



Visit Us at the Landscape Industry Show

GardenSoft will be exhibiting at the upcoming Landscape Industry Show, held at the Long Beach Convention Center on February 18 and 19. Please come and visit us in **Booth 1211**. See demonstrations of PlantMaster, GardenWorks, eCatalog (for wholesale nurseries), GardenMaster (for retail garden centers) and water wise software for water agencies.

We will be unveiling our latest version of PlantMaster, 6.5 Regional version for California users.

Using the Nursery Tab in PlantMaster

If you have a nursery or plant broker that you do business with, you can designate the plants they sell.

1. Create a **project** called the name of the nursery (for this example, we will use Norman's Nursery).
2. After you have created the project called Norman's Nursery, start adding plants to this project that are found in their catalog. Even if you have NOT added all their plants in one session, go on to the next step.
3. Go to the **plant list** tab, found in the **Project** section.
4. **Highlight** the first plant in the list.
5. Go to the bottom of the screen and click on **Edit Plant**.
6. Click on the **Nursery** tab.
7. **Highlight** the first custom field listed (probably called Nursery 1) and rename the field **Norman's Nursery**.
8. Move your cursor directly over the (left side of Norman's Nursery) and **right-click** on your mouse.
9. Click on the choice **change all true**.

Continue to add more plants to Norman's Nursery project when you can. Then follow steps 3-9 above with the exception of step 7 which you have already completed.

When you are searching for a plant that Norman's Nursery has, click on **Plant Search**. Then click on **Misc** (found at the top of the screen). Click on **Nurseries 1-17**, then click on **Norman's Nursery**. Norman's Nursery will appear in Search Selection Box

1. If you are looking for trees that Norman's Nursery

Computer Hygiene Tip

Email spam (not the meat by-product in the blue can) is a huge problem for most of us who use this method of communication. The federal government is passing laws to curb spam. Whether it will deter these individuals is still to be seen. It seems that we need to rely on technology in the meantime.

PC Magazine has rated Microsoft Outlook 2003 (not Outlook Express) the best they have tested for both business and personal users. It does a much better job of blocking junk than 2002 did, but could still do a better job. It retails for about \$109.

If you are not a fan of Bill Gates or Microsoft, PC Magazine also endorses Eudora, created by Qualcomm. It retails for \$49.95. Using the default setting for spam-filtering, PC Magazine felt it did a poor job. It blocked a significant number of legitimate messages.

There are spam filters that examine your email headers and the message contents. PC Magazine rates Norton AntiSpam 2004 as the best of what they have tested. It caught more junk mail than any other utility they tested. However, it only works with POP3 clients (IMAP, Exchange, Hotmail users cannot use it). You can create your own filters and can adjust the aggressiveness of the engine. It is available from Symantec for \$39.95.

Don't give up on email; it is still a viable way to communicate with your clients

