



Merry Christmas from all of us at Robinson Nursery

It is raining on my window as I write this on Dec 3. This has been a mild fall in Oregon with big rains followed by nice dry spells.

Only one day of hard frost so far. Our harvest is coming along quite nicely. We are over half way finished with digging and grading. The goal is to be totally done the second week of January. It is a real plus to have the final inventory when we start shipping orders.

Christmas is right around the corner and it is a good time to reflect on our many blessings. It is easy to get bogged down in the business of life. Quite often my mother used to tell me to count my blessings, of which there are many.

A little over 2000 years ago God gave us the ultimate blessing. The baby Jesus was humbly born in a manger. He grew up and took on the sins of this world by dying on a cross. He rose again conquering death allowing each of us a way to receive eternal life. Have you considered this ultimate gift from God? Every Christmas Eve as our whole family gathers together I pull out my bible and read the Christmas story. We then light the candles on the birthday cake the grand kids have created and sing happy birthday to Jesus. I encourage you to join in this family tradition. It takes the holiday to a whole new level.

I want to say thank you to the many customers that choose to partner with Robinson Nursery and thank you to the fine employees that make this possible.

May God bless you all!

~ Rick

New Nursery Professional of the Year!

This year Josh was selected as the Oregon Association of Nurseries New Nursery Professional of the Year. Josh Graduated in 2008 from Linfield College with a Bachelors of Science in business. He started a drive-through coffee shop while still in college. Shortly after it opened, Josh decided that his time would be better spent at something a little more fulfilling. He closed up shop and decided to work at the nursery... well at least until he found something better to do.



Josh started off in an internship type position at the nursery doing a little bit of everything. He worked 2 months in about every job: propagation, production, chemicals, shipping, inventory, and even errand boy. My personal favorite was the year that Josh was the guy at the front of the semi's stacking the bare root plants for every one of our customers. Josh struggled through these times. Mainly because if you met Josh you would know that his true skills are with people and this side of him was not being fulfilled. Not that he wasn't talented at those positions, he is just better when he is working with people.

After about two years of Josh learning the ropes at the nursery, the Customer Service Representative position opened up at the company. By this time Josh had absolutely fallen in love with plants. The job opened up on short notice and my Dad and I were uncertain as to whether Josh could handle this position. We didn't have enough time to hire someone so we threw Josh into the fire. Mistakes were made here and there but he continually exceeded our expectations. Josh excelled with the help of some great mentors. It does help to have some of the best sales people in the industry guiding you along your path.

Josh traveled to trade shows around the country and realized a need for young people to connect. He kept seeing younger nurserymen around but never had an opportunity to truly connect with them. Out of this need he started the Young Nursery Professionals Group. This group meets at several of the biggest nursery trade shows in the nation. The group was started at MANTS in 2012 and has since met at PANTS and The Far West Show. We all hope that this networking group continues to grow and help connect young people to this great industry! If you would like to connect with the Young Nursery Professionals group you can find out more on Facebook, just search for The Young Nursery Professionals Page.

~ Chris