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**“What are some of your favorite nurseries – near or far? Please tell us why, what they carry and where they’re located.”**

This month we asked you to share your favorite nurseries, near and far, and we received a tremendous response. Thanks to our members, we’re able to provide this insert with most of the nurseries they passed along for all of us to enjoy. It’s a good idea to make contact in advance to confirm hours and location, and whether they’re open to the public.

**Sperling Nursery**

24460 Calabasas  
Calabasas CA 91302  
(818) 591-9111

[www.sperlingnursery.com](http://www.sperlingnursery.com)

Big selection of quality plants, knowledgeable staff, lots of pots.

**Sego Nursery**

12126 Burbank Blvd.  
N Hollywood CA 91607  
(818) 763-5711

Third-generation family-owned nursery. Will order almost anything and follow through on the order. Knowledgeable staff.

**Nuccio’s Nursery**

3555 Chaney Trail  
Altadena CA 91001  
(626) 794-3383

*The place for camellias, azaleas, gardenias, dogwood. Overwhelming selection and really helpful, knowledgeable staff.*

**West Valley Nursery**

19035 Ventura Blvd.  
Tarzana CA 91356  
(818) 342-2623

Another independent nursery, family-run. Often stock plants not seen in other nurseries. Selection of pots and orchids, too.

**San Gabriel Nursery**

632 S. San Gabriel Blvd.

San Gabriel CA 91776

(626) 286-0787 and 286-3782

[www.sgnursery.com](http://www.sgnursery.com)

Very large, independent nursery with a wide selection of plants.

**Seaside Gardens**

3700 Via Real

Carpenteria CA 93013

(805) 684-6001

[www.seaside-gardens.com](http://www.seaside-gardens.com)

Eleven large demonstration gardens, plus a nursery of plants for sale.

**Orange County Farm Supply**

1826 West Chapman Ave.

Orange CA 92868-2695

(714) 978-6500

Tools, planting mix, amendments, fertilizer, etc., etc. Everything for the garden in bulk sizes at good prices.

- RC & BC

**Buena Creek Gardens**

418 Buena Creek Rd.

San Marcos CA 92069

(760) 744-2810

[www.buenacreekgardens.com](http://www.buenacreekgardens.com)

This is the old-fashioned, one-of-a-kind nursery with its own beautiful gardens mixed in with plants for sale. In many cases, a visitor can see a mature plant in a landscaped setting which helps in selecting plants to buy. There's also an attractive "jungle" trail inside the nursery where people can stroll quietly, enjoy peace and quiet. Buena Creek Gardens has introduced many plants to our area.

**Solana Succulents**

355 N Highway 101

Solana Beach CA 92075

(858) 259-4568

[www.solanasucculents.com](http://www.solanasucculents.com)

This nursery is behind a cozy house on Coast Highway. Although small, it can take a while to see Jeff Moore's collection, which appeals to the gardener as well as the collector looking for rare plants. Jeff is very helpful and well known for his superb garden designs. A great place in the quiet part of Solano Beach.

- SL

**Sierra Azul Nursery and Garden**

2660 East Lake Ave.

Watsonville CA 95076

(408) 763-0939

[www.sierraazul.com](http://www.sierraazul.com)

A particularly nice nursery to visit, both for their variety and display.

**Jim Duggan Flower Nursery**

638 Seabright Lane

Solana Beach CA 92075

[www.thebulbman.com](http://www.thebulbman.com)

**Telos Rare Bulbs**

PO Box 4147  
Arcata CA 95518  
[www.telosrarebulbs.com](http://www.telosrarebulbs.com)

**High Country Gardens**

2902 Rufina St.  
Santa Fe NM 87507-2929  
[www.highcountrygardens.com](http://www.highcountrygardens.com)  
(800) 925-9387

These mail order nurseries are the source of many of the bulbs (*Erythronium*, *Ipheions*, *Calochortus*, etc.) and plants (*Penstemon superbis*, etc.) I've brought to the Hort meetings.

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**California Cactus Center**

216 South Rosemead Blvd.  
Pasadena CA 91107  
(626) 795-2788  
Great succulents.

**Green Arrow Nursery**

8845 Sepulveda Blvd.  
North Hills CA 91393  
(818) 894-8306  
Four-inch perennials are a great deal!  
- SG

**Chia Nursery**

6380 Via Real  
Carpenteria CA 93013  
(805) 684-3382  
Unique.

**San Marcos Growers**

125 South San Marcos Rd  
Santa Barbara CA 93111  
(805) 683-1561  
[www.smgrowers.com](http://www.smgrowers.com)

**Native Sons**

379 W. El Campo Rd.  
Arroyo Grande CA 93420  
(805) 481-5996  
[www.nativeson.com](http://www.nativeson.com)  
Ceanothus.  
- GK

**Tohono Chul Park**

7366 N. Paseo del Norte  
Tucson AZ 85704  
(520) 742-6455  
www.tohonochulpark.org

It has a great Tea Room in a hummingbird garden and a good plant sale area with natives and succulents.

**Boyce Thompson Arboretum**

37615 E US Highway 60 (Milepost #223)  
Superior AZ 85273  
(520) 689-2723 and 689-2811 for events  
www.arboretum.ag.arizona.edu

A beautiful display of what's possible to grow in the desert and a good plant sale area with natives and succulents.

**Mourning Cloak Ranch & Botanical Garden**

22101 Old Town Rd.  
Tehachapi CA 93561  
(661) 822-1661  
www.mourningcloakranch.com

A wonderful destination but not open in the winter. Most plants for sale are also in displayed in their garden.

**H&H Nursery**

6220 Lakewood Blvd.  
Lakewood CA 90712  
(562) 804-2513

Large variety of plants including shrubs, perennials, color and shade.

**Windmill Nursery**

925 W. Highway 246  
Buellton CA 93427  
(805) 688-3993  
www.windmillnursery.com

Huge selection of perennials and shrubs at reasonable prices.

- KB

**Swift Ranch Nursery**

1215 N. McCall Ave.  
Sanger CA 93657  
(559) 251-8391

Swift Ranch (formerly Henderson's) specializes in Japanese Maples and deciduous flowering magnolias. I fell in love with it because of the amazing variety of magnolias available (in everything from five gallon size to huge boxed specimens). There is a lovely display area which features the magnolias against a backdrop of evergreen trees. The time to visit this nursery is in winter (February/March) when the magnolias are at their best. Call ahead to ensure they're open.

**Intermountain Nursery**

30443 Auberry Rd.  
Prather CA 93651  
(559) 855-3113

A more full-service (traditional) nursery focusing on native plants. They were written up in *Sunset* magazine not too long ago. As of last year, they had limited open hours on Saturday and Sunday only. There is a lovely, small display garden at the front entrance showcasing native plants. I think the best time to visit this nursery is in the fall when they have their Peace and Harvest Festival (it usually takes place in September). It really is a must see experience. This nursery also does a series of summer concerts on weekends. Call ahead to ensure when they're open. - BG

**Annie's Annuals & Perennials**

740 Market Ave.  
Richmond CA 94801  
(510) 215-1671  
www.anniesannuals.com

A wonderful retail, wholesale and mail order nursery carrying a wide variety of interesting, "home-grown" plants that are not readily found. Their terrific website provides a photo and folksy description of most plants. Request a free copy of their impressive and fun to read mail order catalog.

**Half Moon Bay Nursery**

11691 San Mateo Rd.  
Half Moon Bay CA 94019  
(650) 726-5392

They carry a huge variety of plants from annuals to trees, including Annie's Annuals, as well as seasonal specialties. They offer friendly, knowledgeable service and a nice atmosphere in which to leisurely browse.

**WorldWide Exotics**

11157 Orcas Ave.  
Lake View Terrace CA 91342  
(818) 890-1915

I enjoy wandering through all the interesting plants and talking with the owners about their cultural needs. They primarily carry perennials and their plants are of good quality at good prices.

- *DBG*

**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden**

1212 Mission Canyon Rd.  
Santa Barbara CA 93105  
(805) 682-4726  
www.sbbg.org  
California native plants.

**Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden**

1500 N. College Ave.  
Claremont CA 91711-3157  
(909) 625-8767  
www.rsabg.org  
California native plants.

**California Gardens**

Tarzana CA  
Call Bill Baker for an appointment.  
(818) 344-4856  
Non-native plants.

**Burkard Nurseries**

690 N. Orange Grove Blvd.  
Pasadena CA 91103  
(626) 796-4355  
www.burkhards.com  
Non-natives.

**Charles Alford Plants**

1645 9th St., SW  
Vero Beach FL 32962-4314  
(772) 770-9119  
Mail order.

**Cactus Data Plants**

9607 East Avenue S-12  
Little Rock CA 93543  
(661) 944-2784

**The Plant Man**

2615 Congress St.  
San Diego CA 92110  
(619) 297-0077  
Cactus and succulent nursery.

**Desert Images**

11140 North Ventura Ave.  
Ojai CA 93023  
(805) 649-4479  
Cactus and succulent nursery.

**Australian Native Plants**

9040 North Ventura Ave.  
Ventura CA 93001  
(805) 649-3362

**California Nursery Specialties**

19420 Saticoy St.  
Reseda CA 91335  
(818) 894-5694  
They are open to the public on weekends.  
- BK

***Anonymous Contributors*****Persson's Nursery**

3115 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Pasadena CA 91107  
(626) 792-6073

**Sunflower Farms**

17609 S Western Ave.  
Gardena CA 90247  
(310) 527-8371  
Love the artful plantings in repurposed concrete and other materials.

**Western Hills Nursery**

16250 Coleman Valley Rd.  
Occidental CA 95465  
(707) 874-3731

**Xotx - Tropico**

900 N Fairfax Ave.  
West Hollywood CA 90046  
(323) 654-9999

**Armstrong Garden Centers**

5616 San Fernando Rd.  
Glendale CA 91202  
(818) 243-4227

**Lincoln Avenue Nursery**

804 Lincoln Ave.  
Pasadena CA 91103  
(626) 792-2138

**Vintage Garden Antique & Extraordinary Roses**

2833 Old Gravenstein Hwy. South  
Sebastopol CA 95472  
(707) 829-2035  
[www.vintagegardens.com](http://www.vintagegardens.com)  
Great selection.

**Joy Creek**

20300 NW Watson Rd.  
Scappoose OR 97056  
(503) 543-7474  
[www.joycreek.com](http://www.joycreek.com)

**Cistus**

22711 NW Gillihan Rd.  
Sauvie Island OR 97231  
(503) 621-2233  
[www.cistus.com](http://www.cistus.com)  
Great selection.

**The Lily Garden**

4902 NE 147th Ave.  
Vancouver WA 98682-6067  
(360) 253-6273  
[www.thelilygarden.com](http://www.thelilygarden.com)  
For lilies.

**Hillcrest Nursery**

3211 W. Beverly Blvd.  
Montebello CA 90640  
(626) 975-4881 and 230-9205  
Old and new favorites from Gary Hammer.