

Winter Gardening Newsletter

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Winter veggie plant sales on SSI

For Salt Spring gardeners who want to pick up transplants for winter harvest here is where to go, starting with this Friday's sale:

Stowel Lake Farm: Annual Plant Sale **Friday, July 23rd** from 11am to 4pm. 190 Reynolds Road.

Kale varieties: Red Russian, Lacinato, Winterbor, Westlandse, Redbor

Chard varieties: White, Red

Also: Purple Sprouting Broccoli, January King Winter Cabbage, Ermosa Fall Cabbage, Collards

In the next week or two winter veggie transplants will also be available at the following places. Both will carry a couple of my all time faves: Galleon cauliflower (a big white, sweet, high quality head) and Cardinal purple sprouting broccoli (a bit later than others, but very productive).

Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply, Atkins Road.

Several purple sprouting broccoli varieties, winter cauliflower and a varieties of hardy lettuce and leafy greens. This year Steve has grown their own plants so they are on time for Salt Spring planting schedules.

Chorus Frog Farm, Rainbow Road stand (right across from the swimming pool). Also a big selection of hardy lettuce, purple sprouting broccoli varieties, winter cauliflower and leafy greens; also several winter radish varieties, bunching onions, Sylvetta perennial arugula (get this--it's great!). Look for Pauline's vegetable stand any day now.

For gardeners off island: While you are visiting Salt Spring pick up your winter garden plants--or, more usefully, please let me know where winter vegetable starts are being sold in your area so that I can let others know.

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