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Greetings!

It's hard to believe that the leaves have fallen, Thanksgiving is already here and we're packing away the plants for winter. It's been quite a year for us here at OGS. Our first ever Sad Little (And Big) Plant Sale was a great success and our amazing new pond, courtesy of [Joe Cummings](#) filled in beautifully and looks like it's been part of the landscape forever. We not only got to see many of our loyal repeat customers, but met a bunch of new folks as well! We also signed on for the first time this year as an underwriter of television and radio programming on [WXXI](#) Public Broadcasting, so while you're watching gardening shows on Saturday afternoon or listening to NPR on AM1370, look & listen for our underwriting credits!

Now you may be thinking that since that we're almost ready to pull out the snow shovels that work in the garden is all done for the year. Well, we have a few reminders to help you get your garden ready for winter.

We also have some great holiday gift ideas for the dirt-lovers on your life (or for yourself) as well as information on when we'll be opening back up in the Spring. So read on and we'll look forward to seeing you here again at Oriental Garden Supply!

Our hours for the remainder of the year are Mon-Fri 8-4, and Sat. 9-4, until December 23rd. We will be closed 11/25 (Thanksgiving) through Sunday 11/28.

Cheers,

Al Pfeiffer, Owner
Oriental Garden Supply

*Helping you to realize your
garden visions for over a
decade.*

Getting Ready for Ol' Man Winter



If you've put some new trees into your landscape this summer, you might want to give them a little extra protection this winter from a condition called "sunscald." Sunscald can occur when we have warm sunny days in winter followed by sub-freezing temperatures at night. It is most often found on the southwest side of the plant. The warmth of the sun can cause the trunks on young trees to heat up and expand. When the temperature

plummets the bark shrinks and can typically cause vertical splits exposing the underlying wood. This may cause the plant to be weakened overall and leaves it open to other infestations. The best way to prevent sunscald damage is to wrap the trunks of young trees with tree wrap. Start wrapping at the base of the tree, overlapping one-third with each turn; this ensures the wrap will shed water. This will also provide protection against critter damage. Wrap the vertical section of trunk and secure it with a stretchable tape. You can do this in November and remove the wrap around Easter. It's very important that the wrap be taken off in the spring. If it's left on, it can harbor insects or disease and the tape can injure the tree as it expands in the spring. You'll need to wrap the trees for the first two or three winters.

Something else to think about is protecting the newer and more tender shrubs in your landscape. Many evergreens are quite hearty and will do fine on their own during the winter. For smaller specimens, younger plants and more exposed shrubs, wrap them with burlap or use stakes and burlap to provide a protective screen from the harsh, drying winds of winter. If you do wrap with burlap, be sure to tie them up well and securely, so you don't lose your coverings during a blustery snow storm.

Another option is to use an anti-desiccant on your shrubs. It's often sold as "Christmas tree preservative" in garden shops. This is sort of like putting a thin layer of wax on them so the wind doesn't burn the leaves. When the sunlight heats up the leaves, this coating of wax will prevent moisture loss, which is the main reason the leaves turn brown. Anti-desiccant material will degrade in the sun and wind, so you will have to reapply it mid-winter, but it will not hinder plant growth in the spring. It's one of the easiest and fastest ways to winterizing evergreen shrubs. Feel free to contact us if you have questions as to what plants are important to protect and those that should not be sprayed.

New Product Spotlight



We recently discovered some amazing planters from a company called [Crescent Garden](#). Ranging from sleek contemporary styles to Asian influenced pieces to more traditional designs, we liked what we saw in their catalog. We brought some in and they're even more impressive in person. We have sizes ranging from 31" high vertical planters to 31" wide dish garden bowls and many sizes in-between. We also have pieces in a range of styles: the modern Daniel (pictured above) and [Eye Am](#) lines, the Asian-influenced [Montana](#) line, the more traditional [Nomi](#) line. They're lightweight, crack proof, fade proof, have a 10 year warranty, are made from type 2 molded polymer (which means they're completely recyclable). If you don't like the colors we have here, they can be ordered in a wide range of other colors. They are great for keeping plants indoors over the winter, for displaying out on the deck in spring, for putting together miniature rock gardens, and much more. What's not to like? Come in and check them out!

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So it's that time of year when you're asking yourself, "What would be the perfect gift for that dirt-loving plant-hound in my life?" and "What kind of holiday touches can I add to my home that I can add to my garden later?" Not surprisingly, we at Oriental Garden Supply have a few suggestions for you!

We have a great selection of evergreens that can be decorated and displayed through the holiday season, then added to your garden in the spring. We're happy to give you instructions on how to overwinter your plants once the season has passed so that they thrive for you come spring. Whether you choose some to decorate your home with or give them as gifts, a touch of



living green is always a welcome sight.



We still have a selection of handsome garden features here at the nursery - pagodas, lanterns, fountains, to name a few. And now through Dec. 23, all of them are 20% off! You're welcome to give us a call to see what we still have available. All we require is that they be paid for and picked up no later than

Dec. 23. We are happy to arrange pick-up times to meet your needs.

And last but not least, there is always the tried and true Gift Certificate. Once Spring arrives, our nursery will be bursting at the seams with new plants, so why not let the one you love be the proverbial kid in the candy store and pick out whatever they please? And if you purchase your Gift Certificates by December 23, **we will add an additional 10% to the value of the Certificate** - so \$100 becomes \$110. That's like getting one of our awesome perennials for free! Just give us a call, and we can have your Gift Certificate waiting for you for pick up, or you can

charge it by phone and we'll mail it to you!

Looking Ahead

Oriental Garden Supply will be participating in Gardenscape 2011: Rock The Garden from March 17-20, 2011 at the Dome Arena in Henrietta. Our displays are both a chance to show off our wares and the great talents of our very own Chris Law and the entire OGS staff - put it on your calendar now so you're sure not to miss it! And don't worry, we'll remind you again later in the season.

The nursery itself will officially reopen for regular business on Saturday, April 16, 2011. We'll stay in touch throughout the winter and keep you posted on developments at the nursery. As always, you're welcome to call us any time.

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