It’s all about the weather in this biz, isn’t it? Yesterday the weatherman said that this is one of the driest Novembers Oregon has seen. Then today we hear that there are high surf advisories at the coast and the snow level is dropping in the mountains. Rain, wind, and snow…. it must be winter in Oregon.

The weather can make working outside miserable. But that’s what our crews are doing now, busily digging and grading trees, trees, trees….. and some shrubs. Our field crews have been digging between 15 and 25 thousand trees a day. In addition, the warehouse crew is grading between 10 and 20 thousand trees each day. Winter is a busy time in Oregon.

As we move through the digging season, our inventory will be constantly changing. We will contact you if any serious adjustments are necessary. To check our most current availability, log on to www.robinsonnursery.com. We will update inventory information a couple of times a week. You never know what goodies will show up.

Next month we will start shipping and then the rest of the season is a blur. We hope you get a little rest before trees start showing up on your doorstep.

Winter is Almost Here

**Burgundy Belle® Red Maple**

*Acer rubrum ‘Magnificent Magenta’*

Burgundy Belle ® is a moderate size tree maturing at 45’-50’ tall by 35’ wide. It has a compact, symmetrically oval crown. The summer foliage is medium to dark green. The fall foliage starts out red, then turns to a deep burgundy, and finally becomes scarlet. This is a vigorous tree which is drought and heat tolerant. It is said to survive –32F and we hear that it is doing very well as far north as the Twin Cities.

Burgundy Belle® is the favorite tree of both Lupe and Teddy Bear. Lupe likes the fall color. Bear likes to sniff the trunk and rest in the shade.

**Tree of the Month**

During the 4 years that Cynda has been with our company, she has become valued member of our staff. Cynda is a native Oregonian born in Salem. She won’t say when, but we believe it to be near the end of the Eisenhower administration. She is a graduate of the Oregon State University Horticulture program, and has worked both in retail and wholesale nurseries. At one time she owned an organic peach orchard. She likes to watch football and basketball, and in her spare time gardens. Cynda has two children: Ally, 22, a graduate of Linfield College and a financial advisor, and Jaxon, 16, a high school junior. Because of her goofy sense of humor, Cynda has been awarded the honorary title of Manager of Customer Harassment. When you call with a problem, Cynda is the person who will help you. By the time you hang up, hopefully your problem will be solved and you will have managed a chuckle, a chortle or even a guffaw.

**Staff Introductions**

**Customer Service Manager—Cynda Foster**