

Nursery's owner keeps momentum going

Happy first anniversary to the folks at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake, Pontiac. It's been a year since Tim Travis, formerly operations manager, bought the 35-year-old business from Al Goldner and it looks as though everything is coming up roses for him.

A new addition, Goldner Walsh Florist, opened in October under the supervision of Phil Bell, formerly of Bell's Greenhouse in Birmingham.

The full-service shop is housed in an 1889 English Tudor-style building. The architecture sets the tone for the interior and a beautiful English-style garden with many perennials is at the front of the building.

A small room, "The Bird House," contains all types of bird houses, feeders and accessories for the bird enthusiast. It is decorated with clouds painted on the ceiling and small trees.

The landscape nursery continues to flourish under Travis's leadership

down to earth Marty Figley

with the main focus on residential ornamental horticulture and design. However, the company recently did the design and supplied plants for the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

The perennial department is in full swing with an impressive selection of perennials, native wildflowers, ferns and roses. More than 90 varieties of northern, hardy, old

fashioned and shrub roses are there — more than I have seen anywhere else in Michigan.

Now back to basics — although many spring flowering bulbs are planted in the fall, spring is the best time of year to divide the beautiful snowdrops (Galanthus). Clumps should be lifted just after flowering when in full growth. Divide into single bulbs and replant immediately to prevent drying out.

Soon the single bulbs will increase into clumps and need to be divided again. Dry bulbs can be planted in the fall, but these particular plants seem to do better when they are planted "in the green." If you have always been able to find these bulbs only in the fall (when they can also be planted), perhaps it is time to ask our nurserymen to consider stocking them next spring.

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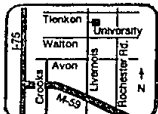
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