

## Virtual Hortlandia 2020

### Sedum Chicks

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This week Joanne Fuller talked with Becky Sell at Sedum Chicks and edited the conversation for this article.

#### *Becky, what's looking good at the nursery right now?*

We sell succulents and they are looking pretty incredible right now. We have 50 varieties of Hens and Chicks with a lot of colors and combinations of colors and textures. Sempervivum 'Raspberry Ice' has beautiful white frost with red undertones. We have a huge selection of sedums also looking great. Sedum 'Gold Nuggets' is the best gold sedum right now, really a winner. It's such a good year for succulents. I wish everyone could come and see all of them.

#### *What are some of your personal faves?*

Sempervivum 'Oddity' has tubular leaves with green undertones and red tips like something from under the sea, which is true of a lot of our plants. I also like Sedum 'Little Missy' with tiny, delicate, variegated leaves-- it doesn't look like a sedum. And it gets these tiny little pink blossoms. I like the Delospermas (hardy ice plants) -- particularly *Delosperma cooperi*, *D. nubigenum* and *D. oberg*. The blooms are beautiful and they have such great foliage. Also, Sedum *divergens* 'Old Man Bones'. It's a brittle, but hardy, native of the Oregon Coast that will get redder and redder as the weather dries out.

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

Back in 1999, my husband and I decided to get married. We were both college students with no money. So, to earn some money, my mom came up with a plan. She had a collection of sedums, so she and I worked all winter to propagate them and in 1999 started selling them at the Canby Spring Garden Sale. After that, we did sales and fairs--it just kept growing. While my kids were young, I could do the nursery and be there for them after school. We got to raise them out in the country and have enough property for gardens and their 4-H projects. Running a family business has taught them the value of hard work. Now the kids work our booth at sales and count out the change for customers, I'm so proud of them. It's a great life for all of us.

#### *Do you like plants other than Sedums?*

I absolutely love Dahlias. All those fabulous colors, and if you cut the blooms they keep coming back. I had a test plot on our property last summer, and we sold the cut flowers at a stand out in front of the house. We plan to do that again this year. I love hydrangeas. I get some of them from Hydrangeas Plus. One year we were at GardenPalooza together and Kristin VanHoose saw my Sasquatch sign. She said she had to have it for her husband, so we traded the sign for hydrangeas. I love the blues.

#### *What is the Sedum Chicks philosophy?*

Our success has always been about the whole family working together and supporting each other -- including our customers. We get so many returning customers-- that feels great. We might see a customer only once a year at a particular sale, like Hortlandia, but they come back and they rave about the plants they bought the year before. I remember a lot of their names and they remember me. It makes you feel good and you know you are doing something right.

***How do people shop from Sedum Chicks right now?***

We are going to be at the Milwaukee and Beaverton Farmers Markets all May and June 2020. We will have all kinds of sedums and sempervivums, plus collections and planted material for sale. People can order from us and pick up at our booth. We are also open for mail order and pick-up on the website at [www.sedumchicks.com](http://www.sedumchicks.com)