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Rock 'N Roll

Sequim may have their 'Purple Haze' but here in Western Colorado, we are way above the clouds in our 'Rocky Mountain Way'. Jimmie Hendrix and Joe Walsh may not conjure up pictures of soothing, relaxing lavender fields but even they would appreciate the calming properties of this great herb. Our LAWC members stretch from Glenwood Springs to Mack, Grand Junction to Montrose and Delta to Crawford. Can we get some altitude numbers of our lavender farms? I would like to see what our altitude range is and what varieties you are growing at your farm. Please email me at info@coloradolavender.org and we will publish the results in our next newsletter.

Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale

We are pleased to announce the 1st Annual LAWC Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale in conjunction with CSU Extension will take place on Saturday, December 5th at the Mesa County Fairgrounds in the community building from 10-3pm. The preparations are starting and the vendor tables are filling. Many of our members will be offering a wide variety of Christmas and lavender related items for sale. Items ranging from lavender soaps, lotions, sachets, eye pillows, culinary creations and spice blends to hand made wooden

Christmas ornaments. There will be something for everyone on your list and all items will be made right here in Colorado.

There will also be a bake sale and Silent Auction. Proceeds from these events will benefit the Lavender Association of Colorado. We will use these funds to bring interesting speakers to our meetings and increase our presence in Colorado with advertising in our area.

Spring 2010 Lavender Order

LAWC will once again offer Versa plug lavender plants to members and non-members alike. Orders must be placed by November 13th to get our discount price. The available varieties will be as follows:
Lavandula angustifolia: 'Hidcote Superior' - \$45.00, 'Munstead' - \$45.00, 'Royal Velvet' - \$66.00, 'Buena Vista' - \$45.00
Lavandula x intermedia: 'Super' - \$66.00, 'Provence' - \$45.00, 'Grosso' - \$45.00

These prices are for members only and include all applicable taxes. If non-members would like to order these lavender plants, please add a 15% surcharge. Plants will be available for pickup in mid April.

Winter Watering

So far, we have had a colder than normal Fall here in Western Colorado. Hoping that all lavender plants are in the ground and mulched, let's not forget to water over the winter if needed. CSU Extension recommends watering plants, trees and shrubs approximately once a month if there is not sufficient snow or rain. This is especially true in January and February. Give those new and established lavender plants a good soaking before the irrigation water runs out and then check every month or so for moisture levels.