



E-Newsletter Archives

SET THE TABLE FROM YOUR GARDEN

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Basil Bolognese 'AURELIA'

AVAILABLE NOW: 2015 NEW VARIETY INTRODUCTIONS

All our great **new season variety introductions** are now packed and ready to order. For 2015, we are expanding our Certified Organic line, adding a crunchy-sweet, red and green "cut and come again" lettuce blend, three different colored pole beans, an heirloom cannellini bean for drying and early producing top-quality broccoli from Holland. We are also offering Certified Organic options for our delicious sweet, climbing honey nut winter squash and big heirloom sunflowers.



Organic Baby Leaf 'RENEE'S BLEND'



Windowbox Tomato 'LITT'L BITES CHERRY'

After many requests, we are introducing fava beans and parsnips, both sourced from England where these vegetables are staples and quality is high. For making the tastiest kale salads, try our new heirloom baby leaf kale from Italy, heirloom Asian tat soi from Japan for everyone who loves to stirfry, a wonderful new windowbox cherry tomato perfect for small spaces, heirloom loofah sponges to grow for the bath, crunchy long keeping heirloom Italian torpedo onions and sweet purple carrots with sunny centers.



Rainbow Carrots 'PURPLE SUN'



Italian Kale "TUSCAN BABY LEAF"

Our herb introductions include heirloom Vietnamese cilantro which has a lovely citrus flavor twist and an especially flavorful basil from the region near Bologna in Italy. We are very proud of our new flower varieties including a gorgeous variegated windowbox nasturtium, weather tolerant windowbox lobelia, long-lasting deep rose foxgloves, a zinnia blend that has 3 different intense red shades, new vigorous butterfly calendulas and old-fashioned heirloom johnny jump up violas. Check out our **new variety page** with a slideshow to see them all.



Windowbox Nasturtium 'Little Firebirds'



Fava Bean 'ROBIN HOOD'



Sunflower 'THE BIRDS & THE BEES'



fall sown spinach under protective row cover

October in the Trial Garden

by Lindsay Del Carlo, Trial Garden Manager

Fall has arrived in our northern California trial garden. We are still picking tomatoes and peppers but most of our summer varieties are finished and have been taken out, leaving lots of free bed space. We are planting a nice array of cool season variety so we have a good season garden. On the list are: our new "**Tuscan Baby Leaf**" kale, as well as Japanese baby turnips "**Mikado**", **Crispy Winter Greens**, **Renee's Braising Greens**, Kale Dutch **Darkibor**, **Cilantro**, baby napa cabbage "**Little Jade**", and trial varieties of a rainbow mix of five different color beets, new lettuces, high sugar roasting beets, broccoli, some new spinaches and several rutabagas.



Broccoli seedlings ready to be planted



Cover Crop Blend

In a lot of our beds, once we removed the summer crops, we routinely plant our [Renee's Garden Cover Crop Blend](#), to protect from erosion and nutrient loss through the winter. Our branded cover crop mix is a blend of legumes hairy vetch and Austrian winter peas, roots of daikon radish and turnips, and winter rye grass and rapeseed. This mixture has all the elements needed to both protect and improve the soil. We will incorporate the cover crop back into the soil in spring, several weeks before planting.

I'm also including a photo to show off our new 2015 introduction, Certified Organic "[Mama's Cannellini Pole Beans](#)" which we harvested several weeks ago. This easy to grow variety produces massive amounts of beans - in just one 5 foot long row we were able to harvest an enormous basket of pods. After all of the dry pods are collected, we will put them all in a big pillow case and give it a good whop to "spill the beans". The beans will fall to the bottom and the dry pods can be removed.



dry pods of new Organic Mama's Cannellini Pole Beans

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Best Wishes, *Renee Shepherd*

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