

# 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**



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Tree Supply**



**Frans Peters & Family  
Humber Nurseries**



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**Otto Muller**



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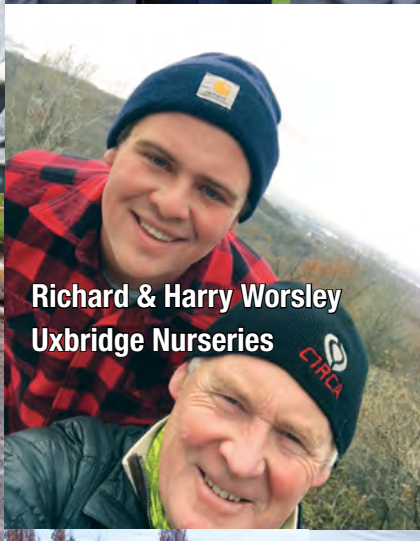
**Matt, John & Chris Muller  
OJ Muller Landscape Contractors Ltd**



**Dan, Michelle & Ben  
Sheridan Unionville**



**Waverly (Dave's) &  
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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**





***Cornus canadensis***

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

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> 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



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  
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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**

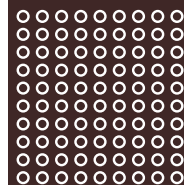
Canada Anemone	English Ivy*
Bearberry*	Lysimachia
Bigroot Geranium*	Pachysandra
Daylilies*	Vinca (species)
Euonymus*	Wood Poppy*

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		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
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