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We are so fortunate to live in Kitsap County. Here's this year's news from Sundquist Nursery and Heronswood.

Sundquist Nursery's website has finally arrived! Visit sqnursery.com for the online mailorder list, information and garden photos. Especially you'll want to see the garden photos. You'll drool with anticipation.

Sundquist Nursery, Inc. on Sawdust Hill Road in Poulsbo is open several times a year and by appointment for groups of gardeners/shoppers. The next open house is Friday and Saturday April 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. called "Daffodil Days" featuring "new and favorite epimediums, hepatica, trillium, hellebores and more!" Feast your eyes with blankets of daffodils in the surrounding pasture.

May 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. is "Spring Fling" featuring "unusual perennials including Solomon's seals, hardy geraniums" and waves of primroses and Pacific Coast iris.

June 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. is "Frolicking Ferns and Friends" with "dozens of fern varieties in garden-ready sizes in time for summer." The nursery features display gardens where you'll find abundant ideas for your own gardens.

July 21 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. it's "Mad Dog Days – Summer Splendor" with "great ferns, grasses, fuchsias, summer perennials, and other cool plants!" The display gardens will be resplendent with borders of grasses and companion plantings.

Last but not least, September 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. is "Harvest Daze – Kaleidoscopic Foliage" with "container foliage plants, late perennials, ferns and grasses." Once again, don't miss the display gardens with the ornamental grasses in their glory and all the colors of autumn splendor.

Sundquist is at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show each year and you'll also catch him and nursery selections at the Portland Garden Show the end of February, Bainbridge in Bloom in July, and his plants all year at the Rhododendron Species Garden nursery at Weyerhaeuser in Federal Way. Contact Sundquist Nursery at 360-779-6343 to make an appointment for your group to visit, or to mail order plants. Plant selections are shown on the website sqnursery.com by printing out the order form and faxing or mailing it to the nursery.

Heronswood at 7530 NE 288th Street in Kingston has something going on nearly every day of the week. For a complete list you'll want to visit www.heronswood.com. The Heronswood open houses are the same dates as Sundquist's: April 7 and 8; May 19 and 20; June 23 and 24; July 21 and 22 and September 22 and 23. Heronswood also offers workshops, seminars and even classes for youth. The nursery is also open several days a

week all year long, with a few exceptions. You'll want to visit the website for a complete list of open days or call the nursery for dates and activities.

This year Heronswood continues it's popular "shop with an expert" program. For only \$10 total for three hours you'll be able to experience a one hour tour with garden guru followed by two hours of shopping with the expert as he/she helps you select the best plants for your garden, along with design advise. Experts include: Linda Cochran, Maria Carlos, Jason Scott and Shayne Chandler.

If you haven't seen Heronswood's new catalogue with gleaming illustrations you're missing a real treat. The photos make you want to reach in to fondle the plants. You can nearly smell the fragrance of the blossoms on the pages. Call the nursery at 360-297-4172 to order a catalogue or online at the website.

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