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Markham Regional Arboretum Society's

Nursery and Plant Sales

news and information from the nursery

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Lavateras, Checkerbloom, Alstroemeria

Don't Forget Markham, Concord, and CCWD's sponsored presentation by Troy McGregor, GardenNatives.com, on

"Lawn Out – Nature In:

A Practical Approach to a Waterwise and Natural Garden"

at Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton, Saturday, February 21st @ 10am

info ([click](#)) and reservations at email: markham.arboretum@gmail.com

Lavateras



Lavateras are easy-to-grow plants that bear blossoms resembling single Hollyhocks.

If you are stumped about what long-blooming, evergreen, drought-tolerant shrub to plant, you might consider one of the Lavateras.

Lavatera 'Barnsely' (left above) has large 4 inch pale pink flowers and a dark pink eye

Lavatera 'Kew Pink' (middle above) has an attractive pink flower.

These species easily reach 6 feet in height and begin flowering in late Spring until late Fall. Add in their shallow-lobed grayish-green leaves' resistancy to disease and they are about as close to a wonder plant as you can find.

Lavatera assurgentiflora (Mission Mallow, a California Native)

This California native Lavatera (right above) is an evergreen shrub that grows to 12 feet tall and wide and has maple-like leaves. Rosy lavender flowers bloom from mid Spring to late Summer. Little to moderate water.

Sidalcea malviflora (California Native Checkerbloom)



Sidalcea is a prostrate, spreading plant with dark olive to blue green foliage which can often be hairy and can be glossy or dull. Flowers resemble small single Hollyhocks and can be silver pink to dark rose with white veining. Sidalcea blooms in Spring. It is useful in front of a mixed perennial border or lining the edge of a walk way. It's also good combined with Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium bellum*, also available at Markham). Checkerbloom is reliable and generally free of diseases and pests. Trim it after flowering or as needed for a fresh appearance. This is must have plant and one of my favorites. It usually sells out quickly.

Alstroemeria psittacina



This species Alstroemeria has an unusual flower, different than most Alstroemeria flowers. The flowering stalk grows to 2½ ft and is crowned by dark red flowers marked with green and blotches of dark purple. *A. psittacina* spreads by rhizomes but is not a pest. It prefers partial or fairly deep shade. These Alstroemeria were donated by Kristin. Thanks Kristin for all your donations... present and past.

Best Buys

When you are in the Nursery, don't forget to look at our dollar plants available in gallons and 4 inch.

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.

The date for our first 2009 Saturday Plant Sale is March 7th. Our Saturday Plant Sale schedule for the year is shown below right.

Call ahead (925-681-2968) if the weather seems problematical as we won't be open Tuesdays 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

www.markhamarboretum.org

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

Plant Sale Every Tuesday

9 am to 12 noon
(weather permitting)

2009 Saturday Plant Sales

**[Mar 7](#), [Apr 4](#), [May 2](#), [Jun 13](#), [Aug 1](#),
[Sep 12](#), [Oct 17](#), [Nov 14](#)
10 am to 2 pm**

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