

# Hasting Plants



Spring 2025

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## ***OUR 43RD YEAR OF GROWING FOR YOU! 1982-2025***

### **Hours:**

Mon- Sat 9 to 5  
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### **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**

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## NOTES FROM NANCY

Wow! What a crazy fall and spring for us! Last fall, I removed the plastic and the plastic ends on Greenhouse #3. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, we were delayed getting work done on it, then the weather turned just so amazingly cold and we got an ice storm. Long story short, there was one day and only one day that it was halfway warm and calm enough to recover the greenhouse.

It was late in February, way past when we should be in there planting things. I had two employees come to help and they saved the day. We almost lost the plastic, but they fought it back in place. Weeks have gone by & there has not been another calm day, so we count our blessings that we made it that day! Usually, I know about when we will open each year, but 3 weeks of cold weather with virtually no sun set us back and delayed shipments as well as plant development! I am sorry for those of you who were chomping at the bit to come visit us!!!!

I think you'll be excited to see all of the new merchandise in the store and all the great plants we are growing! I may be prejudiced, but I think the plants are looking extra good this year!

## 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. This year, credit cards have a 3% surcharge added. Debit Cards have no fee, but we would still appreciate a check or cash.

*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***

## 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.

## LATE NIGHT AT THE GREENHOUSE

Be sure to join us for our 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Late Night at the Greenhouse" on the third Friday night in May. We will have "Late Night" on **May 16, 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

Tammy has outdone herself in the building this year. I think you will like the new look.

The first thing you will notice is our wonderful **Spinfinity** display. These spinners come in a couple of sizes and many styles. There are some **fabulous new fountains** in very limited quantities. Along with our stylish **sun protective Wallaroo hats**, we are carrying **Farmers Defense Arm sleeves**. These protect you from sun and scratchy plants, and are surprisingly cool to wear. There are new teardrop **Austram Hanging Baskets** in a couple of colors, and lots of exciting pots - **Brightly colored standard pots** with saucers, large **Terra pots** with unique styles, more designs in the **Zest Pots** and great **Ceramic looking lightweight pots** in large sizes, **Cat shaped planters**, and **pots with faces and glasses!** We have **Solar String Lights**, and unique **Metal Frog Statues**. Some of our best finds were some unusual artistic **Steel Heart** art items, including a **Giant Puffball** stake (think Dandelion), and some very detailed **Dragonflies**. We have some small **Insect, Frog & Mice pot hangers** that are cute to spice up your pots and make great little gifts. We have a lot of new flags and mats including **Highland Cows!** We also have a new line of Indiana made lotions from Bass Farms, including a **Triple Hydrating Cream** and an **Extreme Care Ointment**. They are dermatologist recommended. We love them both!

Tammy declared this the year of the tools, and we have several including quality **Corona Pruners** with good price points, a **Floral Shovel** (smaller size) and **Floral Spade**, and brand new **Skidger Weeding tools** we fell in love with. Our favorite line of tools are the **kid oriented** tools. We have some **trowel and hand rake sets** that are sturdy and kids sized. They were a hit with my grandsons in the greenhouse gravel! There are **Small sized** but sturdy **Rakes, Hoes and Shovels**, and even a sturdy **Child's Wheelbarrow**. Start them out early gardening!

In utility items, we found some **Folding Tomato cages**, we have **Scram Deer and Rabbit Repellants** and a **Rose and Flower Spray**. We have **30% Vinegar** and **Food Quality Diatomaceous Earth**. You might want to look up their uses on the internet. I fell in love with a **Hand Held sprayer** (yes, just a normal looking one) that will keep spraying even upside down! It is great for getting the underside of leaves. My personal favorite, which I have used for years is the **RTU Nutsedge Killer**. If you have nutsedge, every time you pull it out, you are just propagating it since the roots break off and start new plants. This really kills the plant, especially if you spray it when the nutsedge is young.

Do not miss our new "**Grainzebo**" beside Greenhouse #1. The Grain Bin Structures were just put up last week. We have it filled with lots of our outdoor merchandise. As I write this, more items are arriving, so come check them all out. Tammy has the building looking extra special this year!

## SUPER CLEARANCE

We will have different **Pop-Up sales** throughout the season. Follow us on Facebook for details. We also have reduced spinners and stakes at the end of greenhouse #1 & #2.

## 2025 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

### Clustered Mountain mint *Pycnathemum muticum*

Clustered Mountain mint is a tough and adaptable perennial native to meadows and open woodlands across much of the eastern United States west to Texas. It is not a true mint, but belongs to the same family. A must have for pollinator garden, heads of tiny white to light pink blooms attract butterflies, wasps and bees from July to September. The inconspicuous flowers are upstaged by surrounding silver bracts, which give the illusion of frost in summer, and persist for months. The aromatic foliage is unpalatable to deer and rabbits. The vertical stems grow 2 to 3 ft tall and form a dense clump. It spreads by underground rhizomes and can be aggressive in moist conditions, though it is not invasive to the degree of true mints. Plant in sun to part shade where it can naturalize and mingle with other plants, it's silver sheen plays well with other colors and especially with dark foliage. Mountain mint can spread aggressively, especially in wet soils. Rhizomes are easy to control by cutting them to the desired size with a spade and pulling the shoots by hand in the spring. Tolerates heat and drought once established.

We have **P. muticum**, and also a close relative **P. x incanum**, 'Smokey Mountain Mint'.

## ANNUALS TO TRY IN 2025

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

**In Greenhouse #1:** We have a new **Mandevilla** that is upright '**Fired Up Orange**' which will be great for the center of planters. It has a bright orange and yellow bloom. We also have a lot of great **Lantana**, including a couple of varieties that are marketed for hanging baskets (we have planted some), '**Passion Fruit**' and three **Shamrock** varieties, '**Rose Gold**', '**Butterscotch Glow**', and '**Red**'. In front of Greenhouse #1 we have some nice herb pots with a mixture that you can also find in Hanging Baskets in #4. Later the Basil will come to reside here and a neat

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small leaved variety, **Basil 'Bonsai'** is sized just right for container gardening. No need to chop the leaves, they are already tiny! We will also have the tall Tower varieties we tried out last year, **Basil 'Thai Towers'** and **'Emerald Towers'**.

I am also excited to have **Red Abyssinian Banana (Ensete)** again. This is a banana look alike plant with attractive red foliage. It's great as an accent in a planter or planted in a bed.

**In Greenhouse #2:** For a fun novelty plant, we have the tropical **Dutchman's Pipe** which boasts a 10 inch pleasant lemon smelling bloom (unlike other varieties that smell like rotting meat). We have all of our usual easy to grow **Begonias – Dragon's Wing and Big Begonias** are our recommendation for those with not so green thumbs. There is also a cool **Dragon Wing type Begonia** with light yellow foliage, **'Canary Wings'**, it brightens up a shady area. Look under the benches early on for some cool varieties of **Tradescantia (Wandering Jew)**.

**In Greenhouse #3:** Our favorite **Dragon's Breath Celosia** has been replaced with **'Burning Embers'**. We have the popular **Popcorn Plant**. We were able to find and grow **Cat's Whiskers**, but it is lavender rather than white. New for us is an **Iresine** with the common name of **Yellow Chicken Gizzard!** It bears bright yellow foliage with green, white and red markings. It's colorful! We have a wonderful selection of **Succulents**, including **'String of Dolphins'** (which my Miami Dolphin fan Grandsons loved), **'String of Pickles'** and **'String of Pearls'** and a cool **Vertical Leaf senecio**. We have some beautiful Dahlias, including **Dahlia 'Bishop's Children'** and **'Black Forest Ruby'** that are new, both with dark purple red foliage. There are new Angelonia colors **'Black'** and **'Ruby Sangria'**.

As always, we have some awesome **Sun Coleus** which fly out quickly, no matter how many I grow, so don't delay picking out your favorite. We have three varieties of **Gaura 'Belleza Dark Pink', 'Monarch Pink' and 'Monarch White'** which are tagged as perennials, but we sell them as annuals since I've never found them to dependably come back. They bloom all summer long with great heat tolerance, making them a great pot plant! We were able to grow our favorite **'Platinum'** Geranium again. It performs so well and spreads very nicely! We have **Tropical/Annual Milkweed** in red and yellow, and lots of **Sunflowers** that bloom all summer long: **'Sunfinity Double Yellow', 'Sol Seeker Bee Yellow', 'Brown Eyed Girl'** and **'Sunfinity'**. New to us are **Ageratum** from cuttings (rather than seed) **'Bumble Blue', 'Bumble Rose', and 'Monarch Magic.'** **Heliotrope 'Augusta Lavender'** is a new light lavender color in the "smell good" Heliotrope line. Our tropical selection includes unusual **Elephant Ears: 'Redemption'**, which looks like a plain black variety, but boasts a pink/red vein when it grows, **'Pharaoh's Mask'**, which is green with bulging purple veins as it ages, a variegated **Ginger Plant** and

a hardy **Banana** called **'Ever Red'** which has striking red variations on the leaves.

**In Greenhouse #4:** There are petunias, petunias, petunias to die for. Check out **'Jewel Midnight Gold', 'Flower Shower Ringo Star', 'Crazytunia Black & White', 'Veranda Compact Double Sugar Plum', and 'Silver Surprise'**. Come find your favorite! And there is also a new color in the **Easy Wave – 'Navy Velour'**.

This greenhouse also has a lot of our new vegetable treasures – check out the Vegetable section in this newsletter.

**Greenhouse #5** has most of our flower pack plants and **Greenhouse #6** usually has some of the Perennials we never seem to have room for outside at the first of the season, as well as later plantings of vegetables and flowers and odds and ends.

The greenhouses are bursting at the seams. Toward the end of our planting, every time we pot up something it is a struggle to find some space for it.... help us make some room! 🙏

*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"*





## NEW ROSE SELECTIONS FOR 2025

We have reduced our rose selection this year. 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. We did drop the Knock Out varieties since they are widely available elsewhere.



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## PERENNIALS OF NOTE IN 2025

**Helianthus (Willowleaf sunflower) 'Autumn Gold'** makes a showing by blooming from September to a hard frost! Great for late summer interest.

**Dwarf Crested Iris 'Powder Blue Giant'** are 8" tall spring blooming blue iris. We had these last year and they sold out immediately. We also have the straight species **Iris cristata** (native)

**Kalimeris 'Daisy Mae'** has 1" white aster like flowers through a large part of the summer and thrives in heat and humidity! It is a real work horse and great butterfly plant.

**Meehan's Mint** (native) is a good groundcover substitute for Ajuga and Vinca. Sports blue flowers with speckled throats in the spring and likes part sun to full shade.

**Phlox 'Jeana'** has outstanding mildew resistance and blooms mid-summer through early autumn. It is a pollinator favorite!

**Phlox 'Blue Moon'** is a Woodland Phlox that thrives in a semi-shaded border or wooded area. It has lovely blue flowers.

**'Henry Eiler's' Black Eyed Susan** has unique quilled flowers August through September. We have a lot of great **Hostas**, including, **'Dancing in the Moonlight'**, **'Drop Dead Gorgeous'**, **'Gigantosaurus'** and **'Hope Springs Eternal'**.

**Siberian Iris 'Sunfisher'** is one of the darkest yellow Siberian Iris.

**Beardtongue 'Pink Pearls'** and **'Rose Rhinestones'** are good hummingbird plants, these boast large flowers on dense plants.

**Spigelia 'Apple Slices'(Indian Pinks)** has dark, wine red flowers and is loved as a native plant for bees and hummingbirds.

**Stoke's Aster** is a great summer blooming plant, unfortunately it is often missed since it only starts blooming

about the time we close, we have two new varieties this year, **'Riptide'** and **'Whitecaps'**

**Salvia 'Blue By You'** blooms early, and can produce up to 5 repeat blooming cycles in spring and summer.

We have some great **Lily** varieties this year. **AOA(Asiatic x Oriental) 'Viva La Vida'** grows up to 4 ft. tall with bright yellow and red blooms, **'Casa Blanca'**, our favorite white, very fragrant variety, **'Roselily Samantha'** with pink double blossoms edged in white, and **OT Frontera** with rosy-pink flowers and a deeper center bar.

**Dicentra 'Amore Titanium'** is a white flowering Fernleaf Bleeding Heart which blooms throughout the summer over lacy foliage

We have a sterile variety of the bright red bush you used to see in the fall, which fell from disfavor because of its invasive habit. **Burning Bush 'Fireball Seedless'** will not form viable seeds.

We have a lot of great **Echinacea colors** including: **Echinacea 'Sun Seekers Apple Green'** which we couldn't get last year. It's been a long time since we carried **Rose Champion**, or **Lychnis 'Blood Red'**. It boasts lovely silvery foliage and a contrasting bright red bloom. **Ruellia, or Wild Petunia** (prairie native) has been living and blooming in my yard for years. This is a compact version of what you know as a Mexican Petunia.

A native butterfly and pollinator magnet is **Veronia Iron Weed** that bears purple flowers in the fall. We will have a great selection of **Grasses** that arrive mid April. We were able to get a few **Tree Peonies** again this year. There are five varieties of the **ITOH Peonies** including the popular yellow, **'Bartzella'**. I always try to find different **Peonies** each year to add to my collection. **'Bouquet Perfect'**, **'Devroomen Centennial'**, **'Dinner Plate'**, and **'Sweet Sixteen'** are a few of the new ones.

We finally have some **Hellebores** this year – **'Dark & Handsome'** (a black one!), **'Shotgun Wedding'**, **'Whirlwind Romance'**, and **'Ivory Prince'**. We have a **Crepe Myrtle 'Barista Cherry Mocha'**. One of the darkest foliage **Astilbe** – **'Chocolate Shogun'** is new for us this year. **Toad Lily 'Autumn Glow'** is always nice for fall blooming in shade, it boasts striking foliage.

As always, I'm sure I've missed a lot of special plants! I hope you'll come and find some new favorites!



## NEW VEGETABLES AND GARDEN PLANTS

New this year are **Grapes**, both a **white and red seedless variety**. We also have a variety of **everbearing strawberries**, '**Ozark Beauty**'.

We tried a few '**Cherry Blast**' **Tomato** which is similar to our favorite '**Tumbler**' **Cherry Tomato** that we sell in hanging baskets

New to us, **Skytree Broccoli** has longer stems and fewer leaves to remove for easier harvesting. It boasts a sweet flavor.

'**Primo Vantage**' **Cabbage** is a 4 lb. dark green variety.

**Pepper Paprika** '**Feher Ozon**' is a Hungarian heirloom variety.

**Cucumber** '**Mini Quick Snack**' will be available as a hanging basket and with a trellis again this year.

**Cucumber** '**Mini-me**' is a small sized cucumber to grow in your garden, available in our individual pots.

**Tomatillo** '**Tamayo**', it's been a few years since we had tomatillo, so we are trying it again.

We **dropped the "Plus"** tomato varieties and went back to the standard varieties, due to requests.


**Seedless Watermelon** '**Topgun**' is a new experiment for us. I believe you are supposed to plant a regular variety next to this so it will pollinate.


**Cucumber** '**Sweet Success**' is the English Style cucumber everyone asks for.

Our popular '**Sweet Chelsea**' larger cherry tomato has gone away. I had a few remaining seeds that we have in our individual pots, and are replacing it with a variety recommended to us by our seed salesmen, '**Sweet Baby Girl**'. If you try it, let us know how you feel it compares. We have nice sized packages of **Wildflower**, **Butterfly**, **Hummingbird**, and **Bee Garden** seeds if you want to naturalize an area.

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

## 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS

 **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 10, 9:30 a.m. Fee: \$25.00**

 **LATE NIGHT AT THE GREENHOUSE** - **May 16, 8p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** See the article elsewhere. (Please note, we will be closed 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...



# 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**, Plant Manager, 18 years, has a great knowledge of flowers. She does it all...transplant, move plants, water, and clean. No one works harder! She cleans and straightens all the things I just step over. She plants up most of the perennials and more!

**Donna Anderson**, 10 years, is a great transplanter, even tackling the tiny plants. She works at one speed.... fast! You'll see her at Late Night and Bargain Day.

**Lori Schutz**, 5 years, has been great with potting (she likes the tiny stuff) and moving those plants out. She will be working the wagon, assisting customers and running the register at times.

**Tammy Loehr**, Building Manager, 4 years. Tammy is putting her 30+ years of merchandise retailing talents to good use in the building.

**Bob Sallee**, 3 years, keeps us all in stitches. He started out sooooo quiet! He is great at all planting jobs and handles the wagon duties admirably!

**Kathy Stevens**, 3 years, has taken over the vegetable greenhouse. She is an avid gardener and can help you with your garden choices and questions. She does great transplanting as well.

**Rhonda Schenk**, 3 years, handles all the transplanting jobs and runs the wagon as well. She is a steady hand, and has an even, calming disposition. You might see her at the register too!

**Addie Kennada**, 2 years, she might be young, but has done an amazing job assisting with some of our transplanting and general help.

**Karen Walker**, 1 year, jumped right in this year and will be helping on the wagon and in the building.

**Leanne Phillips**, 1 year, joined us late, but has been great help finishing up those transplanting jobs.

**Robin Sallee**, 1 year, has agreed to give us a hand on those busy Saturdays.

**Diane (Hasting) Haag**, Who knows how many years? She might be able to work part time when her husband can watch the kids this spring. We'll be glad to have her back! She and Scott have a 3-year-old, 2-year-old and 9 month old. She keeps pretty busy!

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:

**Daniel Hasting**, 37, 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! 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 eight, she barks and is a bit timid with strangers. 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.

**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.

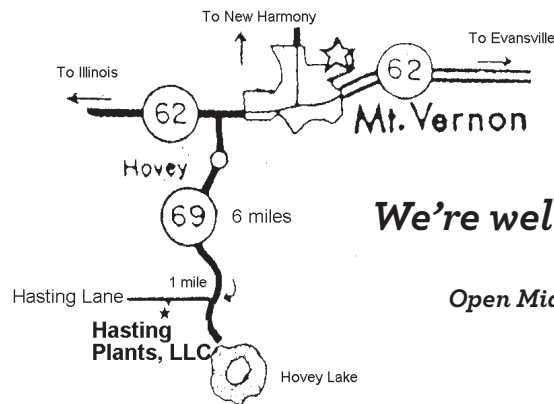
**You** - my customers - are the real heart & soul of this business. Without you and your support, your comments and the love you express for all our efforts, we wouldn't be here to have all this fun each year. I appreciate each and every one of you.



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