

So, what does it take to be a really good nurseryman?

You have to start off with a



really good sense of humus. Give us a pile of leaves and watch out.



You have to be ready for those sudden showers that show up out of the blue.

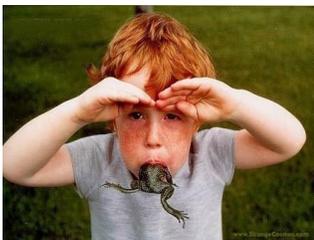


You need a sense of curiosity about how things work.

Being extremely cute is always helpful.



And last of all, good vision and an abnormal interest in frogs are helpful. Red hair is optional. Any hair is optional.



Nursery Notes

New Plants for 2007

We've just about finished putting our 2006-2007 catalog together. One thing that stands out is the number of new varieties we are offering this year.

Robinson Nursery has always been a meat and potatoes kind of nursery, offering the tried and true, plants that are always in demand. The idea was that if we couldn't sell 1000 of a variety, we didn't want to bother with it.

Our thinking now is that we will still offer those standard plants, but we will be adding some exciting material to our list.

Some of the trees new for next year are:

Acer Autumn Fantasy®, a *freemania* hybrid from Discov-Tree. It's vigorous with crimson-red fall color.

Acer 'Bowhall' is finally back, available in whips.

Amelanchier 'Rainbow Pillar'®, with great fall color.

Betula 'Dura-Heat'™ for those warmer areas and **B 'Summer Cascade'**®, a weeper.

Cornus 'Satomi' and **Cornus mas 'Golden Glory'** in tree form.

Crataegus crusgalli in multi-stem form.

Malus 'Cinderella'®, **'Guinivere'**® and **'Lollipop'**® grafted on 42" standards.

Parrotia persica, a great tree for zone 5-8, shiny leaf and fall color.

Populus tremula erecta, the very columnar Swedish Aspen, and very hardy too.

Pyrus 'Korean Sun'™, a small pear with horizontal limbs and fall color.

Syringa x 'Tinkerbelle'™ A cute ball of deep pink

bloom grafted on a 42" standard.

Tilia 'Corinthian'®, **T. Harvest Gold'**® and **T. 'Shamrock'**®, three more great Lindens.

We are also excited about our container program. We hope to offer **Koelreuteria**, several **Liquidambar**, **Liriodendron**, **Magnolia virginiana** and **M. v. 'Moonglow'**®, **Nyssa**, **Oxydendron**, **Stewartia**, **Styrax**, **Taxodium** and **T.**

'Shawnee Brave'®, and **Ulmus 'Allee'**®, all in #3 pots.

Work should be fun, and we've had a great time learning how to propagate and grow all these new varieties. So keep your eye out for our catalog, headed your way in May.



Corrections and Wild Rumors

We want to apologize for misspelling the name of Mike Yanny in the last newsletter. Mike had made the great suggestion of renaming Crabapples Ornamental Apples or Flowering Apples. Mike is the propagator extraordinaire at Johnson's Nursery in Menomonee Falls, Minnesota.



There is a rumor going around that Robinson Nursery is for sale. We want to assure you that this rumor is **false**. Robinson's is a family operation. The next generation is in college, preparing to come on board. Our value, variety and service will be around for a very long time.