



# Newsletter

2008 Fall

Written by Bakers' Acres staff

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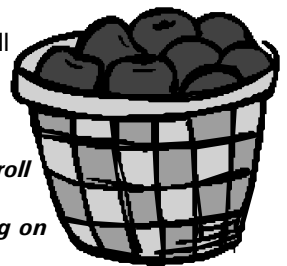
**A Great Fun-filled Day for the Whole Family!**

**Saturday, October 11**

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

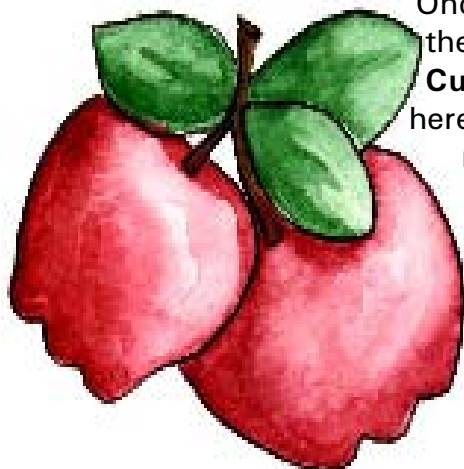
- Fresh-made Cider Doughnuts
- Fresh Cold Cider
- **Homemade goodies to purchase:**  
Cider doughnuts, apple butter, candy apples, sliced apples with caramel sauce and whip cream.
- **Jack Fick's Petting Zoo:** Pigs, goats, rabbits and more - 11-3.
- **Angel Tree Farm Alpacas** - 11-3.
- **Adopt a pet from Paul Burhans** more details inside
- **Pony rides** given by Red Jacket Pony club for \$3.00 per ride
- **U-Pick Apples**
- **Story Reading by Susan Rosenkoetter**, a Lansing native 11-3.
- **Cheryl The Clown** will be with us. 11-3.
- **Fingerlakes Dexter Creamery**-selling Kefir cheese they produce.
- **IPM Labs**- showing and talking about beneficial insects. 12-2.
- **Make-Your-Own 16" Bulb Planter** for mid winter pleasure. \$29.00
- **Le Garden Bakery**- selling gluten-free baked goods.
- **Wagon rides** - 11-3 for \$1.50 a person
- **Bob Baker's famous Chicken BBQ** - 11:30 -3.
- **4-H Cultural Exchange Club** - selling apple pie and providing face painting for the kids for a small fee (details inside).
- **Treasure Hunt** for all ages and **Lots More** throughout the day!

*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, BBQ all going on Sat. - 10-5 and Sun. 10-5*



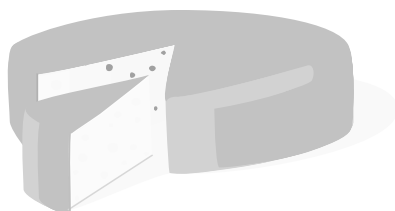
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# Apple Harvest

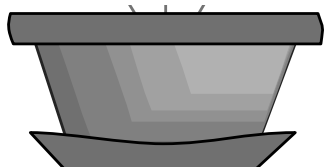


Once again we will have the **Tompkins County 4-H Cultural Exchange Club** here selling their almost-famous apple pies at **Bakers' Acres**. This group of area teens works hard to raise the funds needed to cover the costs of a two-year exchange with a similar club in another state.

We are very happy to have **Angel Tree Farm Alpacas**, a locally owned family alpaca farm in Lansing return. They have been raising alpacas on the farm since 2003 and they will be bringing alpacas. We have some new attractions this year. **Rose Marie Belforti** from **Finger Lakes Dexter Creamery** produces Kefir Cheese from their Irish Dexter cows on their farm located in King Ferry. **Le Garden Bakery** from North Lansing started a gluten-free bakery in 2005. They will have a selection of breads, cakes, cookies and much more. **Paul Burhans**, who is an animal warden for many counties in our area, will be here with as many cats and dogs as he can, to find new homes for them. **Red Jacket Pony Club** will be giving pony rides at a cost of \$3.00 per ride. The pony club is an international educational organization that supports the ideal of a happy confident rider. If you would like further information about the club visit their website <http://redjacket.ponyclub.org>.



This year we are trying a new activity. So many of you are looking for some color in February but don't have a place to chill your bulbs, if you pot them up that day, we will hold them until early Feb., and then you pick them up, take them home and watch them grow and bloom. You will pot in a 16" oval pot some daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, crocus, mini iris, and grape hyacinths. It should be a lot of fun to pot your own, watch them



bloom and then plant them in your own garden next spring. The cost will be \$29.00 and will include everything.

## U-Pick Apples

Last year we had more UPickers than ever. 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 and our one winged goose 'Bob' enjoys the company. He can not fly south with his friends so he is all alone back by the pond all winter.

So come out and bring some friends and enjoy our beautiful fall scenery. Picking usually begins in early September.

—Reenie

## Cider Doughnuts

Okay, okay we know how much everyone loves our doughnuts. So we are now going to do the donuts on 2 different days. The first day will be Sept 13<sup>th</sup> which is the first Saturday of our perennial sale and also the day we are having our Tufa Container class. These donuts are fantastic right out of the fryer, so get here early not only to shop but to munch on fresh cider donuts. Our cider will be pressed by then also.. We will again offer cider doughnuts at our Apple Harvest on Oct.11<sup>th</sup>. Sei is our new doughnut maker and she is very excited to go doughnut crazy at the Apple Harvest. She will keep producing batch after batch of those delicious hot cider doughnuts. If you would like to order a large number of doughnuts for an event just let us know and we will put Sei to work.

—Reenie

## Breadseed Poppies

The spectacular breadseed poppies (*Papaver somniferum*) have been in bloom 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 August and have them available for sale in mid-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 and leave your address and let us know if you want the pink or red poppies.

—Reenie

## Garden Tip

I know sometimes I repeat my garden tip but I do it because I want to remind you about something very important that we probably discussed in the spring and you need to do now, in the fall. If you have a plant or shrub that didn't flower right for you when it was supposed to, now is the time to apply Triple phosphate. It will help with the root growth and promote better flowering in the spring. Also mulching helps a lot. It holds the right moisture our plants need. All plants, trees or shrubs need some water in their root system before they go dormant to protect them through the winter and to assure a healthy plant, tree or shrub for the spring.

—Cathy

## Herbal Garden Tip

Don't forget! Before we get a hard frost, collect that last batch of basil to make pesto. Make lots of pesto, freeze them in ice cube trays. When frozen put into a sealed bag and continue to make more. Great way to have lots of pesto. Also be sure to bring in any of the tender perennial herbs you want to keep inside for the winter. Don't forget rosemary loves a cooler room with light. Lemon verbena will usually drop all its leaves and look like it is dead but it isn't, it is just dormant. Sometime in late February or early March it will start to leaf out again. Have fun with your herbs.

—Cathy

## OUR WEB SITE ([www.bakersacres.net](http://www.bakersacres.net))

We are beginning to update our website and make it a lot more informative and exciting to browse. You will have to watch for our changes. We will still have order forms for mailing apple gift baskets and boxes this fall. Don't forget Gift Certificates make great gifts. The order forms are still available on the website or you can give us a call at 607-533-4653 and we can send them in the mail to you. Also, as a reminder, if you would like occasional email notices and sales announcements from us, or would rather receive this newsletter by email, let us know. Our email address is [info@bakersacres.net](mailto:info@bakersacres.net).

—Reenie

## Preferred Customer Card

As we quickly approach Christmas and that Gift Giving time, don't forget that our Preferred Customer Card makes a wonderful gift. The card entitles you to a **10% discount** on any purchase for 1 year from the time you purchase it. You will also pick out one of our Bakers' Acres teeshirts and be put on our email list to contact you with unadvertised specials.

## Garden Room

The Garden Room was very busy starting in May and going through September with all of your special events. We have had bus tours, weddings, rehearsal dinners, anniversaries, birthdays, showers and family reunions. If you have a Garden Club, special party, wedding, or just want to have a fun day with a group of friends, give me a call and we can set things up for you in the Garden Room.

The Garden Room and pavilion **will continue to be open** this fall for groups of 20 or more for lunch or dinner. Please call 607-533-4653 to reserve your date.

The Garden Room will offer our last public event for the season with our famous Cornell barbecue chicken during the Apple Festival on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 3:00. You can enjoy your meal under the pavilion or in the Garden Room. We will end the meal with delicious apple pie made with our apples. Cost of the meal is \$10.50 for a ½ chicken dinner, \$8.75 for ¼ chicken dinner and \$5.00 for chicken alone. You do not want to miss our last barbecue for the season. **Reservations are appreciated**, so we know how many to prepare for.

—Reenie



## Fall Pansies

We have increased the number of pansies we grow every 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 large supply of fall pansies that will be ready in mid September.

## Landscape Plan

If you want a beautiful, unique and sustainable landscape begin with a plan. A plan helps to avoid many costly mistakes by taking certain factors into account. Every location has its own unique environmental conditions. Light, soil, water and wind play a role in determining plant selections. Without that analysis, many plants are doomed shortly after planting.

Collaborating with a designer also helps to clarify your ideas and needs. A plan addresses problem areas with inventive and practical solutions. Your landscape's hidden potential is seen in ways you never imagined. A landscape plan is simply a blueprint for success! Also make an appointment to meet with me on September 15<sup>th</sup> for a free 15 minute consultation. You will read more about this later in the newsletter.

**We offer landscape design service. For more information, contact Reenie at 607-533-4653 to schedule a consultation.**

—Luann

## Fall Bulbs

The ideal time to plant your bulbs is from now until the ground freezes. We continue to carry the old standbys, but this year I am getting in some new and unique cultivars of Hyacinth, Tulip, Narcissus, Muscari, Iris, Scilla, Anemone, and Crocus. We still will carry the spectacular Giganteum alliums that you see in our gardens during the summer. Also for those of you that see our Colchicums in the fall, now is the time to buy them. Colchicums are a fall blooming crocus that comes up in September with no leaves and just a large lavender flower. They are simply breathtaking as the perennials are beginning to go dormant and these spring-like bulbs appear. Also, many of you love our display of unusual bulbs that pop up in the spring. Cathy will continue to dig some of the more unusual bulbs out of Mom's gardens and sell them potted and in flower in the early spring. So come early in the spring when they are available or place your order now for pickup in the spring.



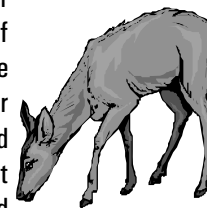
## Farewell to Jan

We said goodbye to our black lab, Jan, in early June. The hot humid days were more than his 14 year old body could take. We will miss him and look forward to the day that Mrs. Baker's dog Coey will be a good enough boy to come down to Bakers' Acres and join us. He is in an invisible fence now and tries very hard to protect Mrs. Baker and her home.



## Liquid Fence/Deer Scram

Many years ago we introduced a deer repellent called 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, its 100% money-back guaranteed.



Along with Liquid Fence, we are offering Deer Scram. Deer Scram is an organic, biodegradable composition product designed to repel deer with little or no impact on the environment. It contains a product that will repel deer from a distance away, so they will not come near your plants and gardens. It is sprinkled on the ground around the plants and will even work beneath 18 inches of snow. These products are applied very differently and both are guaranteed to work.

—Sarah

## Jack and Smokey

Jack and Smokey really miss Jan and they don't particularly like Coey. So they could use some cheering up. If you stop by to see the cats, you may or may not catch a glimpse of them. Jack and Smokey usually visit us during our lunch and at the end of the day which is their dinner time. The rest of the time they are out hunting the many acres of Bakers' Acres. The mouse and chipmunk population has been gratefully decreased. There is always nap time, however and they enjoy any attention whenever they can get it. So if you come by, be sure to see if you can comfort them.

—Reenie





## “THE GREAT PERENNIAL SALE” *September 12-21*

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. The “PERENNIAL SALE” will be a week long. All perennials \$3.99-6.99 will be “buy two at regular price; get one free of same value.” Perennials \$7.99 and up are 25% off. All herbs will be 25% off. All trees, shrubs and roses will be 25% off. There may also be lots of other specials going on at the last minute. Mark your calendar. Great Sale!

## SUPER TUFU PLANTER CLASS *September 13th - 10-12 PM*

We have not held our Super Tufa class for 5 years and so many of you have asked us to bring it back. So Cathy has agreed to teach it this year. You will have three shapes to choose from. The supplies you need to bring with you are: waterproof gloves, dust mask, a sturdy board at least 24" in diameter and be sure to wear old clothes. The super tufa pot will stay here for at least 2-3 days so it can dry for you. This is always a fun class. You will be amazed how easy this is to do. Cost \$25.00 (registration form on page 7)

## SCHOOL TOURS *September 22 - 26*

This fall we will do another week-long school program. We will still concentrate on apples and all of their stages of production but we will also get into bulbs and proper planting techniques. The kids will be able to take home a bulb with planting directions that they learned on our tour. This will make the tour more like the May Day format, but be geared to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Let us know if your school is interested. The tour will cost \$3.00 per student.

—Reenie

## ITHACA HARVEST WEEKEND

**Fri.-Sun., Sept. 26-Sept. 28**

Visit our booth on The Commons, where you can purchase our apples, apple cider and fruit butters. Fun for Everyone!

## CLOSING FOR THE SEASON OCTOBER 31

Although we are closing for the season on October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will still be open ‘By chance or by appointment’ until we reopen in March. 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. So as you have done in the past, call in your order (607-533-4653) and then set up a time to pick it up.

Reenie

## HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**Sat, Dec. 6<sup>st</sup> 11-1**

**Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3**

Another successful year has encouraged us to continue the Holiday Workshops. We will again offer 2 classes on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We will offer our four most popular hands-on decorations: evergreen wreath, boxwood tree, evergreen center piece and an evergreen/boxwood kissing ball. This year we will also bring back the popular ornament making table. This is a great activity for children or for anyone who wants to make a quick inexpensive gift. Sign up soon for these workshops, because they may fill up fast. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12, plus the cost of materials.

In previous years we have also offered this workshop to groups of 15 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. The cost for registration is \$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 on  
page 7.

# Beneficial Insects in all of our Retail Greenhouses

It was an exciting year here. As you all know, for several years now we have been working with IPM labs in Locke to attract beneficials to our greenhouse to control the bad insects. Well this year we worked with IPM Labs to use beneficials in all 3 greenhouses. We have learned a lot and just love some of the results we got. We also learned some failures but have a better idea how to do it next year. Each week we had Michelle Ten Eyck, our scout from IPM Labs, scout our greenhouses for insects and report to us on the pest/natural enemy balance. I know some of you wonder why we call her a scout. The reason is that is just what she does; she scouts in greenhouses for early detection and action nipped pest populations quickly. At Michelle's suggestion, we would use a beneficial to control the problem or plant material would be used to attract the problem. Michelle suggested we place a marigold plant on each table in the herb house to pull any thrips off of the herbs. Then when the marigold plant had many thrips, we replaced it with a new marigold plant and took the old marigold plant to the compost pile. Michelle reported that nearly all the thrips went to the marigolds, and very few thrips could be found on the adjacent herbs.

Did you happen to see our Aphid Guard barley grass plants? Not for sale, these plants supplied food to our aphid parasites and predators. Our cat Jack loved them too, chewing on the grass, which somewhat disrupted our project. Next year, we are thinking of putting the Aphid Guard barley into hanging baskets, so Jack can not get to them!

I truly love the fact we are becoming more "Eco-friendly". Anytime you visit and would like to know more about what we have done just ask or visit at Apple harvest on Oct. 11 because IPM labs will be here from 12-2 to show you beneficials and answer questions.

—Cathy

## 2nd Year of Guardian Plant Research With IPM Laboratories

Guardian plants protect other plants from pests by pulling the pests away from crop plants, and by supporting natural enemies. For the second year IPM Laboratories tested eggplants as Guardian Plants against the greenhouse whitefly. The eggplants attract the whitefly more strongly than most of the other greenhouse plants and serve as a reproduction site for the whitefly parasites.



the whitefly parasites were reducing the population.

What we have learned was plants talk to us all the time. It takes practice to learn to read their messages. The eggplants predicted which direction the whitefly population was headed in the greenhouse and told us that

## Guardian Plants Entered into Kathy Pufahl Memorial Container Design Contest

I had Bakers put together a lovely mixed hanging basket of Guardian Plants for IPM Labs to enter into the Kathy Pufahl Memorial Container Design Contest at the Cornell Floriculture Field Day Program. The hanging basket contained Gartenmister Fuchsia, Bonanza marigolds, sweet alyssum, barley, sweet potato vine, and lantana....IPM Laboratories has used each of these plants to indicate pest presence and serve for beneficial release sites in our greenhouses.

—Carol S. Glenister

## Creations by Carol

This spring and fall has been a very challenging growing season with the cold, dry May and then all the rain since that time. Despite the weather, my flower crop is lovely once again! I will have fall and general arrangements, wreaths and more at Baker's by latter part of August. Look for my creations to be decorating with.

—Carol

## Recycling Pots

We love to help out and not fill the landfills with anymore then we have to. So if you have any of our pots that you would like to return please do so. Just stop by the front desk to show us what you have and if we can use them we will. Thanks for helping with recycling.

—Cathy

## Fundraising Ideas

This past spring we tried out our new fundraising for not-for-profit groups with 6 different groups. We were very pleased with the results and plan to do it again next spring. If you have a group that needs to raise some easy money just give me a call (607-533-4653)

—Reenie

# CLASS REGISTRATION FORMS

## SUPER TUFA CLASS

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 – 12 PM.

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

**Registration deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 10. Cost \$25.00**

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

## HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Sat. Dec. 6, 11 AM. – 1 PM and

Sun. Dec 7, 1 PM. – 3 PM

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

**Choose class time 12/6 11-1AM or 12/7 1-3 PM**

**Registration deadline: Wednesday, Dec.3.**

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Time** \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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**Garden Room**

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