

Welcome!



I'm "Chip" Chelsea Ginn!

I'm an entrenched horticulturalist and lifelong plantsman. I'm fully committed to the work of growing and getting better at it. You can often find me "horticulturing" in some way throughout the day!

Like most obsessions, my interest in plant life started as a hobby but quickly became all-encompassing. In fact, I'd always had an interest in biology, and since plants play such integral roles in every ecosystem on Earth, I figured I'd never be out of work by studying them. I focused my education and career on plant production and cultivation with an emphasis on ethnobotany—plants as they relate to human history and current uses.

I declared a major in Plant Science and Social Science, started working in greenhouses and honing my craft. Soil science and biological pest management became special interests of mine, interests that have become increasingly useful in a changing world. As I continued to grow in the field, my confidence and skills improved... I wish I knew then that every failure would build me into a better grower!

Today, I've moved into ownership and launched Nosegay Gardens, where I grow fragrant perennials, rare roses, Pacific Northwest natives and exceptional shrubs and trees. Edible food crops are another major focus of mine, and although ornamental propagation sustains my business, my long-term goals include breeding edible or otherwise functional plants for disease resistance, strong pollinator support, drought tolerance and nutritional quality.

Currently, I have a blueberry plant and a few roses in the works.

By day I'm at the West Seattle Nursery & Garden Center working with the plants and the people. At night, I'm at home building out my own operation—developing mother plants, rooting cuttings, up potting, labeling and refining production in between family time and maintaining my own large garden and collection. It's hands-on, meticulous work, and exactly what I want to be doing with my time.

Long term, I'm working toward establishing a larger wholesale production space nearby to scale up and make these plants more widely available.

Stay tuned for future exciting projects and new plants in the works!