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Markham Regional Arboretum Society's

Nursery and Plant Sales

news and information from the nursery



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Local Nurseryman's Show Debuts February 1st on HGTV, Callicarpa, and Waterwise Plants (continued)

Local Nurseryman Debuts "Superscapers" Show on HGTV

Gary Gragg, a long-time Markham member and supporter, who used to play in the Markham Nature Park many years ago, who is now a Lafayette resident, and who owns Golden Gate Palms Nursery in Richmond, will be the host and star of a new HGTV garden show, "**Superscapers**" debuting February 1st at 9:30 a.m. (Editor's note: an early diversion well before the Super Bowl hype).



Gary Gragg



Superscapers in production



One of Gary's Gardens

We're anxious to see Gary put some "**G**" (Garden) back into HGTV. Check the show's [video previews](#) featuring several East Bay gardens, click for more on the [Superscaper](#) show, and even more on Gary's design, nursery, and landscape contracting business, [Golden Gate Palms and Exotics](#) (biggest inventory of palms in Northern California!).

We wish the best to Gary on his new venture... all 26 weeks to start and we hope for many more to come. From my brief meetings with him over the years, I know you will like Gary's enthusiasm for plants and gardens and the show is sure to be a success showcasing him... and his plants and his gardens.



Callicarpa (Beauty Berry)

These graceful deciduous shrubs, with their arching branches, are cultivated for their pleasing fruit display. Small lilac or pink flowers in Summer are followed by tight clusters of little purple fruit that persist well into Winter. The fruit is florescent purple and the berries totally cover the stems. This show display is like nothing you have ever seen. Blooms and fruit occur on current season's growth, so, in late Winter, you would remove about a third of the oldest stems or lop the whole plant low to the ground.

Callicarpa dichotoma 'Early Amethyst'



'Early Amethyst' has bright purple berries that appear earlier in the Fall than other varieties. It grows about 4 ft tall and slightly wider with slender branches that sweep the ground. It bears abundant purple fruit and takes full sun to light shade with regular water.



Waterwise Plants Available at Markham ... continued

- ◆ **Perovskia atrilicifolia** – Russian Sage
- ◆ **Phormium tenax** – New Zealand Flax – many varieties
- ◆ **Plumbago auriculata** – Cape Plumbago – sky blue flowers on large shrub
- ◆ **Rosa** – Wild roses including Rosa rugosa (We have some California natives)
- ◆ **Rosemarinum officianalis** – Rosemary – evergreen shrub with narrow, crowded, aromatic leaves that are shiny dark underneath. Varieties include light lavender blue, darker lavender blue, pink, and white flowers make a show in Winter and Spring when not much else is blooming. Named varieties may be prostrate and are useful as groundcovers, as well as some that are of intermediate height or upright and tall. Can be used to season fish, meats, etc. too. Rosemary needs good drainage; tolerates heat and poor soil; and is drought tolerant when established. Excess water stimulates excess growth. Hardy to near 0°F. We have a large selection of various Rosemarys in gallons.



All for now... see you soon at the Markham Nursery?

Tuesday's 9am–12noon is our normal Plant Sale time for the next several winter months.

*(Editor's note: **except this Tuesday Jan 20th**, call ahead as we will probably be at home watching the Inauguration... how about the 27th?... and my apologies for missing pictures last week; a mistake on my end... hopefully not to be repeated... again 😊)*

Call ahead if the weather seems problematical as we won't be open during inclement weather. There is usually someone in the office on Tuesday mornings. You can also call or e-mail us if you have something special you are looking for and we'll see what we can do. Providing a telephone number and email address will help us respond faster.

The Plant Lady, Barb & Steve

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Markham Arboretum Nursery

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4" pots @ \$2-----1 Gallon pots @ \$4

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9 am to 12 noon

(weather permitting)

1202 La Vista Way (off Clayton Rd), Concord , CA 94521 (click for map)

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to be announced

10 am to 2 pm

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