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**NEW INTRODUCTIONS
MAKE 2008 GREAT**

Terry Hanam

As you shop at Bokay Nursery, keep in mind that the nursery stock that Bokay carries is quite different than what is available through large retailers. The nursery has years of experience and personal relationships with growers that we buy from in addition to our landscape design and installation department that has the hands-on expertise and reputation to know what grows in this area, that's all we carry.

This is the year to add some new things to your landscape! The addition of a few small fruit trees might just be the perfect summer boredom buster when you can harvest sweet and fresh cherries like the *Royal Mini* and *Royal Lee*

or some *Spice Zee* Nectarplums. The tree that has been getting rave reviews is *Cotton Candy* Aprium which is an apricot/plum cross that is less sensitive to weather conditions to produce a large harvest of extra sweet fruit. Fruit trees can make wonderful small shade trees and become a part of the ornamental landscape in addition to producing abundant, healthy treats.

photo courtesy Dave Wilson Nursery



'Cotton Candy' Aprium is now available at Bokay Nursery

**BARE ROOT
FRUIT
TREES**



20% OFF

Expires April 15, 2008

**SPRING RAINS MEAN
LAWN CARE...**

your lawn will show its appreciation with total greenness on a grand scale. Bokay Nursery carries fresh, high quality grass seed and the staff can help you decide which mixture would be best for your lawn. Reseeding revitalizes the existing lawn while filling in the scattered bare patches. Rain has leached (washed away and diluted)



fertilizer from last fall so this is a great time to spread a spring tonic of fertilizer. Check out the new and very effective line of fertilizers that the nursery carries called **Pharmsolutions**. Finally, a really effective organic product so that you don't feel trapped into buying synthetic, chemical base items.

Bright, New and Very Cool

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Cordyline Jurred Festival Grass is a festival of bright colors, low maintenance and perfect for pots and planters along with *Royal Cheer* Kangaroo Paw. These plants are their own unique bouquets and conversation pieces that bring containers into the spotlight. Roses are always an attraction, especially with Mothers Day, graduations and weddings all starting to fill the calendar.

This year's new roses boast fragrance, disease resistance and extended bloom time.

Jackson and Perkins 2008 Rose of the Year is *April In Paris*, it's sweet smelling blossoms in a bouquet will bring memories of a perfect vacation to mind. *Dream Come True* is the stuff of dreams



Weeks Roses

Dream Come True bears large roses

with a noticeable scent, profuse and continual blooms that loves the climate of Monterey County. *Frankly Scarlet* from Weeks Roses might say it all when it comes to other roses, this one is a sure bet of excellence. Think about *Spring Fever* around St. Patrick's Day, *Love Struck* for Mothers Day, *Candy Land* for Easter, a tree rose for Arbor Day and *Pope John Paul* for Memorial Day.

Bokay Nursery has bush, mini, English, shrub, patio, climbing, tree planting and groundcover roses to fit into any landscape, even if it's a balcony garden!

SOLVING LAST YEARS GARDEN PROBLEMS

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So all the begonias has big brown spots on the leaves, the apples didn't ripen, the flower bed had more weeds than flowers, the zucchini was rotten on one end, the wisteria didn't bloom and the roses had mildew. These problems and hundreds



Deer Scram will keep four-legged nibblers away

more are common for experienced gardeners as well as those who tried it out for the first time. No need to be discouraged unless you have vowed to give up, otherwise there is great hope for this year's garden to be improved. Start this year with products that help prevent lots of problems; 'Sluggo', 'Deer Scram' and 'Citrall Fungicide.'



Sluggo is pet friendly and works!

These items are organic, safe to use around family pets and young children and truly do work!

Ask the friendly staff at Bokay to direct you to these easy-to-use and effective products.



Citrall Fungicide is a non-toxic alternative to copper sprays

MAKE A PROPERTY MAP – Kids Welcome!

This is a great project that kids can be the perfect helpers with. Make a property map that can start as simple as crayon sketches with approximate locations of house, driveway, garage, fencing and big trees. At any point more details can be added, the overhang of house eaves, slopes, sun direction, garden beds, walkways and patio locations. Even more details would include drainage, irrigation, plant types and notes about soil and soil covering. All sorts of other details that only kids could see can be added as well (this might include where the pet frog is buried, where the penny jar treasure chest is and the tool set they borrowed and left under the shrubs).

What to gather before you get started: Clipboard and some blank paper sheets (graph paper can help) pencils, measuring tape (or have the kids' measure their pace distance and just count paces from then on). Creating your personal 'key' is helpful; for example an X is shrubs, * is for trees, ^^^^^^ for edging, etc. to limit the amount of writing while gathering the data. Why do all this?



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This is a great family project that challenges young minds and does not require batteries!

Loads of reasons! The lesson of basic mapping for young people will be a life long asset and it all begins with a fun project like this that they can participate and relate to. The map can be used to plan changes, record losses and use during nursery visits to help with space available and quantities needed, estimating mulch amounts, fertilizer coverage and explain problem areas to one of the Bokay professionals who can help. The map can also prove valuable if losses take place; help to locate irrigation systems and other underground utilities or to keep as records of landscape spending.



STEP ON IT

With the rainy season fresh in your mind, consider where a stepping stone or two are needed. Stepping stones do not have to be an entire pathway and work well to point garden visitors in the right direction or limit high traffic wear and tear.

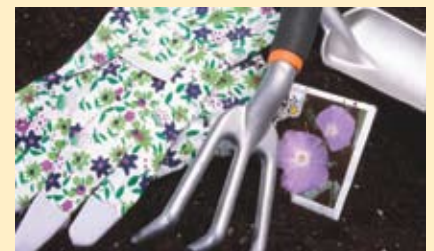
Seed Planting Success

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Here are 5 tips to have packet seeds transform into healthy, beautiful plants.

- 1) Many packet seeds do just great with 'direct sowing' that means put them right into the ground where you would like them to grow.
- 2) The seeds need to be moist in order to germinate, if they dry out at any point between planting and when they have heartily sprouted, they cannot be revived.
- 3) Seeds come with their own amazing package to feed itself as it germinates, it is usually not recommended to fertilize till green growth begins.
- 4) Be patient with the sprouts, once you see them limit watering, don't let the soil stay soggy.
- 5) Keep the seed packet even after all the seeds have been planted to help you remember the name and variety of the incredible plant you grew!

The seed racks are full at Bokay Nursery with plenty of fresh selections that cannot be purchased as plants. The magic and seeds and their possibilities are too tempting to resist!



YOUR OWN BACKYARD BERRIES

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The farmers markets will start flaunting strawberries, followed by all the wonderful summer sweetness – natures candies in the form of raspberries, blueberries, currants, gooseberries and all the different blackberries. You don't need to have a lot of bushes to produce a crop for your family to enjoy and these plants can fit right into the landscape as a sort

of edible shrubbery (if care is given regarding chemical use). Berries can be easily espaliered along a sunny fence for further space savings in a small yard.

Or go native; our evergreen huckleberries (*Vaccinium ovatum*) grow happily with minimal care after establishment in the wild garden.

Check out the great selection of bare root and rooted stock still available and ready for planting.



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V. ovatum looks great year round with glossy foliage and red bark

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