

Hasting Plants



Spring 2026

We're well worth the drive!

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 1ST Corinthians 3:7

Hours:

April to June
Mon - Sat 9 to 5
Closed Sunday

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.

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**

Sweet Potato slips come in **first week of 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

Whew! These years roll by faster and faster. I went a little crazy last year with our Grain-zebos. We even added one in the playground for shade while you watch your children! That called for a new play gym which should be up and functioning by the time you come! We plan on adding picnic tables there so you can enjoy snacks or lunch while you visit. We love our customers being able to bring their kids for a good time while they shop. We just ask you monitor all ages, but especially the young ones! We want everyone to stay safe!

As you will read multiple times in the plant comments, we went to some greenhouse field trials last summer. I try to go every couple of years and I started taking some employees. It's lots of fun, but they want me to grow everything they see! It's hard enough to choose without their sad "puppy dog eyes" begging for more! LOL!

We are trying a new event this year, on Saturday, April 11, Rachel Rainey from 3 Chicks Fudgery is planning to bring her food truck to the greenhouse for the day. She will offer fresh donut bites and of course, her scrumptious fudge for sale. Please help support this great local small business!

Tammy and Diane have been busy making a couple of photo shoot spots for you to take pictures. We hope you'll post them and help spread the word about Hasting Plants.

We recently got news that we were chosen to be a featured farmer at the Indiana State Fair this summer. Each day of the Fair (15 days), they feature one farm or farm family. My day is August 12 to be at the Fair to talk to people and answer questions. I feel quite honored to have been chosen. The best part is that I get to eat at the Thresherman's table in the Pioneer Building! In years past (pre-kids) I have helped cook and serve those dinners!

IMPORTANT!!!! YOU MUST RE-SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER THIS YEAR!!!!

I try not to do this monumental task very often, and it has been about 10 years since I've redone the mailing list. I know a lot of names are people who have moved, passed on or gotten out of the planting mode. This will be a completely new list, so **YOU MUST SIGN UP TO GET THE NEWSLETTER NEXT**



Scan Me!

YEAR!!!!. You can sign up at a kiosk in the building or scan this QR code and sign up on the website that it sends you to. Please check that you spelled everything correctly, didn't leave out important numbers or names, and that everything is correct.

PLEASE NOTE!!!! CARD TRANSACTION FEES!

For the last few years we implemented a new card processing system to help our small business with the ever-increasing credit card transaction fees. Again this year, credit cards have a 3% surcharge added. Debit Cards have no fee, but we would still appreciate a check or cash.

FACEBOOK MESSAGES

Facebook is a wonderful way to communicate, but I struggle every spring when I get messages by Facebook. During the day, I have absolutely no time to check and respond to messages. I cannot tell you how many times I have gotten home at the end of the day, sat down at the computer, and realized someone had asked a question wanting/ needing an immediate answer. If your question is one that you need answered right away, please call the greenhouse (812-838-2164)! It is much easier for me to get an answer back to you! I feel bad when I have missed responding in a timely fashion.

LATE NIGHT AT THE GREENHOUSE

Be sure to join us for our 16th annual "Late Night at the Greenhouse" on the third Friday night in May. We will have "Late Night" on **May 15, from 8 p.m. to 10:30 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 **Tony Henning** will wow us with his music again. Bring a lawn chair, 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 10:30. You must be present to win for all drawings.

NEW IN THE BUILDING

Great changes have been happening in the building this spring. Tammy and Karen have done an amazing job. We have a lot of “hot” items, including concrete and metal Porch Geese - with clothing for various seasons! There are some fantastical frogs from small up to 6 feet that will put a smile on your face! If you like funky birds, we have them as well! There are animal statues and planters with goats, pigs, giraffe and zebras, come check out the ‘zoo’. For years we’ve struggled to find nice urn shaped planters and we hit the jackpot this year. Not only are they large and attractive, sturdy and frostproof, we think it is a good price point as well. There is a great line of sand colored clay type pots, and new large ceramic pots. Inside there is a beautiful line of Blue Sky Clayworks ceramic pots you have to see - each design is prettier than the next! If you have enjoyed our wonderful cast iron benches and gliders in the past, this year we added some other cast iron patio furniture you might enjoy, we have them displayed under our sales awning and are enjoying them during our break time! We were able to get a great line of 10” gazing globes at very special pricing (it is so good that we are putting our older globes on sale to compensate). We have great deals on a new line of quality hand tools, including a bag with 5 sturdy tools specially priced! Our great Skidger weeding tools actually went down in price! We have a poison ivy soap developed by tree trimmers; “Skitopel” - an all-natural insect repellent sourced out of Indiana; and “Green Guardian” - a hanging tube that uses vinegar to repel mosquitos and animal pests. Added to our gardening glove line-up is one that allows phone screen touch! We have some awesome solar lights in a new display allowing you to see what they look like, and don’t forget our Spinfinity spinners that were so popular last year. Our fairy “island” has a whole new look with new houses and fairies. There are a lot of great plant stands in various styles and colors. We have new wind spinners, hats, flags, mats and much, much, more. Our building is packed!!!



CLEARANCE

We will have different **Pop-Up sales** throughout the season. Follow us on Facebook for details. We will start with our **mosquito eradicator** that we have sold for several years and love. Our product is needing to be moved out. It just needs a little extra shaking and time to dissolve. There is a great new **sale area inside the building and in the Grain-zebo** as well.

ANNUALS TO TRY IN 2026

Where to start? I'll try to organize it by greenhouse to assist you in finding the new or interesting items!

Greenhouse #1: Of course **Lantana, Lantana, Lantana!** We grow ‘Dallas Red’ which is the largest. Our varieties with “Lucky” in the name are medium in height, and the “Bandana” are the most compact. We have the basket Lantana again. There are three Lantana colors in the ‘Shamrock’ series (**Butterscotch Glow, Red, and Rose Gold**) and **Lantana ‘Passion Fruit’** are available mostly in Hanging Baskets, but we have some pots of them as well. **Mandevilla ‘Maui Sunset’** is a new variety in the Baskets, it is more bushy than vining with a unique coral orange flower. **Mandevilla ‘Fired UP Coral’** and ‘Fired Up Orange’ are upright (non-vining) varieties for your pots with great showstopping color. We have both the Proven Winners **Cuphea ‘Vermillionarie’**, and ‘Cherrybells’ that hummingbirds just love. Be sure to look for our novelty “Sensitive Plants” tucked in this greenhouse. Hanging baskets of **Rose Moss** are in there as well. Our **Caladium** is in early this year, so check it out under the benches, it’s the nicest we’ve had in a while. Please remember it cannot take even chilly temperatures in the 40’s! This greenhouse has hardy ‘Basjoo’ and ‘Ever Red’ **Banana trees** as well as the **Ensete/ Red Abyssian Bananas**.

Greenhouse #1 has our heat loving hanging baskets!

Greenhouse #2: **iCandy Begonias Lemon Yellow and Sunset** are new basket Begonias with luscious blooms. You will find them in pots and hanging baskets. We have a shade plant I haven’t carried since the earliest days my business, **Browallia ‘Endless Illumination’**. Older varieties

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did not hold up well in our heat, so I quit offering it. This variety is supposed to be more heat tolerant. It's a great blue flower so I hope it works out! One of my favorite plants from the field trials is a **Purple Bridal Veil Tradescantia** (Wandering Jew). It was in a lot of mixed pots and hanging baskets and just flowed through and down the pots. I want to put some in everything that I plant! We have it in hanging baskets and smaller pots. There is a little houseplant called **Goldfish** for its unique flowers. We have some smaller **Kimberley Queen** ferns (look under the bench). Our **Sunpatiens** (full sun to part shade) and **New Guinea Impatiens** (full shade to part sun) are in this greenhouse as well. Be sure to check out all our Begonias in this greenhouse, they are one of the easiest plants to grow. A lot of our hanging baskets able to take more shade are in greenhouse #2.

Greenhouse #3: It's been years since I had any **Flowering Maples**, and they are great novelty plants. The foliage looks just like a maple tree, and it has hibiscus like dangling flowers...really unique. Our **White Cat Whiskers** is back! There are a lot of great **Salvia** varieties to look for: our favorite **'Mystic Spires'** is joined by a new blue Salvia, **'Big Blue'** that is supposed to be an improvement on Mystic Spires!!!, We have a **Salvia 'Roman Red'** that I loved in field trials, **'Salgoon Lake Flamingo'** is another great pink performer, and **'Mystical White'** salvia that my employees insisted we carry after seeing it in the trials(I love to take them along, but they want to grow everything they see!). Of course, we have lots of great **Coleus** - it's hard to choose a favorite. **Gomphrena 'Fireball Pink'** takes the place of PW Truffula Pink, which I am always happy to switch from. There is also a **Verbena 'Cloud'** that is a **bonarensis** type. It bears small clusters of purple blooms above sparse foliage. It is best planted in clumps and is deer resistant, heat tolerant, and showy. It is a nice "see through" plant. We have a few of the unique **Lithops/Living Stones** that will probably fly out of here quickly. There are a couple of new **Angelonia** varieties that we were excited about for the size of their blooms, **'Alonia Big Pink Bicolor'** and **'Alonia Big Purple Bicolor'** were striking in field trials. One plant we are trying is **Scabiosa 'Blackberry Scoop'**, *Scabiosa* (Pincushion Flower)

is listed as a perennial, but is best grown as an annual. We chose this one after seeing a black one in those field trials I keep rambling on about! There is a new **Dahlia** called **'Venti PinkBurst'** that has a striking flower shape. Our **geraniums** and **succulents** are found in this greenhouse. You will find a lot of different plants tucked in this greenhouse; it contains most of our 4" pots that are great for mixed containers. There are some cool **Elephant Ear** plants in here. The hanging baskets in greenhouse #3 take Sun to Part sun and include Mixed baskets and great Geranium baskets.

Greenhouse #4: This greenhouse houses most of our vegetables, including peppers and tomatoes that we discussed in the Vegetable section. We also have **Herb Baskets** (Hanging), and most all of our lovely **Petunia** varieties (which one will be your favorite this year?). Look for our **Quick Snack Cucumbers** in Hanging Baskets and on trellises in here. They were a favorite last year (especially for my grandsons!)

In Greenhouse #5: Look for 2 new **Marigold** colors, **Milli Vanilli** and **Mango Tango**. One of my employee's favorites at the Michigan field trials was **Nicotiana Whisper Mix**. These pastel-colored blooms are held high above the foliage and make a nice flowing scene in the breeze. Another of their favorites were the **'Sun Mix' Zinnias** and **'Elegant Hot' Zinnias**. We usually put the **annual vining plants** in Greenhouse #5. This greenhouse will have most of our flowers in packs. While I'm writing this it is still full of perennials, so it's hard to tell you what to look for!

In Greenhouse #6: This greenhouse is always in a state of flux. Early on it houses perennials including **Clematis**, **Milkweed**, and **Echinacea**. Later it will hold some late growing annuals, vegetables and hanging baskets. The **Basil** ends up in here before it gets moved to #1. As the season progresses, we empty this one out.

*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*

NEW ROSE SELECTIONS FOR 2026

We carry the **Hybrid Tea** and **Grandiflora** (cutting flowers), **Floribunda** (clusters of blooms with a more rounded habit), **Climbers** and **Shrub roses** which are sometimes hard to find. If you are wanting roses, do not delay in coming.

Some of the new rose varieties this year: **'Nothing But Class'** (Hybrid Tea) with dark pink flowers. **'Living the Dream'** (Grandiflora) has yellow-gold blushed magenta flowers, and **'Fashion Forward'** (Floribunda) has pink and white flowers, while **'Light Years Away'** (Floribunda) is a dark magenta.

PERENNIALS OF NOTE IN 2026

Delosperma/Ice Plant 'Desert Dancers Purple' came in with the coolest dark red foliage. I hope it stays that color through the summer as well... it is striking. We have lots of other varieties in Ice Plants. A perennial that we don't carry very often is **Belamcanda/Blackberry Lily** which has small lily like speckled blooms that fade and leave seed pods that look like blackberries! If you like **Agapanthus**, we have a hardy **'Galaxy White'**. We have a lot of **Bee Balm** in several colors, as well as a true native variety **Monarda fistulosa**.

There are two new **Black-Eyed Susans**, **'Treasure Trove'** which boasts clean foliage covered with bright yellow daisy flowers, and **'Goldblitz'** which flowers early and is an improved **'Goldsturm'** variety. Our **Spigella/ Indian Pinks 'Orange Slices'** and **'Ragin Cajun'** has been popular in past years since it has native roots and is good for hummingbirds and pollinators. We have an unusual **Thalictrum 'Cotton Candy'**, which looks like Columbine foliage, but grows 3 feet tall and has fluffy pink flowers. We haven't had **Ladies Mantle/Alchemilla** for a while, I love the folded fan like foliage and the way water beads on the leaves after a rain or heavy dew. The plant itself doesn't have showy blooms, but when I pointed out the features to my employees, they had to have one! We have a **Chrysanthemum**

'Mammoth Coral Daisy' which is a dependable returning perennial, unlike some that you buy in the fall to plant.

We have our all-time favorite Lily **'Casa Blanca'**, which is a pure white, very fragrant Oriental variety. **'Roselily Nowa'** is a double pink bloom, **'Touchstone'** is a red Oriental-Trumpet cross which always make large flowers and vigorous plants, and **'Black Beauty'** bears numerous dangling red flowers with reflexed petals (looks like a tiger Lily). We have the petite fuzzy leaved **Stachys/Lamb's Ears 'Little Lamb'** again as well as **Stachys 'Punky Purple'**, in the same family as Lamb's Ear, but looks totally different with basal leaves and dense spikes of purple flowers. We have the native yellow and red **Columbine**, and a native groundcover **Meehania**.

Native Phlox 'Jeana' has smaller pink flower clusters, but is a real magnet for hummingbirds and butterflies! Our starts this year are nice!

Agastache/Annise Hyssop is another great pollinator plant. It also loves a hot well drained area. We have several varieties, but a couple I saw at field trials last summer stood out, varieties called **'Summerlong Coral'** and **'Summerlong Lilac'**. We also have a nice one called **'Beelicious Pink'**, that is a pink version of **'Blue Fortune'**.

I also loved **'KaPow' Tall Garden Phlox** in the field trials last year, we have **'KaPow Coral'** and **'KaPow Fuchsia'**.

We do have **Rose of Sharon** in **'Chiffon Pink'** and **'Chiffon Blue'** as well as a lot of great **Hydrangeas** and **Butterfly Bushes**.

There is a deep rose pink, spring blooming Japanese **Anemone 'Dawn Breaker'**.

We have lots of **Baptisia** as well as the straight native species, **Baptisia australis**. This plant is always popular when our specimen blooms in the berm! It has striking flower spikes and attractive seed pods. Along with all our other Salvia, we were able to get a new perennial **Salvia 'Living Large Big Sky'** that is supersized - almost 3 ft tall! Don't forget our luscious **Peonies** along the side of Greenhouse #5. I always try to get new varieties in for those of you who collect different ones. We have a few of the **ITOH** and **Tree** peonies as well.

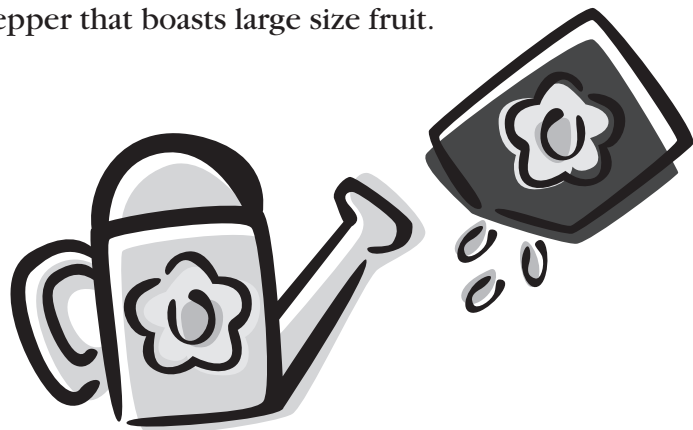
In the shade area: We have 9 different varieties of some very nice **Hellebores/Lenten Roses**. Hopefully they will still be in bloom when you

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come. These are some of the prettiest we've had in a while, including that elusive Black one! There are glorious **Hostas**, '**Party Streamers**' has fun narrow leaves, '**Miss America**' boasts tall flower spikes and '**Voices in the Wind**' has wavy yellow edges. Most of our lovely **Bleeding hearts** are in the shade as well, except for **Dicentra 'Pink Diamonds'** which is a Fern-leafed variety that blooms all season. It prefers full sun and well-drained soil...don't over-water! We also have some starts of **Hakonechloa/ Japanese Forest Grass** which is a grass for shade, and **Ligularia 'Little Rocket'**, which prefers a light shade and has nice spike yellow blooms. The **Heuchera/ Coral Bells** are a glorious range of colors again this year. It's hard to choose a favorite! We have some nice **Polemonium/Jacob's Ladder** both a green leaved '**Purple Rain**' and a variegated '**Golden Feathers**'. We have 2 varieties of **Brunnera**, '**Jack Frost**' and '**Jack of Diamonds**' with larger leaves. Be sure to see all the many varieties we have in our shade house.

NEW VEGETABLES AND GARDEN PLANTS


We have a couple of new suggestions to replace the Sweet Chelsea tomato we can no longer find as seed. Try '**Red Racer**', a Determinate variety or '**Mountain Magic**' an Indeterminate variety... both have approximately 2 oz. fruit which is larger than regular cherry tomatoes. We grew a couple of new Heirloom tomatoes due to customer recommendations. Check out the weirdly shaped '**Mushroom Basket**' and the striped '**Green Zebra**'! We have '**De Arbol**' Chile peppers as well as a tiny tart **Biquinho** or **Red Beak/Sweetie Drops**. There is also a '**Yellow Bountiful**' Bell Pepper that boasts large size fruit.





Be sure to grab one of our '**Quick Snack**' **Cucumbers** before they are gone. We have hanging baskets and trellised pots. We have our popular Hanging Basket '**Tumbler**' tomatoes this year, along with a few of a new variety '**Topsy Tom**'. You should see all of the cherry tomatoes already set on the plants!

In our bulk seed area, we added a **winter radish 'China Rose'** by request, and don't miss the **bulk Zinnia seed** as well as the **Giant Sunflower seeds**. We also have nice size packets of **wildflower seeds** to naturalize an area.

2026 SPECIAL EVENTS

 **FOOD TRUCK AT THE GREENHOUSE - April 11, (Check Facebook for times)** **3 Chicks Fudgery** will have their truck available for you to enjoy hot mini donuts, luscious fudge, and specialty drinks!

 **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 9, 9:30 a.m. Fee: \$25.00**

 **LATE NIGHT AT THE GREENHOUSE - May 15, 8p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** See the article elsewhere. (Please note, we will close from 5 until 8 p.m.)

COUPON ETIQUETTE

We provide dated 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.....



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OUR EMPLOYEE FAMILY

I think my employees are the best! I can honestly say 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!!!

Lori Schutz, 6 years, likes to plant the tiny stuff. She is my go-to for little plants. She works the wagon, and cares for the plants.

Tammy Loehr, Building Manager, 5 years. Tammy is putting her 30+ years of merchandise retailing talents to good use in the building.

Bob Sallee, 4 years, keeps us all in stitches. He started out sooooo quiet! He is great at all planting jobs and handles the wagon duties admirably! He is the self-proclaimed "Wagon Master!"

Kathy Stevens, 4 years, can frequently be found in the vegetable greenhouse. She is an avid gardener and can help you with your garden choices and questions.

Addie Kennada, 3 years, she might be young, but has done an amazing job assisting with some of our transplanting and general help.

Karen Walker, 2 years, has been Tammy's assistant in the building and can be found at the register, on the wagon or taking care of plants.

Leeanne Phillips, 2 years, loves plants and you can tell it in her work. She has another full time job, but comes to us on her days off!!!!

Robin Sallee, 2 years, has agreed to give us a hand on those busy Saturdays at the wagon. What great help!

Christine Floyd, 1 year, has joined our crew this year and is doing great with all the transplanting work and will help out with selling and plant care.

Diana Jones, 1 year, is a great new helper, and she learns fast. She is a potter by trade, but helps us a couple days a week.

Diane (Hasting) Haag, Who knows how many years? 😊 She is planning on working a couple of days when her husband can watch the kids this spring. We'll be glad to have her! She and Scott have a 4-year-old, 3-year-old and 1 year old with a 4th boy on the way in June. She keeps pretty busy!!!!

We've had a little change this year in employees. My long-time helper, Brenda U, retired after 18 years! Donna A and Rhonda S are out for medical reasons. We hope to have them back next year!

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. You never know when we might need some assistance. If you think you'd like to work with us, fill one out and tell us to keep it on file. My one requirement is that you be able to lift 50 pounds....this is very physical work!

And my family update:

Daniel Hasting, 38, works in computer programming for IU, which allows him to work remotely. He enjoys rock climbing and mountain biking in his spare time. We have a hard time keeping up with where he is at any given time. He can usually be found out West: Colorado, Wyoming, Utah.... wherever the climbing is good! Lately he's been enjoying San Diego and has taken up surfing! He maintains my web page.

Husband **Mike** continues to run maintenance for me. He never wants me to mention him, but I could NOT 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!

We lost our precious puppy **Poppy** last fall. She was stingy with her loyalties, but those who made her list felt special. I miss her shadowing me as I work!

Nancy really enjoys all aspects of the greenhouse season, the relatively quiet calm of potting plants, the moving and displaying plants and merchandise outside and in, seeing valued customers I've missed for 9 months, and watching the plants and garden art find new homes. It is a LOT of work each year...even in the "off" season, but it is always rewarding and fun.

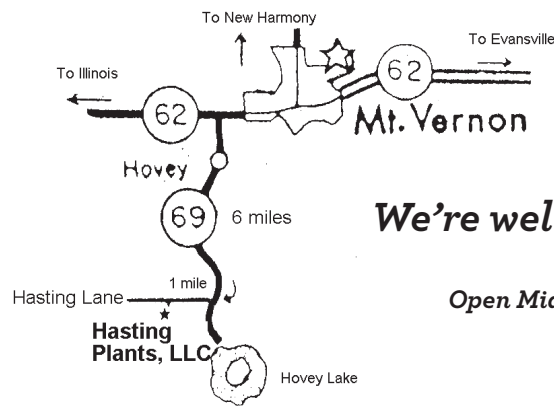
You - my customers - are the real heart & soul of this business. Without you and your support, your comments and the love you express for all our efforts, we wouldn't be here to have all this fun each year. I appreciate each and every one of you.



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