

Sonoma Horticultural Nursery

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Nursery and Garden hours:

April and May; 7 days per week, 9AM to 5PM

June through March, Thursday through Monday, 9AM to 5PM



Polo de Lorenzo's breathtaking seven-and-a-half acres of gardens and nursery draw visitors from all over California. You are welcomed year-round to tour the garden with over one-and-a-half miles of pathways to explore.

Since its beginning in 1977, Sonoma Horticultural Nursery's primary objective has been the propagation of rhododendrons, azaleas, and other ericaceous plants. The nursery site of seven acres has also provided the opportunity to create an extensive garden, with many varieties of camellias and unusual shrubs and trees notable for their flowers, fragrance, form, and bark. Most are for sale in the nursery.

This is one of the few sites in Northern California where gardeners can view the famous Dove Tree, *Davida involucrata*, in full glory in the spring. The garden and nursery are an inspiration to Bay Area gardeners who invariably leave with fresh ideas and rare plants to improve their own gardens. The pond banked with azaleas and overhung with wisteria, the boardwalk suspended above gunnera and other wetland plants, the long Laburnum allée underplanted with woodland perennials are just a few of the features that make for a unique and memorable experience that is not to be missed.

We offer guided tours by appointment. Polo will lead a special tour that will explore the beauties of the place. Call to reserve a space for Tuesday April 15th, or Tuesday May 20th at 11AM. \$10 per person. Space is limited.



Paeonia

190 Montgomery Road

Sebastopol, CA 95472

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Garden/Nursery Hours:

April 19 through May 18

Saturdays 10AM to 4PM,

Sundays 12 noon to 4PM

Private tours Wednesdays

by appointment

Paeonia—a garden inspired by the tranquil aspects of the Far East—is dedicated to the peony. Hidden behind a Japanese fence and gates, Peonia offers a unique opportunity to see rare and unusual peonies unavailable in garden centers. Enjoy strolling the Buddha's Weeping Willow Allée and the paths between peony beds where you can observe their growth habit and decide which type to take home and enjoy in your own garden.

Paeonia is dedicated to the popularization and acclimatization of the various forms of peony. These most regal of flowers can now be enjoyed in California gardens. Having grown all types of peonies successfully for years, owner and horticulturist Paul Campion can guide you in the planting and placement of these gorgeous plants for optimum performance in the Bay Area.

The garden will be open Saturdays (10AM to 4PM) and Sundays (12noon to 4PM), from April 19 through May 18. Group tours can be arranged on Wednesdays during the bloom period for \$10 per person.

Paeonia is on Montgomery Road, 500 feet from Bodega Avenue (Hwy 12), just west of Sebastopol.



Garden Valley Ranch

498 Pepper Road, Petaluma, CA 94952

707-795-0919

www.gardenvalley.com info@gardenvalley.com

Nursery and Garden hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10AM to 5PM

Garden Valley Ranch is a 10-acre working flower farm, a nursery, a Victorian guest cottage, and an event center! Special events range from classes on pruning and flower arranging to the history of roses and gardens by local and international experts. Our rose selection of over 1000 varieties includes the own-root old and classic roses of Vintage Gardens, and the finest selections of modern roses, climbers, and English roses to be found in Northern California.

Set amongst historic buildings from the heyday of Petaluma's rural Victorian past, the garden reflects the graciousness and charm of another era. Alongside the belfry and cottage runs a 220-foot border of perennials and roses, designed in the style of Gertrude Jekyll. Around the pond, a planting of old roses and English roses combines with pergolas of climbing roses. And the woodland border, brilliant in spring with its flowering magnolias, hellebores, and daffodils, cool in summer with Vintage Garden's collection of hydrangeas, leads to the quiet and hidden fragrance garden with its white garden, old-rose borders, rose arches, and fountain.

Be sure to call ahead about our garden tours, as the garden may be closed for a special event, and ask about guided tours and special lunches in the garden. To book an event or special tour, or plan a special event, call our event coordinator, Kelly McRae at 707-792-0383. Our cut-rose bouquets are available throughout our farm season at the nursery shop.

On Sunday, May 18th, at 11AM, Ron Robertson will lead a special tour of the garden along with a look at our cut-flower operation. Reserve a space for this day, with lunch in the garden for \$35.



Vintage Gardens

Mail Order Office:

4130 Gravenstein Hwy North

Sebastopol, CA 95472

707-829-2035

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info@vintagegardens.com

Mail Order Office hours:

Tuesday through Friday, 10AM to 4PM
For Open Garden dates and hours see below.

Vintage Gardens is a mail-order nursery offering the largest collection of roses in America, as well as a collection of 200 cultivars of hydrangeas. A large selection of our plants are available at Garden Valley Ranch in Petaluma, open year round. During May we open our private garden and rose collection where you can see 4,000 varieties of roses in bloom, including many Old European roses rarely seen in California gardens.

Gregg Lowery invites you to tour our garden of roses, flowering shrubs and perennials to experience old roses in a dramatic garden setting at the peak of bloom at 3003 Pleasant Hill Road, Sebastopol, California, near the corner of Bloomfield Road.

The garden is open all Saturdays and Sundays in May, 2008, except for Sunday May 18. The last open day will be Sunday, June 1. No parking is available in the garden; be prepared for a short walk from street-side parking.

Once in a lifetime sale of 2000 roses from our private collection!

Throughout the open garden season we will offer a one-time only special sale of roses from our private collection. These duplicates of roses we cherish will be available at the garden in five gallon and fifteen gallon pots for between \$10 and \$25.

Garden Tours and a Day in the Garden with Gregg Lowery

Special tours of our rose garden will be offered this year, tracing the story of roses through the chronological layout of our plantings. Learn everything you've ever hoped to learn from respected authority on old and modern roses, garden designer Gregg Lowery. Reserve your tour early for Saturday May 10th, our only tour this year. 10AM to 12PM and 2PM to 4PM. \$30 per person. Limited to 20 per tour.

Or, spend a day in the garden with Gregg on Friday May 23rd from 10AM to 3PM. Pick the brain of a rosarian with 35 years of experience. Learn how to propagate your own roses, how we grow them, and all about their history. Lunch included. \$150 per person. Call for reservations early! 707-829-2035 Our tours sell out always.