



Spring 2018

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*Greetings, friends!*

Is it finally spring yet? What's with the snow again this morning, Mother Nature? We are still getting freezing temperatures at night this week, but hopefully things will start warming up a bit soon. We have been a bit slow on shipping out to our early customers due to the cold, but our first trucks have been arriving on schedule. This means we are getting ready for the official **Opening Day coming up this Saturday, April 14th!**



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We not only have lots of new and different plants coming in, as well as favorite standbys, we will also have some new and unusual granite and carved stone pieces in our special display area.



Dave, our nursery manager, was busy over the winter making and tending his grafts of Japanese maples, conifers, and woody ornamentals. He loves them all!





He also got us fired up for spring by forcing some plants for the return of GardenScape to the renovated Dome Arena held in March. It sure was nice to smell the fresh growth!





But that's not all. Have you been keeping up with our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) posts? We have been bringing you beautiful images of early blooming plants like Hamamelis and wildlife at the nursery like the bees and that sneaky snakey (he exited rather quickly after we took his picture). In addition, we had some winners in our Countdown to Opening Day giveaways, and we will have more specials coming up so stay tuned for those.





And another call for people that might be interested in **working at the nursery**. We are looking for people that like to work outdoors, are conscientious, and would like to learn about plants.

Remember, the new season opens **Saturday, April 14th at 9AM**. When you come, be sure to bring your **boots** - the spring season means lots of mud at the nursery! Something to set your plants on in the car is advisable, but we do have delivery available for those larger items if needed. We look forward to seeing you here at OGS!

Cheers,

Al Pfeiffer, Owner  
Oriental Garden Supply

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### Plant Notes:

#### **Early spring planting considerations**

Be careful about getting out there in your gardens too early. Freezing and thawing temperatures create air pockets that plants need to draw from to grow. Walking around on still squishy soil may compress those needed air pockets. Start cleaning near the house and keep it simple, gently pull matted leaves away from plant crowns, and do treat yourself to a little color like pansies to remind us that spring will have a firm hold soon. Earliest spring chores include cutting back ornamental grasses, removing old, tattered evergreen or persistent foliage on perennials like Acorus 'Ogon', hellebores, epimediums, or European gingers, and early bloomers like euphorbias, and cleaning up plants that grow from a dense crown like Sedum spectabile 'Autumn

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Joy.' Visit your long-needed pines and pull out old, dead, matted needle clumps to increase air circulation to the trunk. Questions? Call us, email, or stop by the nursery.

We often get questions about pruning and removing winter damage from shrubs or trees. In general, pruning to judiciously enhance a plant's natural appearance is best and, not surprisingly, easiest to maintain. Evergreens (conifers) normally require little pruning, but different types of evergreens should be pruned according to their respective growth habits. Again, call, email, or stop by the nursery if you have questions.

Critter damage? Deer, rabbits, mice, moles, voles, what have you - they are getting more active in the spring. Check your plants and look for telltale tracks and bite marks - do you need to place some effective deterrents? We've got various sizes and styles of Plantskydd at the nursery to help with that.

### **New items**

We have lots of new plants and hardgoods this year. Some of the perennials in particular will not be ready right away as we want them to develop healthy root systems before we make them available for sale. However, we do note on the website just when we expect them to be available so that if you have a hankering for a particular plant you can preorder them and we will put them on reserve for you.

If you have any questions about how to choose or care for your plants at any time, be sure to ask us.

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### **Photo Gallery**

And just to 'wet your whistle' here are some images taken over the last few days of interesting plants you might see at the nursery now.

Click to view our conifer video on Facebook:



Some more pretties!





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### Upcoming & Ongoing

**Opening day** at the nursery will be **this Saturday, April 14th**. Be sure to bring your boots! See you soon!

**Earth Day** is April 22nd and **Arbor Day** is April 27th. We will have some specials going on at the nursery for those. Keep checking our [Facebook](#) page for more details.

OGS will be at the [Rochester Public Market Flower City Days](#) again this year. We'll be there from 8 AM to 2 PM only on the Sundays: May 6, 13, 20, 27, and June 3.

**Mother's Day** is coming up on Sunday, May 13th. Reminder, we have downloadable gift certificates on the website [here](#). Or better yet, bring her out to the nursery and let her pick out a preplanted container or her own plant for the yard. We can even chauffeur her around the nursery in the golf cart!

You will also be able to find OGS at the [Lilac Festival](#) again this year. Our booth dates are still to be determined.



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Opening for the season on April 14th!  
9 - 4 PM Mon thru Sat  
12 - 4 PM on Sun

with additional hours this spring from May 1 until June 30  
open until 7 PM on Thur

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