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special

congratulations

to Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Melissa Trotter who were recently married at a special ceremony in Japan. Most of you know Melissa as the Bokay Nursery behind-the-scenes mastermind of payroll, book-keeping and overall chief organizer that makes Bokay the long standing success that it is.

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BRIGHT RED BERRIES ABOUND

Terry Hanam

No need to decorate Pyracantha plants during the winter, they provide their own! We have a selection to choose from at Bokay Nursery with a supply of berry's already in place. Pyracantha has a lot of great things going for it, they are evergreen, very trainable and easily pruned into shape, plenty of varieties to fit into different shapes in the landscape and very climate hardy for this region.

Check out Graberi for a tall, upward growing variety with large clusters of red-red berries that will last till the birds eat them (usually in January) or Teton which is another upright and narrow grower but it is festooned with bright yellow/orange berries. Victory has long lasting, deep red berries that hang on till the birds decide to harvest them and it is a perfect

choice for training against a structure or leave it natural and use to fill in as a large backdrop plant.

Other berry producing plants for an automatically festive landscape are the season's natural choice: holly or consider, barberry, cotoneaster, strawberry madrone, toyon and Oregon grape holly. Stretching the limits of berries regarding size, the ultimate ornament tree must be the persimmon. We have these trees in stock as well!



Graberi is 'berry' productive!

FRUIT TREE SUCCESS

To achieve success with fruit trees, meaning healthy trees that produce a crop, some of the most important care happens now, when the trees are (or should be) bare. Mark the 2008 calendar and the new 2009 calendar with these important chores of preventative spray treatments. Dormant oil spray can be a petroleum oil or a vegetable base both prepared to be suitable for horticultural use is sprayed a minimum of three times, about one month apart beginning at November's end, again in December and February. This mist coating of oil on apple, pear, plum,

apricot, peach and cherry trees will suffocate over wintering insects and their eggs. Lime sulfur and sulfur prevent many of the common fruit tree diseases, they too should be applied three times during the dormant season.

Ask the staff at Bokay for advice and how-to information regarding a spray program now because many of these problems can not be effectively treated when the trees have leafed out and are setting fruit. Make this the year for bountiful summer harvests!

TOPIARY TRAINING

Terry Hanam

Fortunately for many of us, the topiary's themselves have already been trained into shapes and forms, around wires and baskets; it's the caregivers who need training to help these living works of art maintain their form. Bokay Nursery keeps a large and varied selection of topiary plants this time of year because they make excellent gifts, unsurpassed table arrangements and a truly evergreen presence in the home or office.

Rosemary, ivies, cotoneaster, thyme, boxwoods and jasmine are all popular topiary plants and we carry only well rooted, healthy plants that have not suffered through one too many days of dryness and neglect. Because to the pruning involved to create a shaped form, most topiary plants need regular watering that saturates the soil and is allowed to drain out. Fertilize with a natural kelp fertilizer as many of the synthetic plant foods contain too much salt which builds up quickly in the soil and harms the plant.



Topiary plants make attractive house plants but can accumulate dust on the foliage just as any house plants can. Once every one to two months place plants in the shower and gently spray off the foliage to release the dust buildup that inhibits healthy growth and dulls lush leaves.

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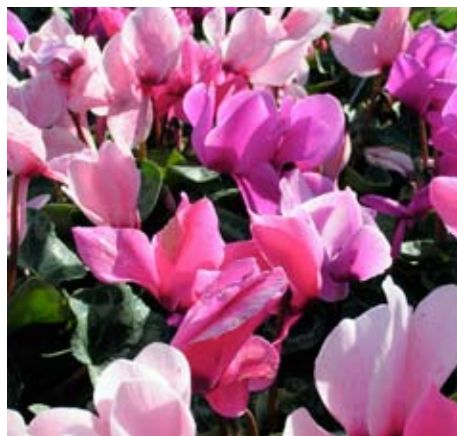
Select Japanese Maples*

Good thru January 31st, 2009. *As marked.

LITTLE DIVINITIES

Terry Hanam

When Swedish botanist Carolus Linnaeus saw the flowering bulbs that we now call 'shooting stars', he described them as 'Little Divinities'. This American native closely resembles the equally divine Cyclamen of the Mediterranean. As with most plants that thrive in the Mediterranean region, the Cyclamen are capable of naturalizing in our Monterey Bay climate.



Long blooms for winter color

Bokay Nursery has a reputation for selling large-bulb, high quality Cyclamen that last for months indoors or in a protected outside entryway or patio. They ask for little care and prefer to become dry in between watering. Cyclamen need a portion of the bulb to be exposed to the air. When transplanting them to pots or into the ground, be sure to place them slightly out of the soil and not completely buried.

It is difficult to select a favorite color, especially when the foli-

ages vary as well, making choices even greater still. From the mid 1800's to the late 1900's propagation specialist focused on flower color, flower size and variegated foliage. In recent years the nursery industry has looked back in time to the native plants that possess a mesmerizing fragrance and recapturing the fragrance of these plants has been emphasized.

With the long bloom time of Cyclamen, from October to early spring, their festive reds and whites are well suited to winter holiday themes. Pink shades blend well during the December months and make an easy transition into early spring celebrations. For those who observe the life and teachings of Jesus, the Cyclamen have an interesting botanical presence in this history. In its native habitat, Cyclamen enjoys the undisturbed leaf litter in ancient olive groves and large numbers spring up each year in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty with keeping Cyclamen thriving is watering. Over-watering gives the plant an appearance of wilting and, without close observation, the solution is to give them more water. This over-saturation will cause the bulb to rot and the plant to die. Let the Cyclamen soil dry between watering. After the plants have finished blooming, transplant them into shaded areas under olive or oak trees where they will not be disturbed by cultivation. Occasional watering is sufficient and traditionally Cyclamen prefer no supplemental fertilizing.

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Select Roses*

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**Select Fruit Trees,
Hibiscus &
Bougainvillea***

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