



Late Summer Sales

Summer is still here.

We're open 6 days a week, in late August. We mountain adapted humans are commonly found seeking shade, water, trails, and wild flowers... so gardening drops off a bit in late Summer. We miss the frenzy but the parking lot has plenty of space.

We're closed Sundays in August and enjoying that day.

August may be our quietest month, but it marks the beginning of one of the best times of year to establish hardy plants; the beginning of our favorite planting season. Days and evenings are still warm and gradually cooling. Cooler days make gardening a much more enjoyable pastime in "locals' summer".

Villager Nursery is full of beautiful, hardy, and interesting plants. Trucks are STILL arriving several times a week with fresh trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, native plants, fruits, berries, and even a few more veggies and annual color.

We've also been regularly receiving truck loads of soils, fertilizers, seeds, and more. The temps have been brutal, irrigation has been a challenge, we have so many plants to take care of, so... here are some great SALES for you!

All these specials Start 8/17 and run through Saturday, August 31, 2026.

60% OFF “Summer Color” (Annuals and “Tender” Perennials)

(Fill holes in planters, make a pot for a
party, plant a gift)

The “Annuals and summer color:” are all **up front** (*when you cross the line between the greenhouse and the corner of the shop - it’s ALL cold-hardy perennials*). The front half of the greenhouse is annual veggies and herbs on the north side and accents plus shade annual color on the south side. We always offer many perennials, that do not winter here, as “summer color”. MANY of these “tender perennials” live for years in warmer climates. Annuals (like cosmos and marigolds) grow from seeds, then bloom, eventually produce seeds, and then die in fall... one year (*unus annus*). We made a map of the nursery to hand to new customers showing the approximate lay-out - still tweaking it a bit.

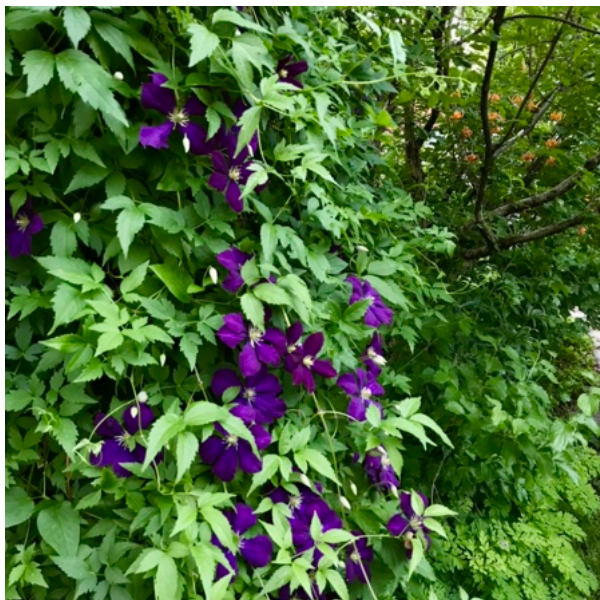


60% OFF of all Annual Herb and Vegetable Plants

(*excludes hardy perennial vegetables and herbs*)

All these are out front with the annuals
and inside of the greenhouse. Dill, Parsley,
Rosemary, Kale, Arugula, etc...etc...

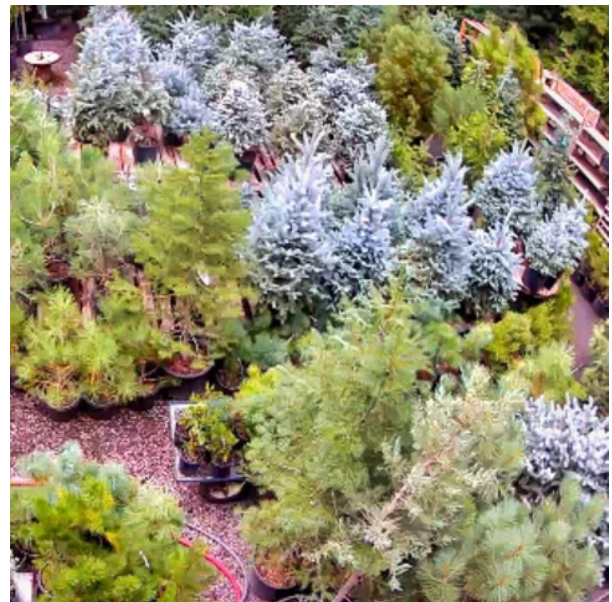
Maps of Villager Nursery



Mountain-Hardy Clematis Vines

Last Year, we pre-booked a wide selection of the toughest, fastest, easy-to-grow, Clematis species and varieties that are ALWAYS difficult to find. We located and brought in 4 varieties of spring blooming *Clematis alpina*, Alpine Clematis, including the rarely available 'Stolwijk Gold Select' with sky-blue bells on sunshine golden foliage (in bright, dappled sun - they're IN the shade-house); 8 varieties of *Clematis viticella*, the hardy abundant summer-flowering Italian Clematis, native from southern France to the peaks of Iran and most of the areas in between; as well as several other larger flowering Clematis hybrids of USDA zone 3 hardiness and always reliable performance. **Planting instructions.** **Clematis Varieties.** We have Virginia Creeper, Variegated Virginia Creeper, Hops, Liners of Clematis, Honeysuckle, and we're offering in an uncommon, extreme-cold-hardy, and **delicious river grape 'Valiant'**

Clematis Planting



40% OFF Dwarf Alberta Spruce

And 20%-40% OFF of MOST other Spruce (Abies species) AS TAGGED - some are rather "artistic". All but a hand-full of new arrivals are on sale. Dwarf Alberta Spruce are a selection of white spruce from the Great White North and can tolerate some -50°F. They do not, however enjoy afternoon winter sun. We always plant them where there is a house or a copse of trees or shrubs to the south-southwest to give protection from our strong low angle and abundant Sierra sun. We have a wide selection of native white, sugar, ponderosa, and jeffrey pines as well as giant sequoia, incense cedar, and mt. hemlock along with white fir, nordmann fir, and subalpine fir.



“Plugs” or “Liners” 30% or - Buy 6, get 12-

I LOVE the horticulture industry. It is constantly challenging and the education is endless. So many of the earnest plantsmen and women, the generation who worked in this field because we wanted to green-up a polluted planet, are retiring and there are few replacements. Growers and propagators of tried-and-true hardy perennials are rapidly disappearing. We have lost a several favorite growers in the past few years.

We do have a terrific family propagator from northeast Nebraska, not that far from South Dakota and Minnesota, who still grows a WIDE variety of interesting and very hardy perennials. They grow liners (or plugs), small 2” pots. Their liners are usually sold to wholesale nurseries in the midwest and northeast who then “finish”, put them into a #1 (“1 gallon”), grow for 4-6 weeks, and sell to a retail nursery. The liners are not as pretty as “finished” plants but they cost a lot less than #1’s (the shipping cost is a far lower), and they are much easier to plant. We have them for \$5.99... small but mighty. The photo above is a 2” liner of ***Silphium*** (a HARDY prairie native that Aldo Leopold devoted an entire chapter to in **Sand County Almanac**) and the photo of the 4’ tall plant with the bloom (8/13) is a plant from a liner planted last summer. They are on sale because they are difficult to keep watered and fed in these tiny pots and there are dozens of absolutely amazing varieties from hardy prairie Salvia and Echinacea to Siberian columbine that will THRIVE in Truckee-Tahoe gardens.

Coupon for 10% off 1 bag of Biosol



(reg. \$84.99) (limit 1 bag per customer) a rare chance to save 1% more than the Town of Truckee's special tax.

Biosol Forte is a natural, environmentally safe dried fertilizer with a high organic humic acid content. Biosol Forte is a long-acting, slow-releasing, soil-building fertilizer with a well blended nutrient ratio that stimulates microorganisms and promotes healthy roots, shoots, flowers and fruits.

Biosol is one of our favorite go to fertilizers that works well throughout your garden. It will make a tremendous difference in the health, beauty, and vitality of your landscaping.

"It stinks but it rocks!". Ask us about it. [Label Here](#)

Rare 'Irene Koster' Winter Hardy Azalea

IF you have ever grown hardy deciduous azaleas here, you have experienced some frustration. They are AMAZING... but, they flower so early, they often lose their blooms. They are very cold hardy... but, they are brittle and get broken-down over the years.

The Sierra western azalea grows well, up to high elevations, on the west slope and at Tahoe and Donner Lake. It blooms late with fragrant large pale pink blossoms, and the entire shrub bends under snow... but, it is not hardy enough for most of Truckee.

About 15 years ago (maybe more) I planted a couple of *Rhododendron* x 'Irene Koster' hardy azaleas - **you can read more here**. They are a hybrid cross of our native western azalea and have thrived here in our demonstration landscape. I blow snow on them each winter and they never break. They bloom late enough with fragrant flowers in June that are never lost to frost.

I look and ask for Irene from Rhododendron growers frequently w/o luck but now, for the 3rd time in decades, I found and brought a small crop in. I am planting 3 at home this week.



Mountain Tree and Shrub Planting Instructions

the “BEST” time to plant?

Historically, Truckee’s “frost-free” period (when the chance of frost drops below 15%) is July 15 through August 15. Our growing season is roughly March to November for hardy material but it’s still pretty short, so getting plants established as early as possible is always important. The old saying: “When is the best time to plant a tree? Ten years ago.” The next-best time is today.

There really is no single BEST time to plant, and for hardy plants, very little of the growing season is a BAD time to plant. Certainly, digging through frozen soil or several feet of snow is inconvenient, but woody and herbaceous perennials are almost always happier in the ground than they are sitting in pots. In our climate, the sooner you plant, the better.

Trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, native plants, and wildflowers planted now still have plenty of time to capture sunlight, photosynthesize, store energy, establish vital relationships with soil microbes, acclimate their tissues to their new home, and, most importantly, continue expanding their root systems well into fall.

That head-start below ground makes all the difference in our short-season climate and helps produce stronger, more vigorous growth next spring. The best time to plant? Today.

Autumn Planting and Gardening

Fall Bulbs

The first bulbs will begin arriving NEXT week. Starting with Bearded Iris and Autumn Crocus. Autumn Crocus bloom in late September or October when most of the perennials have begun to die-back into dormancy in earnest. The Colchicums send up only leaves in spring, to gather sunlight and CO₂, to store that energy until it blooms again each fall.



More About Bulbs

A fun ladies night out with great food, wine, prizes, and entertainment while enjoying beautiful Lake Tahoe from aboard the Tahoe Gal. Gather a group of friends or meet some new ones on a sunset cruise , Sunday, September 13, 2026.

P.E.O., Chapter XE - Truckee is a Philanthropic Educational Organization that raises money for women's education in our community. We "motivate, educate and celebrate" women.

The ticket cost is \$125 (*\$135.23 with eventbrite and credit card fees*). If you prefer to pay by cash or check, please contact MaryBeth Larusson (mb.larusson@yahoo.com)



Thank you for your generous support of scholarships for local women!

Babes on a Boat

Manzanitas are lovely drought tolerant native shrubs and our two locally native species are challenging (at best) to grow. We have used the common northern hemisphere *A. uva-ursi* as a hardy drought-tolerant evergreen ground cover for many decades.

Back in 2004 we heard about work being done, by Denver Botanic Garden and Colorado State University, with collections from native hybrid swarms. We patiently waited.

Arctostaphylos x coloradensis, known as mock bearberry, are naturally occurring hybrids from the Uncompahgre Plateau in southwestern Colorado. They are crosses between the prostrate Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) and the upright Greenleaf Manzanita (*A. patula*) - there are 4 selections occasionally available and we have 3 now. The hybrids look remarkably like our own *A. nevadensis* (pinemat manzanita) but much easier, and faster growing. ([See list Here](#))



2026 Spring



Speaker Series

Villager Nursery successfully welcomed five unique and fascinating speakers into our shop for our speaker series this past March, April and May. We had over 150 attendees, and raised over \$1,600 for local nonprofits.

Natalie wanted to do this for all the right reasons and she put together a great program.

It was kind-of a lot and it was really fun and we ALL learned a ton.

We'd move our seed racks, house plants, and counter displays to make room for benches and speaker's equipment out and back and it was well worth the efforts.

[Read Natalie's Recap Here.](#)

Late Summer Compost Sale

Gromulch, Amend, and Topper, Worm Casting, Top Soil, Chicken Manure, Farmyard Blend, Harvest Supreme : Buy 4 and get 1 Free
... that's 20% off (all the composts and manures, no potting soils)

Gromulch for mulching around all plants and for spreading under wood chip mulch as a "compost starter".

Amend for building loosening raised bed soils, filling space in the bottom of large pots, and for planting any plants in hard ground.

Topper for over existing lawns EVERY year and for lightly mulching any groundcovers. Also for planting all seeds from wildflowers to clover or grass.



Visit our Website



OH! I almost forgot!

We have a shipment of Dr. Bronner's Soaps arriving this week for our shelves. We have used them for years to wash off our plants, and, maybe, kill a few aphids and mites in the process.

Open Mon-Sat 9:00-5:30* and CLOSED Sundays in August

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A couple of our core values.

Curiosity

Why? How? When? Where? What? If we don't know, we want to know and we want to share what we've learned from our research and experience. We are grateful to be always learning more.

Gratitude

We appreciate where we live and with whom we live. We are grateful for our natural environment and our staff. We appreciate our clients and all that we learn from their shared experiences, questions, and ideas.

Our staff is made-up of avid and passionate mountain gardeners who want nothing more than to see every client succeed on their first try. Nothing gives us greater pleasure and makes us smile more than happy returning customers who have tasted gardening triumphs.

Come by and enjoy the local expertise.

We are YOUR local nursery / garden center. Educated, experienced and passionate about helping you succeed with gardens and plants since the 70's. Your friendly neighborhood plantsmen and plantswomen. We are genuine and authentic plant lovers. #mountainnatives #villagernursery #sierraplants #truckeegarden #mtgarden #hardyplants #shopsmall #planthappiness #digdropdone



I do wish I had time to just write about one plant every day or share something I learned yesterday. I do wish I could send a newsletter once a month (or go for a hike or a ride once a week...) to help with management next season, call or e-mail eric@villagernursery.com if you are interested.

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