

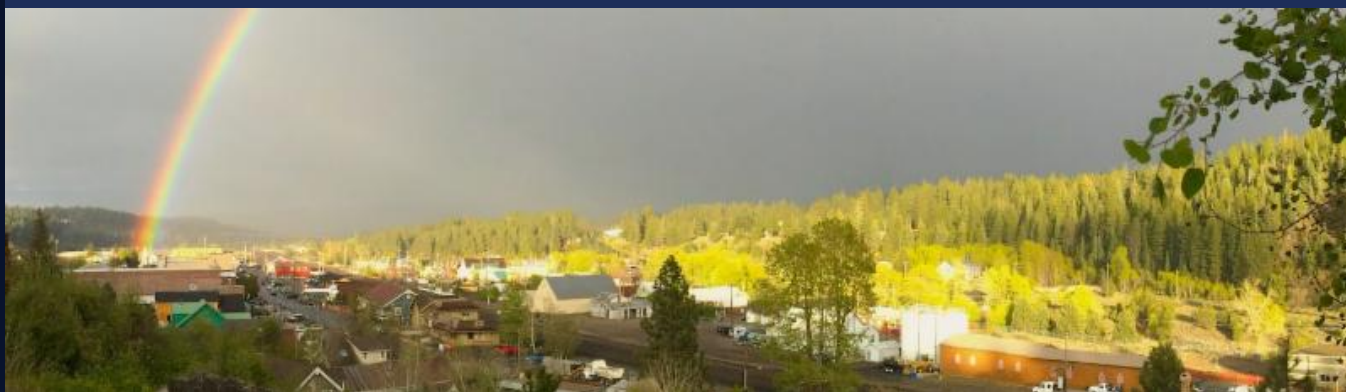
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## Villager Nursery

\_\_\_\_\_ inspiration, education, consultation, installation, restoration \_\_\_\_\_

We hope you had a nice "winter". Welcome to Spring!

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### **Kellogg's / G&B FREE Planting Days!**

**10-3 THIS Friday and Saturday 5/29-5/30.** FREE Master Nursery Potting Soil, Free G&B Organic Fertilizer, Free Planting Labor, Your Free Time, Free Advice, Free Organic Gardening Information and great conversation with wonderful smiles from some of our favorite people: Eileen, Mike, Gisele "G" and Duncan. Here's the deal:

1. You buy the flower, herb or veggie plants and pots at Villager Nursery. (or bring up to 3 pots from home).
2. We will plant them for you with Gardener's Gold Organic Soil, G&B Fertilizers.

*Maximum pot size 20" diameter, no window boxes or wine barrels please. Come Early!*



### **"Winter" & Water 2014-15**

The beautiful autumn weather lasted so long in 2014 that we sold-out of the aspen we usually use for shade and as snow-traps over our other plant materials. Last fall was a perfect example of why we recommend reducing watering in early September to encourage dormancy, acclimatization and preparation for winter. Some plants didn't prepare and had severe die-back. We did keep plants watered AFTER they lost their leaves to encourage root growth. We also watered the nursery 4 times from December - March... often impossible... and because the soils were NOT frozen, the plants were able to use the moisture.



**Master Nursery  
BLACK FOREST  
Buy 3- Get 1 FREE  
today thru 6/30**



Spring like weather began in February and it has been fascinating to see which plants deacclimated early, which had no problems and which suffered when winter made a feeble return. Wild plums, narcissus, and many other early spring-blooming perennials bloomed so long ago, it feels like it's been

spring for months. Our average nighttime low temp yesterday just rose to 33°F (which means some nights are 23° and some are 43°). The forecast for the next week is well-above-average temperatures so it is an excellent time to get some warm-season vegetables, and maybe some tender color, started.

We are JUST starting to bring in the more tender color (petunias, geraniums, lobelia) and we have a HUGE stock this weekend for the **FREE planting Days**.

**We are in a severe drought AND we DO NOT have a water shortage.** In Truckee, our wells are full. The state's one-size-fits-all approach of reducing the 15% they can regulate is disappointing to say the least. We have been encouraging the use of drought adapted and native species and teaching classes on native plants, drought tolerance, drip irrigation and extreme low-maintenance landscaping every year since the mid-80's.

We continue to believe that we should all conserve a very precious and under appreciated vital resource... water. We changed our irrigation heads and adjusted our timing in late 2013 and, as of the end of 2014, we reduced our water use in the nursery by over 40%.

Our native soils ARE dry and MANY native plants are dying. I'm seeing beloved sugar pines on both sides of the summit that died LAST summer. Conifers fake life for many months after they've lost the battle. PLEASE water the forest around your home 3-4 times this summer, for several hours. You'll want to apply enough irrigation to recharge the desiccated soils to at least 3 feet, or approximately 2-3" of water in our rocky silty-loam. Mulch everywhere! "NO bare soil" is our motto.

I'd tell you that the BEST time to irrigate is immediately after a light rain (moist soil readily imbibes H<sub>2</sub>O, irrigation + rain can add-up to a useful watering and evapotranspiration rates are low.) but under current laws that would be illegal.

## Spring Class Schedule

*We have had classes this spring but have not publicized them well. We usually post them on facebook. It takes so much less time to post a frost warning or let you know that some cool plant is blooming. (btw check out our 'Monge' lilac and Malus ioensis 'Brandywine' and 'Klehm's Improved Bechtel' in the streetscape). "like" us and follow us if you want to see notices... usually just a pretty or interesting*



**3" saves 30%  
Villager ALWAYS  
encourages MULCHING.  
Mulch saves water, time  
and looks great.**  
*(more info)*

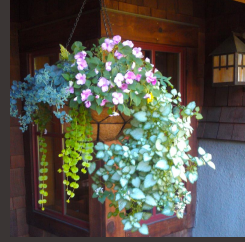


**Check-out our Facebook posts**  
Faster and far more timely than writing a newsletter. Like us, follow us and find-out what's going on in the garden.

Jose, who usually works very part-time in winter was busy all "winter" rebuilding our nursery carts, staining benches, installing fences, re-installing drip systems and generally making the nursery look incredible. It's beautiful right now... maybe a few too many plants but 'tis the season for that.

We have a wonderful returning staff of people that want nothing more than for your gardening efforts to be successful We are so grateful for the opportunity to work at what we love. We welcome and genuinely appreciate ANY comments, suggestions or criticisms.

photo. All the best. Here is our 2015 spring class schedule if you are interested in what you missed: [Spring Classes 2015](#) The summer / fall schedule will be posted on [Facebook](#) & our [website](#) soon.

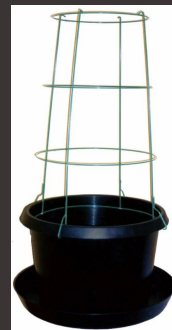


Thank YOU!  
Sincerely,  
Eric Larusson and Rob  
VanDyke

## Tomatoes Arriving Daily. Now IS the time.

We have these Tomato Growing Kit Specials especially for the Free Planting Days:

- 1) Hydrofarm self-watering "Tomato Barrel" (~#7g.) with tomato-supports and 1, 4" tomato - \$29.99
- 2) #10 gallon pot, saucer, tomato cage and 1, 4" tomato - \$19.99
- 3) #15 gallon pot, saucer, tomato cage and 2, 4" tomatoes - \$24.99
- 4) #20 gallon pot, saucer, tomato cage and 3, 4" tomatoes - \$29.99



This is a great time to get tomatoes started in pots outdoors ...  
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Plastic containers and saucers made with 100% recycled material.  
**DON'T** forget frost protection fabric!



### Gromulch, Topper, Amend, Bumper Crop and Black Forest are all Buy 3, get 1 Free - Now!

Our best mulches and composts to help you achieve 5% organics IN the soil and ≥ 3" atop the soil, for improved plant vigor and to reduce their watering needs, are all on sale now through June 30.

Offer Expires 6/30/15. Not valid with other offers.

*"I stopped here for the first time (and then repeated visits) this summer for flowers, dirt, etc. Every time I went and had questions about flowers, soil, sun exposure, etc they were very helpful." - Celeste, Truckee (Yelp 2014)*

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