

Jim Stein



On July 21st we received news that Jim Stein passed away due to a heart attack. With Jim's untimely passing we have lost a friend, teacher, plants man, colleague and business partner. Many of you knew Jim through his many years of involvement with the Ohio Nursery Association as well as with the numerous nursery growers he represented. It seems fitting that his last moments were spent walking down nursery rows on a beautiful summer evening. His presence will be missed.



Oxydendron arboreum

Nursery Notes

The Far West Show

The OAN 2005 Far West Show will be held this year on August 25 thru 27 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. With hundreds of exhibitors, it is nearly impossible to tour the show in a single day. Exhibitors include a good mix of growers of all sizes and types, landscapers, and suppliers.

Seminars are being offered in the mornings before the show. Topics include Business Practices, Retail Management, Pest, Disease and Weed Control, Greenhouse Management, and Tree Care. There will also be an "Evening with Michael Dirr". He will be speaking about Hydrangeas and New Woody Plant Material.

Six tours of some of Oregon's finest nurseries are available on August 23 and August 24.

See firsthand the newest

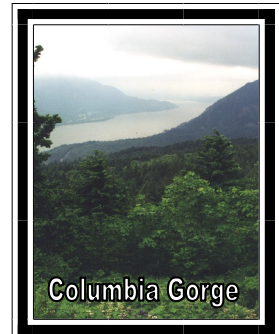
plants and growing techniques. Included in tour 3 on August 23 will be Robinson Nursery, and we're buying lunch! Or if you wish a private tour, we are always here.



If you're coming all the way out here, you should take a few extra days and get to know Oregon. Within a two hour drive of Portland you can be wading in the surf and exploring tide pools at one of our rugged north coast beaches, enjoying the expansive view

from Mt. Hood's Timberline Lodge, hiking near one of the Columbia Gorge's 60 waterfalls, or sipping award winning Pinot Noirs at one of Yamhill County's wineries. Several world class gardens are in the immediate area. And lets not forget alpine flowers.

If you are more athletic, biking, hiking, wind-surfing, water skiing, and salmon or sturgeon fishing are easily arranged. August weather is usually warm and dry, and not humid. In fact, Oregon weather from July to November is almost always perfect.



Columbia Gorge

Madelyn Marie Puentes

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the newest member of the Robinson crew, Cynda and Dave's new granddaughter, Madelyn. Pictured here at 2 days old, we can already tell that she has an intense

interest in trees.

Pruning, grafting, inventory, grading, potting, hand digging, customer service; you can tell she's ready to jump in there and get started. What a kid!

