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ENJOY A WINTER WONDERLAND AT MARIGOLD NURSERIES!

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Marigold Nurseries might not be the first place you think about when it comes to Christmas shopping, but I can guarantee that you will find something here to make yours or someone else's holiday season brighter. From Christmas trees and poinsettias to candle holders and funky ornaments we have a selection that will surprise you. Our tropical house is full of gorgeous poinsettias and other potted plants to decorate your home.

The Christmas trees are in and hanging to make your choice easier. All our trees are under cover to make shopping as comfortable as possible. We have beautiful wreaths and swags *hand-made* right here in our store. And if you are interested in a flocked Christmas tree this year make sure to get your orders in fast.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our very good friend Gord back to work! We missed you and are sooo happy to have you back.

Don't miss our Customer Appreciation Day Thursday December 6th from 8am until 8pm. We have savings storewide, great doorprizes and refreshments. Along with free workshops



through-out the day. There is also a special visit from Santa and Mrs Clause. Definitely an event worth coming to.

Cheers

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PLANT PICKS AND TASKS FOR DECEMBER

AWESOME PLANT CHOICES FOR WINTER

Skimmia japonica 'Fragrant Cloud'
Gaultheria procumbens
Cupressus Macrocarpa 'Goldcrest' Indoor/Outdoor Conifer
Cupressus Macrocarpa 'Wilma'
Winter Heather
Lavender
Rosemary
Dwarf Alberta Spruce

DECORATING INDOORS

Poinsettias

Fantasy Colour Poinsettias - A twist on old time favourites. A compliment to any indoor decor.

Norfolk Pine

Kalsettia- A poinsettia planted with kalanchoe

Many amazing mixed baskets-Make a great hostess gift or a beautiful addition to your own home.

Diamondfrost Poinsettia.

Amaryllis

Zygo Cactus



TASKS AT HAND FOR DECEMBER

OUTSIDE GARDENING

- Clean your tools well and store for the winter months. Uncleaned tools tend to rust over winter so make sure to clean well and oil before storing.
- Clean your gutters and add what you take out of them into your compost.
- Plant a winter container for your doorstep.
- Feed the birds!

INDOOR GARDENING

This time of year the favourite plant to purchase is a poinsettia and for good reason, they add such beautiful colour. For some tips on choosing a healthy poinsettia and keeping it looking fresh and beautiful right through to christmas check out this link to our website

Poinsettia Care Sheet

The legend of the Poinsettia

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.

TIPS FOR KEEPING A SUCCESSFUL LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

- When bringing your live tree inside make sure that you do it gradually over a few days. Bringing it into your garage for the first night and day and then into the coolest room in your home for a day or two should work.
- Once you have your tree inside make sure to keep it well watered. Placing icecubes on the top of the soil or rootball helps with humidity and keeps the roots cool.
- Your live tree should be in your home for no more than 2 weeks at the most.
- When placing it back outside make sure to gradually put it out just the same as you brought it in.

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



GIFT GIVING IDEAS FROM MARIGOLD

The gift giving ideas are endless at Marigold. We have got some amazing gifts for almost anyone on your list. If your going to one of many Christmas party's and need a quick but thoughtful hostess (or host) gift how about one of our house made Christmas Baskets. They come in so many beautiful containers from single, or double wine holders, to the cutest of teddy bear ceramic pots.

And for that someone who you think has it all how about an outdoor fireplace and stereo system (pictured above). This fireplace stands the weather and has a MP3 player. It also adds the comforting effect of a lit fireplace. We also have Himalayan Salt Lamps. Himalayan Salt Lamps have been said to:

- Provide cleaner air
- Decrease airborne bacteria
- Elevate moods naturally
- Ease upper respiratory problems
- Increase alertness
- Bolster productivity and concentration
- Reduce susceptibility to colds and flu
- They are also so beautiful (especially at night)

Other gift ideas from Marigold Nurseries include:

Flower arrangements

Table centres

Gazebos and Arbors

Outdoor furniture

Fire pits

Candle holders & candles

The list goes on and if you are not sure we always have our Gift Cards available in any denomination.

Also I am excited to say we finally have our loyalty program up and running. For a *lifetime* membership it is only \$25. With your lifetime membership you will be entitled to savings, rewards and special offers and events catered just for you. See in store for details.

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UP AND COMING SALES AND EVENTS

10th Annual Customer Appreciation Day
Thursday December 6th Open 8-8
Customer Appreciation Day Poster

CHRISTMAS MIXED FRESH GREENS HANGING BASKET SEMINAR

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Must register ahead of time. Get full details in store.
Phone to register 652 2342

Sales

5 gallon Dwarf Alberta Spruce \$39.99 Reg \$63.99

KIDS CLUB IN NOVEMBER

Kids club this month was a riot. We completed our first Kids Club Display garden with the help of some of the members and their parents. It was a lot of fun. We planted up some bulbs and also got to go shopping for our own plant to place in the garden to watch grow.

To join Marigold Nurseries Free Kids Club go to the newsletter sign up and register for Kids Club News.



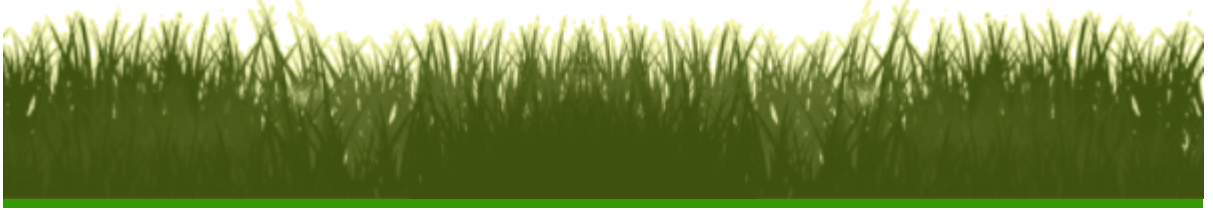
The coffee is on and the decorations are up. With a quick visit to Marigold I am sure you will get into the holiday spirit. Hope to see you soon.

Happy Holidays

From all the staff at Marigold Nurseries.

Cheers!

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