie Callaway is a Graduate of the UC Berkeley Garden Design Program, a Certified Member of the Association of Professional Garden Designers and a regular contributor to HGTV's program 'Curb Appeal'.



Favorite Holiday Things

...From the Flower Shop

*Enchanting tabletop Holiday Trees
in fanciful themes bring back fond
memories of a simpler time.*

*Birds and Bears, Wishful Snowmen
and Jolly Ol' St. Nick, Gardening and Nature
trees to name a few... Custom made trees available!*

*Come down and let us create
a memory for you!*



FEATURED IN THE GARDEN SHOP

One of the best kept secrets of having a garden full of gorgeous flowers is to apply a fertilizer high in phosphorus in the fall. The reason is that phosphorus travels very slowly through the soil and it takes a



while to get down to the root zone of plants. By applying it early and throughout the fall season, it will be available to the plants come springtime (for best results apply once a month October thru December). Phosphorus is responsible for blooms, fruit, and root development, so it is something that you want to be sure that your plants have plenty of before they start budding out next spring. This is especially

important for Camellias, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Gardenias, and all of your fruit trees. Master Bloom is our house product that contains plenty phosphorus and potassium without any of the nitrogen that causes new green growth (a bad idea in frost season). We have a full display of Master Bloom by our registers along with all the other products that will make you a successful fall gardener. Enjoy the season!

Peach Leaf Curl

Peaches, apricots, and nectarines are all susceptible to peach leaf curl, an airborne fungal disease that thickens and stunts new shoots and causes new leaves to pucker and curl as they emerge in the spring. Leaf curl is only treatable when the plants are dormant, so winter



is the time to act. The airborne fungus can reach any tree and virtually all unsprayed peaches, nectarines and apricots fall prey to it eventually. Be sure to spray all such trees (including dwarf trees in containers) even if they have never shown symptoms of the disease before. Once the leaves have emerged, no cure will be effective until the following winter.

Although the traditional lime sulfur (calcium polysulfide) dormant spray can be used against peach leaf curl we feel that copper-based sprays are more effective. They are also safe to use on apricot trees (don't use a lime sulfur based product on apricots). E.B. Stone Copper Soap is our staff favorite and is safe to use on all of your fruit trees. It is a third generation soap, which means that it is very finely processed, and therefore more effective at reaching the infected areas of the plant.

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Orchard's Own

Anne Jewett has only been at Orchard Nursery & Florist for 5 years but she had definitely made her mark - or I should say made her art. It is Anne who is responsible for the incredible murals above the trees in our Christmas store this year. A very jolly Santa with his sleigh full of toys is pulled by his prancing reindeer up into the night sky. There is the amazing German Chalet, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Heraldng Angels. It's all Anne.

Born in Tampa Florida, Anne was raised a military kid, and has traveled the world. Oh the sights she has seen! Growing up, she and her family enjoyed discovering museums wherever they went. Austria, Germany, Norway, England, Holland, France were just a few of their stops. A favorite family tradition was to travel to all the Christmas Markets. They all fed Anne's artistic heart and soul and instilled in her the love of all things Christmas.



Anne has been painting and drawing since she was in Junior High School but her true talent was developed and nurtured and it culminated with her Degree from our local California College of Arts & Crafts. Here at Orchard her many talents have really been put to the test with our many Christmas Department projects. Be sure to stop and take a moment to look up in the store and appreciate her amazing artwork. She makes us shine. How lucky we are at Orchard Nursery & Florist to call her one of our own!



It's time to find your wire Christmas tree stand!

When you come in to buy your Christmas tree this year, bring in last years wire Christmas tree stand we'll be happy to exchange it for you. Or, to simplify things, you can hang onto to the old one and when you buy your tree this year, take it home without the stand. You can easily install your old stand on your new tree with just a couple of good smacks of a hammer.

Home For the Holidays

Isn't it where we all want to be?

With family and friends...

Surrounded by all that makes the Season so special.

The Christmas tree aglow,

laden with favorite Ornaments.

Candles lit. Familiar Holiday tunes.

The Spicy smell of Cider

and Cookies in the air.

Garlands and Wreaths of Pine

and Holly Berries welcoming

Family & Friends.

This is what we are about at Orchard.

Creating the Traditions that you love.

Let us be a part of your Holidays.

We know how, inside and out!

The Lazy K

"Source for The Exceptional"

Orchard's Garden Calendar

Garden Tasks and Tips for November & December

❑ Winter can be colorful!

- Cyclamen for red, white, pink and lavender.
- Iceland Poppies for the oranges and yellows.
- Pansies & Primroses for every color imaginable.
- Ornamental Cabbage & Kale for texture and color.
- Paludosum Daisies for masses of white.

❑ There is still time for fall bulb planting and our selections remain good. Succession plantings of tulips will ensure a prolonged show next spring. Don't forget some Paperwhites for winter forcing, too.

❑ Japanese maples, conifers and rhododendrons are arriving from Oregon and Washington. The best selection is now and we have pictures of most varieties so you can easily choose, even "out of leaf and bloom."

❑ It's about time to do your winter pruning and be sure to time your dormant spraying; Thanksgiving, New Year's and Valentine's Day. Don't let peach-leaf curl, fire blight or shot-hole fungus spoil your garden next year. Ask us if you have questions about winter dormant protection.

Poinsettias

❑ No matter what your decor, you can find this symbol of the holidays in a color to complement any room. Of course, if you prefer a splash of red, you will find beautiful varieties of those classic beauties as well.

❑ Poinsettia care: To get the most out of your poinsettia, place it in bright indirect, light and water regularly allowing the soil to drain and to become partially dry between watering.

For a healthier plant that will bloom longer, maintain the room temperature between 50 and 75° F. Avoid drafts from windows and heating vents. That means that you cannot leave your poinsettias outdoors overnight during the winter. For a splash of color that you can leave on your doorstep, try cyclamen instead.

After all danger of frost is past, cut the stems back to 2 or 3 buds above the ground and put it outdoors in a sunny, but protected, area. Pinch the new growth as it reaches 6" — two pinchings are usually sufficient.

❑ "How Do I Get My Poinsettia To Bloom Again?" To insure a Christmas bloom, you have to artificially shorten the days beginning in October. Bring your poinsettia back inside. Each evening, move it into a dark closet or cover it with a light-tight box for 12-14 hours. Even the slightest exposure to light during this period will delay flowering. After ten weeks of shortened days, your poinsettia should bloom for your holiday enjoyment.

**Have a safe and happy Holiday from the staff
of Orchard Nursery, our Flower Shop and
The Lazy K Gift House.**

**We wish you and your family prosperity,
health and peace in the New Year.**

Have a question about your garden, home decorating or houseplants?
Ask the experts at Orchard. We're here to help!



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Raffle Prizes will be given out all evening:

- Fresh Cut Christmas Tree
- Fabulous Living Orchid Garden
- \$100 Gift Certificate to the Lazy K House
- Gift Basket of Garden Tools & Gifts
- \$100 Gift Card for the Nursery
- Collectible Ornaments & much more

Special Appearances by :

- Inge Glass - Ornament Raffle
- Nancy Claus' signing her newest book 'Santa's Lost Reindeer'

Gourmet Tastings at the Lazy K House include:

- + Bella's Confections Homemade Fudge
- + Smith Tea Maker + McEvoy Ranch + A Perfect Pear
- + Dolce Chutneys + Carole Hall's Pepper Jelly

Santa's Gift to You

20% Off One (1) Holiday Item

Valid only from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, Nov. 12, 2009

One coupon per customer please.

May not be combined with any other offer.

Featured in the Garden Shop *continued from page 2*

Using the spray is very simple, but there are a couple of tricks to help you along the way. First, remove any remaining leaves and mummified fruit, and rake debris from under the tree. Bag this and destroy it, or remove it from your property so it cannot serve as a source of re-infection. Next, spray the entire tree and the ground around it, carefully coating the entire surface of the tree. For the spray to be most effective and to fully eradicate the disease, it is important to do three applications throughout the winter. Using Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine's Day as your markers is the easiest way to remember how to space these three applications.

Spraying now is the way to ensure that you can enjoy all of your favorite fruits next year. Stop in to talk to one of our experts about which spray is best for your trees.



Get the Blues...

Are your hydrangeas as blue as you would like them? If you are like most of the customers that walk through our door, your answer is a resounding "No." The good news is that hydrangeas, unlike most plants, can dramatically change in color! You can even change a pink

hydrangea into a blue one and vice versa (white hydrangeas cannot change). Where else can you exude so much creative power in the garden?

Here's the secret:

In order to get that deep blue color in your favorite hydrangea you have to act now. Fall is the time to apply a product with aluminum sulfate and start the process of changing the color (trust me, I have tried at other times of year and it is an uphill battle). Hydra Blue is our product of choice for accomplishing this goal. It's easy, you simply put the Hydra Blue at the base of your plant once a month from October thru December and water it in. Next, you let nature take its course throughout the rest of winter and enjoy beautiful blue flowers next spring!



We have a full display of Hydra Blue at our outdoor garden shop so come on down and get started before it is too late!



A great big thanks to Scott Lillich in the Garden Shop for his invaluable assistance and tireless humor.

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