

Peonies VII



"Few are those who see with their own eyes and feel with their own hearts."

~Albert Einstein



No legacy is so rich as honesty.

~William Shakespeare



The only way to speak the truth is to speak lovingly"

~Henry David Thoreau

Honesty about plant baggage....

One of the funniest things I have experienced working with customers is the passion they have towards specific plants. It can be positive or negative. I call it plant baggage and we all have it. It can be a scent, a color, a memory evoked or just an unexamined prejudice. My mother grew up on a cattle ranch in Colorado and sun flowers self-seeded in the pastures so she thought of them as common and never included them in my childhood gardens. When I married Jeff, one of his very favorite plants was the sunflower because of the magical way it grows from such a small seed to tower over us. I had been so closed minded to introducing these to our garden, it wasn't until I honestly reflected on the reasons why I thought I disliked them that I realized that I really didn't have an opinion. Today I share in Jeff's love of them. They always brighten even the dreariest day.



April Fun Facts....

"Sowing your crops"

April is the cruellest month..." (opening line to TS Eliot's *The Waste Land*). The greatest paradox of the unexamined life. For me, the infinite possibilities of spring fill me with joy. April means "to open" and I think it is appropriate that April Fool's Day kicks off the month. April's mercurial weather transitions daily but always moving toward the promise of summer. April is filled with superstitions too, and this year is especially rich with the eclipse on April 4. The orange glow creating a "blood moon" is just the result of sunlight scattered off the Earth's atmosphere giving it the nickname. But doomsayers always get a lot of mileage out of it.

What's Growing on...

News & Noteworthy

We are officially in the throes of spring. If you are planning to do any extra summer projects. Please get on our calendar as it is booking up quickly. We will be gearing up for lawn renovations in mid to late April. Please make sure you get on our calendar for any additional lawn services like thatching and top-dressing. We also provide the aerating and over-seeding services. Please take time to enjoy the blossoms on the trees, This Cherry (above) is in our front yard.