

# Miller Farms

## Just Arrived!

**Strawberries!!** Still the best deal in town. Plant a dozen Seascape or Tristars and harvest your first fruit by early summer. **New this year** are the disease resistant and flavorful Albion, as well as no sugar needed Earliglow. Inexpensive and easy to grow.

All of our **fruit trees** are now in and ready to plant in your garden. We have apples, plums, cherries, peaches, figs and more. Stop by the Nursery and we can discuss your individual garden and what kind of fruit you could grow.

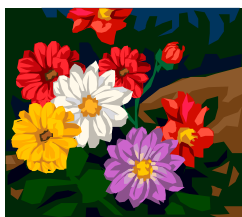


For your **Valentine**, we will have locally grown Cymbidium orchids as well as a nice selection of other varieties. Also, primroses, mini daffodils and narcissus. In the gift shop we have Beanpod candles, umbrellas, jewelry and decadent **John Kelly Truffles**. Let us help you put a gift basket together.

Honk (cluck) if you love chickens. We have them in many shapes and forms.



## February in the Garden



### Summer Blooming Bulbs

have arrived! we have a large selection of dahlias in all shapes and colors as well as freesia, gladiolas, lilies and much more.

**Prune Clematis** Not all clematis are pruned this time of year, just the varieties that bloom during the summer months. These can be pruned all the way back to just 3-4 buds. Spring blooming clematis such as 'Montana Rubens' and evergreen types can be pruned after they are done blooming.



### Jump Start

Late this month and early next are good times to start seeds indoors for summer annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables. Use a good sterilized soil. Choose a warm, bright spot in which to start them. Don't forget seed starting trays, heat mats, soil, and labels.



### February is National Bird Feeding Month.

Did you know that birds spend most of their waking hours searching for food. Many birds love the high energy suet that we carry in cake form. You can also make your own with twice rendered beef fat or lard. Customize your creations with peanut butter, raisins, and bird seed. Many birds hunt insects, so creating an enticing habitat will encourage them to spend more time in your garden.

*"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream." - Barbara Winkler*

Adding shrubs and trees of varying heights will provide shelter and nesting sites. The sound of trickling water has been known to entice birds out of the sky. You can do this by adding a fountain or pond.

### February Veggies

Plant artichokes, asparagus, rhubarb and even horseradish now.

**Valentine's Sale February 1-14th**  
 >Weeks Boxed Roses 20% OFF  
 >Summer Blooming Bulbs 20% OFF  
 >Strawberry Plants .25 cents each

## Winter Pruning



This is a great time to prune your trees and shrubs. You just need to keep a few things in mind before you start:

- Always use sharp tools. Dull tools can cause rough cuts that will encourage disease.
- Know the type of tree or shrub you are pruning. Spring blooming varieties bloom on old wood and should not be pruned until after they bloom (rhodies, azaleas, camellias, forsythia, and weigela to mention a few). Summer bloomers bloom on new wood and can be pruned now (roses, fuchsias, some spiraea, and buddlea...).
- Try not to prune on a rainy day, this will allow the fresh cuts to dry.
- Start by removing any dead or diseased wood (if diseased sterilize your tools every few cuts (use Isopropyl Alcohol).
- Prune crossing branches keeping the one that is growing in desired direction.
- Step back and view your work often, looking for balance and missed branches.
- Burn or dispose of diseased branches rather than putting them in the compost.

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Happy Valentines Day

## *Bloomin' and Fragrant in the Nursery*

Below are a few winter bloomers that are fragrant as well. Don't forget to stop and smell the flowers.

**Daphne** is the epitome of fragrant winter flowers. Heavenly!

**Boronia Hot Chocolate**  
You can't even image how wonderfully fragrant it is. Kind of a cross between citrus and freesia.

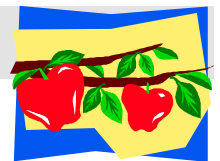
**Witch Hazel** got to catch these guys early in the season. But their interesting spidery blooms are showing color right now and they have a light fragrance!

**Sarcococca** is another nice evergreen shrub that loves shade. Amazingly fragrant tiny white flowers.

## February Workshops

Please call 839-1571 ext #5 to reserve your spot in our workshops

### *Grafting Fruit Trees With Sam Polly*



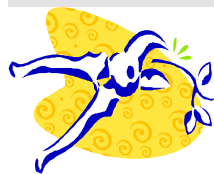
Sam and his dad Jim Polly started an apple tree growing business as a part of Sam's FFA (Future Farmers of America) project. They have a large orchard in Fieldbrook and specialize in growing disease resistant trees for the North Coast. In this workshop you will actually graft you're apple scion wood onto a rootstock. This is a hands on class and you will take home a grafted tree. We recommend that you bring a sharp pocket knife (we will provide the band aids). Prepayment required as space is limited.

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Class Fee: \$20.00**

### *Terrarium Gardens with Yvonne Colburn*

Old coffee pots, mason jars, goblets and even light bulbs have been used to create terrarium gardens. You can't help but get pulled into these wonderful miniature gardens. In this workshop Yvonne will demonstrate how to create a terrarium garden. **February 11th at 2pm. FREE!**

### *Ornamental Pruning with Scott Hendrickson*



This is pruning season for many varieties of trees, shrubs, perennials and even grasses. Scott will cover pruning techniques and tools needed. He will be demonstrating on plants in the nursery as well as in our planted areas.

**Saturday February 18th at 10:00 a.m. FREE!**

### *Seed Starting with Mary Barber*



Starting your own vegetable and flower seeds is fun, cost effective and rewarding. We will discuss soil, planting times and all the components for a successful garden from seed.

**Saturday February 25th at 10:00 a.m. FREE!**