

# Hasting Plants



Spring 2022

*We're well worth the drive!*

## ***OUR 40TH YEAR OF GROWING FOR YOU! 1982-2022***

### **Hours:**

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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

*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.*



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# HASTING PLANTS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS! 1982-2022

## Gift Certificate Drawings/ Scavenger Hunt/ Employee Celebration/Give-Aways

Wow! 40 years! I always tell everyone I started this business when I was 5. It is quite a milestone & amazing to look back at our humble beginnings in 1982. I still have a sign in my office that I had made up to put on the outside of my original sales building (the one attached to the old barn). We didn't live down here at the time. It states "Absolutely no money on premises at night". My Dad, Chester Vanada, who NEVER said curse words, laughed and said "And D.... little through the day!" Unfortunately, it was the truth.

We started with perennials in the spring and U-Pick vegetables in the summer - about the time the U-Pick craze was waning. Our first greenhouse, which was #2, was purchased used and rebuilt on our farm. That greenhouse came down last summer and is replaced by a much sturdier structure.

It still amazes me on a busy Saturday in April when I look around and see what this business has grown to be. It wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful employees I have helping each year. Speaking of which, Lydia Lurker and JoAnn Holbrook are both celebrating 20 years of working here in 2022! The other thing that has made it possible is you! Without you, we couldn't exist. I appreciate your loyalty and the way you continue to tell other people about our greenhouse operation.

**We will have 5 weekly drawings for \$40.00 gift Certificates**, one each Saturday from April 11 to May 14. Be sure to register when you come visit us! I also have a few special imprinted items to give away at different price points when you make purchases this spring.

**On Saturday, May 14, we will celebrate Lydia and JoAnn's 20 years at Hasting Plants with light refreshments from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m.**

### ANNIVERSARY SCAVENGER HUNT FOR OUR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

(one \$40 gift certificate will be awarded in each category - to the first "correct" response)

1. An original copy of the 3-fold flyer telling about our "new" U-Pick Vegetable Operation (1982). I don't even have one of these!
2. An original Newsletter from the earliest year you can find. The first year was 1995. This will be awarded on May 14 to give everyone a chance.
3. A picture of Daniel or Diane in the backpack/ playpen/swing/or plant box bassinet when they were babies.
4. Many years ago, we sold "ETERA" perennials that came in peat pots to plant. They included an etched metal stake identifying the plant. Bring in one of the stakes.

## NOTES FROM NANCY

It was a fight to the finish to get the #2 greenhouse torn down and replaced with the new structure. We sure love it! #1 is slated for the same treatment this summer!

Some of the delay in getting #2 rebuilt can be attributed to our new grandson born in September 2021!!!!!! He's a cutie!!!!!!

Supply chain issues and prices - we worried about getting all of our pots in this spring and are still missing some plant trays we ordered last summer! Possibly the biggest surprise is our plant tags. At the time of writing, a lot are still not here, so you may see plain generic tags to identify some plants. We are also struggling to get the bulk seed in. It was ordered early last summer and is later than ever in arriving! Prices have increased mostly on "hard goods" - non plant items that are manufactured.

As with every year, we are excited for you to see all the wonderful plants and garden art items we have available for you!

## PLEASE NOTE!!!! CARD TRANSACTION CHANGES!

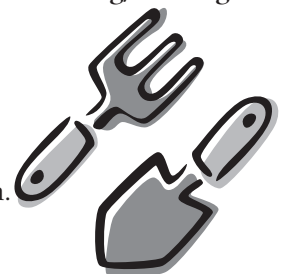
Last year we implemented a new card processing system to help our small business with the ever-increasing card transaction fees. If you don't own a small business, you might not realize that the cash back and miles you earn on your cards comes from the small retailers' pockets, not the credit card companies. They make the deals with you and we have no say in it. So this year we continue to have a 3.5% fee on all card transactions - both debit and credit. This will help defray those costs for us. One advantage for you is that we can now accept all types of cards - even American Express.

You can avoid this fee by paying with cash or writing a check, so plan accordingly.

Examples: On a \$50 sale, you would be charged \$51.75. \$100 sale would be \$103.50

## FACEBOOK MESSAGES

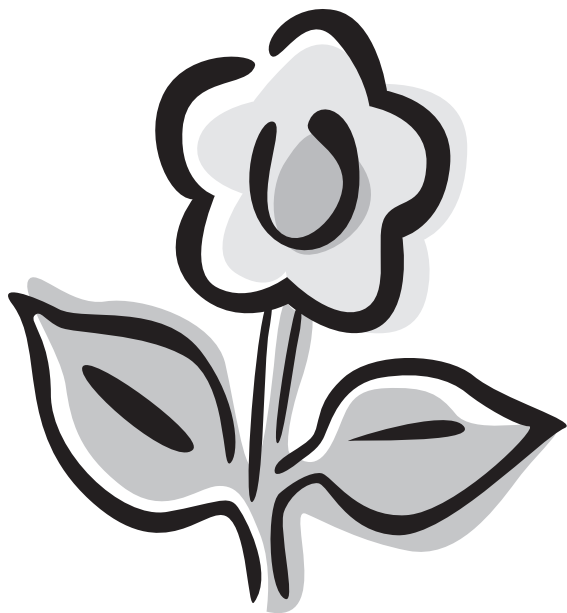
Facebook is a wonderful way to communicate, but I struggle every spring when I get messages by Facebook. During the day, I have absolutely no time to check and respond to messages. I cannot tell you how many times I have gotten home at the end of the day, sat down at the computer, and realized someone had asked a question wanting/ needing an immediate answer. If your question is one that you need answered right away, please call the greenhouse! 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.



# NEW ROSE SELECTIONS FOR 2021

As usual, we have a great rose selection, but we've moved them between Greenhouses 5 & 6 alongside our topiary and trellis selection. Don't miss looking for them there.

We have a lot of fragrant roses this year, you can tell by the names: **'Perfume Delight'**, **'Perfume Factory'**, **'Radiant Perfume'**, and **'Scentimental'**. We carry the Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora (Cutting flowers), Floribunda (clusters of blooms with a more rounded habit), Climbers and Shrub roses which are harder and harder to find. We also carry a few **Knock Out** roses and a newer Shrub rose **'Top Gun'** which is resistant to the Rose Rosette disease.



## PERENNIALS OF NOTE IN 2022

As usual, we have some wonderful Peonies again this year. I doubled up on two of our favorites that we can never seem to keep in stock when they bloom in my yard, **Red Charm** is a glorious blood red Bombe type, and **Kansas**, is a wonderful fuchsia red! We have a hard to find **'Lorelei'** whose flowers open coral pink and age to apricot. (It is pricey, so we only have a few available). I can go on and on about Peonies! I love to cut bouquets of lots of different varieties. We have over 20 varieties available!!!!

We have some impressive **Tree Peonies**, and also the Tree Peony cross with regular Peonies (ITOH) - the always popular yellow **'Bartzella'**, as well as **'Callie's Memory'** and **'Scarlet Heaven'**.

We have several great summer blooming **Allium**, including **'Lavender Bubbles'**, **'Serendipity'**, **'Millenium'** and **'Windy City'**. They are very drought tolerant, and deer resistant! The 2" round flowers come in purple shades and are very easy care!

**Amsonia 'Storm Cloud'** flew out of here last year, so we have more, as well as **Amsonia 'String Theory'**. Both boast wonderful blue flower clusters. The 'String Theory' has

feathery foliage that turns a striking color in the fall. We have some great German or **Bearded Iris**, **'Tumalo Sunset'** (Orange), **'Glamazon'** (2-tone yellow & pink), **'In Love Again'** (Pink) and **'Roaring Twenties'** (Cream & Purple bicolor) as well as new **Siberian Iris** colors **'Cape Cod Boys'** (Periwinkle blue with dark blue veining), **'Sky Mirror'** (rare light blue), **'Swans in Flight'** (White), **'How Audacious'** (Violet, Yellow & white) and **'Kaboom'** (a huge purple with white markings). We have some unique colors in a **Pseudata Iris** (a vigorous hybrid cross), **'Shiryukya'** - which I can't pronounce either!, is reddish purple, with a bright yellow throat and **'Yarai'**, a unique peach blended flower with purple veining. Finally, some huge dinnerplate **Japanese Iris 'Eileen's Dream'**, and **'Harlequinesque'**. When touring perennial wholesalers in Michigan last summer, I was impressed with their **Red-Hot Pokers/ Kniphofia** in wonderful lemon-yellow colors, **'Lucky Lemons'**, this late bloomer flowers for many weeks.

We have a lot of wonderful colors in **Bee Balm/ Monarda**, which is great for bees, hummingbirds and butterflies. The foliage is fragrant, and it is deer resistant to boot! Most all of our varieties are mildew resistant (which is a problem in older varieties). I will mention 2 of the many varieties we carry, **'Judith's Fancy Fuchsia'** has superior mildew resistance and sturdy stems with a prolific floral display of purplish-red blooms. It scored really high in Monarda trials! **Monarda bradburiana** is a native variety, that is early to bloom.

**Beardtongue/ Penstemon** is another great hummingbird and bee pleaser. We have **'Midnight Masquerade'** and **'Dakota Burgundy'**, both with deep burgundy leaves and lavender-purple flowers.

Another of our favorite perennials are the **Tall Garden Phlox**. We have so many varieties, we can't mention them all, but check out the newer Luminary Varieties, **'Backlight'**, **'Opalescence'** and **'Ultraviolet'** - all very disease resistant! We love **Earlibeauty 'Rose Bouquet'** which reblooms up into the fall! **'Jeana'** is very disease resistant and a real butterfly and hummingbird magnet with small clusters of lavender-pink flowers.

We have a lot of great **Salvia**, including an unusual one, **'Purple Knockout'** which has compact basal foliage in a great purple color, and pale pink blooms - it is Native. **Agastache/ Anise Hyssop**, is deer resistant, and a bee and butterfly magnet! We have several varieties which all love hot summers and have a long bloom period. Check them out!

A new **Astilbe 'Black Pearl'**, has large flower plumes in a new color of purple with a hint of blue. Astilbe are great for some summer color in the shade.

We have **Chrysanthemums** (I had a college Professor who put the spelling of that word on our tests!) that are true perennials developed in Minnesota! They are all daisy types, **'Coral Daisy'**, **'Red Daisy'** and **'Yellow Quill'**. They will grow to the size of a small shrub when mature with hundreds of flowers.

In vines, we have **Passion Flower**, **Wisteria 'Blue Moon'**

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### *Perennials Continued:*

(a native variety), **Honeysuckle 'Gold Flame'** and **'John Clayton'**, as well as a huge variety of **Clematis**.

We have a lot of late blooming perennials, but one I really like is **Helianthus 'Autumn Gold'**, this **Willowleaf Sunflower** has golden yellow daisy flowers up until the first hard frost. Bees and butterflies love it, while deer resist it!

Check out our wonderful **Hostas**, including a unique **'Snake Eyes'**, the cool red stemmed **'Lipstick Blonde'**, and sun tolerant **'Velvet Moon'**.

As always, we have a great selection of several types of Lilies, my personal favorite in the garden last year was **OT Hybrid 'x Black Beauty'**. My mature plant had hundreds of blooms and was glorious. Of course, our all-time favorite for fragrance is **'Casa Blanca'**. We also have a couple of **Martagon Lilies** that are hard to find. These have the recurved downward facing petals and whorls of foliage on the stem.

**Obedient Plant/Physostegia** is available in a new pink color with a clumping/non-invasive habit, **'Autumn Carnival'**. Ask us why it is "obedient"!

For you butterfly and native enthusiasts, we have some **Joe Pye Weed 'Little Joe'** and **Veronia/Ironweed 'Iron Butterfly'**, both taller native plants for the back of the garden.

**Coreopsis 'Summer Sunshine'** is a swamp tickseed that can tolerate wet soils and blooms late into the season for 6 weeks. It grows 30" tall and is very disease resistant.

**Liatris microcephala** has been a long time favorite of mine. It has been YEARS since we've carried it! It is a miniature form that looks exactly like the larger Liatris. Very drought tolerant and loved by butterflies.

There are so many, many more you will just have to come check them out yourself!

*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.*

## VEGETABLES AND GARDEN PLANTS

There are nice **Blueberry** plants in excellent varieties, look for **Bluecrop, Duke, Elliott, and Patriot!** We have **Latham and Heritage Red Raspberries** and **Black Satin Thornless Blackberries**. Last year we had a request for **Horseradish** plants, so we have it available. **Asparagus 'Jersey Knight'** is available as potted plants and bare root. We have a **Fig Tree 'Violette de Bordeaux'** which should be hardy in our area (probably dying back to the ground each winter). It is dwarf, so it can go in containers, and has a wonderful flavor. We also have an **Olive Tree 'Arbequina'** which must be over-wintered inside. It is self-fertile so it can bear fruit. We will have a citrus rack coming in late spring as well.

Our bulk seed has been really late and is coming in very sporadically. I am hoping we have all of it when you start coming for seed! It was ordered earlier, and requested earlier than normal, but I guess that is small consolation.



## 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS



**OUR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** - Sign up weekly for drawings for gift certificates. Check out the Scavenger Hunt listed in the Anniversary article.



**KIDS PLANT A COLOR BOWL** - Do you have a 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7, 9:30 a.m. Fee: \$20.00**



**RAISING BUTTERFLIES WITH ANN McDONALD** - Come learn from the best on how to feed and encourage butterflies in your yard. Ann has raised Monarchs for years to delight and educate her students and friends. She will inform and entertain you as well! **Saturday May 14, 10:30 a.m. No Fee, but please register for seating purposes.**



**RECEPTION HONORING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HASTING PLANTS** Both Lydia Lurker and JoAnn Holbrook started working here in 2002! It's hard to believe it's been that long ago! We will have cake to celebrate their years of hard work. **May 14, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

## 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.....

## A WORD ABOUT PROVEN WINNERS

Don't get me started on my rant! This year, Proven Winners decreed that all of their plants HAD to be potted in their Proven Winner Pots. We have done this for years with Perennials with no problems, but those pot sizes matched what we already use. With our annuals, none of their pot sizes are the same as what we normally use, so our trays won't work, and spacing on the bench becomes problematic, not to mention the confusion at the potting bench making sure which plants go in which pots. To make a long story short, I have drastically reduced the Proven Winners we grow. I did keep a few that are "special".

What you may not realize, is that there are a lot of other plant breeding companies out there with just as good if not sometimes better genetics. Proven Winners has just done a better job of promoting their own name to the public. Every year I choose plants from across the board of plant breeders to give you what we think is a great selection of plants. Plant breeder companies like Ball Flora Plants, Selecta, Sygenta, Dummen, Danzinger, and Pan American Seed all have great stock, so I don't think you will be disappointed at all with our switch.

## NEW IN THE BUILDING

Oh - My - Goodness!!!!!! Do we have wonderful "stuff" this year!!!!!!

After having to shop over the computer for last year's merchandise, it was fun to get to go to some shows this past summer and fall! I'm not really sure how Barb has fit it all in the building!

Look for new outdoor carpets, that are reversible, for your porch or patio. We even have one that looks like a tree cross-section! There are embossed floor mats with matching pillow covers, flags, balloon spinners and door décor. We have a lot of new resin animal statues and also several new "head planters". We got in a large shipment of Art Poles and added some miniature sized Art Poles for pots.

As usual we are the place to go for wind spinners! Check out our new bluebird spinner! We have a large Eagle and Owl rocker, and hope to get in large butterfly rockers with flapping wings. There is a huge selection of great flower, butterfly and dragonfly garden stakes.

We have a lot of new flags, and flag stands, some with solar finials and even a flag illuminator.

Our wonderful Fertillome potting soils are joined by a new Raised Bed Garden Soil in a bag. This should be an easy solution for all of you making raised beds. Don't forget about our Turf & Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper (Dimension), that takes the place of Preen. I like it since it can be applied any time and doesn't have to be covered like Preen.

We are excited about some of our new solar lanterns. One of our favorites has stars that move up and down, another features sparkling lights. Let us demonstrate them for you!

There are lots of new trellises, topiaries, iron plant stands and products. We have a new fountain in the shape of a broken jar, that can be used both inside or outside.

We have some cool glass hangers that can hold an air plant to make it look like jellyfish.

We have a great selection of hummingbird feeders, the standard style, as well as some new decorative ones, one shaped like a cactus, another a pineapple. They are all designed to clean easily! There are just too many items to mention - come look around.

## SUPER CLEARANCE

We received some flickering solar lights in at the end of the season last year, and were super excited, but once I put them in my yard, I discovered a design flaw that allows them to fill with rainwater and short out the light. These "defective" lights are going for only \$5.00 each. If you can put them in the sun and keep them out of the rain, you have a great bargain!

## 2022 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

### **Schizachyrium scoparium / Little Bluestem**

Little Bluestem is a tough dependable clumping grass that blends well with perennials such as asters, sedums, and coneflowers. It is a larval host for skipper butterflies.

Native to a broad swath of North America, it was one of the dominant grasses of the vast tallgrass prairies. It prefers average to lean, well drained soils. If fertilized too much or kept too wet, it can be floppy. Cultivars are selected for shorter plants, enhanced leaf colors and stronger stems. Summer through fall, the slender leaves and stems of little bluestem are an ever-changing kaleidoscope of gray-green, blue, pink, purple, copper, mahogany, red and orange tones. Wispy silver-white seed heads sparkle in autumn sunlight and coppery brown leaves persist through winter. Cultivar sizes vary, grows 24 to 48" tall. Plant in full sun. We should have 3 cultivars available: 'Twilight Zone', 'Standing Ovation', and 'The Blues'

## ANNUALS TO TRY IN 2022

Our greenhouses are full of plants to delight you again this year. Here are a few to check out.

We have two new sunflowers, **Helianthus 'Brown Eyed Girl'** which blooms all summer long until frost. It has brown centers with a bronze ring on the yellow petals. **'Sol Seeker Yellow'** blooms all summer as well, with yellow blooms. Both of these make nice size 3' to 4' mounding plants.

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## *Annuals Continued:*

**Rudbeckia 'Rising Sun Chestnut Gold'** is an attractive Black Eyed Susan with wonderful bronze and yellow markings. It's in the same family as our favorite '**Indian Summer**'.

We struggled getting some of the tropicals in, and couldn't get the hardy banana this year, but we got a **Banana** that I am excited about! **Banana sumantrana X** is a cross with a dwarf red streaked leaf and the "Chiquita" Banana....a lovely plant that will bear edible bananas! (Must be wintered inside). My Elephant Ears are late in arriving, but we hope to have some available as usual.

For those of you looking for the unique, we have a shipment of **Air Plants, Venus Fly Traps and Bog / Pitcher Plants** coming in.

We also have a selection of **Mangave** Plants again this year. They are very attractive crosses between Agave and Manfreda. These succulent plants take the best from both parents. They do need to be overwintered inside, but get more spectacular each year.

We have some stunning **Calibrachoa/Million Bells** this year. I continually stop and check the tags when I see their striking blooms. Check out **Bloomtastic Chili Pepper, Tik Tok Grape,** and '**Calitastic Papaya**' and many more!

There are lots of wonderful Begonias selections. There is a great new **Yellow Begonia** in the **Solenia** series. Even though they have the foliage similar to the Non Stop Begonias, these can take full sun! As always, we are sold on the '**Big Begonias**'. You can't go wrong with these in sun or shade. They are very easy care and loaded with blooms all summer! We have a lot of shade loving **Rex Begonias** (which make great house plants!), hiding under the benches in #2 greenhouse.

We switched some of our **Mandevilla** varieties to some newer genetics that should perform even better than the old ones. There is also a new **Mandevilla Sun Parasol 'Sunbeam'** (yellow) that spreads nicely but doesn't vine. It makes a lovely hanging basket! It has been blooming for us for weeks!

If you want an inexpensive showstopper - (and I hate to tell you this one, because I won't have any left for my house!) - try **Celosia**. Every year, my front flower beds get planted with "leftover" plants since I can't plant early! Last year the choice fell to '**Arrabona**' **Celosia** in the 4-packs. It was the best display I've had in years! **Celosia** LOVES sun and heat, is very forgiving on water, and just blooms it's head off. Check out the '**Arrabona**', and also look for '**Fresh Look Red**' and '**Fresh Look Gold**', both varieties I selected from field trials last summer. Put them in pots or the ground for amazing displays! We also love '**Dragon's Breath**' **Celosia** as well - it has amazing red foliage, along with bright red blooms, in full sun.

We have a lot of **Butterfly Weed/Asclepias** in perennial varieties, but check out the showy annual '**Red**' Butterfly Weed, as well as a new yellow one, '**Silky Gold**'. They are great for Monarchs!

We have a lot of small house plants this year, if you are into the house plant craze. I've already mentioned the

**Rex Begonias**, but we have **Spider Plant, Wandering Jew, Pilea Friendship, Pilea Artillery, Pellonia Watermelon,** and **Peperomia Cupid**. We have a few **Croton Plants**. All of the **Begonias** make great house plants as well.

Every year we grow a large quantity of **Lantana, Sun Coleus** and **Petunias**, that just fly out of here. We are left explaining just how many there were at the start of the season, when you come a little later and find us almost sold out! We love all the **Lantana**, the **Sun Coleus** are amazing (**Inferno** continues to be our favorite), and the **petunias** get better every year. I always find some new varieties at the field trials to add each year.... come find your favorite!

**Argyranthemum/Margarite Daisy'Grandaisy Pink Halo'** is a new variety this year. It has a lovely two-tone flower that I think **Brittany Spears** featured in a video (not sure I have my "celebrity" right.) It is a lovely flower though!

We haven't had an **Osteospermum** for a while as well, but I loved the bloom on '**4-D Yellow**'. This will bloom heavily in the spring and fall, but may rest a while in the heat of the summer.

Another stand-out in the field trials was a new **Bidens 'Golden Empire'**. I loved the small bright yellow daisy flower on upright stems. It was a different habit than most **Bidens**.

**Cuphea** (the Mexican Heather family of plants), is a great heat and sun loving annual. We have the standard Mexican Heather, but also '**Honeybells**' and '**Hummingbird's Lunch**' which have tubular cherry red and yellow blossoms that are loved by hummingbirds and bees!

We have SO very many more annuals tucked away in all corners of the greenhouse. I hope you'll come, poke around and find your own favorites!

*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"*

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# 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, 15 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**, 20 years, has had to step back some this year. We made sure she came to work a little so we can boast about her 20 years here. At 97, I guess she deserves a little rest.

**Jo Ann Holbrook**, 20 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 good advice for both! She comes into each year with an unmatched excitement for our work.

**Barb Anderson**, 11 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".

**Donna Anderson**, 7 years, is a great transplanter, even tackling the tiny plants. She works at one speed... fast!

**Dona Bergman**, 2 years, has told me for years when she retired, she wanted to work here, so here she is! She has done a great job of potting and getting plants carried out and displayed. She enjoys assisting customers.

**Lori Schutz**, 2 years. She has been great with potting and moving those plants out. She will be working the wagon, assisting customers and running the register at times.

**Tammy Loehr**, 1 year. Tammy hit the ground running, and with years of plant maintenance experience, has caught on very quickly. She has been a great help transplanting, and moving plants.

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. My one requirement is that you be able to lift 50 pounds...this is very physical work!

And my family update:

**Diane Haag**, 29, and her husband, Scott Haag live near Austin Texas. She is now a stay at home Mom to my first grandchild Luca Charles Haag! He's the cutest little baby ever & I'm not the least bit prejudiced!

**Daniel Hasting**, 34, 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. Chattanooga, Red River Gorge, Wyoming, Utah... wherever the climbing is good! 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!

Our puppy, **Poppy**, is still young (she turned 5 on March 22). Poppy barks and is a bit timid with strangers, we hope she'll outgrow that with patience. During the real busy times she will probably be in my office. Later in the season, she can hopefully come out and socialize a bit. She might want to sniff you, but won't let you pet her....Please don't push yourself at her, and please teach your children to respect her space as they should with any strange dog.

We lost **Pizazz** last winter, so no greenhouse cat this year.

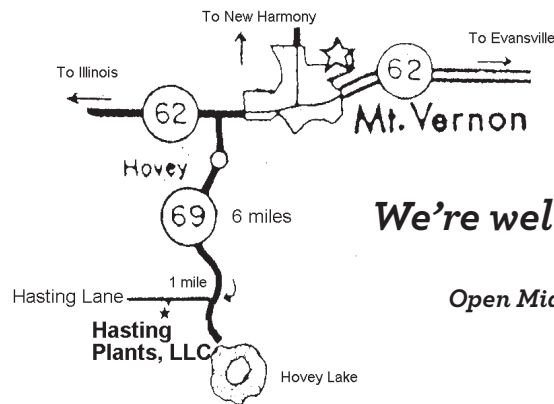
**Nancy** thinks every year she'll be more organized & prepared for spring to roll around...but instead she is always playing catch-up. It's a fun frenzied time that I love each year.

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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