

SACRAMENTO GARDEN NOTES

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Salvia 'Wendys Wish' is a gorgeous long blooming plant and my plant from last year starting blooming weeks back and normally continues through fall. It is a good hummingbird plant. Like many Salvias, it's size depends on conditions. Under drier conditions it will reach about 3 ft max, but with more water can reach 4 by 4. It is sometimes a bit tender in colder areas. I have 6 available. I also have some Salvia

NO POTS NEEDED-put them in your recycle!

COMING TO LOOK AT PLANTS

I have several hundred pots (approximately 800) of perennials left over from the spring sale. If you would like to stop by and look at what is left, between now and May 2nd, they are all 1/2 price. The 1/2 price does not apply to Begonias.

Simply call me at my cell: (916) 617-7516 and check I'm home. The address is 1689 Vallarta Circle off of Truxel, just south of the I-80 Truxel exit.

To get here by surface streets from downtown take 16th St to Northgate, Northgate to Garden Highway, Garden Highway to Truxel. There is a left turn cutout just past San Juan Blvd that will put you at the other end of Vallarta Circle, just come around to my end.

I should be here most times between now and May 2nd. I will even accept evening appointments for those who need to come after work.

There are a lot of plants left, mostly in small numbers of each variety, ranging from 3 1/2 inch pots to gallons with a couple of larger items such as a 5 gallon variegated Calocasia odorata which I paid \$50 to get last year, you can have it for \$25.

After May 2nd, I will dispose of what is left.



Above – a “red” Louisiana Iris” actually brighter than the picture. I have 2 good sized divisions (Blooming size) available @ \$8 each. Let me know if you want one, since I’ll be listing them on ebay if I don’t hear from you ASAP)

Garden Notes & such: here it is late April and Spring is well sprung. While our area reservoirs are in good shape, the drought is far from over and as of today we have only had 87% of normal rainfall. Luckily we did have one week of heavy rain/snow that brought the lake levels up.

The weather has been erratic as always, but some plants seen confused. I have one Helebre that is reblooming, while a few of the real heat loving neo-tropicals haven’t even broken ground yet. We did get enough cold some of the test Begonias froze to the ground and now are up and growing.

If you haven’t fed your plants, do so now to give them a boost. Especially young plants grow best with regular feeding.

Hardy Hibiscus that have reach 8-12” can have the tips pinched out to increase the number of blooms, though doing so will delay blooming 10 days to 2 weeks. This is a toss-up on many plants, pinching makes a fuller plant on many things, but does delay blooming. Pinching means taking out the growing tips, which is different than dead heading which is taking off spent/dead blooms.

For mid summer heat color, seed in annuals such as marigolds & cosmos or plant some of the newer Coreopsis that bloom most of the summer.

For those who ask how I am, imagine a constantly occurring cramp from your knee to your foot and that’s the constant daily pain I’m dealing with until the doctors figure it out.