

Celebrating 30 Years ~ 1980-2010



Newsletter

2010 Spring

Written by Bakers' Acres staff

30 Years at Baker's Acres

The time has flown by. . . Baker's Acres is 30 years old!

I have lived in Lansing 80 of my 90 years, and Baker's Acres has been our home for 60. When I began Baker's Acres, I wanted to encourage landscape design that included shrubs and especially perennials. Until the latter half of the century perennials were not widely used in gardens. Since childhood perennials have been my love. When we moved to our farm in North Lansing, my mother-in-law brought me wheelbarrow loads of old fashioned and new perennials, and I planted them in my first garden. Now we have over 20 display gardens.

After our six children were grown and educated, I wanted to broaden my gardening horizons, so I went back to Cornell for Horticultural and Business courses, to help me plan a business. By then I was 60 years old. We decided Bob would not yet retire from Cornell, because we needed him as our "banker" in the business. He grew up on a fruit farm in Sodus, so we definitely had to include an apple orchard and an asparagus planting.

In 1980 we built our first 100-foot greenhouse, and I wondered how we would ever fill it. But by 1984 we had three main houses, and today we have an additional fifteen hoop houses and two large cold frames to hold all of our stock.

For the first four years after Baker's Acres opened I was the only full time worker. Family, friends and neighbors were often pressed into service. In 1987 my daughter Reenie had left her job at Boyce Thompson, and she became my full time manager. In 1980 Cathy Kessler worked as a part time employee, assisting me with all the work that needed to be done. Eventually she became herb and perennial manager, and this year I am proud to announce she is becoming a full partner in the business. When Baker's Acres first opened I had one kind of perennial - delphiniums. Now Cathy oversees over 1,000 different kinds of perennials, as well as over 250 varieties of herbs.

In 1994 we bought the Masonic lodge next door. It eventually became the Tea Room (now called the Garden Room). For years we have served Bob's Cornell chicken barbeque, herb-themed teas and lunch there.

By 2000 my eyesight and hearing were limited, and I was ready to retire. Reenie, backed by Cathy and their staff of devoted workers, took over the business. Even with the present economy, today it is a better run place, thanks to Reenie, her new partner Cathy, and all their hard work. It is pure pleasure for me to walk through the gardens, or to sit by the window in winter and watch the birds come to eat and drink. A new addition to our gardens this year is "Mr. Skip," a huge boulder of Tully limestone that is many millions of years old.

Hilary Clinton said, "It takes a village to raise a child." In our case, it took a family to build a business, and a community of friends to keep it growing. Thank you, it has given me 30 years of pleasure.

-Jackie Baker



Jackie Baker, her dog Coe, and the boulder nicknamed "Mr. Skip", in the gardens at Baker's Acres.

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NEW PERENNIALS FOR 2010



DEER RESISTANT

Astrantia 'Ruby Wedding'

This year I have added about 40 new perennials. I will list just a few so be sure to stop in and pick up a new perennial list. I am really excited about my choices.

Asclepias incarnate Cinderella – loves moist soil but will tolerate some drier locations. Has soft pink flowers and sweet vanilla scent. Deer resistant.

Astrantia 'Ruby Wedding' – dark red flower heads. Flowers early and reblooms late summer. Prefers partial or full shade and moist but well-drained soil.

Baptisia x Solar Flare Prairieblues – unique flowers open lemon yellow and gradually turn to orange as the flowers age. Deer resistant.

Boltonia latisquama 'Jim Crockett' – compact selection with Aster-like flowers, blooms mid-to-late summer with masses of violet-blue flowers with yellow centers. Deer resistant.

Campanula punctata 'Cherry Bells' – forms compact rosettes of soft green foliage, tall erect stems produce large dangling cherry-pink blossoms with reddish-purple spots. Reblooms if deadheaded.

Campanula poscharskyana 'Blue Waterfall' – vigorous low-growing habit with sprays of starry lavender-blue flowers all summer. Deer resistant.

Chasmanthium latifolium 'River Mist' – striking green and white variegated foliage. Great specimen grass. Late summer or early fall produces dangling oats that provide interest into the winter.

Delosperma dyeri 'Red Mountain' – glowing burnished-red flowers with succulent-type foliage. Drought resistant. Deer resistant.

Dianthus 'Frosty Fire' – forms attractive mounds of blue-green foliage, double red carnation-like flowers. If deadheaded plants will rebloom. Deer resistant.

Dianthus 'Strawberry Sorbet' – wonderful compact plants with narrow blue-green foliage, striking two-tone flowers of light bright pink petals surrounded by velvety red centers and edges, very fragrant and drought tolerant.

Dicentra x King of Hearts – large rose flowers, better rebloomer and blue-gray foliage. Deer resistant.



DEER RESISTANT

Dicentra x King of Hearts

Digitalis purpurea 'Pam's Choice' – basal rosette of leaves with tall spikes densely packed with white flowers with speckled maroon throats. Stunning biennial. Deer resistant.

Echinacea purpurea 'Fragrant Angel' – gorgeous white coneflower with fragrant blossoms. Deer resistant.

Euphorbia polychrome 'Bonfire' – turns maroon-red with blazing reddish-orange tips. Flowers have bright chartreuse-gold for all season color. Foliage first emerges green but quickly contrasts nicely with the darker foliage. Holds the color throughout summer and fall. Deer resistant.

Pulmonaria 'Majeste' – stunning recent introduction with solid silver-gray leaves edged with a fine dark green line, extremely heat tolerant, blue flowers. Deer resistant.

Salvia pratensis Eveline – taller and bushier Salvia with larger foliage, tall bicolor spires of light pink flowers with dark violet calyces. Deer resistant.



DEER RESISTANT

Campanula poscharskyana 'Blue Waterfall'

—Cathy

NEW SPECIAL ANNUALS FOR 2010

Although this is a year we are trying to be more conservative, and keep our love for new items under control, we can not ignore the increased interest in new and exciting specialty annuals. Having said that, here is our list on new special annuals. Sorry I could not control myself.

Begonia 'Red Kiss' 'Salsa' – Two new Rex Begonias with foliage that you will love.

Begonia Illumination 'Peaches and Cream'- We have loved the hanging variety Illumination Apricat so we are getting in another color.

Coleus 'Kingswood Torch' 'Kiwi Fern' 'Red Head' 'Tilt a Whirl' 'Trusty Rusty'– We keep on adding exciting new coleus. But the leaf color and shapes are irresistible.



Kiwi Fern Coleus



Sedum hakonense 'Chocolate Balls'

Dahlia Dark Angel 'Pretty Woman' – Single pink flowers on unique dark foliage.

Diasia 'Flirt Orange' – Brilliant bright orange flowers throughout the season.

Fuchsia 'Angel Earring Snowfire' 'Blackie' – Two new fuchsias to add to already large list.

Geranium 'Caliente Lavender' – A cross between a zonal and an ivy geranium with the best features of each.

Geranium 'Calliope Dk Red' – Revolutionary breakthrough in geranium breeding. Low branching and horizontal branching, makes this geranium excellent in hanging baskets.



Senecio 'Blue Chalk Sticks'

Impatiens Mini 'Little Lizzy' - These are very similar to the 'Firefly' but have larger flowers and more of them.

Lobelia 'Hot Lilac' 'Hot White' - I am always looking for varieties of lobelia that hold up in the heat of the summer. I finally found them and are adding 2 new colors.

Lobularia 'Snow Princess' – If you love allysum, you will love this new break through in breeding where the large snowballs of blooms will last all summer.

Millet 'Jade Princess'. – New on the market with large grass like leaves and large inflorescence.

Pachyphytum 'Jordan Almonds'. – If you are into interesting succulents, this blue cast, almond shape succulent is very unique and showy.

Sedeveria 'Desert Sunset' – A lovely burgundy-brown colored succulent.

Sedum hakonense 'Chocolate Balls'- Dark brown sedum. A color I have never seen before.

Sedum nussbaumerian Coppertone – Copper tipped sedum with a chartreuse tint.

Senecio 'Blue Chalk Sticks' – An appropriately named succulent that is upright.



Dahlia Dark Angel 'Pretty Woman'

HERB HOUSE NEWS...

Once again this year you will find a selection of vegetables on the benches as you enter the greenhouse. Vegetables are a very important herb to me. I do have a new santolina that is a very nice golden color. My rosemary plants are just beautiful. I will once again be using marigold plants to help with insect control. Don't forget Dill is the herb of the year. Any time you need any information about a herb just give me a call. One new thing we are planning for this year with herbs is lining out some of the great herbs that are used for cooking or fresh herbal wreaths. These herbs will be available for u-picking besides what we may need. I am really excited about this because we seem to have a few customers that are in need of fresh herbs.

—Cathy

Herb of the Year: "Dill" 2010

Dill, as you know, is an annual. It sometimes self-seeds so you may find it near where you seeded it last year. Fragrant dill is a useful and tasty herb with a long and



interesting history. The plant is said to have originated in the Mediterranean. The Greeks and the Romans burned dill seeds as incense. The Romans also chewed the seeds to promote

digestion, and the Egyptians used them for the relief of gas. Wow what an herb. The finely green foliage is a flavorful seasoning either fresh or dried. It is also useful in herb blends to help decrease your salt intake. Dill seeds will freshen your breath if you chew them. Butterflies are attracted to the dill flowers. It amazes me what great values dill has.

—Cathy

Landscape design trends for 2010 The Natural Garden

Go Native! Native plants offer a wide range of choice for every landscape. Natives don't need special attention and they benefit birds and animals by providing food and shelter. More native plants are being cultivated to bring out their best qualities.

Grow your own Veggies! As we become more aware of what's in the food we eat, vegetable gardens are becoming more popular. There can be a special area devoted to growing veggies or get creative and weave vegetable plants in with your flowers. This is another way to add texture and color with the added benefit of reducing the grocery bill.

If you need help in your garden with a consultation or garden design call Baker's Acres to set up an appointment.

—Luann

Perennial of the Year:

'Baptisia australis'

BLUE FALSE INDIGO

Hardy for zones 3 - 9. Plants thrive in full sun. Plants grown in partial shade may require staking. This North American native is easily grown in well drained soil and is drought tolerant after establishment. This spring flowering shrub-like perennial may be used to fill the



back of the border or in a wild garden. Showy indigo-blue flowers with blue-green foliage. Flowers are followed by 2-3" black seed pods which remain attractive well into winter. Lovely cut flower. Grows 3-4ft. tall.

—Cathy

NEW ROSES FOR 2010



The Endeavor

If you haven't noticed our roses here at Baker's Acres, I invite you to check out our extensive collection. We carry over 50 different varieties of roses, including Hybrid Teas, Climbers, Shrubs, Floribundas, English Shrub, Rugosas, Antiques, Natives and Miniatures.

Some of our new varieties are:

'Easy Does It' - This new floribunda is a blend of mango, peach and apricot colors, paired with glossy green leaves. Disease resistant, AARS award winner, vigorous and fruity fragrance makes this rose a winner.

'Daddy's Little Girl' - Miniature rose that is showy and well behaved in the garden. Rich rose-pink and cream bicolor. Great for a patio pot, too.

'The Endeavor' - This medium-tall English Rose shrub is unusual for the Austin intros. First it is a salmon and yellow bicolor with monstrous blooms. Secondly it is a hot-weather lover and will not even be introduced in the UK. Thirdly its foliage is large dark grey-green and very attractive.

--Reenie

NEW 2010 VEGETABLES

Last year we sold more vegetable plants than ever. We hope if you did not start a vegetable garden last year, you may have one this year. We introduced a lot of new varieties and will continue to have them this year. We also have added a few new varieties. Some of the new varieties will be:

Collards 'Vates' – Northern variety with crumpled dark green leaves and is cold hardy.

Radicchio 'Chioggia Red Preco' – Early, bolt resistant, with nicely folded purple red head.

Shallots 'Prisma' – True shallot from seed, 2" round, great tasting, rosy pink head that is great for storage.

—Reenie

2010 TREES AND SHRUBS

Last year we did not have a lot of new varieties of trees and shrubs. So I think I made up for it this year.

Acer palmatum dissectum 'Viridis' Low Graft – This is a green thread leaf Japanese maple that stays very low.

Larix larcina – We have a beautiful Larch tree in the front yard. I have been trying to get this in for years. It is a deciduous tree that looks like an evergreen with its green needles.



Arctic Sun-Dogwood

Liriodendron tulipifera – This native tree is fast growing with late spring flowers shaped like tulips.

Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diablo' Tree Form – for any of you have have seen this in shrub form will know that it will make a lovely tree form.

Buddleia davidi 'Lo & Behold Blue Chip' – This new shrub is a miniature butterfly bush only getting up to 2 to 2 1/2 ft. tall.

Cornus sanguinea 'Arctic Sun' – This new shrub is a dwarf version of 'Winter Flame' dogwood with all of its spectacular winter color.

Cornus stolonifera 'Arctic Fire' – This new shrub is a dwarf version of the red twigged dogwood.

Genista lydia 'Bangle' – Low mounding shrub that produces waves of electric yellow flowers in late spring.

Hydrangea arborescens 'Incrediball' – This is an improved version of 'Annabelle' with flowers that are 4 times larger with stronger stems

Hydrangea arborescens 'Invincibelle Spirit' – This is a pink version of 'Annabelle' that also reblooms.

Syringa. x 'Bloomerang Purple' – Highly fragrant flowers that bloom in spring and rebloom in mid summer and continue until frost.

Late Blight on Tomatoes

So your tomatoes were fried by late blight in 2009, but you are willing to try again this year. What can you do to avoid getting late blight again? While nothing can absolutely guarantee that your tomatoes will be free of late blight, there are a few things that can help.

Buy locally grown tomato transplants or grow your own

The fungus that causes late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) is not carried in the seed, so the disease is not seed transmitted. Last year it is thought that some transplants were infected where they were produced in the south, and the disease came north with them. Once those transplants were planted outside, the disease spread to other tomato and potato plants. Late blight spores are carried on the wind and are too small to be seen so even clean transplants are not a guarantee that the plants won't be infected, but they should help to slow down the spread.

Make sure there are no potato tubers that survived in the soil or sprout in the spring

If you grew potatoes last year, make sure there are no tubers left in the soil or volunteer sprouts in the spring. The only place the disease can survive is on living tissue and forgotten potato tubers are living even in the soil over winter (unless they freeze solid). Late blight is not a soil borne disease, so it won't spread to tomatoes planted in the same soil – although there are other tomato diseases that do survive in the soil so we recommend not planting tomato relatives in the same location year after year. Also, late blight does not survive on dead tissue, so well composted plant material will not spread the disease. Late blight also does not survive on tomato cages or stakes.

Hope for less rain this year

Part of the problem in 2009 was the wet weather. While soggy conditions do not cause late blight, they help the spores germinate and infect the plants. Late blight usually appears in New York late in the season but last year the combination of early arrival and good disease growing conditions led to its rapid spread and devastating results.

--Betsy Lamb

Jack and Smokey

Jack and Smokey continue to keep our mice population down and entertain Cathy, David and myself this winter. Jo takes good care of them, but they are looking forward to having the other staff return and seeing all of you. You are much more exciting than we are.

—Reenie

Spring & Summer Events

Spring Open House

FRI.-SUN., MARCH 26-28

9-5 pm

We are continuing to build new shelves for display outside. We are also going to do a few new things with our tree and shrub display. We have a lot of new gift shop items in our gift shop inside and also in the pottery barn. I hope you will all be eager to come out and see it and smell all of the exciting, first signs of spring. The greenhouses will all be full of herbs and lots of color. Bulbs will be in, flowers and pansies in bud or bloom. Cathy will also offer, for this weekend only, Hidcote Lavender in small pots for \$.99. Again we will have our seed line Botanical Interest and Renee seeds. They will be on sale for a 20% discount. Come collect our plant lists from the Information Center and sit and leisurely reading them at the table in the Gift Shop.

Arbor Day Weekend

FRI.-SUN., APRIL 23-25

SAVE 20%

on Bareroot Fruit Trees,
Asparagus and Strawberry Plants.

Apple: Crown Empire, Honeycrisp, Jonagold De Coster, Macoun, Red Winesap, Royal Court, Ruby Mac, Twinbee Gala

Peach: Flamin' Fury 9A Redhaven, Red Star, Reliance, Summer Serenade

Cherry: Balaton (Sour), Cavalier, Hedelfingen, Sam, Ulster (dwarf)

Pears: Bartlet, Noble Russet Bosc

Plums: Stanley, Santa Rosa

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.

Spring & Summer Events

Geranium Weekend

Fri.-Sun., April 30 – May 2

Come on out to Baker's Acres this weekend and see Greenhouse #1 full of all sizes and colors of geraniums. We have them in 4 1/2", 6" and 10" pots along with the 10" and 12" hanging baskets.

15 % DISCOUNT

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 and Indian Dunes. Check out our wide range of geraniums with some wonderful names. 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.

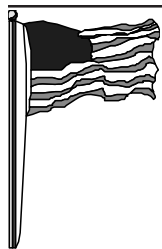
—Reenie



Cooperative Extension Garden and Plant Fair and Sale

Sat., May 15, 9-1

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



Memorial Day Weekend

**Sat.-Mon.,
May 29-31, 9-5**

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.

Father's Day Sun., June 20

This year we are again 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 11AM -2 PM. We will also have our Fathers Day Chicken Barbecue



from 11:30 AM – 3M. Bring Dad for a chicken dinner and enjoy your meal under the pavilion surrounded by antique cars and gardens.

Mark these upcoming 2010 Bakers Acres Dates on your calendar now..

Sept.24-26 - Ithaca Apple Harvest Festival

Oct.9 – Bakers Acres Apple Festival

Oct. 31 – Baker's Acres Closes

Dec.4 & 5 - Holiday Workshops

2010 SPRING CLASSES

Registration required for all classes listed on this page - see page 11 for mail-in form.

Basic Fruit Tree and Grape Pruning Seminar Sat., March 27 - 1-3 pm

Do you have fruit trees in your yard, but are not sure where to start when it comes to pruning them? Do you have grapes that are going wild? You are not alone! Come out to Baker's Acres and join Brian Lader from Cornell Orchards as he describes the basics of pruning fruit trees and fruit bearing shrubs. Brian came to Cornell Orchards in May of 1993. He became Head Orchard Worker six years ago. He is instrumental in all aspects of planting, growing and harvesting a variety of fruits. They have about 50 acres of fruit trees. They maintain about eight acres of grapes and also grow peaches, plums, hardy kiwifruit, paw paws, pears, cherries and a variety of berries.

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, shrub and vines 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 Baker's Acres classroom and out in the orchard. Brian taught this class last year and everyone was very happy. This is a class you can take over and over and still learn more.

Cost \$15.00. Deadline Wed., April 1. Registration form on page 11

Reforestation and Agriculture Education in Haiti Sat. April 10 - 1-3 PM

I have been going to Haiti for the last 12 years. In 2003 our Haiti Committee started an Agricultural Project in Haiti. Now more than ever, Haiti is on our minds. With all of the natural disasters including the Hurricanes in 2008 and now the devastating earthquake, it has become more evident to us how important reforestation and agriculture in the classroom is to Haiti. Come join me to hear more about what we are doing in Haiti and what our future plans are there.

This class is at no cost but you do need to register. Registration form on page 11

Perennial 101: What's New and Exciting with Perennials and Shrubs and Garden Tour Sat. April, 17, 10-12

For those of you that are just starting on a new perennial garden or want to improve what you already have, come join Cathy at the garden room for a fun, relaxing class. We will go over the basics on soil preparation, picking perennials that are right for you, start a 3 season overlay garden plan. You will get to view the new perennials and shrubs we will have for this year. We will also go on a garden tour and talk about things you should be doing to begin this gardening season. You will receive a 15% off coupon to use on any 1 time purchase before May 31st.

Cost \$20.00 Deadline Wed. April 14. Registration form on page 11

Herbs for Healthy Living Sat. April 24, 1-3PM

Come out to a great class with Jen Parr Mutolo M.P.H., L.Ac. Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine.

"As an acupuncturist and an herbalist, each day I use traditional herbal formulas and food recommendations to treat common colds, flu, allergies, asthma, high blood pressure, fatigue, menstrual disorders, insomnia, chronic pain and much more. I whole heartedly believe that food and herbs are not just a tasty meal, but act as medicine to our mind, body and soul. I also believe that herbs found in your garden and simple changes to your diet can balance your daily routine, help prevent illness and support "healthy living."

During the workshop "Herbs for a Healthy Living," you will learn:

- o Basic theory of Traditional Chinese Herbal Medicine and Nutrition
- o How simple herbs in your garden can be used to help treat common problems.
- o What is healthy living?
- o How acupuncturists and herbalists "prescribe" herbs for serious health problems.

This workshop will be fun, practical and interactive so be sure your taste buds are prepared, sense of smell is on target and sense of humor is ready! "I love what I do and I'm looking forward to sharing it with all of you."

Cost \$10.00 Deadline Wed. April 21. Registration form on page 11

Mother's Day Weekend Special Events

FRI.-SUN., MAY 7 -9



We want our Mothers to be treated specially on this weekend. Bring her to Baker's Acres for a walk, a tour of the gardens, buffet at the Garden Room or just to roam around the colorful greenhouses.

Hanging baskets and Rose Bushes

15% off (when purchased as a Mother's Day gift)

EARLY MORNING BIRD WALK AND BREAKFAST

Sat., May 8 @ 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 site 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 tell us about her daily experiences and research.

COST: Birdwalk: \$10.00 Breakfast: \$8.00

Register by Wednesday, May 5. Registration form on page 11

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

SUN., MAY 9 @ 11:00 A.M., 1:30 & 3:30 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 - \$14.99 Children - \$10.99 (Plus tax and gratuity.)

Combination Container Gardens Workshop ***Using New and Exciting Annuals***

Sat., May 22, 10-12 PM

Last year we held this workshop with no class but with suggestions, guidance and help from Dick Ferguson, who has overseen this class for the last 3 years. His expertise on the correct potting soils and fertilizers to use is unsurpassed. His knowledge on design including color, texture, repetition, height and sun requirements will be very helpful. He will be available to help you 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. Be sure to be here by 10 AM so that you can walk the greenhouses with Dick and have a short discussion on using the color wheel for enhancing your combinations. I really think you will enjoy this and will be able to create your own container garden. Cost: \$5.00 plus any plant materials. On class day, you will receive a 10 % discount on all the materials for your container garden.

Deadline Wed., May 19. Registration form on page 11

The Lodge

We are fortunate to welcome Rae's Roost to join us at the Lodge. Rae's Roost is a wild bird and nature shop. "The Roost" is owned and operated by retired teacher, Roma Rae. This shop carries a wide selection of wild bird seed and feeders, bird guides and children's books, photography and Folhman's puppets, games and puzzles, jewelry and many other gift items for all nature lovers. Known previously as "the tiny shop with the big Heart, customers and critter service will remain our top priority. Spring hours will be: Wed - Fri. 10AM to 4 PM, Sat. 10 - 3, and Sun. noon - 4. Questions? Call Roma at 315-729-0944

Garden Room

Last year was again a very busy year 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

Check Us Out on Facebook



Baker's Acres is now on Facebook! Become a fan and get updates on sales, workshops, our famous chicken BBQs, and new products. I'll pass along gardening wisdom, and we'll also be posting pictures of the grounds through the seasons. 30 years of gardening experience, from our wall to yours. Please pass the word along!

— Sei

Website Under Renovation

The Baker's Acres website is undergoing renovation. I'll be working with our webmaster Tony to get the site in shape for the season. That means more pictures, plenty of information on plants, new and classic, and an updated design. I'll even be adding a few pages on the history of Baker's Acres, staff bios, and seasonal gardening tips from Cathy and Reenie. The new site will be tidier, easier to navigate, and even more informative. You can find us at www.bakersacres.net. Be sure to check in frequently as we move boldly into the digital age.

The plant lists are on or will be on our site soon as well, our electronic version of this newsletter will be available on-line later in March. You can read it from your computer or print it... your choice.

-Sei

Urns and Window Boxes

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.

Information Center & Gift Shop

As you come through our front doors and if you turn to the right you will see a set of stairs, just walk up them and you will be entering another part of our gift shop. You will find a lot of really nice gift items in there. We will be displaying a lot of our Mexican pottery in there along with some really nice bird baths and other pottery. As you go towards the back of that area you will see a rack with a lot of our information sheets on it. You will find lists like deer resistant, black walnut companion planting, hummingbird, butterfly, shade loving, pruning and lots more. We feel the more information we can give our customers the easier choosing plants or planting them can be for you. So be sure to check out this area. We also have a cooler with drinks you can buy and a table and chairs that you can enjoy to sit at while you are looking over your information lists.

Cathy

Tea Blends

It has been sometime since I have mentioned anything about our tea blends. This year I have produce five new blends. We always try to come up with some interesting names like the following Twizzler Mint Tea, Bakers Chai Tea, Black Currant Citrus Tea, Cozy Afternoon Tea and 30th year Celebration Tea. We are excited about these new blends. Our special blend for our 30th year in business has spearmint, peppermint, lavender, lemon grass, catnip, lemon balm and calendula flowers. We have tasted all these new blends and we found that the Black Currant Citrus Tea has a great taste if you add some local honey in it. It is a lot of fun making these teas. If you have a group of 20 or more and you would like to have your own tea class, give me a call and we can discuss a date. I have found this class a lot of fun; you would be amazed at what blends you can make. Stop in and check out our supply, they make great gifts.

—Cathy

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 Baker's 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

2010 REGISTRATION FORMS

Fruit Tree and Grapes Pruning Seminar ~ Sat., March 27, 1 - 3 PM

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$15.00

Reforestation & Ag Education in Haiti ~ Sat., April 10, 1-3 PM

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____

CLASS FEE: FREE

Perennial 101 ~ Sat., April 17, 10 AM-12 PM

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$20.00

Herbs for Healthy Living ~ Sat., April 24, 1-3 PM

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$10.00

Bird Walk and Breakfast ~ Sat., May 8, 7 AM

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Class limit: 20.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: BIRD WALK - \$10.00. BREAKFAST - \$8.00

Container Gardens ~ Sat., May 22, 10 AM - 12 PM

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$5.00 PLUS ANY PLANT MATERIAL

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 canceled. You will be called if we cancel.

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