

## Virtual Hortlandia 2020

### One Earth Botanical

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This week Joanne Fuller interviewed Stephanie Beach from One Earth Botanical and edited the conversation for this article.

#### *Stephanie, what plants look good in the nursery right now?*

I'm loving Acanthus 'White Water'. It's a variegated acanthus that is more robust than previous variegated cultivars. It just glows in the shade. Also brightening up the shade garden is a new Japanese Anemone, A. 'Wild Swan'. It has lovely large white flowers with a lavender reverse, which amazingly bloom from Spring through Fall. We have several good Rodgersias and a new Corydalis, C. 'Blueline Couribblue'. This deep blue flowered Corydalis blooms all summer long. A new elderberry, Sambucus 'Lemony Lace' is not edible like S. 'Variegata' or S. 'Black Lace,' but it makes a lovely mound of chartreuse foliage with red fruit in the fall.

Many small to medium sized plants with edible berries are great additions to the garden. Gaulnettya is a small evergreen shrub with clusters of delicate white flowers that turn into purple-red edible berries. The wild Maine blueberry, Vaccinium angustifolium is a great spreading groundcover with small edible blueberries and great fall color. And, the Chilean guava (Ugni molinae) which produces abundant fragrant white flowers followed by red fruit that taste like strawberry cotton candy.

#### *How did you get started?*

We purchased our raw land twelve years ago, and I came every day with a load of compost to start creating better soil. Three years ago, we started the nursery. I grow everything from seed or small plants. I only sell plants that interest me or that I want to grow in my own garden. We live on the property. We built the house and created all the gardens ourselves. This spring, we opened the gardens on a regular basis for the first time.

#### *How do customers visit and buy plants from you now?*

Currently, we are open for visitors Thursday-Saturday 11 am - 3 pm but soon we hope to be open 10 am - 3 pm. Check out our website [www.oneearthbotanical.com](http://www.oneearthbotanical.com) for the latest information. We have a wide assortment of medicinal, edible and shade plants for sale. And we have eight acres for folks to wander and look at the gardens. It's easy for people to social distance. Customers are telling us it feels very safe to visit.