

Winter Native Plant Sale

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2024 Winter Native Plant Sale.

Looking to add native plants to your garden while supporting environmental education? Clark College's Native Plant Sale is back, offering a diverse selection of student-grown plants perfect for local landscapes. Taking place on March 13, 14, and 15 at the Native Plant Center, the college's greenhouse, this winter sale is more than just a chance to shop – it's an opportunity to invest in students, sustainability, and the regional ecosystem.

Winter Plant Sale hours:

- Thursday, March 13 from noon to 6 p.m.
- Friday, March 14 from noon to 6 p.m.

- Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Spring Native Plant Sale: April 24-26

Students will be available to assist customers with transporting plants to their vehicles. Bring your own box or container if you have it. Otherwise, we'll have some on hand to provide.



The plant sale is a fundraiser for the college's biology and environmental science students. Clark College biology and environmental science students propagated all plants. In addition to prepping these plants for sale, students propagate other plants in the greenhouse for use in restoration projects at various sites in Southwest Washington including the Columbia River Gorge, Trout Lake, and other sites.

“Late winter/early spring is a great time to plant natives due to the inevitable spring rains that will help them get

established without the need for extensive irrigation or care,” said Native Plant Center Co-Director, Kathleen Perillo. “Once established, native plants will thrive on their own without any fuss.”

Prices range from \$5 for four-inch pots to \$20 for a three-gallon pot. The sale features a variety of native perennials, including ferns, flowers, shrubs and trees. Many of these plants support the region’s pollinators and make for low-intensity gardening.



- **Available plants for sale include:**
 - Slenderbeak sedge
 - Western Yarrow

- Sword fern
- Maidenhair fern
- Pearly everlasting
- Showy Milkweed
- Idaho fescue Festuca
- Red fescue
- Coastal Strawberry
- Blanket flower
- Large-leaved Avens
- Large leaf lupine
- Riverbank Lupine
- Cascade penstemon
- Self-heal
- Meadow Checkermallow
- Canada goldenrod
- Douglas aster
- Fringecup

- **Trees and Shrubs**

- Pacific Ninebark
- Red-osier Dogwood
- Quaking aspen
- Douglas Spirea
- Salal
- Twinberry honeysuckle
- Blue Elderberry
- Red Elderberry
- Salmonberry
- Mock Orange

The event is free and open to the public. The greenhouse is located on the east side of campus near East Reserve Street. The closest parking lot is Orange 2. Directions and maps are available online at www.clark.edu/maps.

About the Native Plant Center

The Native Plant Center is dedicated to educating the community about the environmental benefits of native plant species. The NPC grows native plants for use in home gardens and restoration projects that are designated by the Department of Natural Resources and the National Forest Service.

- On the web; phone: 360-992-3109; email nativeplantcenter@clark.edu
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ClarkCollegeNPC>
- Native Plant Center greenhouse (SCI 100)

Read about Clark College environmental science students planting native plants in October 2024 in the Columbia River Gorge [here](#).

Watch for more information about the Spring Native Plant sale, coming up next on April 24, 25 & 26 at Clark's greenhouse!

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