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Cleaner Air for



"Why, what's the matter, That you have such a February face, So full of frost, of storm and cloudiness?" ~William Shakespeare



"There is an etern landscape, a geography of the s we search for its out all our lives." ~Josephine Har

# **New Technologies**

## Propane....

Jefferson Landscaping launched a pilot program in January of 2012 to convert two of our mowers to propane. It was so successful that we have recently started converting the rest of our fleet of mowers to include all twenty-one inch and thirty-six inch mowers. Propane is an alternative fuel source to gasoline which is a cleaner burning fuel resulting in a less polluted environment. Propane is certified with the EPA as an alternative fuel. We will be the first Landscape Company in the Northwest to convert and update all mowers to an alternative fuel source. Our goal is to reduce Jefferson Landscaping's carbon footprint and to set precedence for reducing emissions in the Green Industry. Cleaner fuel, cleaner environment, clean air quality for generations to come.

# Battery Operated Equipment.....

We have started testing battery operated hand held equipment. Besides lowering emissions these units will not be a loud as other units. If you're interested in participating in this pilot program, please call Linda Carroll@ 206-992-9117. It is exciting to be the pioneers for a cleaner technology and we believe together we can do our part to conserve.

## Windows Nokia 920 phones.....

We have standardized on the Nokia 920 Windows phones for all of our team leaders and management. This will allow us to improve our internal and external communications. The hi-resolution built-in camera will allow us to train and answer questions from our team leaders while in the field. Very exciting!

	What's Growing On? New & Noteworthy	What's Growing On? continued
	Jefferson Landscaping will be co-designing one of the display gardens at the 2013 Northwest Flower and Garden Show. We are participating with our professional organization WALP (Washington Assoc. of Landscaping Professionals) will be held at the Seattle Convention Center, Feb 20 – 24 <sup>th</sup> http://www.gardenshow.com	The "Western" garden uses drought tolerant plantings, a hitchin' post and scattered bows and arrows to underscore its theme, while a large gazebo surrounded by flowers is the perfect setting for a lovers rendezvous. The classic "black & white' theme is carried out with the creative use of materials, plantings
nal	The show theme this year is, "The Silver Screen Takes Root…Gardens go Hollywood."	and light. John Wayne, Cary Grant and Humphrey Bogart would all feel right at home here!
soul; tlines	Our Garden is titled, "It's all in the Movies!"	Inspirations to take home: Are of the plantings and prop accents to create fun
art	Three classic film genres—the Western (see picture left), the Romance and Black & White—are showcased in this three-part	and unique spaces.

White—are showcased in this three-part display garden.