

Hasting Plants



Spring 2019

We're well worth the drive!

Hours:

March 18 to April 7

9-4 Mon-Sat.
Closed Sunday

April 8 to May 12

9-6 Mon-Friday
9-4 Saturday
1-4 Sunday

May 13– until closing

9-6 Mon-Fri
9-4 Saturday
9-4 Memorial Day
Closed Sunday

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

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HASTING PLANTS, LLC

Hasting Plants is a seasonal greenhouse operation, specializing in annual and perennial flowers and vegetable plants. 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 actually start working in the greenhouses in January every year). The season might vary according to the weather. We grow almost all of our plants, which we feel is a great bonus for you in variety and quality.

DATES TO KNOW:

Onion Slips should arrive the first of April. We’ll carry Vidalia, Super Star, and Candy varieties

Sweet Potato Slips should arrive the first week of May

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”

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

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.

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**



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NOTES FROM NANCY

So much has happened since last June when we closed, I hardly know where to begin.

The first thing you will notice when you come to the greenhouse this season is a new blacktop road! The County blacktopped Hasting Lane (a huge Thank You to Steve Schenk, the Posey County Highway Department and the Posey County Commissioners), so we blacktopped our drive to the parking lot of the greenhouse! I'm sure you will love it! Now you just have to buy lots more plants so I can get it paid off!

The next thing you will notice as you pull into the lot is my giant tree planter! Thanks to a storm last summer, we discovered this great tree base that makes a unique pot. If you drove US 41 north as a kid, you remember the "Big Peach", well they have nothing on our "Big Pot"! A thanks goes to Wayne, Wanda, Troy and Angie DeKemper for the tree!

Many of you followed along on my journey to France to trace my Great Uncle's path in WWI. The most amazing part was that WNIN made both an audio documentary and a video documentary on the story. The audio documentary can be accessed at news.wnin.org. Click on "Special Projects" and look for "Chester and Gertrude". You can find the video on WNIN's Passport if you are a member. I owe a big debt of gratitude to Steve Burger and Brick Briscoe for all of their hard work on those programs. We will have copies of my book, "A Tragedy of the Great War" for sale again this year one more time.

While I was in France, last summer we had a minor disaster at the Greenhouse.... the irrigation pivot failed to clear the play gym, broke down and drug over my new greenhouses #5 & #6! We were able to patch #5 up until the next time I change the plastic. But #6 had more serious problems, and the plastic we had just installed a few months earlier had to be removed to make the repairs. Thankfully it is up and running again.

Greenhouse #4 underwent major renovations, since the north end was in bad shape. We have worked all fall and into the winter to get it rebuilt (the weather just didn't cooperate). When I started this letter, it was still uncovered! We were fortunate to get plastic over it on a calm day in March (there weren't too many of those!). Even though Hasting Plants is open for a few short months we seem to work on it all year long.

This spring added to the drama with a flood lasting 2½ weeks! One



full week it was too deep to get out, but the last 1½ weeks we were able to drive through the water in our dump truck. My wonderful employees rode in and out in the bed of the truck on folding chairs! Even with that, the cold, lack of sun and flood put us behind on our work, but we are rapidly catching up. I hope by the time you come, you won't even notice!

We have changed the style of pot we grow our geraniums in, I think you'll like it! We also have a new tube in the AI's pouches to help with watering.

One last personal note - I have a Pfaff Creative Sensation Embroidery/Sewing Machine for sale if you know anyone interested - have them get in touch. With all that's been going on, I haven't had a chance to list it for sale anywhere. (Sewing is my other passion!)

LATE NIGHT AT THE GREENHOUSE

Be sure to join us for our 12th annual "Late Night at the Greenhouse" on the third Friday night in May. We will have **'Late Night' on May 17, 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 "Clif 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. We are also celebrating Lydia Lurker for her upcoming 95th birthday with a cake that night!

NEW IN THE BUILDING

I did it again. You know the way you feel when your eyes are too big for your stomach? That's the way it is when all the merchandise comes in & I wonder where we are going to put it! Barb does an amazing job of getting it all displayed and ready for sale. If it were left up to me, it would be one big jumble!!!!

We have some really cool items for sale this year.

One unique item is the Spartan mosquito eradicator. As far as I know we are the only dealer for this product in Indiana. It comes out of Mississippi - real mosquito territory, and uses no chemicals. One box covers an acre, and lasts 90 days. Put it out early for best results!

There are some great new wind spinners, and new bamboo wind chimes. We really loved our Wallaroo hats last year - some have 50 SPF, and they are very well made. We also have a few men's styles this year. My husband used one last year and really liked it.

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New in The Building Continued:

There are lots of solar items, new bud vases, great frog, rabbit, and turtle statues. One of my new favorites are some glass leaf wind chimes. Perky Pet added a line of functional and decorative hummingbird feeders that are easy to clean. There is a lot of St Louis Cardinal and Cubs merchandise including totems, birdhouses, and door mats. We added some cute new fairy items as well. One new item is actually on the playground - a Monkey Jump. We loved it at the show & bought a couple to sell. Every time we passed the display, we had to jump on it... so adults and kids can play and enjoy it at the same time.

I also have a recipe book with some new additions. I first printed this several years ago & had requests for copies after it sold out, so I reprinted the book. It is a collection of great, simple dishes I've collected for well over 50 years.

You have to check out our flags, door hangers, mats and statement stakes. There are some great new styles this year including some with lights! We also are running a \$5.00 off special on the large pole flags and the mailbox covers - check the coupon page.

SUPER CLEARANCE

There are a lot of items we really need to move out to make way for the new. Look for extra special deals on the following: Grapevine Fairy Houses, baskets and structures - most are priced at \$25 (Originally \$127). One large heavy weight hanging basket stand \$45 (originally \$200). A few 3-fold "screens" - great to hang baskets, spinners or bird feeders \$35 (originally \$160). Remaining outdoor fountains are on a super markdown as well. We will add other items as the season goes on. We also have a few potting benches that we used in our building for displays for sale. We will have a closeout on our Firepots, and some extra coupons for Kitras Glass Balls, and specific flag merchandise on the coupon page.

2019 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

Stachys 'Hummelo'

This easy to grow perennial is in the same family as Lamb's Ear - the woolly silvery plant that grows very easily in this area. 'Hummelo' features basal rosettes of glossy bright green trouble-free foliage. Rose lavender flowers appear in dense spikes, rising well above the foliage, 1½ to 2 ft. tall in late June and July. Clumps spread over time to form a dense ground cover.

"Hummel" means Bumblebee in German which relates to the many pollinators visiting the flowers. The wiry stems on the bloom make for a great cut flower as well. Looks great with Purple Coneflower and Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly weed). This is a tough little plant that will really perform for you. Plant in full sun to part shade. Considered deer resistant! Zones 4 to 8.

ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS 2018 – yes 2018

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

BUT I am frustrated every year with the AAS team since they announce the largest majority of winners too late for the seed companies, tag companies, and growers to have them available. I am going to have to quit growing these, or maybe grow the winners a **year late**. We will have a few of the 2018 winners as listed below (They actually have picture tags this year!):

Pepper Habanero 'Roulette' - This is a Habanero pepper with NO HEAT! It has the nice citrusy flavor that regular Habaneros have without the burn!

Cuphea 'Floriglory Diana' is a Mexican Heather with larger, darker, more intensely colored magenta flowers. As always, Cuphea is a great plant to tolerate heat and weather variations.

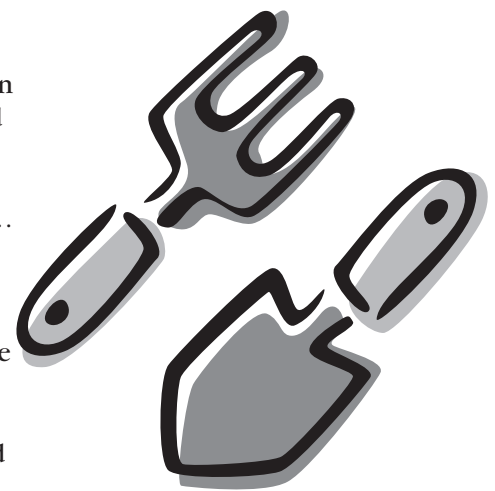
Tomato 'Red Racer' - is a "cocktail" tomato, one that is slightly larger than a cherry tomato. This is a determinate plant, so it stays compact and would make a great container plant.

Zinnia 'Queeny Lime Orange' - has large dahlia-like blooms on compact 1½ - 2' plants. The unique blooms evolve from a dark coral/peach/orange to a light peach with a dark center. It also makes a great cut flower.

ANNUALS TO TRY IN 2019

Coleus 'Inferno' was one of our biggest hits of the season last year. I discovered it in a field trial in Michigan and was amazed at the color... it is indescribable. Practically everyone who saw it picked one or two up to take home. We also added '**Rediculous**' which looks like a great Red variety and '**Sedona Sunset**' with more orange shades, as well as a great assortment of other colors. Sun Coleus can't be beat for good color all summer long. They grow in sun or shade, but color up best in sun.

Calliope (Dk Red, Salmon, Crimson Flame, Pink Flame, & Violet) & Caliente (Fire, Hot Coral, Lavender)



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Annuals Continued:

Geraniums are glorious colors. Both of these series are a cross between ivy and zonal geraniums giving the best of both worlds. Great in baskets, pots or the ground, you can't beat the wonderful blooms and colors! The hanging baskets fly out the door when they start to bloom. Don't delay if you want to try these!

We love all of the **Jolt Dianthus**, which look like Sweet William, but bloom all summer. **'Jolt Pink Magic'** is really striking since the blooms open pink and fade to white, you have several colors on the plant at one time.

Popcorn Plant would be great just for the smell of its foliage (hot buttered popcorn), but this giant has beautiful bright yellow blooms in the fall. A real novelty your kids and the young at heart will love!

Salvias are great for hummingbirds and pollinators and we have several great varieties this year: **'Ember's Wish'**, & **'Love & Wishes'** in the "Wish" series, are 2-3 ft tall with great large blossoms that look impressive in the landscape, **'Rockin Fuchsia'** & **'Rockin Deep Purple'** are from Proven Winners and give some height to container plantings, **'Bodacious Rhythm & Blues'** is an improved Black & Blue Salvia, and **Salvia 'Mystic Spires'** is back again this year (we don't know how we missed growing it last year). It is one of our favorites with foot long spikes of glorious blue flowers on 2 ft plants. We also have a compact version, related to Mystic Spires, new to us this year, **'Mysty'** grows 18" tall.

Diamond Mountain Euphorbia is like the popular 'Diamond Frost' on steroids. A larger plant with the same tiny white flowers for bigger pots. This thrives in sun and heat!

Gomphrena Truffula Pink is another heat lover that had beautiful pink flowers tipped with yellow stamens. This is an improved version of 'Fireworks' that we grow from seed. You can't beat the color performance combined with heat and drought tolerance!

Penta Lucky Star is a wonderful series that reblooms faster than other Pentas. These were so pretty, we recommended them last year when we ran out of geraniums!

We have several nice Elephant Ears this year, **Alocasia Dark Star** was my favorite last year with its sturdy dark brown stems and dark glossy leaves. We have **Colocasia Nancy's Revenge** mainly for the name 😊, **'Mojito'**, with speckled foliage, **'Black Coral'**, one of the best dark black Elephant Ears and of course **'Thailand Giant'** if you want to go big!

Red Sensation Cordyline is available this year as a great "spike" replacement.

Dutchman's Pipe is a novelty vine that bears a really unique bloom.

Callibrocoa Doublette Love Swept (double pink with a white edge) & **Tangerine Punch** (orange with a

dark eye) are new Proven Winners Million Bell varieties you will love.

Senico Angel Wings is a large leafed Dusty Miller type plant that makes a great statement.

Swiss Chard is one of our vegetable offerings, but can make a stunning decorative plant in a large pot or in the landscape.

Cardoon is another edible plant grown more for its huge presence in the garden with large silvery spiky foliage and thistle-like flowers. Dan, I finally grew this one again for you (you know who you are 😊).

Cannova Canna is my favorite Canna variety. Great colors, clean foliage, nice height for containers!

Sunfinity Sunflower is a 4-5 ft. sunflower that repeat blooms all summer long!

Soiree Vinca is heat tolerant like regular vinca, but these are covered with tiny ½" blooms.

Mandevilla 'Designer White' and **'Garden Crimson'** are an exciting addition to the Mandevilla line. Both are non-vining plants to be used like bedding plants! I saw the white variety planted with Dark Red Geraniums last summer in Europe & it was stunning!

I can't begin to describe all the wonderful **Petunias** from cuttings we have this year. You need to come early and get yours because the best colors go fast!

I'm sure I've missed your favorite annuals! You just have to come and browse the aisles to find what you will love the most this year!

NEW ROSE SELECTIONS FOR 2019

We have all types of roses every year, these are the new varieties for 2019.

'All Dressed Up' is a medium pink Grandiflora with an old-fashioned rose look.

'Arctic Blue' is a Lilac Pink with a cream reverse Floribunda.

'Celestial Night' has plum purple petals with raspberry reverse, and is another Floribunda.

'Life of the Party' has yellow blooms kissed with pink on the edges. This Floribunda has a strong fragrance.

We also carry **Knock Out** roses and a newer Shrub rose **'Top Gun'** which is resistant to the Rose Rosette disease.

PERENNIALS OF NOTE IN 2019

Like every year, I want to mention everything we grow, but I'll just have to restrain myself.

We have a lot of **Hellebores 'Honeymoon Romantic Getaway'**, **'Honeymoon Spanish Flare'**, **Wedding Party Confetti Cake'**, and **'Wedding Party True Love'** that have special blooms. These are full size plants and some are even in bloom!



Hosta Lakeside Paisley Print is the AHG Hosta of the year this is a smaller Hosta with wide wavy green margins. Another fun Hosta is '**Shadowland Diamond Lake**' it is a blue Hosta with large corrugated leaves. And we have lots of other pretty Hostas for you to check out.

Eucomis African Night is a Foxtail Lily with pink flowers, but I would grow it just for the wonderful broad purple foliage that emerges late in the spring.

We had **Phlox 'Bubblegum'** last year and everyone wanted '**Grape Lollipop**'. They are really great performers with good disease resistance and a long blooming season. **Phlox Cloudburst** combines the color of Tall Garden Phlox and a dome like habit, a billowy mound of lavender-purple flowers. **Phlox 'Earlibeauty Rose Bouquet'** blooms from May to July and occasionally into the fall. It is very clean and mildew resistant. We've had **Phlox 'Jeana'** in the past. This native has tiny, sweetly scented pink blooms.

German/Bearded Iris 'Bernice's Legacy' (a blend of garnet and cinnamon) & '**Earl of Essex**' (white with violet veining) are both rebloomers. **Siberian Iris 'Swans in Flight'** (large white blooms), '**Over in Gloryland**' (deep blue purple), and '**How Audacious**' (stunning violet, yellow and white) all have great spiky foliage that looks good in the garden even when they are finished blooming.

We have a nice **Yarrow 'Sassy Summer Lemon'** is a taller variety with sturdy stems that look great during its blooming season.

Sedum 'Atlantis' is a new variegated variety, & '**Little Miss Sunshine**' has a neat mounded habit with bright yellow flowers.

I love all Peonies and try to get new varieties each year to add to my collection. We have **ITOH Peonies Bartzella** (a great yellow) & **Scrumdiddleumptious** (a new variety with a beautiful bloom) these are a cross between tree and bush Peonies. '**Paul M Wild**' is a dark red, '**Jacorma**' is a late blooming rosy pink with very strong stems, '**White Cap**' is a Japanese style with magenta petals and a creamy center, and '**Coral Charm**' is a great coral peach color. We have several others as well. EVERY garden should have at least one Peony!

We have a lot of great **Clematis** including the more unique '**Roguchi**' with a blue bell shaped bloom & **tex**. '**Etoile Rose**' with a small bell shaped pink bloom

I like **Anemone 'Fall in Love Sweetly'** because it blooms in early fall when most other perennials are about finished for the year. This is a rose pink variety with semi double blooms. **Anemone 'Wild Swan'**, a white bloom backed with blue and flowers from late spring until frost!

Coreopsis 'Uptick Yellow & Red' and '**Uptick Cream & Red**' are great standouts in the Coreopsis family. More blooms and color in field trials!

Agapanthus 'Galaxy Blue' is a hardy variety that reblooms late in the season. Most Agapanthus has to be taken inside through the winter, but this is hardy to Zone 6!

Wisteria 'Blue Moon' is a Kentucky native vine that reblooms up to 3 times a season. Give it a sturdy trellis to climb.

Milkweed we have LOTS of varieties and LOTS of plants. Great for pollinators and the important Monarch!

Kniphofia 'Pyromania Backdraft' and '**Pyromania Rocket's Red Glare**' are Red Hot Pokers with upright habit and reblooming!

Oregano 'Kirigami' is an ornamental Oregano with showy purple green bracts from spring to fall.

We love **Poppies** with their connection to WWI and we have lots of varieties this year.

'**Little Joe**' **Joe Pye Weed** & '**Gateway**' are great native plants for pollinators. These varieties are a little shorter than the species.

Penstemon 'Dakota Burgundy' and '**Dark Towers**' also known as Beardtongue, these are great hummingbird plants. Both have wonderful deep burgundy foliage that is attractive even without the pink blooms.

Epimedium is a great groundcover (with height) for dry shade. '**Amber Queen**' is a stand-out variety with orange flowers on 24" long stems!

Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush' is a Black-Eyed Susan producing heavily from July to September. This variety boasts great disease resistance.

Agastache 'Little Adder' is a great plant for pollinators with lots of lavender blue flowers on bushy plants. The foliage is fragrant.

Aralia 'Sun King' is looking really pretty this year. This bright gold leaved plant brightens up the shade garden and adds height as well, growing 3 ft tall.

We have several Lilies including these top performing hybrids, Lily **OT Hybrid 'Exotic Sun'** with double yellow blooms, and **LA Hybrid 'Original Love'** a showy deep orange-red with darker spots.

Artemisia 'Powis Castle' is one of the few Artemisias I will grow (most others are invasive). It forms a nice clump of soft silvery foliage to accent any sunny spot. We do have '**Silver Mound**' this year as well.

Dictamnus - Gas Plant is pretty as well as fun. I can tell you how to "light a fire" in your garden with these!

Lychnis coronaria 'Blood Red' is a short-lived perennial that reseeds readily. I love the soft silvery foliage topped by striking red flowers. Common name is Rose Campion, and this is a variety we haven't carried for several years!

I've already crossed 10 names off the list because there just isn't space to list everything I want to highlight! Come see for yourself!



VEGETABLES AND GARDEN PLANTS

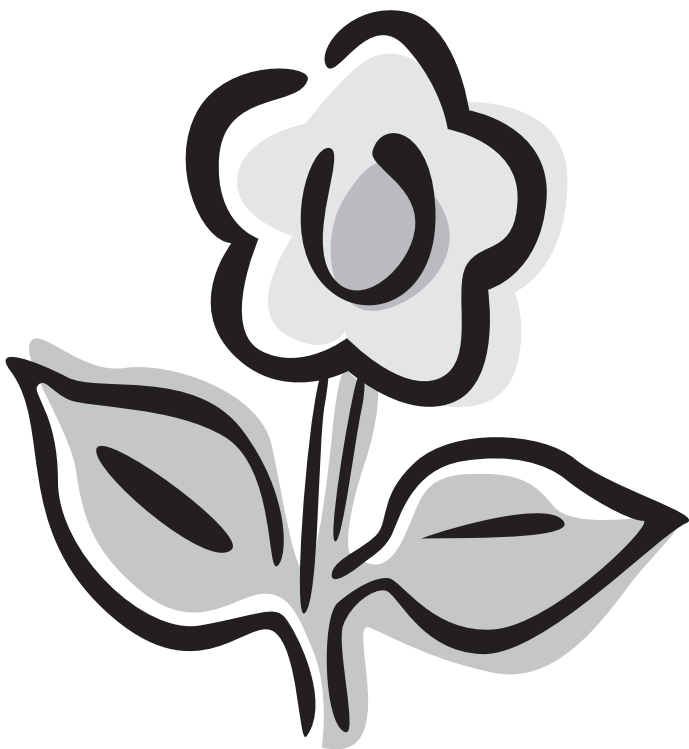
Glencoe Raspberry is a cross between a purple and red raspberry. This thornless variety grows in clumps and can even be grown in a pot.

I always like to try different plants, and this year we have an **Olive Tree 'Arbequina'** which is fairly cold tolerant, but still needs to come inside over the winter in our climate. We also have a **Tropical Fruit "Rack"** coming in mid-May which will include Lemon, Lime, Orange and other Citrus trees, Fig, Olive, Guava and Passion Fruit plants. If you want to try some exotic tropical plants, we will have them this year!

We have some really neat combinations of herb planters that are meant to be combined in drinks. They are called "**Drinkables**". Flavors include **Basil Lemonade, Mint Julep, Pina Colada and Mojito!** To make an infusion with herbs, put cold water or alcohol in a container. Slightly mash the fruit or foliage of fresh herbs and place them in the liquid. Chill in the fridge for an hour and then strain. Steep longer for stronger flavor.

A SHOUT OUT TO LYDIA LURKER

In 2002, Lydia Lurker essentially told me she was coming to work for me when she retired from Vectren! She and Jo Ann Holbrook both started that year and have been working for Hasting Plants for 17 years! This year Lydia will turn 95 in December, so if you do the math, that means she started working for Hasting Plants when she was 77 years old!!!! Most people would be resting on their laurels at that point,



but Lydia wanted to work. She has been without a doubt my most dependable employee for all those years - and still comes 5 days a week (when we are not flooded out) all during planting season! We are all amazed at her work ethic. We will call for a break, and Lydia will keep on working. She makes us all look bad! 😊 Lydia specializes in the really tiny plants. If I keep her supplied with pots, soil and plants, she will pot all day with no complaints until it's lunch time! We will recognize Lydia at our LATE NIGHT event, May 17, with an early birthday cake. Come help us celebrate this amazing woman!

2019 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 17, 8 to 11 p.m.** We will also celebrate Lydia Lurker's upcoming birthday with a cake that night.
- 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 11, 9:00 a.m. Fee: \$15.00**
- 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 11, 10:00 a.m. or Saturday May 18, 10 a.m. Fee: \$2.00 seminar only -OR- \$30 for seminar and to make a small fairy garden with provided fairy and plants.**
- D. **SHARON SORENSON** - We are happy to have Sharon come talk about birds, as well as sign copies of her new book "Planting Native to Attract Birds to Your Yard". **May 11 at 1:00 p.m.** No fee, but we would appreciate a call if you are coming so we can set up chairs accordingly.

COUPON ETIQUETTE

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...

OUR EMPLOYEE FAMILY

I think my employees are the best! I can honestly say I don't think I could do this without any one of them. They each add their own special skills that make this whole operation work! Be sure to thank them, and let them know you appreciate all they do to get Hasting Plants up and running!!!

Brenda Upshaw, Assistant Manager, 12 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 works harder! She cleans and straightens all the things I just step over. She plants up most of the perennials.

Lydia Lurker, 17 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! We are always inspired by her age and work ethic! She just amazes all of us... we'll take a break and she keeps on working! We plan to celebrate her 95th birthday a bit early at Late Night this year. Can you believe it? - 95 and working 5 days a week!

Jo Ann Holbrook, 17 years, is a great transplanter. She keeps us going on all those pepper and tomato varieties. She also loves flowering plants and is great at helping you find those unique varieties. With a great flower and vegetable garden at home, she gives great advice for both! She comes into each year with an unmatched excitement for our work.

Barb Anderson, 8 years, works the register during selling season. I am amazed at how she can fit all the merchandise I keep ordering into the sales building and make it look wonderful! The building is her "baby".

Joe Anderson, 6 years, does any job we need. He's great at planting, putting up shade cloth and benches, assembling garden art and gliders...you name it! It's tough being the only male employee with all of us women! He enjoys working the wagon during selling season.

Donna Anderson, 4 years, is a great transplanter, even tackling the tiny plants. She also handles register duties later in the season. And, she is Joe's wife.

Loren Simpson, 3 years, will be back on a limited basis to help us pot up our "specials"

Addie Robinson, will join us this year during selling season to help at the wagon.

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

Diane Hasting, 26, lives in Fort Wayne and works as a Pediatric E.R. Nurse at Lutheran Hospital. She is getting married to Scott Haag in September. We hope to see her a couple of weekends helping work the wagon!

Daniel Hasting, 31, still lives in Indianapolis and works for IU health. He enjoys rock climbing in his spare time. He maintains my web page.

Husband Mike continues to run maintenance for me. He never wants me to mention him, but I really couldn't do this without him. He handles the propane, arranges the potting 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.

Our puppies, **Poppy** and **Lady**, are still young (they turned 2 on March 22), so their time at the greenhouse may be curtailed again this year. Poppy barks and is a bit timid with strangers, we hope she'll outgrow that with patience. Lady is over friendly and still loves to jump.

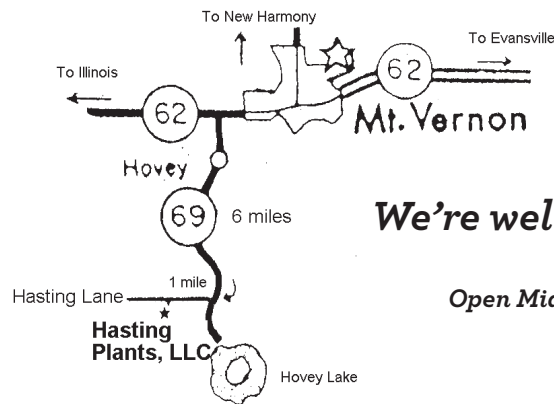
Nancy thinks every year she'll be more organized & prepared for spring to roll around... but instead she is always playing catch-up. It's a fun frenzied time that I love each year.

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.





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