

Hasting

Plants

Spring 2020
We're well worth the drive!



Hours:

Our hours are subject to change this season. Please check my website for the most accurate information. Facebook may have current information in posts as well. Call ahead to be sure.

Due to the Corona Virus and short staffing, we may keep the 9-4 hours with later hours by appointment only. Please check

Closed Sunday (Due to Corona Virus, we will have no Sunday Hours this year. Check the website for any changes.)

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.

SOME BASIC INFO:

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**

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

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



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NOTES FROM NANCY

IT WILL NOT BE BUSINESS AS USUAL THIS YEAR.

We really wish it could be business as usual, but we are just doing our best to stay open so you can get your plants. I have a very limited staff working, so we will not be able to assist you as much as we would like. If you follow us on Facebook, you may know some of this already.

We hope to stay open (except for closing on Sunday – that just seems to be a crowded day). We have closed the playground for this season. Please think twice about bringing your kids, this year, treat this like a trip to the grocery store...more of a necessity, not a pleasure trip. Please check my website for any updates or changes. If I or any one of my employees get the Covid-19 virus, we will have to close for 14 days to quarantine everyone else. I feel like the garden plants make it “essential” to stay open. Please bear with us if we are overwhelmed. It will have to be much more of a self-service year. We hope you will be patient and keep up with good hygiene practices, and keep your distance so no one is endangered. We are trying to clean surfaces in the store as best we can. If hand sanitizer becomes available, we will have it at the register. We do have a hand washing station outside. I recommend shopping through the week rather than Saturday for a smaller crowd. If our parking lot is crowded, consider coming back later or waiting in your car for people to leave. We will not have our Late-Night Event or any of our classes this year. Just be aware that I write this letter 2 to 3 weeks before it come to your hands. My comments may be outdated or have changed. The website and Facebook will have the most accurate information.

Even before COVID- 19 became an issue, we had our own medical problem when Mike fell ill around Thanksgiving and was in the hospital 3 times. After traveling to IU Methodist in Indianapolis in January, he was diagnosed with Brucellosis or Undulant Fever (very rare – 100 to 200 cases in the US each year). He was sick for 3 months, so not much got done at the greenhouse over the winter. Repairs and improvements were put on the back burner. We were just glad to figure out what his problem was and get him better. It's been a long drawn out process.

Just a couple of notes about some of the websites and social media. For the entire time I was closed this past summer and winter, Facebook listed me as “open”. If you looked at the actual hours – it showed we had no open hours each day. Google tends to get my

times wrong as well. My webpage or a phone call to us is the most accurate way to get information. I also do not have time to check Facebook messages during the day, and they are awkward to find on my phone. I can't tell you how many evenings I have found messages that wanted an immediate response. Please call with questions that need immediate answers.

LATE NIGHT AT THE GREENHOUSE

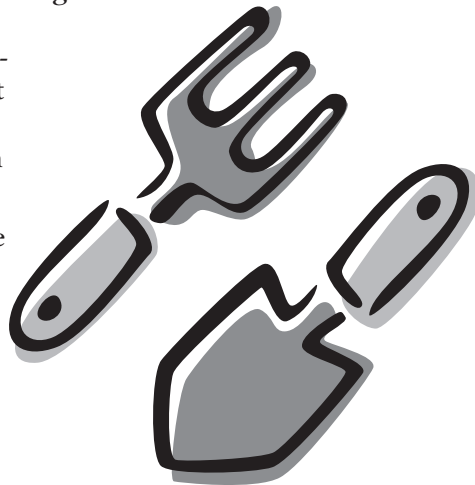
The “lucky 13th” year for Late night won't happen this year. With all the uncertainty about gatherings, we will just plan to celebrate double next year!

NEW IN THE BUILDING

We can't say enough good things about the Spartan Mosquito Eradicator! If you didn't try this last year, you really missed out. We had a multitude of glowing reports on its effectiveness. Put it out early before the mosquitoes get started for best results. One box covers an acre and lasts for 90 days! No harmful chemicals involved!!!!

We have a lot of wind spinners this year. Once we get them out on our berm, hurry down to get the best selection. They seem to go fast! We have some unique chasing lights on balancers and garden art. I went a little crazy with our Wallaroo hat styles, I got to try them on at a show and fell in love with all of them! – most with spf 50. We have some small granite stones with the best sayings that can be coasters or table decorations. That same company had some of the coolest teapots I've ever seen, so we have a few of those for sale...not really garden related except for the lovely designs! In our tool selection, I finally found some shuffle hoes. These are the best hoes to weed in your garden – they are made in England and a bit pricey, but worth every penny! We have a few brightly painted Mexican pots in animal shapes. We added some sundials since we haven't carried those for several years.

I am really excited to have found my favorite plastic watering can again. You can't beat this one for a nice sprinkler head that also comes off. We have some solar lampposts that would be really cool for your entryway. We had to buy extra for ourselves! There are some unique wind spinners and socks, and lots of solar lights. My favorite new solar light looks just like a flame burning and flickering in a torch. There are some gorgeous gazing globes including a couple of huge sizes. We have a huge rocking owl I waited 2 years to get in, as well as a couple of cool animal stools that took their sweet time



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showing up as well. We have some “Fair Trade” Tulia Art Mobiles from Colombia. These are for indoors or covered porches only. They have wonderful movement with flapping wings. There are “magic” fountains with water that “flows” up, down or sideways! They are very unique. We have real stones carved out to hide keys. There are some great glass stones. If you like bees, we have a lot of unique decorations for you! Come check out all the additions in the building. I can't list them all.

SUPER CLEARANCE

We have small models of real arbors and gazebos that are very well built and heavy. We have marked the gazebos to \$25.00 and the arbors to \$15. They would be great for fairy gardens! We have a series of bird baths that feature unbreakable plastic that look like clay on very special pricing. There are coupons for \$10 off wooden signs and \$10 off birdhouses. Check our clearance section near the door, since we have added quite a few new items.

A NOTE ABOUT TAGS

The information on our plant tags can make you an instant expert. We refer to them all of the time when you ask us how tall a plant gets, etc. Since we will be short staffed, check out the tags. A lot of the annual packs and plants have tags with a color code for light requirements – yellow is full sun, orange is part sun and purple is shade. Just a glance at those gives you information. Also, when you pull a tag out of a pot, please try to get it back in that same pot. They slide in easiest if you put them next to the side of the pot. Push them in far enough so that the wind doesn't carry them away. That way everyone has a tag to take home with their plant!

2020 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

Aralia ‘Sun King’

This high impact perennial brings a bold pop of glowing color to a shade or part shade border. Bright yellow shoots emerge in spring, then grow into a beautiful 4x4' shrub-like plant. The bold foliage is chartreuse in shade, turning more yellow with a little bit of sun. An added bonus is deer resistance. It has small, cream colored umbels of flowers that are attractive to bees.

Plant in part to full shade. It is not picky about soil, but may need additional water during dry spells. This is a great larger plant to fill out your shade garden with a striking color presence.

ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS 2019 for 2020

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



In order to get seed and tags, we feature these one year behind their announcement.

Begonia Viking xl red on chocolate we do not have the chocolate leaved variety, but we are growing the **Viking Begonias Red on Green, and Rose on Green**, this year instead of the ‘Big’ Begonias we have had for several years. They impressed us at the field trials last summer.

Nasturtium ‘Baby Rose’ Rose is a petite-flowered, mounding variety with healthy, dark foliage ideal for containers and small space gardens. The rose color is uncommon in nasturtiums and contrasts beautifully with the dark-green foliage. Bonus: both the leaves and flowers are edible!

Petunia ‘Wave Carmine Velour’ Large 2-2.5 inch flowers cover the easy-care spreading plants that rarely need deadheading because new blooms continuously pop-up and cover the spent blooms.

ANNUALS TO TRY IN 2020

I am going to try to group these by the greenhouse in which they will probably be found. Things tend to get moved sometimes, so don't hold me to this.

Greenhouse #1

Cuphea ‘Honeybells’ is a nice addition to the heat loving cuphea family (Mexican Heather). It has a pretty pink and yellow delicate tubular flower.

Along with a large variety of **Lantana**, we added an old favorite, **‘Trailing Lavender’**. It's great in pots or hanging baskets.

Vinca Tattoo ‘Papaya’ and **‘Tattoo Tangerine’** have striking blooms. Just remember Vinca loves it really hot. We don't recommend planting it outside until May 1. We have some non-vining, bedding plant style **Mandevilla** this year, a new white – **‘Sun Parasol Garden White’**, that is more compact than the variety we had last year, and **‘Sun Parasol Garden Red’**, these both make great plants for pots or in the ground. Mandevilla thrive on heat and have lower water requirements. Another Mandevilla we grew 2 years ago is back due to request. **‘Sun Parasol Apricot’** is in hanging baskets

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like the others, but it is a bush variety rather than a vine. It has gorgeous apricot blushed blooms.

Greenhouse #2

We have a really cool variety of **Fuchsia 'Autumnale'** that is grown for its striking foliage. I'm not sure it blooms. It has a great blend of yellow, chartreuse and orange.

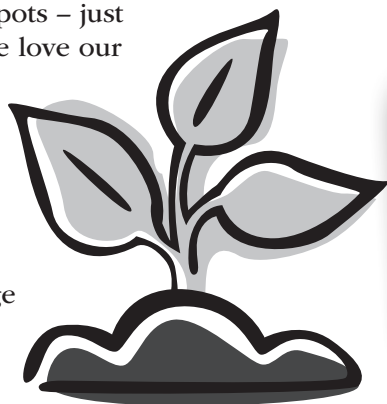
We took a big leap this year and changed from the 'Big' Begonias that we have loved so well to **Begonia 'Viking Red' and 'Viking Rose'**. We compared begonia varieties at a field trial this past summer and thought this was even showier than 'Big'. Let us know at the end of the season how they perform for you. We also have **'Gryphon' Begonia** again – a showy speckled leaf begonia, as well as some great **Angel Wing and Rex Begonias**. (These start out in #1, but end up in #2 later in the season). Due to requests, we have an assortment of small **Goldfish** and **Lipstick Vine** houseplants. These are slow growing with very pretty foliage and flowers. After several years, we finally have some double impatiens again. Everyone who sees the **Double Impatiens** thinks they are a miniature rose.

Greenhouse #3

We selected a lot of new **Million Bell** varieties this year after seeing them at the field trials last summer. I'm also happy to have several colors in the **Endurascap Verbena**, varieties that really perform really well in the garden. We have several varieties of **Mangave**, a cross between Agave and Manfreda. These have a lot of the appearance of an Agave, but grow much faster. There are a lot of unique varieties and shapes. You have to bring these inside over the winter.

You know how I like to have some really different plants each year. This year we have a real **Pineapple 'White Jade'**. This would be grown outside through the summer and brought inside for the winter...just a novelty to try to grow for the adventurous. In Elephant Ears, we have **Colocasia 'Thailand Giant'** the classic LARGE Elephant Ear, **Black Coral**, a large dark black leaved variety, and **'Mojito'** a unique speckled variety. Check out all of our beautiful **Sun Coleus** this year. I can't decide which is my favorite color. Some are so bright it almost hurts your eyes! Of course, we love **'Inferno'** but you should also check out **'Heartbreaker'**. We have several trailing varieties in smaller pots – just be aware they like a little shade. We love our **'Lucky Star Pentas'** that we've had a couple of years. There is a new Penta variety this year that is trailing called **'Falling Stars'**. Pentas make great nectar flowers for hummingbirds and butterflies!

There are some unique silver foliage plants **Artemesia 'Fancifillers Sea Salt'** and **Artemesia 'Makana Sil-**



ver' are quite different and beautiful accents for a mixed planter. **Senecio 'Angel Wings'**, which we had last year is very striking as well. Another new addition is **Helichrysum 'Silverstar'** an attractive finely serrated trailer in the "Licorice" family. There is some bad news if you love the **Popcorn Plant**, we only got 1/3 of our order in, and half of those didn't survive. If you don't get one early you will probably miss out this year. **Isotoma 'Glowing Violet'** also called **Laurentia** is a plant we haven't had for a while. Nice star shaped blue flowers on serrated foliage is great in a pot or in the ground. **Mecardonia 'Magic Carpet Yellow'** is a low growing charmer with tiny yellow flowers. We loved the **Nemesia** varieties we saw in the trial gardens last summer, so we have an assortment of colors for you to try. They have delicate, fragrant unique blooms for mixed pots or containers. There are some new **Salvia** to grow. Check out **Salvia 'Skyscraper Pink'** which is a taller variety, **'Saucy Red'** which looks a lot like the regular salvia in packs, but wowed us in mixed containers at the field trials. **Salvia 'Rockin Blue Suede Shoes'** is a new color in the taller Proven Winners series. We haven't had **Tricolor Sweet Potato Vine** for several years, so we added it as well as a red variety, **'Sweet Caroline Red Hawk'**.

Greenhouse #4

A **Petunia Basket Combination 'Above and Beyond'** which includes our favorite Bubblegum Petunia was one several growers we talked to last summer called their favorite basket. We have several baskets as well as a few pots available. Our petunias are in this greenhouse and we found some real pretty ones -again at the field trials. The hard part was narrowing the list down so I could fit them all into my greenhouses! I love the **Super Cals 'Cinnamon', 'Bordeaux', and 'Caramel'**, they would look good planted together. Once all the varieties start blooming, I guarantee you will have a hard time choosing your favorite as well!

At this point the marigolds are in #4, they may end up in #5 later. One variety we haven't grown for years showed up as a striking plant in the Michigan State University Gardens, a tiny yellow flowered fern leaf variety called **Marigold 'Lulu'**.

Greenhouse #5

Marigold 'Cracker Joe' is a favorite each year with large orange globes on large bushy plants. We also have a new **Zinnia** selected from the field trials called **Preciosa**. We loved the large blooms on compact plants.



NEW ROSE SELECTIONS FOR 2020

We have all types of roses every year, these are the new varieties for 2020.

'**State of Grace**' Grandiflora is a soft apricot gold with a dark pink reverse, '**Burst of Joy**' Floribunda is a bicolor with brilliant orange in one side of the petal and yellow on the other, '**Queen of Elegance**' Floribunda is medium pink with old-fashioned style blooms, '**In Your Eyes**' Shrub starts yellow with a burgundy eye and fades to light lavender pink with a purple eye, '**Life's Little Pleasures**' Miniflora is a lavender magenta. We have a lot of other great varieties as well.

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

PERENNIALS OF NOTE IN 2020

As usual, I went a little wild on ordering perennials this year. The problem is, I visited the display gardens at a couple of my suppliers and came up with some plants I couldn't "live without". I also made up a handout that shows which perennials are native, resist deer or rabbits and attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Ask for it at the cash register. Here are some of the perennial highlights.

There are some gorgeous **Bearded/German Iris** selections. '**City Lights**', a blue and white repeat bloomer, '**Cat's Eye**' with a lovely rose and maroon pattern is a repeat bloomer with fragrance, '**Ocelot**' has peach petals with deep purple falls, and '**Finishing School**' has light purple standards and peach pink falls with a thin purple edge. You will have to have one of each once you see them! We also have '**Dangerous Mood**' – one you may have seen in my flower bed at the back of the greenhouse. There are new colors in the **Siberian Iris** '**Peacock Butterfly Miss Apple**' with shades of violet, lavender, red, yellow and gold, and '**Sky Mirror**' a light blue.

As always, we have some superb **Peonies** (I have to add to MY collection each year too!) Back by popular demand are '**Red Charm**' and '**Kansas**', we also have '**Henry Bockstoe**' which boasts 8" double cardinal red blooms, '**Sword Dance**' is a single variety with blood red petals and contrasting golden center, '**Lemon Chiffon**' (kind of pricey) which is new this year, is an unusual lemon color with single blooms. In the ITOH Peonies (which is a cross between tree and herbaceous peonies), of course, we have '**Bartzella**' the popular yellow peony, as well as '**Callies Memory**', with creamy apricot petals with a dark red center, and '**Scrumdiddleumptious**' again because I still haven't been able to get one myself! And of course - 5 varieties of **Tree Peonies**!

Here are some other highlights: **Astilbe** '**Black Pearl**' boasts flower of purple with a hint of blue and dark foliage. **Dodecatheon** '**Aphrodite**' is the shooting Star native wildflower chosen for larger magenta pink flowers. **Veronica** '**Venice Blue**' with unusual blooms that resemble tiny hollyhocks. **Anemone** '**Spring Beauty**' is the first pink blooming spring Anemone. **Bergenia** '**Dragonfly Sakura**' is a perennial that reminds me of wax begonias. This one boasts double pink flowers and dark purple foliage. Very striking. We have several hydrangeas, including **Oak-Leaf Hydrangea** '**Ruby Slippers**' which has giant white flowers that turn ruby red by fall. **Hydrangea** '**Phantom**' has huge 15" long cone shaped flowers that start out light green, then transition to white, turning pink by fall. **Buddleia** We have a lot of Butterfly bushes, both large and compact. '**Wisteria Lane**' bears cascading lavender flowers that look more like Wisteria than a Butterfly bush. '**Cascade Grand**' has massive 4" thick lavender purple flowers, and '**Cascade Pink**' has light apple blossom pink cascading blooms. **Dianthus** '**Constant Beauty Pink**' and '**Constant Beauty Pink & Red**' are Garden Pinks that tolerate heat better than most, and continue to bloom throughout the fall. **Gaura** '**Rosy Jane**' has white flowers edged in pink. They thrive in hot dry areas. When my Geum begin to bloom in my display beds, everyone falls in love with the flowers, so we have several varieties this year including **Geum** '**Petticoats Peach**', '**Totally Tangerine**', and '**Cocktails Cosmopolitan**', which is a semi-double rose, pink and cream flower. We have some very pretty **Daylilies** including '**Calico Jack**', a bright yellow with a plum center and edging, which we had requests for, '**El Desperado**', with butter yellow flowers and a wine purple eye. (This was Brenda's favorite pick) and '**Little Grapette**' a miniature flowered light grape purple. (this was my favorite – I have a thing for tiny daylilies...they are just hard to find). Along with our many **Hostas** we have '**Dancing Queen**' a medium yellow variety which is the Hosta Association's Hosta of the Year for 2020 and a couple of the miniature varieties: '**Blue Mouse Ears**' and '**Mini Skirt**'.

Yarrow '**Peter Cottontail**' is a really cool white small button flowered yarrow that is not bothered by deer or rabbits, and '**Firefly Amethyst**' was our favorite regular Yarrow bearing bright lavender pink blooms that age to light pink. **Aruncus** '**Fairy Hair**' is a unique Goatsbeard with very fine dissected foliage and Astilbe-like white blooms. It tolerates dry soil better than Astilbe. We have not had **Belcamanda** or **Blackberry Lily** for some time. This small lily flowered plant has Iris like foliage and seed heads that resemble blackberries...thus the common name. We have '**Freckle Face**' and '**Hello Yellow**'. **Calamintha** '**Marvellette Blue**' resembles Catmint for its foliage and Baby's Breath for the flowers. This is a blue flowered version which is unusual. We have a lot of **Clematis** including '**Stand by Me**' a bush variety with

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blue bell-shaped flowers. It does not need a trellis, but will benefit from staking, cages or a nearby plant to lean on. We have some small flowered **Clematis** including: **Tangutica** – a yellow bell (by request), **Roguchi** – dainty 2” blue bells, and **vitacella Venosa**, with a purple and white bloom. **Echinops ‘Blue Glow’** or **Globe Thistle** is a plant we carry infrequently. It has hairy divided silver-green foliage and intense 1 ½” blue sphere-like blooms. **Geranium ‘Crane Dance’** is a native woodland plant that can grow in full sun to full shade, the dark foliage turns red in the fall. It has bright blue flowers. **Hel-leborus niger ‘Snowbells’** is also called **Christmas Rose** since it blooms much earlier than the Lenten Roses. This has gorgeous double snow-white blooms. We also have **Lenten Rose ‘Honeymoon California Dreaming’** a single pure yellow bloom, and **‘Wedding Party Black Tie Affair’** a double black with lighter centers. Included with our perennial grasses this year are **Panicum ‘Cheyenne Sky’** and **Pennisetum ‘Puppy Love’** both favorites for Brenda. **Solomon’s Seal ‘Ruby Slippers’** is a unique compact variety with arching red stems – a great shade plant that spreads slowly. **Sanguisorbia ‘Little Angel’** was a new find for us – it has tiny deep green leaves with white margins in a petite clump. Rosy red flowers that look like matchsticks pop out of the foliage. It’s just cool. **Indian Pinks** or **Spigelia ‘Little Redhead’** is a great native woodland plant I first learned about years ago from Jean & Kenny Brown and Fred Sievers! It has dark red tubular flowers with yellow interiors. For well drained, sunny to part shade areas. **Coreopsis** is a great perennial blooming most of the summer and we have several varieties we love for their garden performance. Check out **‘Leading Lady Lauren’**, **‘Leading Lady Sophia’**, **‘Uptick Gold and Bronze’** and **‘Uptick Yellow and Red’**. **Hen & Chicks** are always popular and we have a huge selection of mixtures and named varieties this year. **Butterfly Weed** is a great perennial to plant for the Monarch Butterflies and we carry **Swamp Milkweed ‘Ice Ballet’** and **‘Cinderella’**. In the tuberosa varieties we have the regular orange and also **Asclepias ‘Hello Yellow’** which Sharon Sorenson tells me has more nectar for the butterflies. The **Tropical Blood Milkweed** is available as well. For shade groundcovers, you can’t beat **Epimedium** this year we have **‘Pink Champagne’** tiny flowers with white spurs, raspberry centers and dramatic pink tones dance over the mottled green leaves. You know how much I love all **Catmints**. There are a couple of new varieties that have a larger flower and more upright habit. Check out **Nepeta ‘Blue Paradise’** and **Nepeta grandiflora ‘Summer Magic’** which is free flowering, blooming May to September. **Monarda punctata** is a native species of Bee Balm for those of you looking for natives. **Phlox ‘Earlibeauty Rose Bouquet’** wowed us last year. It was blooming when it came in and continued to bloom in the garden until October! We have a lot of other nice Garden Phlox varieties as well. It’s been years since we had **Celedine Poppy** which a great

yellow blooming, shade loving, perennial that naturalizes quite readily. **Carolina Jasmine** always comes in as tiny plants, but eventually grows into a great evergreen vine that blooms with fragrant tubular yellow flowers in the springtime. I have a specimen at the end of Greenhouse #1. We have several great Coneflowers this year. **Echinacea ‘Apricot Rainbow Marcella’** is pink near the center and coral orange on the outside, **‘Coral Craze’** has coral-pink blooms which mature to lavender pink with near black stems, **‘Lakota Fire’** has Reddish orange to pinkish red blooms on shorter plants, **‘Sombrero Adobe Orange’** is one of the best intense orange flowers, and **‘Sweet Chili’** is like a compact Hot Papaya. There are others as well. Check them out! I’m excited to have **Heliopsis ‘Bleeding Hearts’** which has vibrant red orange flowers—the first **Heliopsis** without any yellow in the flowers! The flowers emerge scarlet red and develop to bright orange red in full bloom. We saw this at Michigan State University and were impressed with the cool new color. There are so many more cool plants just waiting for you to come and discover them!

VEGETABLES AND GARDEN PLANTS

Basil ‘Newton’ is a new Genovese type basil with no licorice aftertaste. Genovese is a sweet Basil with a little bit stronger flavor commonly used in pesto.

Tomato ‘Gladiator’ joins our other Burpee Roma varieties (Supersauce and Big Mama). Gigantic ‘Gladiator’ has unbeatable armor of vigor, flavor, aroma and yield, it bears a bounty of oval 8 oz. fruit in a small garden.

We grew **Tomato ‘Rapunzel’** again this year, by request. This has tresses of cherry tomatoes.

With our bulk seed items, we have packages of **“Fingerling” colored Seed Potatoes**. These are a fun addition for your gardens.

2020 SEMINARS

Sorry, due to the Corona Virus, we are not scheduling any classes this season.

COUPON ETIQUETTE

We provide coupons 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 know I could not 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!!! They have gone above and beyond this year with the Corona Virus.

Brenda Upshaw, Assistant Manager, 13 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 and handles outside displays.

Lydia Lurker, 18 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! Once planting season is over, you won't see her as much around the greenhouses.

Jo Ann Holbrook, 18 years, is a great planter. 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, 9 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! She is the "boss" of the building. No one knows the merchandise better, and she loves to sell it!

Joe Anderson, 7 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.

Shy Zwiefka, 7 years. Wow, I looked back through my letters and we have never listed Shyann as an employee (she has always been a late add on). She first worked for us moving plants over spring break when she was in High School (Joe & Donna Anderson are her grandparents). She has helped out off and on over those 7 years as her schooling and other jobs allowed. She has always amazed us with her work ethic, her complete calm in any situation, her willingness to tackle any job cheerfully. We always love having her here and that is one silver lining in the Corona Virus fiasco. It freed Shyann to work for us! She is hands down our youngest employee! 😊

Donna Anderson, 5 years, is a great planter, even tackling the tiny plants. She also handles register duties later in the season. And, she is Joe's wife.

Loren Simpson, 4 years, will be back on a limited basis to help us pot up our "specials"

Becky & Sammi Doughty may join us this year on a limited basis to help during selling season. We met Becky last year and connected with her books (check out beckydoughtyauthor.com), she and her daughter love plants too!

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 have a **job application** for Hasting Plants. If you think you'd like to work with us, fill one out. We need some new younger "blood" that can lift up to 50 pounds. We could even use some for just a short period of time during the selling season. And my family update:

Diane Haag, 27, married Scott Haag in September of 2019. She moved to the Austin, Texas area and works in a pediatric clinic.

Daniel Hastings, 32, 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!

Pizazz (the cat) is usually around, he loves attention, but is unfortunately a nipper...you have to watch him. We lost Socks last summer.

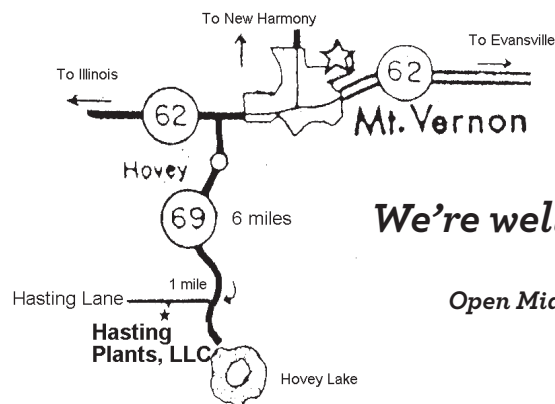
Our puppy, **Poppy**, is still young (she turned 3 on March 22), she barks and is a bit timid with strangers, we hope she'll outgrow that with patience, but for now, she spends her days in my office. We lost our sweet Lady this winter. It's been a rough year for pets for us!

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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