



Hasting Plants

Spring 2017

We're well worth the drive!

HASTING PLANTS CELEBRATES 35 YEARS! 1982-2017

It is hard to believe our business is 35 years old this year. We've come quite a way from the first year when we had 5 acres of U-pick fruits and vegetables. There were no greenhouses; we just had perennials available in the spring. I operated with a cash box pretty much from the back of the old barn. My Dad built an outhouse that served us for the first few years. We gradually added the greenhouses and small sales building. It still amazes me on a busy Saturday in April when I look around and see what this business has grown to be. It wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful employees I have helping each year. Speaking of which, Lydia Lurker and JoAnn Holbrook are both celebrating 15 years of working here in 2017! Brenda Upshaw has been here 10! The other thing that has made it possible is you! Without you, we couldn't exist. I appreciate your loyalty and the way you continue to tell other people about our greenhouse operation. We will have drawings for 5 - \$35.00 gift Certificates on Saturdays from April 10 to May 13 (one each Saturday). Be sure to register when you come visit us! I also have a few special imprinted items to give away at different price points when you make purchases this spring.

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HASTING PLANTS, LLC

We are a seasonal greenhouse operation, specializing in annual and perennial flowers. We feel we have one of the best selections in the area and try to live up to our slogan that "We're well worth the drive". We do not handle trees and shrubs, or do design or installation work. This leaves us more time to grow and produce the best selection of herbaceous plants for you. We are open for business from the middle of March until the middle of June (we start working in the greenhouses in January every year). The season might vary according to the weather. We grow almost all our plants, which we feel is a great bonus for you in variety and quality.

HOURS

March 13 to April 9

9-4 Mon-Sat.

Closed Sunday

April 10 to May 14

9-6 Mon-Friday

9-4 Saturday

1-4 Sunday

(Open the last three Sundays in April, the first two Sundays in May.)

May 15 Until Closing

9-6 Mon-Fri

9-4 Saturday

9-4 Memorial Day

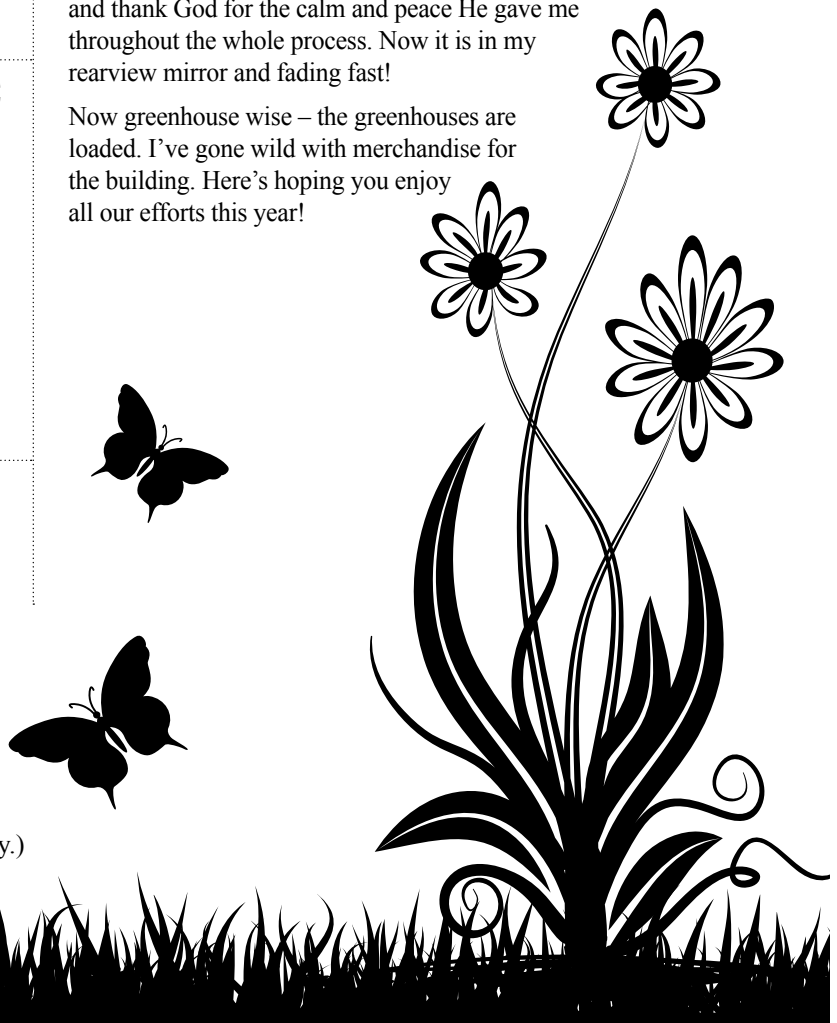
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NOTES FROM NANCY

This has been quite a year. I usually get a bit of a break in the summer, fall and winter, with work to do - but lots of spare time as well. Mike and I worked almost straight through during the "off" months this year. There are a lot of things accomplished that you won't notice: shelves in the pot shed, removing, adding and replacing water hydrants, fixing our septic system, changing plastic on greenhouses, and there are also a few improvements that you will notice!

In November, after a routine mammogram, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. God was good, and since it was caught early, it has been a "minor" blip in my life. After surgery, the worst part was 6 weeks of radiation, which was hard due to the fact that I had to quit work at the greenhouse at 1:30 all through February and March to get to my treatments. I am blessed with wonderful employees who took up the slack and kept things on schedule here at the greenhouse! I feel very fortunate and thank God for the calm and peace He gave me throughout the whole process. Now it is in my rearview mirror and fading fast!

Now greenhouse wise - the greenhouses are loaded. I've gone wild with merchandise for the building. Here's hoping you enjoy all our efforts this year!



NEW IN THE BUILDING

They really need to commit me.... I need a bigger building or a 10-step addiction program. We are loaded with all kinds of new merchandise. I love all of it! Check out the **Firefly Solar Lanterns**. They charge with sunlight or a USB cable and are bright (3 levels) lights you can use in your garden, on your patio, camping, or for any night time activities. We have a lot of new **solar decorations** - hanging ones, "setting" ones, and yard stakes. There are wonderful **Ceramic Globes** as well as our unbreakable **Stainless Steel Globes**. There is a new line of pest repellent **sprays for deer, squirrel, rodents, and rabbits**. We have more **flags** than our display will hold as well as coordinating **mailbox covers and door mats**. There is sports merchandise for **Cardinals, Cubs, Colts and UK**. Our **Art Poles** can be ordered with personalization with a family name, a wedding date, a memorial date, or for servicemen. Of course, we are loaded with **fairy merchandise**. We have some great unbreakable **birdbaths** that look like pottery, as well as laser cut metal bases for unique birdbaths. There is a great assortment of **ceramic pots** (made in the USA) by Burley Clay. We have a couple of "**log**" **fountains** as well as some **whimsical fountains with birds and garden tools**. There are **pots that are dead ringers for real logs**. The best part is the base is made to look like a cut log, so you can use them upside down as stands. We even have a **cooler that looks like a log** and doubles as a table or stool! You will have to come several times to see it all!

At Hasting Plants, LLC we price our perennials with blue tags and our annuals with white tags. We hope this helps prevent any confusion.

LATE NIGHT AT THE GREENHOUSE

Be sure to join us for our 10th annual "Late Night at the Greenhouse" on the third Friday night in May. We will have "Late Night" on **May 19, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.** As always, we will string lights in the greenhouses and outside to make a "festive" atmosphere. Plants will be discounted. We will have lots of refreshments for you to enjoy, and "Cliff the Drifter" will be providing musical entertainment. Bring a lawn chair and a flashlight and come sit for a spell to enjoy the evening. Door Prizes will be drawn throughout the evening with a Grand Prize Drawing at 11:00. You must be present to win for all drawings.

NEW ROSE SELECTIONS FOR 2017

We grow a lot of other roses, but these varieties are brand new this year.

'**Tropical Lightening**' **Climber** has blooms that are orange with a purple smoke layer and cream stripes

'**All My Loving**' **Hybrid Tea** has long cutting stems of light red to dark pink blooms and glossy disease resistant foliage

'**Easy to Please**' **Floribunda** Joins the others in the "easy" series. It has fuchsia pink flowers with a lighter reverse and is very disease resistant for "easy" care.

'**Violet's Pride**' **Floribunda** named for the Dowager Countess on Downton Abbey, this is a lovely fully double lavender bloom with a magenta heart.

'**Edith's Darling**' **Shrub** is another of the Downton Abbey roses. This one has soft apricot-gold old-fashioned blooms.

As always, we have the Knock Out and Home Run line of roses as well as many others.

TIMELINE

Just a few dates that hold true most every season:

We **open** each year around **March 15** – give or take a few days depending on weather.

Onion Slips come in the **first week of April**

Newsletter mailed around **2nd week of April**

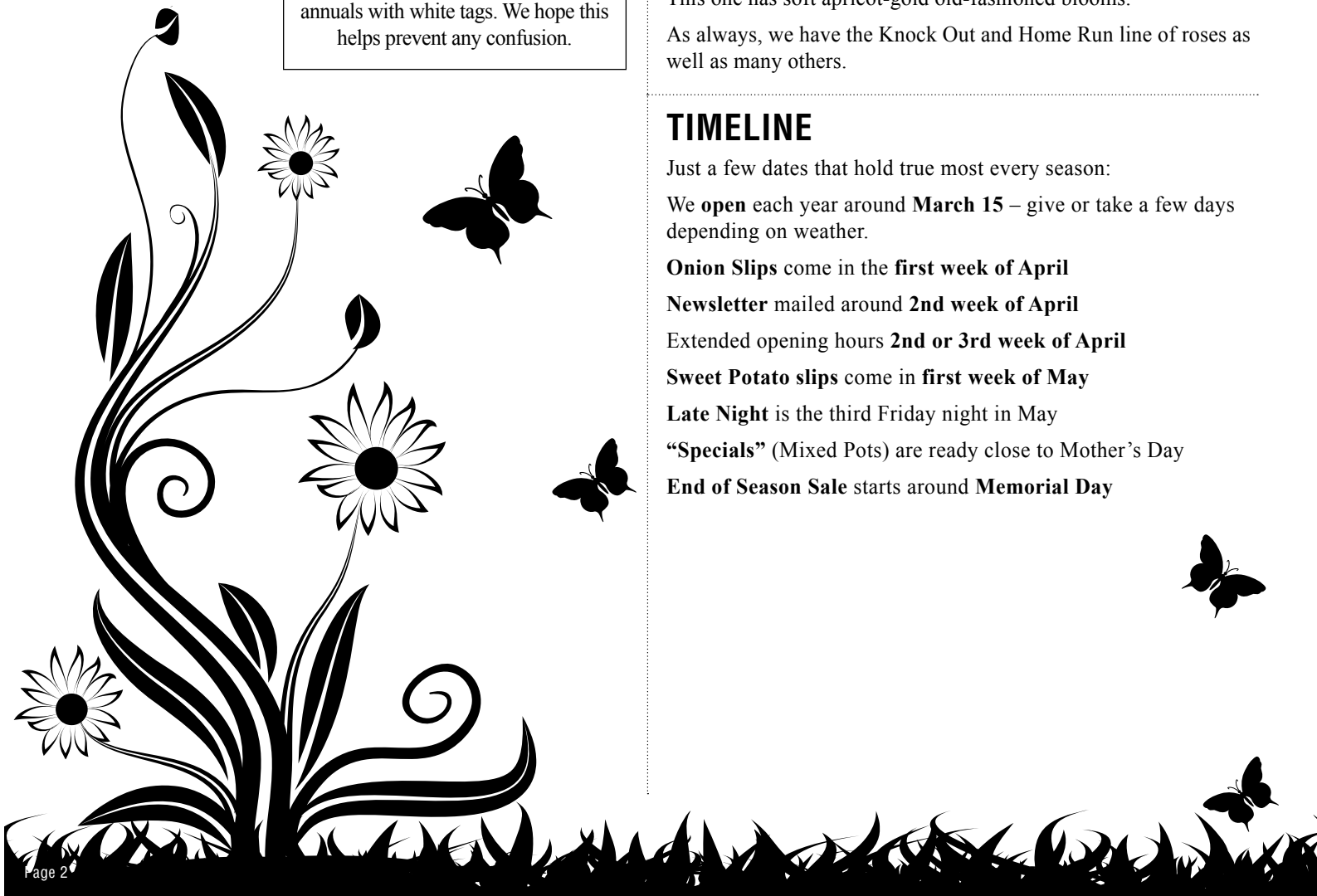
Extended opening hours **2nd or 3rd week of April**

Sweet Potato slips come in **first week of May**

Late Night is the third Friday night in May

"**Specials**" (Mixed Pots) are ready close to Mother's Day

End of Season Sale starts around **Memorial Day**



ANNUALS TO TRY IN 2017

Some are new, some are old, but all are ones we are excited to have this year.

You can't go wrong with petunias, and we have some great colors this year: **Petunia 'Night Sky'**, **'Crazytunia Blackberry Cheesecake'**, **'Crazytunia Moonstruck'** and **'Miss Marvel'** these colors are so pretty, they won't last long! We have **Mexican Petunias - Ruellia** that get tall and love the heat. There are two varieties: **'Katie's Pink'** and **'Purple Showers'** try them for a carefree blooming plant.

All of the **Million Bells** are pretty, but a new one this year is **Callibrocoa 'Tropical Sunrise'** and I love the 2 tone blooms in peachy shades. **'Evening Star'** was new last year, and I still love the yellow star shape in the center of each bloom.

Angelonia or **Summer Snapdragons** are great heat loving spike flowers. There is a new color this year called **'Cherry Red'**

Bidens has always been a yellow daisy flower that trails and is great in mixed pots or planted in the ground. This year there is an orange/red variety available called **'Campfire Fireburst'**

Salvia 'Marachino' had been our favorite hummingbird plant for years, but my supplier dropped it from his line and we can't get it!!!! So, for a replacement, we have **Salvia gregii 'Raspberry Royale'** or there is a perennial Salvia that might fit the bill as well: **'Windwalker Royal Red'**

Geranium 'Calliope Dark Red' is a wonderful red geranium. It is a cross between upright and ivy geraniums and gives the best of both worlds. We tried a few Calliope Geraniums in other colors to see if we like them as well. **'Calliope Pink Flame'** and **'Calliope Crimson Flame'**.

Papyrus or **Cyperus** is another plant we like for an upright effect in pots.: **Cyperus 'King Tut'** gets quite large – 4 to 6' and **Baby Tut** is a petite version growing 18-24", **Prince Tut** is new this year. It shares the look of the other two, but is more compact growing 2 ½ to 4' tall.

I love collecting **Agapanthus**, a tropical plant native to South Africa. They make great pot plants with lovely blue flowers. **'Twister'** is a tropical variety and has unique blue and white flowers. We also have a perennial variety called **'Blue Yonder'**. You can't go wrong with blue flowers!

We have some **Variiegated Lemon Trees** and **Bay Laurel** plants available this year.

Big Begonia continues to be a favorite of all of us, for the ease of growth, taking full sun to full shade, as well as being forgiving on water. We have Red and Rose colors.

Last year was our first year to grow **Celosia 'Dragon's Breath'** and I planted it at my church. It was spectacular all summer with its bright red plume flowers. A real heat lover! We have a new crested variety this year called **'Dracula'** with "blood" red crested flowers and dark foliage

Blue Pea Vine is a plant I've grown for years, but never mention since I can't seem to get good enough germination to have very many. This year I have a better supply (I hope I don't hate myself for mentioning it). It is a vine plant with indigo blue "Pea" flowers – very striking. Give it lots of water for best performance.

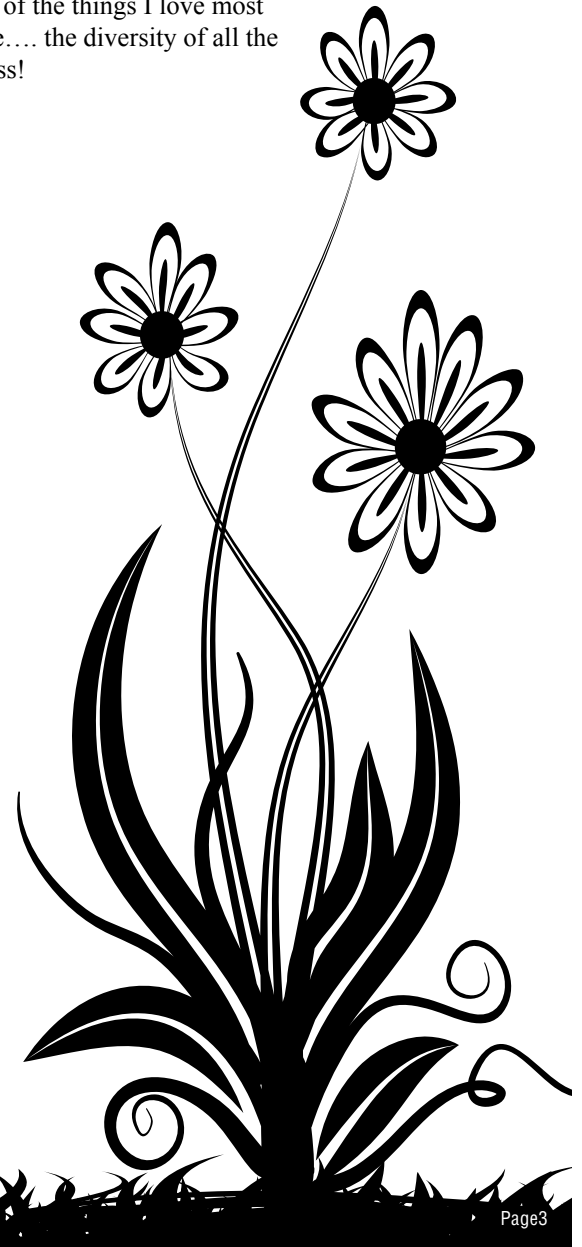
Fireworks Gomphrena has been around for several years. It makes a wonderful late summer showstopper. It grows 3-4' tall and has a very open effect with delightful pink 1 inch flowers tipped with bright yellow, loaded over the plant. Like all **Gomphrena** or **Globe Amaranth**, it loves sun and heat!



Strawberry Blonde Marigolds are brand new this year. The 2" blooms open a deep pink with a rustic yellow crest, and then turn straw yellow. It is a very unique color for a marigold.

We also have **Cracker Joe Orange Marigold** which grows 3 to 4' tall with sturdy branching stems. It is an extra tall plant with extra-large blooms up to 4.75". Makes a great cut flower as well.

We love the **Cannova Cannas** for their ease of growth, and nice branching effect. They make a great plant to give height to the center of a container. We have them in several colors. A former AAS winner – **'Jolt Pink' Dianthus** and **'Jolt Cherry' Dianthus** are great performers blooming all summer long with glossy dark green foliage. They make great cut flowers as well. I could keep going, mentioning almost every single flower we grow, because they all have wonderful qualities. It's one of the things I love most about horticulture.... the diversity of all the plants. It is endless!



*Hasting Plants
has been dedicated to bringing you
exceptional garden plants since 1982.
We hope you feel we live up to our motto
“We’re well worth the drive”*

COUPON ETTIQUITE

My cashiers just hate coupons! We provide them to reward you, our valued customers for shopping with us, and I know you enjoy getting them. Most of you know and appreciate that. Unfortunately, we can't give you the coupon discount if you don't have the coupon... please understand it from our side, if we did it for one, we would have to do it for all. Once that started, everyone would get a discount all the time. I simply can't afford that. We are sorry if you forgot/ lost or destroyed your coupons, we can't honor them if you don't have them...

SOLAR ENERGY

You may have noticed, in 2015 Hasting Plants added 72 solar panels which provides enough energy to run the greenhouse and sales building the entire year. They are located in the field just east of the greenhouses. Husband, Mike, is the authority on the system, so if you have any questions “hunt” him down. This has been a great addition to our business.

If you are planning only one visit to
Hasting Plants this year due to distance,
may we suggest you plan your visit between
April 15 and May 15
for the best display and selection.



ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS 2017

All-America Selections winners have been grown, tested, exhibited, and judged in trial gardens all over the United States. They are always a great source for something new each year. Check out more information and color pictures on their web site at

www.all-americaelections.org

'Twizzle' Penstemon This variety of Beardtongue has vibrant purple blooms. It is a first-year blooming perennial. It grows 35" tall, prefers sun and a well-drained soil. The 1" tubular blooms are great for pollinators!

'Profusion Red' Zinnia Another addition to the compact mildew-resistant Zinnia series, Profusion Red is a true red that doesn't fade. It grows 8-14" tall and prefers sun.

'Supra Pink' Dianthus This carefree plant has mottled pink flowers with a frilly edge. It will bloom all summer and most probably overwinter in our area and behave like a perennial. Grows 11" tall, sun.

'Asian Garden' Celosia This plume type cockscomb will grow 31-40" tall. It has good branching and a bushy growth habit. Covered all summer with bright pink .6-1.5" blooms. It is a pollinator magnet, and thrives in sun and heat.

'Calliope Red Medium' Geranium Most AAS winners are seed grown, but they recognize some cutting grown plants too. We have grown the Standard variety of Calliope Dark red for years. It is my very favorite red geranium. It is the one we offer rather than the Medium. A cross between ivy and upright geraniums it exhibits the best of both worlds!

'Mad Hatter' Pepper This unique pepper bears early and has a nice sweet taste. It has an unusual 3-sided shape.

2017 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

Asclepius Tuberosa

Commonly known as **Butterfly Weed**, this long lived and striking perennial is native to almost the entire continental United States. With vibrant orange flowers that seem to jump out, butterfly weed is a great addition to a sunny garden with average to dry soils.

Due to its taproot, it is hard to move Butterfly weed after it is established, so try to situate it where you want it to stay. It will grow 2-3' high with about a 2' spread. It is best not to cut the foliage back in the fall; rather wait until early spring. Also, be aware that it is slow to emerge in the spring. Asclepias make great, long-lasting cut flowers. Cut when more than half of the flowers are open since the buds do not open well once the stem is cut.

A native prairie plant, Asclepias, is great in meadow gardens, native plantings and wildlife sanctuaries, and is just as well at home in more formal and semi-formal gardens. It pairs well with most any June/July blooming sun loving perennials such as Phlox, Daylilies, Liatris, Echinacea, and Salvia. As an added bonus, deer leave Butterfly Weed alone!

Many bees, wasps, ants, butterflies, hummingbirds, and beetles visit Butterfly Weed. It serves as larval food for the Monarch Butterfly, and Queen butterfly.

Grow in full sun, and well-drained soil. It is also drought tolerant when established.

We also have a couple of other varieties of **Asclepias**: **'Ice Ballet'** and **'Cinderella'**.

VEGETABLES AND GARDEN PLANTS

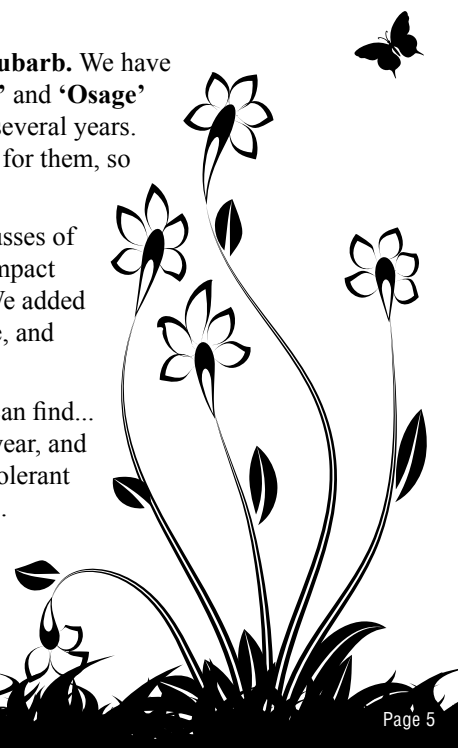
We are growing a lot of new edibles this year! We have plants of **Asparagus, Horseradish, and Rhubarb**. We have 3 varieties of **Thornless Blackberries**: **'Chester'** (I had to get that-it's my Dad's name!), **'Arapaho'** and **'Osage'** and **'Duke' Blueberry**. I had planned not to have **Figs** this year since we've had them available for several years. Mine produced so well last summer that I mentioned them on Facebook, and had interest mentioned for them, so *this* will be the last year we'll have them for a while. We have **'Chicago Hardy'** and **'Olympian'**

New in **Tomatoes** are **Arkansas Traveler**, an Heirloom Variety, and **Rapunzel**, which bears long trusses of up to 40 bright red cherry tomatoes. New last year was **Candyland Red**, a AAS winner which is compact and has 1/2" currant sized cherry tomatoes and **Sweet Seedless Hybrid** an almost seedless tomato. We added a couple of varieties of **Tomatillo, or husk cherry**: **'Verde'** a green variety for green Mexican sauce, and **'Aunt Molly'** which has a sweet citrus flavor for jams and preserves.

We added the **Cubanelle Pepper**, and we continue to grow some of the hottest pepper varieties we can find... I think you're crazy to want these, but you do! ☺ A customer asked for **New Zealand Spinach** last year, and we have some this year. It is a spinach-like variety that was discovered by Captain Cook. It is heat tolerant and won't bolt like regular spinach. We added **Edamame Soybeans** in case you'd like to grow those.

We have a few **Bush Cherries** that are great patio plants and can survive in a pot over the winter. They are hardy to Zone 2!

That's a lot of additions to our already overflowing greenhouses!!!!



PERENNIALS OF NOTE IN 2017

We have lots of succulents, both tropical and hardy types, including **“Chick Charms”** which are named varieties of Hen & Chicks. Very collectible! With names like **‘Watermelon Ripple’** and **‘Plum’**

We have loved **Phlox ‘Minnie Pearl’** for years, It is a 18” tall white garden Phlox that blooms early in the season. It is a great performer! This year there is a new variety called **‘Amethyst Pearl’** that shares the same features with a Lavender bloom. There is also a woodland **Phlox ‘Blue Moon’** which grows low to the ground in shadier locations and blooms in the spring. It’s blooming now in the greenhouse, and it’s pretty!

Allium ‘Medusa’ joins **‘Millenium’** as another carefree flowering onion. Medusa boasts curly foliage like the hair of snakes that Medusa had. Both are great Deer resistant, drought-tolerant perennials.

Amsonia ‘Storm Cloud’ emerges with blue-black stems and blooms spring through summer with star shaped blue flower clusters. It fills the landscape like a shrub and is deer resistant as well.

It’s been a while since we’ve had **Aruncus**, or **Goat’s Beard** and **‘Misty Lace’** bears beautiful white lacy flowers like Astilbe. This compact, heat tolerant variety still gets 2-3’ tall, and prefers shade.

In **Coreopsis**, we have **‘Hot Paprika’** a very dark red bloom with thread leaf foliage, **‘Galaxy’** and **‘Leading Lady Charleze’** which are both a nice clear lemon yellow double bloomed flower. We had these last year, and they flew out so fast when they bloomed that I didn’t get one myself!

It is hard to find miniature Hosta, but they are fun to collect and great for outdoor fairy gardens! We have **Hosta ‘Mini Skirt’** available.

I was fortunate to see huge fields of Lavender in England last summer, as well as visit Hidcote Gardens, so I was influenced to carry plenty of **Lavender; ‘Hidcote’** a dark blue variety (named for the garden in England), **‘Sweet Romance’** a new Proven Winners Variety, **‘Provence’** and **‘Phenomenal’**. All lavender likes well drained soil – especially through the winter. Plant with that in mind for best results!

In honor of this summer’s solar eclipse which will be centered just south of us, we have a **Louisiana Iris ‘Full Eclipse’** that is a very dark purple bloom with just a line of yellow showing in the throat. It is striking! We’re ready for the Eclipse!

We have a good selection of premium quality Clematis as well as a blue upright bush variety **Clematis ‘New Love’** which needs no trellis. It bears indigo star-shaped flowers with backward reflexed petals.

There are partial shade loving grasses, **Hakeonchloa ‘Aureola’** and **‘All Gold’** or **Japanese Forest Grass**. These are slow growing grasses that have a graceful arching appearance

I feel like I’m always calling every plant my “favorite”, but I really love Peonies. They are one of the first big showy flowers in the spring. I try to find new varieties each year so I can add to my collection. New this year are **‘Armani’**, a red, **‘Celebrity’**, raspberry and white, **‘Sweet Harmony’**, pink, **‘White Angel’**, white, and **‘Sorbet’** pink and yellow. We have several **Tree Peonies** and

by request, **‘Bartzella’** which is a cross between tree and regular peonies. It has a beautiful yellow bloom and was spectacular last year in the courthouse Gardens maintained by our local Garden Club. It takes a few years to get established, but is glorious when it blooms!

Prunella or **Selfheal** makes compact carpets of dark green foliage topped with clusters of violet blue flowers late spring through fall. It is a groundcover and tolerates a wide range of soils.

Salvia Moorcroft Ana x Indica has wide, sturdy blue grey leaves with stems of lavender blue flowers that continue for months, beginning in the spring. Cut stems to the ground to allow new leaves to flourish again.

We have some beautiful **Hydrangeas** this year. A double **Oak Leaf ‘Great Gatsby’**, also **‘Miss Saori’** with white petals edged in red and **‘Onyx Peacock’** which has black stems and purple flowers.

Bletilla ‘Kate’ is a hardy orchid with purple blooms like a small Cattleya. It prefers a cool shady location with well-drained soil.

Verbena ‘Snow Flurry’ is a dependably winter hardy white variety I was excited to find.

We have lots of **Lilies: Oriental ‘Acapulco’** a dark pink fragrant lily along with our standard white **‘Casa Blanca’**. There is a new **OT Hybrid** (which is a cross between Oriental and Trumpet Lilies) **‘Montego Bay’** with salmon pink, peach, and yellow petals. We also have a lot of **Bee Balm** varieties. They are great pollinator plants and come in pink, purple and red blooms. We just have a lot of plants.... period! come down and explore the benches!



OUR EMPLOYEE FAMILY

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In case you didn't notice in my earlier "ramblings, I think my employees are the best!

Brenda Upshaw, Assistant Manager, 10 years, has a great knowledge of flowers. She does it all...transplant, move plants, water, clean, and work the register. She also gets a lot of the merchandise checked in and priced in the building. No one (myself included) works harder!

Lydia Lurker, 15 years, is one of my main transplanters. She can do the tiny things no one else wants to tackle. She is also my vegetable expert!

Jo Ann Holbrook, 15 years, helps with transplanting and selling. She also loves plants and is great at helping you find those unique varieties. She is another good vegetable expert.

Barb Anderson, 6 years, works the register during selling season. She worked hard this year getting the building organized and displayed.

Joe Anderson, 4 years, does any job we need. It's tough being the only male employee with all of us women!

Donna Anderson, 2 years, helps with transplanting and register duties.... yes, she's. Joe's wife

Loren Simpson, 1 year, is helping a couple of days when she is off from her full-time job.

Shy Zwiefka, 4, will help out at the red wagon on weekends when her college studies allow!

Diane Hasting, 24(age and years here!), is helping when her nursing studies at USI allow. She will graduate the end of April and continue to help here, one last season, before taking a fulltime nursing job.

All of my employees love plants, and you can tell it in the work they do. I couldn't ask for a better crew.

I don't have any immediate needs, but I finally developed a **job application** for Hasting Plants. If you think you'd like to work with us, fill one out and tell us to keep it on file for future years.

And my family update:

Daniel Hasting, 29, still lives in Indianapolis and works for IU health. He enjoys rock climbing in his spare time. He maintains my web page as well.

Husband **Mike** continues to run maintenance for me. He never wants me to mention him, but although he doesn't know, or have anything to do with, the plants, I really couldn't do this without him. He handles the propane, arranges the soils, prepares and manages the playground, places and changes my road signs, and many, many more behind the scene activities. He really does make this possible!

Socks & Pizazz (the cats) are usually around, just not very visible.

As you may know, we lost our sweet puppy **Ginger** last winter to stomach cancer. She was so well loved by all my employees as well as a lot of you! She will be missed!

Nancy thinks every year she'll be more organized & prepared for spring to roll around.... but instead she is always playing catch-up. It's a fun frenzied time that I love each year.

You – my customers – are the real heart & soul of this business. Without you and your support, your comments and the love you express for all our efforts, we wouldn't be here to have all this fun each year. I appreciate each and every one of you.

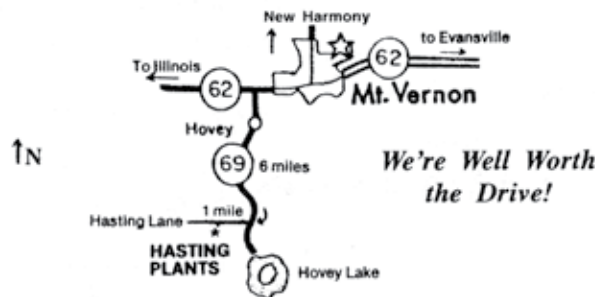
2017 SEMINARS

Please sign up in advance for seminars. If there is not enough interest, we may cancel a class, and you would not be notified.

- A. LATE NIGHT AT THE GREENHOUSE** - No need to sign up for this one. Just plan on joining us for a night of music, food, door prizes and plant discounts. **Friday, May 19, 8 to 11 p.m.**
- B. KIDS PLANT A COLOR BOWL** – Do you have a 1st through 4th grader that enjoys plants? We'll have fun as they learn basic planting techniques and leave the class with a colorful bowl of plants that makes a great Mother's Day gift! Class limited to 8, so sign up early. **Saturday May 13, 9:00 a.m. Fee: \$10.00**
- C. FAIRY GARDENING** – Have you caught the latest craze in gardening? Come get inspiration, tips and great ideas as we demonstrate the steps in making your own fairy garden. You'll find your imagination has no boundaries with this fun project! **Saturday May 13, 10:00 a.m. or Saturday May 20, 10 a.m. Fee: \$2.00 seminar only –OR- \$25 for seminar and to make a small fairy garden with provided fairy and plants.**



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