

## CHRISTIANSON'S Nursery & Greenhouse

An Enticing Selection of Common and Uncommon Plants...Friendly Service...Expert Advice

### *A Celebration of 35 Years and A Dream Realized*

I have often shared stories from my childhood adventures in the Nursery—catching frogs, exploring the back 40, and raising farm animals. Those early experiences shaped my love for this Valley and my appreciation for the changing seasons and the quiet joys of gardening. As their daughter, it moves me deeply to reflect on and celebrate 35 remarkable years of Toni and John Christianson's unwavering dedication to their dream of owning and nurturing the Nursery.

In 1990, my parents made a bold and heartfelt decision to purchase the Nursery from Bob Hart, who had inherited it from his father before him. At the time, the property was full of potential but in need of care and vision. Snowstorms, collapsing greenhouses, and a long list of endless projects were just some of the challenges that came their way. But through it all, my parents remained steadfast—united by a passion for gardening, design, plants, and history.

Over the years, their tireless work and enduring love for this place have transformed the Nursery into a beloved destination and a source of inspiration for so many. They lovingly restored and preserved the historic 1888 Meadow Schoolhouse, which they moved to the property in the early '90s. They added charming old glass greenhouses and thoughtfully incorporated historic elements from across the Valley and beyond—creating a space that feels timeless and rooted in a deep sense of place. Their eye for beauty in the quiet, often overlooked details—moss-covered tables, windswept leaves, aged terracotta, and antique glass—can be seen in every corner of the Nursery. These elements, gathered and arranged with care, reflect not only their aesthetic but their heart. It is this shared vision that has made the Nursery feel so magical, so enduring. My parents have shown that when you truly love what you do, it becomes more than work—it becomes purpose. For 35 years, they have poured their energy and hearts into this Nursery. It has been a labor of love, a dream nurtured through hard work, creativity, and persistence. Watching them build something so beautiful—and having the chance to work alongside them—has been one of the greatest joys of my young adult life.

Here's to 35 years of vision, dedication, and a dream fully realized. What a legacy to carry forward.

Emma Christianson

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# *Skagit Valley Tulip Festival: A Colorful Celebration of Spring*

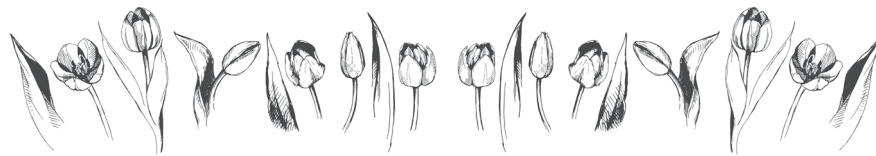
## ***This April Experience the Beauty of Skagit Valley in Full Bloom!***

This April, immerse yourself in the vibrant colors of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, which spans across 350 acres of stunning tulip fields, there in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. From April 1st to 30th, the valley transforms into a patchwork of tulips in dazzling hues, creating an unforgettable experience for visitors.

The tulip fields, cultivated by RoozenGaarde/Washington Bulb Co., Inc., are a seasonal wonder. Because of crop rotation, the tulips are planted in different locations each year, offering fresh views and photo ops each time you visit. Don't forget to check the festival's website for up-to-date details, ticketing information, and a 2025 field map and brochure to help you plan your adventure.

While you're enjoying the fields, be sure to check out some exciting events, like the **"Art in the Schoolhouse"** exhibit during the entire month of April, featuring local artists' beautiful works. You can also visit the **P.N.W. Artisan Marketplace** at the Vinery, open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. These showcase the incredible talent of regional artisans, giving you the chance to bring home a unique piece of art or craft.

When you're ready to take a break, refresh with a coffee, slice of pizza, or delicious BBQ from our rotating local vendors who will be at the Nursery throughout the month of April. Food vendors will be on hand every weekend throughout April to add even more fun to your visit.



## *Celebrate Mother's Day at Christianson's Nursery: A Blooming Tradition*

***Saturday and Sunday, May 10th & 11th, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.***

Mother's Day weekend is one of the most beloved times of the year here at Christianson's Nursery, and we can't wait to welcome you and your family for what has become a time-honored tradition in our gardens. For generations, families have made a visit to the nursery part of their

Mother's Day celebration—strolling through the greenhouses, choosing blooming gifts, and simply soaking in the beauty of the season together. This year, we're making it even more special. In addition to our stunning selection of healthy, vibrant plants—including both tried-and-true favorites and unique specialty varieties—we'll have delicious baked goods and food truck options available on-site, so you can enjoy a full day out, lunch included! Whether you're picking out the perfect gift or just spending quality time in nature, we invite you to stay, relax, and savor the experience. Don't miss our gorgeous mixed flowering hanging cedar baskets (14") and coco-lined wire baskets (14" or 16"), specially grown to burst with color all summer long—an ideal gift that keeps on blooming. Plus, our ever-popular fancy geraniums will be 20% off for the weekend, available in a variety of stunning types including zonal, ivy, and fancy-leaf, all in convenient 4-inch pots.

If the sun is shining, we encourage you to linger a while—bring your lunch or grab something tasty from our food offerings and enjoy a peaceful picnic in the historic Schoolhouse Rose Garden. Kids will love visiting with our friendly farm animals, making it a joyful outing for families of all ages. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the season of flowers and the moms we love. Come make beautiful memories at Christianson's Nursery this Mother's Day weekend—it's more than just a visit; it's a tradition.

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## *In the Time of Roses: May Tips for a Thriving Garden*

Roses have long held a place of honor in the garden, admired for their beauty, fragrance, and timeless elegance. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just beginning your rose-growing journey, May is an ideal month to establish or expand your rose garden. At Christianson's Nursery, we are proud to offer one of the most extensive selections in the region—with over 500 rose varieties in stock, including hybrid teas, floribundas, climbers, English roses, old garden roses, and more. With such a wide variety, there's something to suit every garden style, from formal rose beds to casual cottage landscapes.

When establishing a rose garden, selecting the right site is essential. Roses perform best in full sun, with at least six hours of direct sunlight per day, and in well-drained soil rich in organic matter. Good air circulation is also important to minimize disease pressure. Before planting, prepare the soil by loosening it to a depth of 12–18 inches and amending it with compost or aged manure. Space plants according to their mature size to ensure proper growth and airflow. Once planted, water thoroughly and mulch around the base to conserve moisture and reduce weeds.

May is also a critical time for rose care. As the growing season picks up, fertilize roses with a balanced fertilizer formulated specifically for roses to support strong growth and abundant blooms. Water deeply and regularly, especially during dry spells, but avoid overhead watering to prevent fungal issues. Continue to prune out any remaining dead or damaged wood and shape your roses as needed. For ongoing bloom production, deadhead spent flowers regularly.

With proper care and attention, roses will reward you with months of stunning color and fragrance. Whether you're planting your first rose or adding to a growing collection, our knowledgeable staff at Christianson's is here to help you select the right varieties and provide expert advice on planting and care. With over 500 varieties to explore, there's no better time to start or enhance your rose garden than this May.

## *Creating English-Inspired Containers: Bringing the Charm of the Countryside to Your Home*

May is the perfect time to create English-inspired containers that bring the charm of the countryside to your home. To capture that picturesque English garden vibe, choose plants in soft, romantic colors—think pastel pinks, purples, blues, and whites. Classic favorites like petunias, geraniums, lobelia, and trailing ivy work beautifully together. For a more cottage-like feel, try incorporating fragrant flowers like sweet peas or lavender, along with old-fashioned blooms like pansies or primroses. Use the **thriller, filler, and spiller** method to design your containers: a tall, elegant plant like foxglove or delphinium as the thriller, medium-height fillers like roses or asters, and trailing plants such as nasturtiums or creeping Jenny to spill gracefully over the edges.

When creating your English-inspired containers, consider planting with a relaxed, informal style that mimics the natural beauty of countryside gardens. Aim for a balanced but slightly wild look, allowing plants to mingle and grow freely, just like in an English country garden. Be sure to use high-quality, well-draining soil and add a time-release fertilizer to encourage lush growth and abundant blooms. Keep your baskets well-watered, especially during warmer weather, and give them plenty of sun to help them thrive. With just a little care and attention, your containers will transport you straight to the heart of the English countryside, full of color, charm, and character all season long.

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# Christianson's Spring Calendar



*Spring into Creativity:  
Join Us for May Book Signings at Primrose!*

This May, Primrose Gifts and Antiques at Christianson's Nursery is hosting a series of book signings with authors who celebrate gardening, creativity, and the natural world—a wonderful chance to connect, be inspired, and take home a signed book.

We begin on **Saturday, May 3rd (1–3 PM)** with **Renee Erickson**, author of *Sunlight & Breadcrumbs*. Renee shares heartfelt reflections on finding beauty in everyday moments—perfect for those who appreciate a slower, more intentional life. **On Sunday, May 18th (1–3 PM)**, meet **Debra Prinzing** and **Robin Avni**, co-authors of *The Flower Farmer: Inspiration and Advice from Expert Growers*. Their book offers practical tips and creative insight into growing and designing with seasonal flowers. Then, on **Saturday, May 24th (1–3 PM)**, join us for an afternoon with **Brenna Estrada**, author of *Pansies: How to Grow, Reimagine, and Create Beauty with Pansies and Violas*, and **Sarah Simon**, the beloved watercolor artist behind *The Mint Gardener*. Together, they'll share their passion for plants, creativity, and artistic expression.

These events offer a welcoming space to meet the authors, explore new ideas, and celebrate the season. We invite you to make a day of it—browse the shop, enjoy the gardens, and soak in the inspiration at Christianson's Nursery this May.



## *The Skagit Valley Farmers Market*

**May 25th - October**  
**Sundays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



We're excited to welcome you back to the Skagit Valley Farmers Market at Christianson's, running from May 25th through October! The Skagit Valley Farmers Market is dedicated to fostering a vibrant community by connecting local farmers, artisans, and makers with Skagit Valley residents and visitors. Our aim is to provide a welcoming space where fresh, locally grown produce, handmade goods, and unique creations come together to celebrate the rich diversity and creativity of our region. Our market supports sustainable agriculture, local craftsmanship, and the well-being of our community, while cultivating a shared appreciation for the people and products that make Skagit Valley special. The Vinery, once a stationary pea-vining site from the 1940s to the 1960s, adds a unique charm to the market and is the perfect backdrop to make this a new Sunday tradition.

*A Rosy Day Out*  
*Celebrating our 23rd Annual Rose Festival*  
*Saturday, June 21st 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

We are delighted to invite you to join us for our 23rd Annual Rosy Day Out Festival on Saturday, June 21st, a cherished event in the gardening community. This year, we're celebrating the beauty and charm of garden roses in the very place where it all began—our beloved Schoolhouse Gardens. It's hard to believe that this festival has been bringing together rose enthusiasts for over two decades, and we are truly grateful for the vibrant community that has grown around it. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a newcomer, this festival promises a day filled with inspiration, learning, and, of course, stunning roses. Throughout the day, enjoy a variety of activities, including a community rose display and friendly competition in the Schoolhouse, an ice cream social to refresh between morning and afternoon speakers, and the chance to gather in the beautiful Schoolhouse Rose Garden while listening to expert keynote speakers. Each year, around this time, the roses come into full bloom, offering a breathtaking display of color and fragrance, and we expect this year's festival to be just as enchanting. We'll be sharing practical rose care tips and tricks, and the ever-popular Ciscoe and John will be on hand to share their rose companion favorites—along with giving away plants!

*Enter Your Garden Roses in Our Community*  
*Rose Display & Competition*

If you have a garden rose that stands out for its beauty or fragrance, we invite you to participate in our Community Rose Display & Competition. Every June, we celebrate the best of garden roses with categories such as Best in Show, Best Fragrant Rose, and Best Floral Display incorporating perennials with roses. The winners will be announced by Ciscoe and John during their 3:00 p.m. presentation under the tent, and each winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate. Entries must be submitted between 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. on the day of the festival. We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible volunteers who have helped make the Community Rose Display over the years. Their passion and dedication to garden roses have been invaluable, and we are deeply appreciative of their ongoing efforts to keep the spirit of this festival alive. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you and enjoying another wonderful *Rosy Day Out* together!

*A Schedule of Rosy Events*

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| 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.     | Self-guided tour of our Schoolhouse Rose Garden   |
| 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Community Rose Display entry submissions  |
| 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.     | Community Rose Display  |
| 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Volunteers available for rose advice  |
| 11:00 a.m - 12 p.m. | Walking Tour of the Garden with <b>Marianne Binetti</b>                                     |
| 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.     | “All About Roses” with <b>NitaJo Rountree</b>   |
| 2 p.m.              | Rose Ice Cream Social   |
| 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.     | “Favorite Roses and Rose Companions” with <b>Ciscoe Morris</b> and <b>John Christianson</b> |



# April - June Specials

April 11 - 24

**Rhododendrons and Azaleas**  
thousands from which to choose  
20% off

April 25 - May 8

**Basket Stuffers**  
premium annuals growing in 2-inch pots  
for garden baskets  
(regularly \$3.98 each)  
20% off

May 9 - 15

**Geraniums**  
zonal, ivy, and fancy leaf growing in  
4-inch pots  
20% off

May 16 - 22

**Shady Days**  
shade-loving tuberous  
begonias and fancy, double,  
and New Guinea impatiens  
20% off

May 23 - 29

**Fuchsias Starts**  
2, 4, and 6-inch  
hardy and upright varieties  
20% off

May 30 - June 12

**Vines**  
clematis, honeysuckle,  
jasmine, wisteria, akebia, and more  
1 to 5-gallon  
20% off

June 13-26

**Perennials**  
winter and spring-flowering beauties  
many in bloom  
20% off

A Weekly Radio Broadcast  
*The Garden Show*

Sunday Mornings with John & Mike  
660 AM KAPS &  
102.1 FM KAPS 10:30 a.m.

## CLASSES & EVENTS

**April 1st - 30th**

Tulips in bloom!  
Art in the Schoolhouse  
**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

PNW Artisan Marketplace  
in the Vinery  
10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

**April 20th**

Easter Sunday  
Open, 9-6

**May 10th - 11th**

Mother's Day Weekend  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**May 24th**

Class: Sow More Seeds  
with Less Effort!  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**May 24th**

Book Signing Event with  
Brenna Estrada of *Three  
Brother's Blooms* and  
*Sarah Simon, The Mint  
Gardener*  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 21st**

A Rosy Day Out  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Annual Rose Festival**

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Self-guided  
Rose Garden Tour

9 am. - 4 p.m. Community  
Rose Display

9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Rose  
Submissions

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Walking  
Tour of the Garden with

Marriane Binetti

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. All About  
Roses! With Nita-Jo  
Rountree

2 p.m. Ice Cream Social

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Favorite

Roses and Rose

Companions with

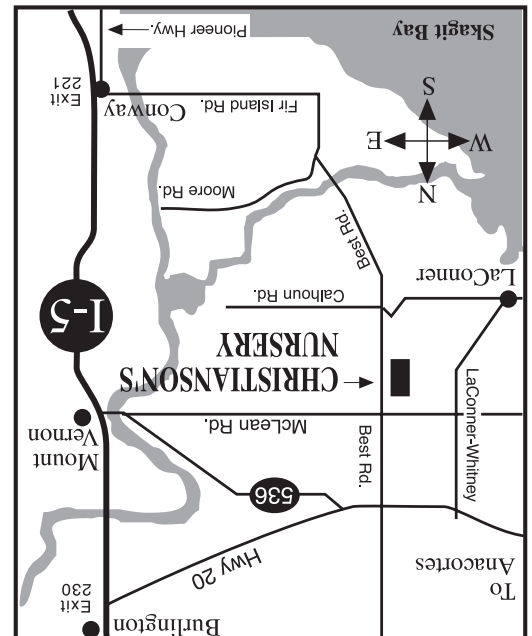
Rosebuds, Ciscoe Morris

and John Christianson



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From Bellingham: Take exit 230. Go 5 miles west on Hwy 20 to Best Road. Turn left, go 2 miles on Best Road, and we are just past the roundabout. From Everett: Take exit 221, go 8.5 miles west on Fir Island Road to Best Road. Continue north on Best Road. The Nursery is 1 mile north of the Chillberg/Calhoun intersection.



Open Daily, 9-6 p.m.  
**Spring Hours**  
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