

December 2010

## Last months mystery tree:



## Acer miyabei 'Morton' State Street

The winner is Todd at RJ Farms in West Salem Ohio. We still have a some of these 'urban tough' trees available.



The December quiz is this little beauty. No, it's not Fruit of the Loom. Same rules apply. You can skip the taxes.

Eastern Oregonians have an independent, pioneer mindset. They are of the land, and they don't need you. But they are polite.





## **DECEMBER SPECIAL**

Acer saccharum 'Green Mountain'
1 1/4" and 1" Br Undercut
Acer saccharum 'Fall Fiesta'
1" Br Undercut
Special Price - \$15.00 net + royalties

We would like to introduce you to <u>Cercis canadensis</u> Columbus Strain. This Redbud is hardy to **Zone 4.** We are offering it in clump form, grown from seed. This strain is from McKay Nursery's own seed source originally from a tree in Columbus, Wisconsin. Given Redbud's preference for high pH soils, this hardier tree should be useful in the Mountain West, the Great Basin, the upper Midwest and colder portions of New England.



# Phytophthora ramorum Update

Recently a nurseryman touring our facilities expressed concern about Phytophthora ramorum It's been several years since we last discussed this pathogen in this newsletter. P. ramorum first came to our attention in 2003, when several nurseries shipped infested material out of state. The Oregon Association of Nurserymen, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the USDA immediately recognized the devastating potential of this pathogen and jumped on the problem with both feet. They initiated a testing and quarantine program which required the host plants of all Oregon growers to be tested annually. Infested nurseries are required to eradicate the pathogen and be retested before they can ship plants. By 2007 the nurseries found to have infected material was only three. Testing procedures are continually being upgraded.

P. ramorum is spread by nursery to nursery shipment of plants. Robinson Nursery grows almost all of it's liners in house, and does not buy in liners of P. ramorum host or associate plants. We are tested each year for P. ramorum and have always been certified pathogen free. Since the nearest wild infestation is over 200 miles distant, we are positive that we are and will remain free of this pathogen. You can feel confident when you buy our plants that P. ramorum will not be coming along for the ride.

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