

Ground Covers Unlimited



1979-2019: 40 Years &
Still Growing



We couldn't have done it without all these people, and MANY more!



Jen Llewellyn
OMAFRA



Verbancic
Tree Supply



Frans Peters & Family
Humber Nurseries



Ben & Adam Kobes & Family
Kobes Nursery



Otto Muller



Martin, Steve & Tony Galloway
Chalklake Greenhouses



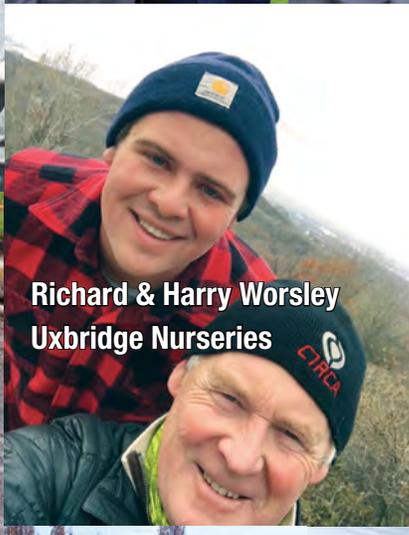
Matt, John & Chris Muller
OJ Muller Landscape Contractors Ltd



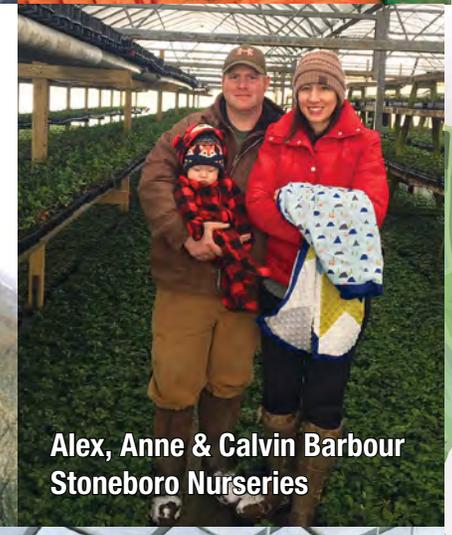
Dan, Michelle & Ben
Sheridan Unionville



**Waverly (Dave's) &
Abigail (Matt's) Tillart**
Dutchmaster Nurseries



Richard & Harry Worsley
Uxbridge Nurseries



Alex, Anne & Calvin Barbour
Stoneboro Nurseries



Cudmore's Garden Centre
Opening Day 1986



**Elysia Harvey (nee
Bons) & Melissa**



Paul, Kyle, Luke & Jeff Richardson
Pineneedle Farms



40 Years? Holy sh*t, we made it!

I never imagined writing an intro to our catalogue celebrating 40 years in the nursery business. It's strange because it doesn't seem as if it's been that long, but apparently "I'm getting old". I guess it would be customary to reflect on our professional accomplishments at this time. But what qualifies?

Certainly being a current part of the industry counts, as does the commitment to the production of a specific line of plant materials that meet commercial standards. The 2018 Landscape Ontario Growers Award for our *Cornus canadensis* represents 25+ years figuring out a once-unavailable species for the trade, as are many others we now regularly produce. Awards, profit margins and the resulting material things can be tallied as the obvious signs of success, but underlying all of it are the people connected to us and the nursery. In the past, I have considered people to be a variable no different than fertilizer or delivery schedules. However, as the years have passed, it has become apparent that we have had a cumulative effect on people.

With some customers, our regular interactions are now with the grandchildren of those who we first sold to. This is not unusual in small business, but is a testament to any nursery's reputation. I feel there is a genuine respect for us and the commitment we make to everyone we call a customer, be it on their 1st or 100th order. Honesty and consistency have been and will always be our strength. Supposedly texting and "eblasts" help the grandkids manage things now too, but that's Melissa and Sandy's forte.

But there's far more than just the orders filled, because so many people, over so many years, have become our good friends. Their personal stories and life events have been shared, both happy and sad, with Sandy directly or with us wholly. Shipping season doubles as my "FaceTime". It's surprising how much you can catch up on loading a few trays of plants into a pickup. These kinds of friendships are a true accomplishment and we hope they last another 40 years. Who else will we reminisce with in the nursing home?

Beyond our core supervisory team, there have also been quite a few staff. The younger ones have often been greatly frustrating; some came with a good work ethic which improved when

Cornus canadensis

**2018 Landscape Ontario Growers
Awards of Excellence Winner**



exposed to an organized, disciplined operation. Others didn't, and their time here was equated with belonging to a penal colony. For some strange reason, many have stayed in touch and years later they acknowledge that their time here was a memorable learning experience. So after all, we did have a positive influence on them, and that they might pass those lessons onto their kids is something to be pleased with.

And finally our children, who were much closer to the picture and have constantly wondered, quietly or loudly, why it seems as if I have chosen to do everything the hardest way possible. According to them, everything can be computerized, mechanized and automated. They have had, and continue to have, many good ideas, but as they too get older, the values that started and still define this business help them to understand my approach. The nursery has required many sacrifices and given rewards, the costs of which they are well aware. And yet they still want to be close, not just to eat out of our fridge. We are proud of all they have done and are doing, for themselves and for others.

So in summary, the thing I viewed as just another variable has become our greatest accomplishment, produced many happy memories, provided comfort and returned support. This business has made good people better, and keeps great people around us.

It is proof once again that a nursery can be so much more than just a nursery, if you want it to be.

Thank you and hope to see you this season,
Ted Spearing



Unlimited Ground Covers

Spreading Canadian Quality Since 1979

We do our best so you can do yours. Got questions? Call us. Quick add-on to an order or need a photo of a crop to show a client? Text us. We are ready to help.

How to Order or Request a Quote

Hours Monday–Saturday, 9 am–5 pm
 Office 1–705–277–3005
 Sandy's Cell (text friendly) 1–705–340–1034
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Purchase orders will be honoured for 14 days from issue date. To reserve material beyond two weeks, a deposit must be made.

Delivery & Freight

Pick-up is welcome during business hours. Delivery and freight will be quoted prior to shipping.

Custom Coloured Tags

Cost of colour tags Add \$0.15/pot

Credits & Refunds for Reusable Materials

Available upon return of our pots and trays; must be in good condition.

Prices

HST Reg. No. R137487849. Prices effective Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019 and do not include tags, boxing, taxes or delivery. Discounts apply to single orders and are not cumulative.

Spacing Guide

FOR LANDSCAPE COVERAGE
IN APPROX. TWO SEASONS

Polite Spreaders

12" / 30 cm O.C.

Using 4" / 10 cm pots

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Ajuga / Aquilegia | Most Natives |
| Bloodroot | Sedum |
| Bunchberry | Sweet Woodruff |
| Ferns | Thyme |
| Dwarf Geranium | Vinca (cultivars) |
| Lamium | Viola |
| Lily of the Valley | Wintergreen |

Wide Spreaders

12–16" / 30–45 cm O.C.

Using 4" / 10 cm pots

* AVAILABLE
IN 1 GALLON

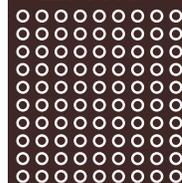
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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Canada Anemone | English Ivy* |
| Bearberry* | Lysimachia |
| Bigroot Geranium* | Pachysandra |
| Daylilies* | Vinca (species) |
| Euonymus* | Wood Poppy* |

18–24"
45–60 cm
O.C.

Instant Gratification 1 Gallon

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Bearberry | English Ivy |
| Bigroot Geranium | Hostas |
| Daylilies | Wood Poppy |
| Euonymus | |

Liner Flats



6–8" O.C. or
15–20 cm

Pachysandra
Vinca (species)

8–10" O.C. or
20–25 cm

Euonymus
English Ivy



2019 Fine print. Apologies to those who need glasses.

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| Planting Guide | | # = number of species within group with that characteristic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|---------|-------------|--------|--------------------|------------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------------|
| | | Ajuga | Anemone | Bearberry | Bloodroot | Bunchberry | Daylilies | Euonymus | Ferns | Geranium | Gingers | English Ivy | Lamium | Lily of the Valley | Lysimachia | Pachysandra | Sedum | Sweet Woodruff | Thyme | Vinca | Viola | Wintergreen | Wood Poppy |
| Moisture | Dry | | | + | | | + | + | | | | + | + | + | | | + | + | + | + | + | | |
| | Mesic | + | + | | + | + | + | + | 3 | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | + | + | + | + |
| | Moist | + | + | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | + | + | | | | | | + | + | + |
| | Wet to Bog | | | | | + | | | 3 | | | | | | + | | | | | | | | |
| Light | Full Sun | + | + | + | | | + | + | | + | | + | | | | | + | | + | + | + | | |
| | Part Shade | + | + | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | | + | | + | + | + | + |
| | Heavy Shade | | | | + | + | | | + | | + | + | + | + | + | + | | | | + | + | + | |
| Soil Type | Sandy | + | + | + | | + | + | | | + | + | + | + | | | | + | + | + | + | + | + | |
| | Loam | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| | Clay | + | + | | | | + | + | + | + | | + | + | + | + | | + | | | + | + | | + |
| | Rocky | | | + | | | + | | 2 | + | + | | | | | | + | | + | | | | |
| | Acidic | | + | + | | + | + | + | + | | + | + | + | | + | + | + | + | | + | + | + | |
| | Neutral | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| | Alkaline | + | + | | + | | + | + | 7 | + | | + | + | + | + | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Specific Use | Green Roof | | | + | | | + | + | | + | | + | | | + | | + | | + | + | + | | |
| | Xeriscaping | | | + | | | | | | + | | + | | | | | + | + | + | | + | | |
| | Naturalizing | | + | + | + | + | | | + | + | + | | | | | | | | | | + | + | + |
| | Urban Sites | + | + | | | | + | + | | + | | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | |
| | Water Sides | + | + | | | + | + | | + | | + | | + | + | | | | | | | + | | |
| | Pollinators | + | + | + | + | + | | | | + | | | + | + | | + | + | + | + | | + | + | + |
| | Steppable | | + | | | | | | | | | | | | + | | | + | + | | + | | |
| | Cascade | | | + | | | | | 1 | | | + | | | + | | | | | + | | | |
| | Evergreen | | | + | | + | | + | 2 | + | | + | | | | + | | | + | + | | + | |



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