



Newsletter

2013 Fall

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Written by Bakers' Acres staff

U Pick Apples



This year has been an amazing growing year for the apples. I think because they took the year off last year, they are making up for it this year. Doug has been out thinning the apples at least 3 different times. I am not sure that I remember having so many apples. So all of you U-pickers, you are in for a treat. Plus we have lowered our prices from last year to entice you even more. Our scout Jim Eve, is continuing to help us to grow Eco apples. We are 100% behind growing apples that are safe to eat and safe for our environment. It takes more work to care for the orchard, but healthy trees are not as likely to come down with diseases that need to be sprayed. It reminds me of the commercial where they say "Happy cows produce better milk." Also with Eco Safe apples, you do not have to worry about eating the skin. I know that I love the skin with its large amounts of "Quercetin" (sounds like a great scrabble word), which scientists believe contain exceptional antioxidants in the fight against heart disease and cancer.

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BIG END OF THE SEASON BLOW OUT SALE

September 20-29

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

\$5.99-9.99

"BUY 1
GET 1 FREE"

(of same value)

HERBS

"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.

This is a Great Sale!

PERENNIALS

\$10.99 and up

25% OFF

ALL
TREES,
SHRUBS &
ROSES

25% OFF

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On Rte. 34 between Ithaca and Auburn

(607) 533-4653

U Pick Apples

Below is a list of some of our varieties and an estimated time that they will be ready. Call 607-533-4653 with any questions. 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.

Redfreese, Paula Red, Burgandy *Late August*
Gala *Early September*
McIntosh *Mid September*
Maccoun, Cortland, Empire,
Smoothie, Crispin *Late September*
Ida Red, Jonagold, Fuji, Braeburn *Early October*

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 early to mid Sept.

—Reenie

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.

Attention newsletter receivers:

In redoing our newsletter recipient list, we want to be sure whoever wants to receive our letter is. If you know of a friend who used to get it or wants to receive it, let us know by emailing us at info@bakersacres.net. We hope that you consider receiving the newsletter via email because it is in full color and is more sustainable. But for those who don't want to get it email, just call with your address and we can send you a paper copy. For the benefit of our environment we are heading in the very near future to a paperless newsletter.

Cathy & Reenie

Gardener's Trail Event Sept. 21st - 10 - 4

Tompkins County Coop Extension sponsored this event in May and again this September. There will be 8 Horticultural businesses participating. Each business will offer something special at their business including activities, lectures, free gifts, hayrides, apple tasting, demonstrations, discounts and much more. See the Coop Ext. website for more details. www.cce.tompkins.org. Here is their description on what we are offering that day.

Bakers' Acres

Nothing says fall like eating a fresh apple picked right off the tree! In addition to carrying one of upstate New York's most complete selections of flowering perennials, Bakers' Acres also has a lovely apple orchard with 25 varieties of old favorites to pick, such as MacIntosh, Maccoun, Gala, Cortland, Empire and Jonagold, just to name a few.. Take a wagon ride* around the nursery and stop off at the orchard where you can pick ten pounds of apples and get five pounds for free! Then take a stroll through the beautiful display gardens and find inspiration for your own garden – fall is the perfect time for new plantings, and many of the trees, shrubs and perennials will be on sale for this event. (*Wagon rides \$2.00 per person)

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.



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

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 second floor for their personalized event. The room seats 50 people and we can plan the menu to fit the occasion. While we don't have a liquor license we can make some delicious punches or flavored water to make your event a little different. We can also work with you on designing a custom cake. The room is available any day of the week for groups of 25 or more. The first floor can host your event after the cafe is closed if you need to accommodate someone with a "stair" handicap.



Delivery...

IF YOU CAN'T COME TO US...
WE CAN COME TO YOU!

Beginning September 10th we will be delivering lunches to the Locke-

Moravia area on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesdays and Fridays we will be heading to the Triphammer/Lansing area. Call the cafe for details, 607-533-4039.

New Fall Cafe Menu

Our lunch menu will be changing with the season. We will be adding chili and stew to our soup offerings and some new fall salads and grilled sandwiches. Come check it out....

Tuesday - Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Doughnuts!

With Fall coming we will start making our cider doughnuts on Saturdays beginning September 14th! If you would like a larger order we can have it ready any day of the week with 24 hours notice.



Cooking with Kendra....

We will be offering a series of cooking classes for all age groups along with a monthly tea and other happenings...check it all out on our website www.kendrasculinarycreations.com

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

HARVEST BUFFET

Sat., Sept. 28th • 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 607-533-4039. Check out our website for all the details.**

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!

Like us (Kendra's Culinary Creations & Kendra's Cafe at Bakers' Acres) on

Facebook



*to be entered into our
monthly drawing for a
\$20.00 Kendra's Gift Certificate!*

GOT QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT KENDRASCULINARYCREATIONS@YAHOO.COM

Holiday Workshop - Sun., Dec. 8th • 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. New this year is make a Holiday fairy garden centerpiece. 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.



BOOK YOUR PRIVATE GROUP HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

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 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.

Growing Hops and Beer Making 101

Sun., Sept. 22 • 1-3 pm



Cathy got in some new varieties of Hops this year (Willamette, Cascade, Tea Maker) and really wanted to educate herself and others on how to grow them.

So we decided to have a class on hops. We were very fortunate to find Steve Schmidt and Deirdre Hickey. They will be talking about trellis/yard design, costs and history of hops in NY soil, nutrients and pests. Steve is the owner of Schmidt Hop Farm located on County Rd. 8 in Farmington NY. The farm consists of 2 acres of hops with plans to expand next year. He has three daughters that assist him along with his wife. Deirdre practices IPM in the hop yard to refrain from spraying chemicals on his crop. Deirdre has been in the green industry for 30 years from landscaping to teaching at Alfred State. Also joining us will be Alex Schwartz

who is the assistant brewer at Rogues Harbor Brewing Co. He has been with Rogues Harbor Brewery from the beginning which was March of 2011 when they began offering 5 of their craft beers. He has contributed to their beer portfolio with several recipes, including their newly released Belgian Saison Beer. Also an active member of Ithaca homebrew club, he will be talking about how to brew your own beer and will also have samples of Rogues Harbor beer for you to try! Cost is \$15.00

CLASS REGISTRATION FORMS

Growing Hops and Beer Making 101 - Sun., Sept. 22 1-3 p.m.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 19th

No. Attending _____ Total enclosed _____

Cost: Adults: \$15.00

Holiday Workshop • Sun., Dec. 8th • 1-3

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 4th

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.

Apple Harvest

A Great Fun-filled Day for the Whole Family!

Sat., September 28 • 11:00–3:30

- Fresh-made Apple Butter
- Fresh Cold Cider
- 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
- Twilight Alpacas
- U-Pick Apples
- Nature Activities at 12:00 & 2:00 with Roma from Rae's Roost for a small fee. Plus picture taking with Scooter Rae at 1:00 for a small fee with proceeds donated to the SPCA
- 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 Scavenger Hunt for all ages and Lots More going on throughout the day, so be sure to call closer to September 28th for more details!



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

Apple Harvest Information....

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. They will also be face painting for a small fee. The 4-H small animal group will also be bringing a small selection of animals. IPM labs from Locke will be here again to show and talk about beneficial insects. Jo Jo the clown will return again for the day. Crane's will be here with their great horses and giving horse drawn wagon rides at a cost of \$3.00/ride. **NEW** this year is **Twilight Alpacas** (left) from Venice Center owners, Jeff and Irene Kulis. In 2008, Jeff and Irene bought their first alpaca. They now own 13 alpacas and are waiting

on new babies to be born. In 2010 they built and opened their store, stocked with alpaca products. Lots more going on, so be sure to save the date to come have fun.

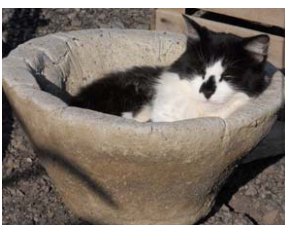
New Product: Liquid Fence FreezePruf

How does FreezePruf work? This eco-safe spray actually improves plants natural cold tolerance up to 9.4 degrees Fahrenheit, depending on the variety of plant! FreezePruf protects the plant externally and systemically by enhancing both its natural 'anti-freeze' like properties and its ability to survive ice crystal damage. The



biodegradable formula is designed to resist washing away by rain or snow and one application lasts up to six weeks. You need to spray all parts of the plants. Guess what? It is 100% Money Back Guaranteed by Liquid Fence.

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 a total success. 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, 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. He is not afraid of Coe, but he does like to stay with Jo as much as he can. 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

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. The one thing they mention HUNGRY DEER will eat anything! This is why we encouraged deer repellent like 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. Liquid Fence is now offering a product that is granular and you sprinkle it around your plants or garden. We are also carrying a Dog/Cat Repellent.

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

—Sarah

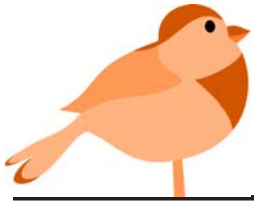
Faerie Gardens

Cathy and I continue to be amazed at the popularity of Faerie Gardens. It is neat when something that you love as much as we love them, is shared with so many people. Every time I walk in the woods or go for a hike I get more ideas on ways to decorate the miniature gardens. Must be that I am more in tune to see the Faerie communities in nature.



We will once again have a Faerie Garden contest during our Apple Festival. It was so great to see the gardens that competed last year. So all of you that have used your creative juices to build a Faerie 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 September 28th from 11 - 3:30. There will be 2 categories. 15 and under and 16 and over. Drop off your garden here on Friday, Sept. 27th or before 10 AM on Sat. the 28th. Anyone that 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



Come Perch at...

RAE'S ROOST NATURE SHOP

Our Spring and Summer have been delightful...and a bit soggy. However, the birds, wildlife and plants have LOVED it! This can be witnessed just before you enter the main greenhouse. The corner hummingbird/butterfly garden has gone CRAZY! Following are some tidbits of info. you may find helpful for our Fall and Winter seasons. P.S. Birds not eating the seed you bought at "the big store"? It is probably OLD or of poor quality. GIVE US A CHANCE TO MAKE 'EM SMILE!!!!

?DO YOU KNOW?

Rae's Roost has fantastic wild bird supplies plus a wide selection of gifts at VERY reasonable prices??? In our little shop, you don't pay for fancy displays, huge electric bills and a large staff. PLUS, I will happily try to find and order any item in the nature theme category and it will probably be far cheaper than anywhere else. My overhead is basically ME... and Scooter Rae.

Workshops

I LOVE doing nature workshops with naturalists of any age. If you have any suggestions, let me know! For now, I am scheduling two for the Fall. Please check the website for others during school breaks and during the Winter months.

NATURE WREATHS for YOUNG NATURALISTS: Bring your young nature lover to this November 9th (2 to 3 P.M.) class where we will create a beautiful wreath for wildlife. We had some beauties created last Fall!

TERRARIUMS: Build your own miniature world! Terrariums are one of my favorite activities to do with ALL nature lovers. This class is open to all ages and will be held October 12th (11 to 12:30ish).

SIGN-UP FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT APPLE HARVEST SATURDAY OR AT BAKERS' ACRES OR RAE'S ROOST BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1st.

Website

Our website is linked to the Bakers' site - (www.bakersacres.net). I will attempt to update it regularly. Check it out to learn about new items, presentations, sales, etc.

FALL/WINTER HOURS:

SEPT. - OCT. 26TH

(I WILL PERSONALLY BE OUT 10/15-10/24 BUT THE SHOP WILL STILL BE OPEN)

(W - F 10 TO 4; SAT. 10 TO 3)

NOV. - DEC. 28TH

(TH. - F. 10 - 4; SAT. 10 TO 3)

JAN. 3RD - MAR. 29TH

(F. - 10 TO 4; SAT. 10 TO 3)

OR CALL ROMA ANYTIME IF

THESE TIMES DON'T "FIT"!!

JOIN US AT THE APPLE FESTIVAL SEPT. 28th -

I will be doing nature activities with the kiddos at noon and 2 P.M. PLUS, I am hoping to have Scooter Rae available for a photo with any young naturalists at 1 P.M.! There will be a small charge for the photo, but the proceeds will be donated to the S.P.C.A. (Scooter Rae is one of the BIG success stories of the local S.P.C.A.) Bring your own camera OR have us do the snapping.

Fall Art Show

Yes, I had planned on tackling a summer art show, but between the weather and vacations, it just didn't happen. SO, on the Saturday and Sunday of the Apple Harvest Festival (Sept. 28 and 29), you will also be able to enjoy some art work from the elementary students at Groton Elementary School (my old stomping grounds). These works will all be inspired by nature in some way, shape or form. Should be a "HOOT"!

Nature Quote of the Month

Beginning in September, there will be an illustrated nature quote displayed in Rae's Roost and on our website. Maybe these thoughts will inspire us to hang in there during those challenging months ahead. Here's hoping!

PRESENTATIONS

If you have a small or large group that would enjoy a nature presentation, I am available. My groups have ranged from single digits to over a hundred participants of all ages. There is a fee, but we can chat about that. References are available.

Need a Holiday Gift?

Remember us when you are shopping for the Holidays! We'll have wonderful, unique items for any age of recipient. DON'T MISS OUR Leanin' Tree Holiday Cards!!

CALL ROMA RAE AT: 315- 729-0944

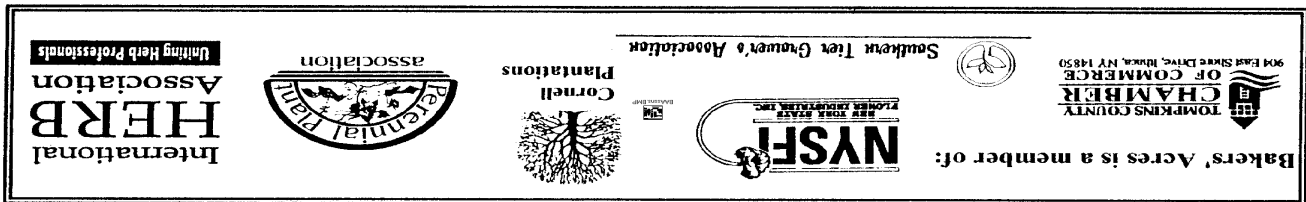




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Gardens and Greenhouses

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Weekdays 8:00 - 5:00 Weekends 9:00 - 5:00

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