

# BAKERS' ACRES

## 2012 FALL NEWSLETTER

Written by Bakers' Acres staff

### U Pick Apples

This year has been a very challenging year when it comes to Mother Nature. In the spring when our apple trees were in full bloom, we had 2 nights of 27 degrees or below.



Unfortunately, we lost part of our apple crop. We still have some nice apples in the orchard, just not in the quantity that we are accustomed to. We were so cautious to keep every apple that we could that we did no thinning on the apples this spring. So some trees are loaded with smaller apples. Perfect for a lunch box. Our scout Jim Eve, is continuing to help us to grow Eco apples. This year it was easy because of fewer apples, fewer problems. Doug is happy too because he did very little spraying. (I think he is happy too because there will be less picking.) But don't despair, we have searched the area for orchards that were not hit. So if need be, we will compensate with other local apples. Apples will be early this year. As I am writing this newsletter in mid August, we have already picked our first variety, Redfree. Call 607-533-4653 to find out the varieties that we have picked or are available to U Pick. It makes for a very pleasant day to come with your friends or family and go back in the orchard and pick from our four acres of 25 varieties of trees. The orchard is nestled around our large pond so come out and bring some friends and enjoy our beautiful fall scenery.

—Reenie

## BIG END OF THE SEASON BLOW OUT SALE

### September 14 -23

*This is the sale a lot of people wait for so we wanted our customers who receive our newsletter to know about the sale first. Don't miss out on this great time to start a new garden or just fill in where needed!*

ALL  
PERENNIALS  
\$4.99-9.99  
"BUY 1  
GET 1 FREE"  
(of same value)

There may also be lots of other specials going on at the last minute... Mark your calendar. **Great Sale!**

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# Fairy Gardens

Cathy and I went out to Ohio in July, to a big horticultural show in Columbus. The trade show alone covered 8 acres in a convention center. Needless to say, we came home with a lot of ideas and enthusiasm. We also visited 6-8 Garden Centers to see new ideas and new plants. The popular theme at each place, including the trade show, is Fairy Gardens. So, as you might have guessed, we now have new vendors for our miniature plants and fairy garden accessories. Boxes are starting to arrive with new items and our shelves are getting full.

We also decided on this trip to have a Fairy Garden contest. When better to have it, than during our Apple Festival. So all of you who have used your creative juices to build a Fairy Garden, now is your chance to show it off and possibly win a \$20 gift certificate. Here are all the details: The Apple Festival is October 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 3:30. There will be 2 categories. Age 15 and under and 16 and over. Drop off your garden here on Friday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> or before 10 AM on Sat. the 6<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who comes to the Festival will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite in each category. We are really looking forward to this and can't wait to see all of your gardens.

—Reenie

## Fall Pansies

We are growing a lot of mixed varieties of pansies this year. We know by experience that the best time to plant pansies is in the fall because by spring they are good size and in bloom in late April. They also seem to hold up to the summer heat better. Come check out our supply of fall pansies that will be ready in mid Sept.

—Reenie

## Deer Repellent for the Winter

I came across a great new list of rarely eaten, sometimes eaten, often eaten and seldom eaten list of perennials, trees and shrubs and the one thing they mention HUNGRY DEER will eat anything. This is why we encouraged deer repellent. Liquid Fence a lot of customers who have used this product have reported that it has worked wonders for their gardens. Unlike taste-based products Liquid Fence is a scent-based product, meaning that deer immediately avoid the sprayed plant. Liquid Fence is 100% organic and biodegradable, so it is harmless to children or any domesticated animals. If used once a month with an average rainfall of 4 inches, you will see immediate results, and if you don't, it's 100% money-back guaranteed. Liquid Fence is now offering a product that is granular and you sprinkle around your plants or garden. We also are carrying a Dog / Cat Repellent.

Now is the time to start using these products to protect your plants for the winter months.

—Sarah

## Closing for the Season on October 31st

Although we are closing for the season on October 31st, we will still be open "By chance or by appointment" until we reopen in April. But that doesn't mean we will not continue making your Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, apple baskets or holiday arrangements. Cathy and I love the slower pace and look forward to this time to make those special orders. If you have ordered from us in the past, you will be receiving a call from us. Or you can call in your order (607-533-4653) and then set up a time to pick it up.

## Breadseed Poppies

Although this has been a strange year for most plants, the spectacular breadseed poppies (*Papaver somniferum*) have been bigger and plentiful in our gardens. The large, peony-like flower stands majestically above its blue-gray foliage. These are annuals that self-seed and will appear almost anywhere the next year. We harvest the seed in late July and have them available for sale in early August. Just scatter the seeds on top of the ground this fall and you will have gorgeous poppies next June. Do not mulch heavily. Seed packets cost \$2.50 or \$3.00 if you wish to have them mailed to you. Just stop by or call and give us your address and let us know if you want the pink or red poppies.



—Reenie

## Attention newsletter receivers:

In redoing our newsletter recipient list, we are asking that **everyone** re-enter your contact information for the newsletter for the spring. We are starting with a fresh list of names in **Spring 2013**. We want to also make sure all of you who are receiving the newsletter are enjoying it rather than adding to your paper waste. So we are asking you to fill out the form or email us at [info@bakersacres.net](mailto:info@bakersacres.net). We hope that you consider receiving the newsletter via email because it is in full color and is more sustainable. For the benefit of our environment we are heading in the very near future to paperless newsletter.

Cathy & Reenie

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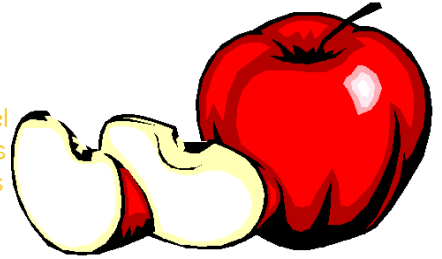
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# Apple Harvest

A Great Fun-filled Day for the Whole Family!

**Sat., October 6 • 11:00–3:30**

- Fresh-made Apple Butter
- Fresh Cold Cider
- Adopt a pet from Tompkins SPCA
- Kendra's Café – on the patio - cider donuts, popcorn, candy & caramel apples, cotton candy, cookies. In the café – buffet including Bob Baker's Chicken, pulled pork, with salads and desserts – 11-2:30. Cost \$14.95 plus tax and gratuity.
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides by Cranes for \$3.00 a person
- Daisy Dae Farm – Owners Dave, Michelle and Jessi will be here with their goats and at 3 p.m. you can join in and learn to milk a goat. Also Dave is a blacksmith and he will be demonstrating throughout the day and also selling. Michelle will also have her Goat Milk Soap here to sell.
- U-Pick Apples
- Story Reading and puppet shows by Roma of Raes Roost.
- Jo Jo the Clown will be with us.
- IPM labs- showing and talking about beneficial insects.
- 4-H Cultural Exchange Club – selling apple pies and providing face painting for the kids for a small fee
- 4-H Small animal group – showing off their small animals like rabbits, goats and more.
- Grass Maze with small pumpkins hidden for children to find! \$1.50 a person
- Fairy Garden Contest
- On-going Treasure Hunt for all ages and Lots More going on throughout the day, so be sure to call closer to October 6<sup>th</sup> for more details!



Come out and enjoy the day and take a relaxing stroll through our gardens.

From here go visit **King Ferry Winery...**

tours and tasting, live music, vendors, food available for purchase, all going on Sat. - 10-6 and Sun. 10-5

## Holiday Workshop - Sun., Dec. 9th • 1-3

Another successful year has encouraged us to continue the Holiday Workshop. We will offer our four most popular hands-on decorations: evergreen wreath, boxwood tree, evergreen center piece and an evergreen/boxwood kissing ball. We will again offer this year - make your own decorated apple basket to give as a gift or use as a decoration that can be eaten later. A new hands on craft will be making your own tea bags either for yourself or as a stocking stuffer gift. Sign up soon for this workshop, because it can fill up fast. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12, plus the cost of materials. Registration form below.

### Private Group Holiday Workshops

In previous years we have also offered this workshop to groups of 10 or more. Groups of people from work, exercise programs, or just a group of friends came and had a wonderful time. So if you want to plan a party during early December just let me know. Cost for registration of \$5.00 per person plus the cost of materials. We had several groups do this last year and hope to rebook them plus more. It was fun to see all of the creativity flowing. Registration form below.

## CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

Holiday Workshop • Sun., Dec. 9th • 1-3

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 5th

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: Adults: \$8.00 (plus supplies) Children: \$4.00 (plus supplies) **CLASS SIZE LIMIT: 30**

Space is limited so Register Early. Enclose above form with your check and send it Attn.: bookkeeper. In cases of insufficient registration, a class may be cancelled. You will be called if we cancel. Sorry, we cannot return fees without requests made 24 hours prior to the class.

# Kendra's Cafe...at Bakers' Acres

We have had a very busy Spring and Summer here at the cafe. Many of our patrons have taken advantage of our large private room on the top floor for their personalized events. We have hosted wedding showers, baby showers, birthday parties and in the outdoor pavilion we have had family reunions and wedding receptions.

With fall coming we will begin making donuts on Saturday mornings, so stop in the cafe and check what flavors we have. Also very soon we will be adding hearty soup to our menu to compliment our popular salads and sandwiches. **The cafe will be closing October 31st -April for lunches but we will still be available for private parties and catering 7 days a week - call 315-497-3155 or 607-533-4039 to reserve space.**

*On Apple Harvest Day take a stroll down the garden path to Kendra's Cafe for the*

## HARVEST BUFFET

**Sat., October 6th • 11-2:30**

On the patio we will be offering cider donuts, popcorn, candy & caramel apples, cotton candy, and cookies. In the café we will have a buffet including Bob Baker's Chicken, pulled pork, with salads and desserts - 11-2:30. Cost \$14.95 plus tax and gratuity. Take out chicken halves will be available for \$6.00 each. **Reservations appreciated, 315-497-3155 or 607-533-4039.**

## Gift Baskets and Holiday Candy

In need of a Holiday Gift Basket? Choose one from our brochure OR give us a budget and what you would like in it and we'll create it for you! Makes a great gift for businesses and that "hard to buy for person" on your list!

Also for the Holiday season we will be making candy..... homemade truffles, chocolate clusters and marshmallows. We can box them or include them in a gift basket. Call in your order!

## Coe and the Cats

As I am sure you already know, Coe spends a lot of time here at the nursery. He is sure to come down as soon as someone arrives here and does not go back to the house until later in the day. We are working very hard with Coe to stop him from barking at everyone when they arrive but as some of you know that hasn't been working out to the best. So if you are greeted with his barking take it as a "Hello, how are you?" and "Welcome to Bakers' Acres". As for the cats we have lost Smokey to Jo's house, which is on the Bakers' Acres property. Smokey has always been a one person cat so whether Jo liked it not he adopted her house. Fortunately Jo is very happy about this. Jack has taken to sleeping and hiding under the Amsonia up in the Perennial of the Year garden. He comes to see us once in a while but keeps a look out for Coe. As for Sunny, he is the cat you will see the most at Bakers' Acres. Ever since Sunny adopted us he has been a loving friendly cat. So whenever you visit, all the animals would love you to say hello to them.

—Cathy

## Facebook

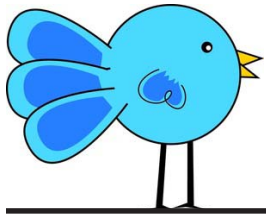
*I have really enjoyed managing the Facebook page with all the fun pictures that we take. I also love all of your comments and responses. So please get on your Facebook page and Like Bakers' Acres.*



## Preferred Customer Card

This year don't forget to get a "Preferred Customer Card." When you purchase this card for \$30.00, we will give you a card that will give you an automatic **10% off every time you shop at Bakers' Acres for that calendar year** and you can pick out one of our Tee shirts to take home. We will also put you on our email list that will contact you if we have unadvertised specials or let you know about upcoming sales. It's a great way to save during the season!

—Dave



What's "Hatching" at...

# RAE'S ROOST NATURE SHOP

**\$\$\$ GET YOUR BIRDIE  
BUCKS HERE!! \$\$\$**

For every \$20 spent (pre-tax), receive a B.B.!! They can be used on ANY regularly priced items, from seed to books to games to puzzles to puppets to jewelry to ???

## A Note from Rae's Roost....

As we head into Autumn, lots is going on in our little corner of Bakers' Acres! (Remember, we're that spot at the top of the stairs, where the old gift/ pottery/ Kendra's area used to be!!) We have expanded a bit to the back patio, where you will find some "weather proof" items. You also may notice our influence if you use the restroom!! Hee! Hee! (See for yourself when you visit and let us know what you think.)

While Bakers' officially closes at the end of October, someone is usually around during the week, especially at the holidays. If you can't make it in during my hours, you'll probably find Reenie or Cathy to help you out. Question? Just give me a call and I'll see what I can do!!

Just a reminder that I am available for nature presentations for any age group on a w-i-d-e variety of topics. Give me a call for details. (References available).

I CAN USUALLY ORDER WHAT I DON'T STOCK!! Ex. Dog / cat items, specific wind chime, Folkmanis puppet or birdfeeder. My price will probably be much lower than most! (Remember, my overhead = ME ...and Scooter!)

THANKS to all of our loyal customers and to all newcomers!

*Joan (my ever-patient sis), Roma and Scooter Rae*

## HOURS AT THE ROOST

(with a few exceptions) into 2013:

Now through Dec. 29: Wed.-Fri. (10 - 4), Sat. (10 - 3) Extra Holiday Hours T.B.A.; Jan. 4 - Mar. 30th - Fri. (10 - 4), Sat. (10 - 3) or by call! **REMINDER:** No one perched in The Roost? A Bakers' staff member will always be glad to ring you out ANYTIME they are open!!

**WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL ROMA AT 315-729-0944.** (If you have left a message and failed to hear back, please give me another chance! The reception is yucky at Bakers', plus my cell phone needs to retire...and my organizational skills never developed! Just ask my sisters!!)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 1st thru October 31st** - With any \$20+ purchase, enter to win a free 40# bag of sunflower seed monthly from November to April! (\$126 value!!) *Details at The Roost.*

**October 6th - APPLE FESTIVAL!!!** 1). Receive a free tree seedling (while supply lasts) with any purchase! 2). Enter the Scavenger Hunt, young naturalists! 3). Join me for nature stories at THE ROOST and enjoy other activities, too! 4). Young naturalists ages 7 to 10, join The O.W.L.S. Club at The Roost!! More info. at the festival or call Roma. 5). We MAY have Scooter, S.P.C.A. Wonder Dog, for a photo op!

**November - ALL MONTH** - kiddos can make a "wish list", choosing from many educational items that are also FUN!! Special request? Just ask!

**November 10th - 1:00 P.M.** - Make a cool critter feeder! (First *Nature Experience for Kids*♥ date. Sign up by Nov. 8.)

**December** - Leanin' Tree holiday cards on SALE!!

**December 9th - 1:00 P.M.** - Create a nature wreath! (Second *Nature Experience for Kids*♥ date. Sign up by Dec. 7.)

**December 10th** - Scooter's 6th birthday!

**December 12th - GUYS' SHOPPING DAY!!!!** Noon to 6 P.M.! Come on in, guys!! You can find a special gift for anyone on your list. FREE GIFT WRAPPING and SNACKS!

**December 8th-16th** - A special table of items will be priced just right for the younger shopper! Mom, Dad, Grandma Hildy and Uncle Philoh ...Get your requests in!

Our **black oil sunflower** (which we have kept at as low a price as possible for you) is grown just down the road by **Matt Dedrick!**



**Aspen Song Choice Blend**, our mixed seed, is GREAT! We can also order other seeds. See what a difference quality seed will make.



Each bag is dated, because **BIRDS DON'T LIKE OLD, DIRTY SEED!** Our **Pine Tree Farms** suet/seed products are top quality. Made right in Trumansburg, it's the only brand I sell. \$.79 suets? Basically, a bunch of filler. **Watch our ads in The Shopper (Freeville) for sales/info.**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The end of November marks Rae's Roost's 4th birthday... and a lot of people still have NO idea we're here!! If you have a great idea for getting the word out, which doesn't cost a fortune in time or \$\$, please share!! If your idea is tried, you'll receive a free suet cake OR two B.B.s. IF YOUR IDEA IS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL, you get a free 40# bag of sunflower seed OR \$10 in B.B.s!! Write down your idea, your name and #, then place it in the box at Rae's Roost. *Final entry date: October 31st.*



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