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## A NEW YEAR CAN BRING IN NEW COLOUR



**Happy New Year!**

Now that most of us have finished up with the holiday season it is nice to bring in some fresh colour that makes us all look forward to spring. Primulas and potted bulbs are one way to brighten your garden and home this month. And when the January weather keeps us in, houseplants such as orchids and tropicals are a great way to brighten and freshen your house.

January is the time to be thinking seeds. Our seed racks are up and full with an amazing selection. If you like to plant your own veggies you can start all of your cool weather ones indoors now. Come in while the selection can not be beat.

Our greenhouses are becoming more full each and every week with primula and pansies growing. We also just received our first shipment of seedling geranium plugs to be planted up and ready for March. Even though there is no snow on the ground we can not forget to feed our little bird friends.

And on last note The Victoria Tea Festival is coming up in February. It takes place at the Victoria Conference Centre on February 17th. Marigold Nurseries is a proud sponsor of this event which helps support the Camosun Childcare Centres. I have included a link further on in the newsletter for more information on this event.

We are also excited to offer our very own Marigold Loyalty Program. As a member you will be entitled to discounts on all regular priced merchandise along with member pricing on our annuals. Please come see us for more details.

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## PLANT PICKS AND TASKS FOR JANUARY

### SHRUBS

Sarcococca

Skimmia japonica 'Fragrant Cloud'

Gaultheria procumbens

Cupressus Macrocarpa 'Goldcrest' Indoor/Outdoor Conifer

Cupressus Macrocarpa 'Wilma'

Winter Heather

Lavender

Rosemary

Dwarf Alberta Spruce



### ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

Primula- Beautiful colour. Great in containers

Potted Bulbs-

Hyacinths, Daffodils, Paperwhites, Tulip- *Glimpse of spring!*

Ranunculus- Great cool weather plant. Awesome colour.



### DECORATING INDOORS

Orchids- Our selection is amazing.

Tropicals- So many to choose from. New plants always arriving.

Flowering potted plants- Cyclamen, Azaleas, Mums, the trusted African Violet and many more.



## TASKS AT HAND FOR JANUARY

## OUTSIDE GARDENING

- Feed the birds!
- Plant up an early spring planter using primula, periwinkle and some nice potted bulbs.
- Plan your veggie gardens- seeds have arrived.
- You can start your cool weather veggies inside.
- Seed racks have arrived and are full of beautiful, exotic, and rare types of plants. They are also full of the trusted varieties. Come take a look.

## INDOOR GARDENING

- Check your plants for pests

## OTHER HELPFUL HINTS FOR INDOOR PLANTS

- If you did not have enough time to re-pot your houseplants now is a great time. When repotting your plants make sure not to go up more than one pot size. One pot size is equal to about 2-4" larger in diameter than your previous pot.
- Watering is the most common reason that houseplants fail to thrive. Make sure you know the conditions your plant likes and follow the directions.
- If you have an indoor herb garden make sure to move it to the brightest window in your home.
- Clean and dust off your houseplants. A nice light spray of water and a soft cloth is all you need.
- For plants that love humidity make sure to mist them regularly or place a leak proof tray of water beside them. Indoor plants that like humidity are philodendrons, ferns, african violets and peace lilies.

At Marigold we are always looking for some different helpful hints. If you have a gardening or helpful household tip and would like to share it email it to [brooke@marigoldnurseries.com](mailto:brooke@marigoldnurseries.com)

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## UP AND COMING SALES AND EVENTS

Marigold Nurseries is a Proud Sponsor of the [Victoria Tea Festival](#).  
The Festival supports Camosun Child Care Centres.

### Jan 25th

The Q is on site broadcasting the Rockline here live. Come on in as it is our first Scratch & Save day. Save up to 50% off your purchase. Everyone is a saver!!!

**Feb 14th**

**Don't forget to come to Marigold for your Valentines gift.**

**MARIGOLDS GARDEN OF THE MONTH!**

The season is not quite upon us yet, but now is the time to plan your garden for this year. If it is just some small additions, large changes or just figuring out how to keep up make sure to keep in mind that every month there is a winner of a \$50 dollar gift card. All you have to do is send in a photo of your garden, patio garden and or container to myself via email [brooke@marigoldnurseries.com](mailto:brooke@marigoldnurseries.com) or drop off at the nursery

I guess we can't quite say yet that spring is in the air, but we can add a little colour to our lives with some beautiful plants that show us that spring is coming.

Wishing you all the best for 2008 and see you at our garden centre.

From all the staff at Marigold Nurseries.

Cheers!

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