



Newsletter

2008 Spring/Summer

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Written by Bakers' Acres staff

Spring Open House

Fri.-Sun. ~ March 14 - 16

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



We have been busy this past fall and this winter. Along with revamping our website, we are trying to spruce up our sales area. We built a new entrance to the perennial sales frames which is very nice. We also added a new sales room to our Red Barn where we will sell all of our pottery from. So I hope you will all be eager to come out and see it and smell all of those exciting, first signs of spring. As you know with Easter earlier this year we are opening 2 weeks early. But still the greenhouses will all be full of herbs and lots of color. Bulbs will be in flower and pansies in bud or bloom. Again we will have a new seed line Botanical Interest and Renee seeds. They will be on sale for a 20% discount. We also decided to sell all of our books at 50% off. There are a lot of great books to choose from. Come collect our plant lists from the Information Center and sit and leisurely read them at one of our tables in the Gift Shop.



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New Perennials for 2008

Each year I like to look for new perennials and give them a try. The following are just a few of the new ones. Stop in and pick up a perennial list. I think you will be excited just like I am.

Achillea millefolium 'Apricot Delight', 'Pomegranate' and 'Strawberry Seduction (right) – colors of pale apricot to near red, rich velvety red too velvety red with bright gold centers.

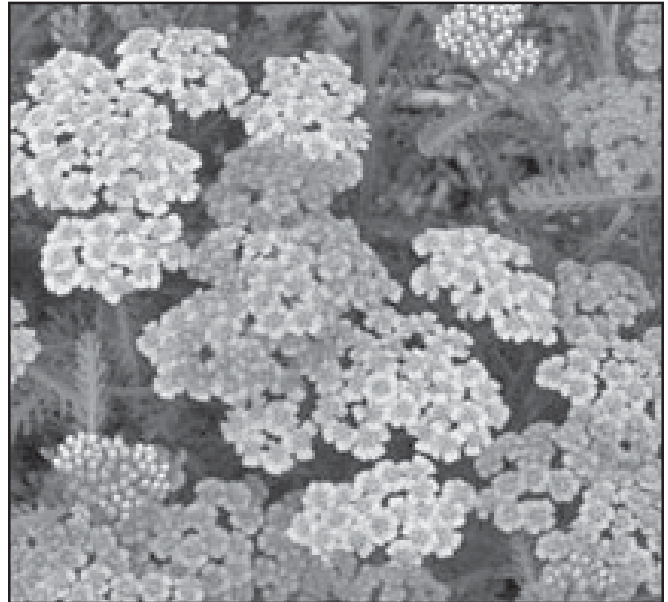
Campanula persicifolia 'Chettle Charm' – 18-36" in height with large bell shaped white flowers edged in soft violet. Blooms in summer.

Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance' – 12-18" in height. Wide green leaves with prominent creamy white margins.

Dianthus x allwoodii 'Aqua' – 12-15" in height with fragrant, double white flowers.

Echinacea purpurea 'Pink Double Delight' – 18-24" in height with true bright pink pom-pom like flowers.

Gaura lindheimeri 'Passionate Blush' – 15-18" in height with stiff red stems with soft medium pink flowers.



Hemerocallis 'Longfield's Ice Cup' – 6" in height with creamy white large blooms with green throat. Rebloomer.

Hemerocallis 'Strawberry Candy' – 26" in height with 4" strawberry pink flowers with dark red edge.

Heuchera 'Citronella' – 6" in height with clusters of tiny, creamy white bell flowers and lime green leaves.

Iris germanica 'Before The Storm' – 37" in height and darkest bearded iris, almost black. Has a light fragrance.

Iris germanica 'Harvest of Memories' (left) – 38" in height. Bright yellow flowers and have a sweet fragrance.

Leucanthemum superbum 'Sonnenschein' – 30-36" in height. Huge lemon-yellow blooms with yellow centers. Afternoon shade helps keep the color.

Lilium asiatic 'Blackbird', 'Lollypop' and 'Navona' – colors of dark red, bicolored white with purplish tips and white.

Mukdenia rossii 'Karasuba' – 8-12" in height. Green, fan shaped leaves with starchy white flowers in the spring. As the leaves age, deep red tones creep inward from the edges. Fire red fall color.

Polystichum polyblepharum 'Tassel Fern' – 12-24" in height. It forms a broad, symmetrical spreading crown with large, glossy leaves.

Scabiosa columbaria 'Pink Lemonade' – 8-12" in height. The first variegated Scabiosa with charming pink flowers all summer.

Solidago sphacelata 'Golden Fleece' – 15-18" in height. Rich textured goldenrod, heavy flowers. Great ground cover.

Veronicastrum virginicum 'Fascination' – 40" in height. Has 15" long racemes of lilac-rose flowers. Great cut flower.

Zauschneria garrettii 'Orange Carpet' – 3-6" in height. Fast growing ground cover. Great for rock gardens. Clusters of orange-scarlet flowers.

—Cathy

Perennial of the Year... Geranium "Rozanne"

Hardy for zones 5 – 8. Thrives in full sun to partial shade. Prefers moist, well-drained soil. Has large violet-blue flowers with purple-violet veins and small white centers offer non-stop flowering



through the growing season. It has one of the longest flowering periods of any of the hardy geraniums. Use as a ground cover or as specimen plant. Good companion plant to Shasta daisy, salvia, hostas, grasses and lots more.

—Cathy

New Special Annuals for 2008

There are a lot of new specialty annuals and I think we have added more this year than ever. I will first talk about our large list of succulents. Succulents offer a variety of leaf shapes, texture and color. They are so easy to grow because they need very little water and fertilizer. These are plants that I love and am glad to see them popular again.



This year I have added many new varieties of **Agave, Aptenia, Echeveria, and Senecio** to our already large selection. Other additions that we have added are:

Alocasia 'Hilo Bold' – Lovely Elephant Ear with variegated leaves.

Alocasia infernalis 'Kapit' – Darkest leaf Elephant Ear.

Anagallis 'Wildcat Blue' (left) – Tall deep blue flower that blooms from late spring until early fall with no break. I saw this in a trial garden and fell in love with this bright blue flower.

Begonia 'Bonfire' – Trailing begonia with an abundance of red-orange flowers. Outstanding.

Argyranthemum 'Bright Carmine' – Bright fuchsia/pink daisy bloom. You will love this plant.

Cleome 'Senorita Rosalita' – We saw this in the Cornell Trial Garden on Bluegrass Lane and we all fell in love with it. This tall bright pink cleome is sterile, no thorns and not sticky. You will love it.

Christia obcordata 'Swallow Tail' – A very novel plant that looks like a swarm of butterflies.

Coleus 'Black Magic' 'Colleen' 'Electric Lime' 'Solar Sunrise' 'Yellow Dragon' – We keep on adding exciting new coleus. But the leaf color and shapes are irresistible.

Exactum 'Navy Star' – I saw this flower at the Ohio Short Course and fell in love. It is a deep blue flower with a yellow center. I am so excited to carry this.

Lantana 'Luscious Grape' (right) – Besides the fact that we all love lantana, we are now convinced that lantana is one of the best plants to attract beneficial insects. So when we saw this lovely lavender flowering lantana, it was a no brainer to add this to our list.

Lobelia 'Blue Star' – We love the vegetatively grown lobelias because they are so much sturdier and longer lasting than the seed varieties. 'Blue Star' is a darker blue than our other variety.

Mandivilla 'Pretty Pink' – Any of you who purchased the red Mandivilla last year. know what a spectacular hanging basket that is. We will be carrying them again this year and we also will have the pink variety.

Musa sumatrana 'Zebrina' – Our first Banana Tree that will stay short for a large container and has very attractive foliage.

Penstemon 'Phoenix Red' – This colorful upright spike will grow up to 22" tall. Does well in the heat and also in cool conditions. Ideal in gardens and in large containers.

Petunia 'Mystic Pink' – This lovely petunia offers a color that I have not seen before. It is a unique shade of pink with a white center.

Petunia 'Supertunia Bubblegum' – This bright pink petunia is becoming one of the most popular supertunias.

Petunia (Calibrachoa) Superbells 'Dreamcicle' and 'Saffron' – I am happy to add these 2 new colors (orange and bright yellow) to our superbell list.

Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender' – I saw this plectranthus at the Ohio State botanical gardens. It is a vining spreader with green/gray foliage with lavender spike flowers. This plant will serve 2 valuable purposes, in a garden or a container.



—Reenie

New Herbs for 2008

Every year I try to bring in some new and interesting herbs. Basil is always a fun one. You would not believe how many varieties there are. Both of the thymes are great for walkways. The Origanum Amethyst Falls will make a nice pot herb, it will add a lot of interest to a pot or your garden. Thanks to some of our wonderful customers for asking,

I will have parsley available in 4 paks. And who knows maybe a few other things. Enjoy!

Basil, Aroma 2 – Has a 3" leaf with a strong flavor, slow for bolting. Annual

Beebalm, 'Raspberry Wine' – 24-36" in height. Raspberry-like buds open to clear wine-red flowers. Highly mildew-resistant. Perennial.

Origanum x 'Amethyst Falls' – ornamental hops-like flowers and attractive, textured glaucous leaves, this drought resistant plant's foliage fills the garden air with its exciting spicy scent. Height is 8-12". Perennial

Salvia officinalis 'Sage of Bath' – very silvery slender leaves. Delightful fruity sage scent fills the space around this handsome plant. Ornamental as well as culinary. Height is 18". Perennial

Thymus praecox 'Nutmeg' – Fast growing groundcover great for stepping stones. Strong spicy nutmeg aroma. Small purple flowers in spring. Height 1-2". Perennial

Thymus praecox 'Porlock' – Excellent for both cooking and pathways. Has pink flowers. Height is 2". Perennial

—Cathy

Herb of the Year... *Calendula officinalis*

Hardy annual. One of the most colorful herbs for the garden and kitchen. Known also as the poet's marigold or pot marigold. The flowers smell like honey, slightly spicy and woody-reminiscent of fresh rhubarb or angelica flowers and their flavor is pleasantly mild and vegetable-sweet. The dried petals can be used as a saffron substitute because they impart a rich golden color. Other uses for the petals are vegetable dishes, salads, herb butters, baked goods and soups. The nice thing about calendula is that they self-sow and reappear next year in your garden.



--Cathy

New Annuals for 2008



Pat has added a lot of new annuals to her list this year. She gets a lot of requests and does her best to locate them. Along with a lot of new pansies, cosmos, impatiens, and violas she has also added new unusual annuals.

Lisianthus 'Forever Blue' – Beautiful cut flower.

Rudbeckia 'Radiance' – Pat saw this annual in the Cornell trial gardens and fell in love. This plant's flower count and performance is outstanding and we think you will agree.

Stock 'Midget Mix' (above) – Another cool weather plant that is an excellent cut flower.

Vinca 'Sun Devil' varieties – There is no better annual for the hot dry summers, but these new 'Sun Devil' varieties are F1 Hybrids and are disease resistant.

—Reenie

New Trees & Shrubs for 2008

Tompkins County is very fortunate that **RPM Ecosystems** chose Dryden as their Northeast location to grow their patented natural process to grow trees and shrubs faster. Using the RPM process, results in trees and shrubs reaching maturity 3 times faster than non-RPM grown trees. They also specialize in native trees and shrubs. This year we will be offering their 1 year old plants. These trees and shrubs are just under 4ft. and are in a 3 gal. container. The advantage to you is you will pay less for your trees and shrubs, and they will continue growing faster for you in your yard. So we will have the following native trees and shrubs available in the 3 gal. container. Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Red Buckeye, Pagoda Dogwood, Silky Dogwood, Tulip-Poplar, Ironwood, Common Hoptree, Swamp White Oak, and Northern Red Oak.

We will be offering a class on Native trees and shrubs, taught by Leslie from RPM. Look for details later in the newsletter.

—Reenie

DESIGNING WITH FORM

Many focus on color in the garden and although color adds life and vibrancy, it is but one element to consider when designing a garden. When a garden is first viewed we see masses, but given a closer look these masses are actually patterns and shapes that distinguish the garden and give the site its character. For example, a weeping atlas cedar *Cedrus atlantica* 'Glauca Pendula' softens and adds romance. It can be used as a living canopy or to point the way. Weeping forms draw the eye downward leading one to take in another layer, perhaps a mass of fragrant chamomile.

When starting out don't focus on specific plants, think of their form as structures, silhouettes, or negative space. Round/mounding shapes cause the eye to linger. Spikes, fan/bowl/airy shapes add drama and interest.

Specimens add focal points and more drama. Once you have a pleasing composition visit a nursery and select plants that correspond to your drawing. That's when the fun begins! **To set up a design consultation, call Reenie at 607-533-4653.**



*Last fall, in one day, I did several free 20 min. sessions and really enjoyed myself. So this year I will be doing this once a month for 4 months. The dates I will be here is **March 15, April 19, May 3, and June 7, from 10AM to Noon.** You will need to pre-register for your 20 min. session and also bring along a photo of your site you would like to focus on. Call 533-4653. —Luann*

Tea Blends

I always like to remind you about our teas we make. I have about 23 different varieties. These teas are a lot of fun to make. If you have a group of 12 or more you could set up your own time with me to have your own class and enjoy making these teas as much as I do. Call for details. Be sure to check the varieties out they make nice flavors for parties or even just a nice thank you gift. They are also great to put in gift baskets.

—Cathy

New Roses for 2008

If you haven't noticed our roses here at Bakers' Acres, I invite you to check out our extensive collection. We carry 50 different varieties of roses, including Hybrid Teas, Climbers, Shrubs, Floribundas, English Shrub, Rugosas, Antiques, Miniatures and new this year Tree Roses.

Some of our new varieties are:

'Jacob's Robe' - A climbing rose that has all the colors of 'Joseph's Coat' but has more vigor, glossy deep green leaves, hardier and better disease resistance.

'Lemon Meringue' - A very hardy yellow climber that is fragrant. Blooms on new and old wood.

'Blanc Double De Coubert' - Large double white flowers that are very fragrant. Very tidy habit that is hardy and disease resistant. Red hips in the fall.

'Dream Come True' - tall, upright grandiflora with golden petals edged with ruby.

'Falling in Love' (above) - This strongly fragrant hybrid tea has warm pink petals with a cream reverse.

'Tiddly Winks' - Miniature rose with orange pink & glowing yellow bicolor.

—Reenie



Information Center

If you did not make it up to our Information Center last year then by all means you should this year. All of our lists and information sheets are located up in our Gift Shop and Information Center. We also display our higher end products in the Gift Shop and have tables to enjoy our drinks and food snacks that we offer up there. So if you haven't visited before, just take a hard right as you walk through the door to our cash register room, and relax with a cold drink and very informative reading.

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The **plant lists are on or will be on our site soon**, so you can check out what we're offering this year at www.bakersacres.net/plants.htm.

Coming soon... a **new, robust** web site. We will be adding a "What's Happening at Bakers' Acres" section to keep you posted of happenings and specials. We will be adding more pictures so you can visualize what is going on. We may also 'throw' in pictures of the "celebrities" that work at and visit Baker's Acres.

—Dave

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

2008 Spring & Summer Events

Basic Fruit Tree Pruning Seminar

Sat., March 15 1-3 p.m.

Do you have fruit trees in your yard, but are not sure where to start when it comes to pruning them? You are not alone! Come out to Bakers' Acres and join Hugh Ink from Cornell Orchards as he describes the basics of pruning fruit trees. Hugh has worked at Cornell for 33 years and has pruned thousands of trees and has worked with the "expert" pruners. The seminar will cover the purpose of pruning and the fundamentals of fruit tree growth and fruit production. We will also coach you on how to decide what cuts to make and how much to take off of the tree. Dress warmly because we will be going outside after the class session to try your newly learned skills. This seminar will help you make that tree in your yard into a productive member of your garden and provide your family with nature's best treat! The class will be held at the Bakers' Acres classroom and out in the orchard.

Cost \$15.00. Deadline Wed., March 12. Registration form on page 10

What's New and Exciting with Perennials, Special Annuals and Shrubs

Sat., April 19, 10-11a.m.

Join Reenie and Cathy at this class to see and hear about all the new plants we have for sale this year. We have a lot of cool perennials, special annuals and shrubs that will add some nice interest to your gardens. We will give information on their growing habits and where they fit in the best. Those that attend this class also receive a \$5.00 off coupon on your next purchase.

Cost \$5.00 Deadline Wed. April 16. Registration form on page 10

Perennial Maintenance 101 and Garden Tour

Sat., April 19, 1-3 p.m.

Join Cathy and you will learn about soil preparation and amendments. We will discuss fertilizing, plant division and planting, insect problems and then tour the gardens to monitor spring activity. Be sure to dress for the weather because we will go outside. You will go home with lots of ideas and things you may need to do to your gardens.

Cost \$10.00 Deadline Wed. April 16. Registration form on page 10

Combination Container Gardens Using New and Exciting Annuals

Sat., April 26, 1-3 p.m.

We are very excited to have Dick Ferguson once again teach this class for us. If you took this class last year you know how knowledgeable he is and how much fun this class is.

Dick will first talk about the correct potting soils and fertilizers to use. Then he will discuss design including color, texture, repetition, height and sun requirements. For those of you that took the class last year, he will take color combinations to the next level using a color wheel. After that we will let you loose at our potting benches to design your own container garden. He has asked that you bring your own container that is 12" or larger. We of course have plenty of pottery or plastic containers to choose from if you wish. Just come early to pick it out. I really think you will enjoy this and will be able to create your own container garden. You are welcome to leave your garden here in one of our back greenhouses to grow on and become established, but they must be picked up by Mother's Day Weekend. We promise not to sell it no matter how beautiful it is.

**Cost: \$10.00 plus any plant materials. Deadline Wed., April 23.
Registration form on page 11**

Native Trees and Shrubs Class

Sat. May 3 1-2 PM

Leslie from RPM Ecosystems will be giving a talk on the importance on planting Natives. She will discuss conservation restoration, biofuels for renewable energy and carbon sequestration. She will also tell us the story of RPM and why their trees are superior. I am sure you will be fascinated with this business that is practically in our back yard. RPM's trees using this patented growing technique are sold all over the U.S. and even around the world. You don't want to miss this talk.

You will leave the class with a \$5.00 off coupon
(good that day with a purchase of a tree or shrub)

Cost \$5.00 Deadline Wed. April 30th. Registration form on page 11



Mother's Day Weekend Special Events

Fri.-Sun., May 9 -11

We want our Mothers to be treated special on this weekend. Bring her to Bakers' Acres for a walk, a tour of the gardens, buffet at the Garden Room or just to roam around the colorful greenhouses. We will have our **hanging baskets and rose bushes specially priced at 15% off when purchased as a Mother's Day gift.**

Early Morning Bird Walk and Breakfast

Sat., May 10, 7 a.m.

We will once again meet in the Garden Room at 7 a.m. sharp! for a cup of coffee or herbal tea. **Martha Fisher** returns to talk to us and then begin her excellent guided tour. Be sure to wear boots and appropriate clothing for the weather because we will go rain or shine. Binoculars are a must so you can see those hard-to-find birds. We will circle the pond and head for the woods. We will sight many lovely birds migrating or building nests. We usually see 20-30 different species.

We are always happy to have the veteran birders join us to point out some unexpected surprises for those of us who are not so experienced.

We will return to the Garden Room for a continental breakfast. While we eat, Martha, will continue answering questions and tells us about her daily experiences and research.

Cost: Birdwalk \$10.00 Breakfast \$8.00

Register by Wednesday, May 9. Registration form onpage 11

Mother's Day Buffet

Sun., May 11 - 11:00 a.m., 1:30 & 4:00 p.m.

With the flowers blooming and the birds singing, what better place to bring Mom to honor her on this special day. This is also one of the few times that you will be able to eat our famous Barbecue Chicken cooked by our expert chicken chef, Jeff Sandsted. Also there will be asparagus quiche with freshly picked asparagus, homemade salads, breads, muffins and Kendra's famous desserts. We use our own herbs for more flavor and edible flowers.

Reservations are necessary, as we have limited space, so call 607-533-4653.

Price: Adults - \$14.95; Children - \$10.95 (Plus tax and gratuity.)

Mark these upcoming 2008 Bakers' Acres Dates on your calendar now!

Sept.26-28 - Ithaca Apple Harvest Festival

Oct.11 - Apple Festival

Oct. 31 - Bakers' Acres Closes

Dec. 6 - Holiday Workshops

Don't Miss These Events!

Arbor Day Weekend Fri.-Sun. April 25-27

This year we will have **Norway Spruce seedlings** for \$1.00. We will again offer Blue Spruce transplants for \$3.00. We also have Canaan Fir, Norway Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce, and Fraser Fir all in gallon containers for \$11.99 each. Don't forget that Norway and Blue Spruce are fast-growing and deer resistant.

Save 20% on Bareroot fruit trees, asparagus and strawberry plants.

Apple: Royal Empire, Bucheye Gala, Honeycrisp, Improved Mac, Rubinstar Jonagold, Red Braeburn, Northern Spy.
Peach: Redhaven, Flamin' Fury.
Cherry: Montmorancy, Lapins (on a dwarf stock), Black Tartarian, Van.
Pears: Sweet Harrow, Bartlett.
Plums: Stanley, Shiro.
Nectarine: Flavortop
Strawberry plants: Fort Laramie, Red Chief, Tristar, Honeyoye.
Other potted fruit shrubs and plants available at regular prices: blackberry, blueberry, boysenberry, currant, gooseberry, grape, raspberry, black raspberry and rhubarb.

MAY DAY CELEBRATION April 28-May 2

We will again offer our May Day tour to groups of children. The tour is geared toward kindergarten and first graders. We tour and learn about gardening. We dance around the Maypole and the kids each take home a tree seedling. The cost is \$3.00 per student and a lot of fun. This is our 18th year and we are looking forward to several schools visiting us again this year. Don't forget we have a picnic pavilion for the kids to eat their bagged lunch under.

—Reenie

Geranium Weekend May 2-4

We ran out of geraniums early last year so we are growing a lot more this year. You will see them the minute you walk through the door into Greenhouse #1. There will be *special prices* on all of our tender geraniums this weekend.

Our new fancy leaf geraniums continue to be very popular, especially the 'Vancouver Centennial', 'Sidoedes' with the dainty burgundy flower. We have a new one this year called Indian Dunes and we like it very much. Check out our wide range of geraniums with some wonderful names. This year if you look at our list you will see that we have a lot of new varieties. We also carry a variety of cascades and ivy geraniums. So come out this weekend and buy them at a discounted price while we still have them.

It is also time to plant cole crops, namely broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage. Other plants ready for planting are lettuce, mesclun, onions, leeks, pansies, primrose, hardy herbs, perennials, shrubs and trees.

—Reenie

Cooperative Extension Garden Plant Fair and Sale SAT., MAY 17 • 9-1

Ithaca High School (Cayuga St. off Route 13 at Stewart Park Exit). Come see us!

Memorial Day Weekend Sale

Great weekend to start your summer planting. Stop out to get all your annuals, veggies, herbs and perennials. Don't forget your soil products and mulch. We'll also have a great selection of urns, window boxes and planters. Bring in your urns early so we can get them ready to go for you.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

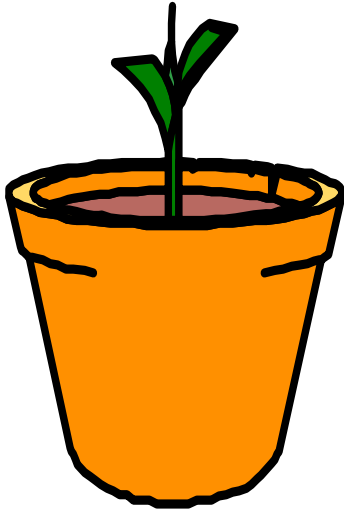
Father's Day Celebration

This year we are sticking with our Antique car theme and have invited Car Pride to come and display their wonderful antique car collection. They will be here from 11-2 PM on Sunday, June 15. We will also have our Father's Day Chicken Barbecue from 11:30 - 3. Bring Dad for a chicken dinner and enjoy your meal under the pavilion surrounded by antique cars and gardens.

Have Your Urns and Window Boxes Filled

Bring them here during the **first half of May** if you want us to plant them. This will give the plants time to harden off and be ready for Memorial Day weekend. We will also have planters filled with beautiful flowers ready for purchase on Memorial Day weekend.

A Quick Note from the Perennial Grower



Last year I told you about the new information you would find on the perennial signs in the sales area, which was deer resistant and the zone. This year you will find that we went back to as many signs as we could that would show a color picture of the perennial. We realize that it is very hard to know what a certain perennial will look like when it flowers, when all you see in the pots are leaves. We hope these new signs will help.

—Cathy

Consortium News

The consortium we belong to, “Merchants & More on Cayuga’s East Shore,” is continuing to go strong with our new members. We welcome John Joseph Inn, Angle Tree Alpaca Farm, Benn Conger Inn and Cleaveland Antiques which is under new management. Check out our website at www.cayugaseastshore.com or pick up a brochure at any of the 18 businesses.

—Reenie

Antique Lodge

The Antique Lodge (at this time) is still packing and moving their antiques to their new location which is just a couple of miles up the road. The new shop will be run by Dance Hall Antiques as Lorraine is officially retired. We wish them the best of luck. Soon the Lodge will be empty and looking forward to its new tenants. If you have any ideas or are interested in renting it just call me 607-533-4653. The possibilities are endless.

—Reenie

Garden Room

Last year was one of the busiest years yet in the Garden Room. We hosted many garden clubs, senior citizen groups, anniversaries, weddings, showers and more. We will continue to offer our famous Cornell Barbecue Chicken to the public on Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and Apple Harvest Day. The Garden Room will continue to be open for groups of 20 or more only.

So, if you have a garden club, retirement, birthday or other special event or group, give us a call to set up a time for your event and/or dinner. We will be happy to cook one of our herbal dinners or Chicken Barbecue. I have already booked several bus tours and events so give me a call so we can fit you in.

—Reenie



Jack and Smokey

Jack and Smokey continue to keep our mice population down and entertain Cathy and myself this winter. Jo takes good care of them but they are looking forward to have the other staff return and see all of you, that pay more attention to them than we do.

—Reenie

IPM Laboratories and Bakers’ Acres

For three years we have been working with IPM Labs in Locke on using guardian plants or we call them banker plants in our herb house to help with insect control. The banker plants would supply food for the good insects to survive and stay in the greenhouse and eliminate the bad insects. It has shown great results. Last year was the first year we worked with IPM Labs on an eggplant experiment with our specialty annuals. Once the eggplant became good size it would pull any whitefly problem we had to it and away from the specialty annual. We are hoping to get another grant this year to continue working with the eggplant. Be sure to stop in and see if we are doing this project again. The great news I have is we decided it was time to continue working on a Beneficial Insects program for all three of our greenhouses. We have talked with IPM Labs and they set up a schedule of releasing biological controls with us still putting banker plants in all three greenhouses. I am very excited for this program to start because we can say we don’t use chemical control anymore and if we have to maybe it will only be safer soap. Please be sure to check it out and ask questions, I would be very happy to show and tell you about it.

—Cathy

REGISTRATION FORMS

BASIC FRUIT TREE PRUNING SEMINAR

Saturday, March 15, 1 - 3 p.m

Deadline: Wednesday, March 12.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

Class fee: \$15.00

WHAT'S NEW AND EXCITING WITH PERENNIALS, SPECIAL ANNUALS AND SHRUBS

Saturday, April 19, 10 - 11 a.m.

Deadline: Wednesday, April, 16

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

Class fee: \$5.00

PERENNIAL MAINTENCE 101 AND GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, April 19, 1 - 3 p.m.

Deadline: Wednesday, April, 16

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

Class fee: \$10.00

CONTAINER GARDENS

USING NEW AND EXCITING ANNUALS

Saturday, April 26, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Deadline: Wednesday, April 23.

Class limit: 20.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

Class fee: \$10.00 plus any plant material.

NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS CLASS

Saturday May 3, 1-2 p.m

Deadline: Wednesday, April 30

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

Class fee: \$5.00

BIRD WALK AND BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 10, 7 a.m.

Deadline: Wednesday, May 7

Class limit: 20.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

Class fee: Bird Walk - \$10.00 Breakfast - \$8.00

SPACE IS LIMITED.....REGISTER EARLY

Enclose the form(s) of the classes you would like to attend and send with your check to Bakers' Acres, "Attn.: Bookkeeper"

In cases of insufficient registration a class may be canceled.

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