

# BAKERS' ACRES

## 2011 FALL NEWSLETTER

### U Pick Apples

This year we have a fantastic apple crop. The trees are loaded with beautiful apples.



I would have to say that it is the best crop we have had since my dad was in full control of the orchard. That was a few years ago and there is another big difference.

When Doug, Cathy and I took over the orchard, we did not have any orchard care expertise, except the bits of knowledge that we had picked up from dad. Two years ago we hired a scout (Jim Eve) to help us and the first thing we told him was that we did not want to use harsh chemicals on the apples. He warned us that we may have to compromise the quality of apples. But after 2 years we realize that timing and mother nature is the biggest factor. There are also new products that have come on to the market that are user and environmentally friendly. We have so many natural predators that you have to use products that are safe for them so they can continue to do their work. In short, I am trying to say that we are very proud of our orchard. We used very safe products and adapted new cultural methods to grow a beautiful apple crop using minimal pest and fungal control. It was a lot more work. Just ask Woody and Ben, our tree pruners and Doug, our mower and sprayer. But when you see the crop, it was worth it! We have just started picking our early varieties.

Call 607-533-4653 to find out the varieties available to U Pick. It makes for a very pleasant day to come with your friends or family and go back in the orchard and pick from our four acres of 25 varieties of trees. The orchard is nestled around our large pond so come out and bring some friends and enjoy our beautiful fall scenery.

—Reenie

## BIG END OF THE SEASON BLOW OUT SALE

### September 9 – 18

*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

\$3.99-9.99

"BUY 1  
GET 1 FREE"

(of same value)

PERENNIALS

\$10.99 and up

25% OFF

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

HERBS

will be

"BUY 1  
GET 1 FREE"

(of same value)

ALL  
TREES,  
SHRUBS &  
ROSES  
WILL BE

25% OFF



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New Hours Starting - September 1<sup>st</sup>

Mon.-Fri. 8-5; Sat. & Sun. 9-5

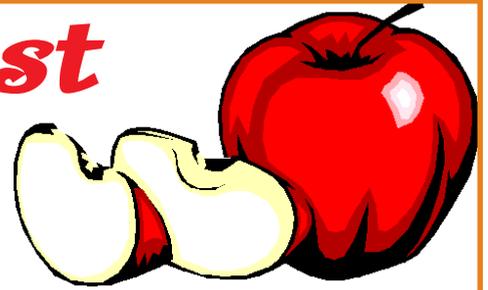
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On Rte. 34 between Ithaca and Auburn

# Apple Harvest

A Great Fun-filled Day for the Whole Family!

Sat., October 8 • 11-3:30



- Fresh-made Apple Butter
- Fresh Cold Apple Cider
- Adopt a pet from Tompkins SPCA
- Kendra's Café – on the patio - cider donuts, popcorn, candy & caramel apples, cotton candy, cookies, hot & cold apple cider. In the café – buffet including Bob Baker's Chicken, pulled pork, corn dogs, salt potatoes with salads and desserts – 11-3. Cost Adults \$14.95; Children 12 and under \$10.95 plus tax and gratuity.
- Horse drawn wagon rides by Cranes for \$3.00 a person
- U-Pick Apples
- Story Reading and puppet shows by Roma of Raes Roost.
- Jo Jo the Clown will be with us.
- IPM labs- showing and talking about beneficial insects
- 4-H Cultural Exchange Club – selling apple pies and providing face painting for the kids for a small fee
- 4-H Small animal group – showing off their small animals like rabbits, goats and more.
- Todd farms – will be here with their Boer Meat Goats
- Cornell Companions Group - is a pet visitation program
- Little Caprine Acres – will be here with their Boer and Nigerian goats
- Grass maze with small pumpkins hidden for children to find! \$1.00 a person
- On-going Treasure Hunt for all ages and Lots More going on throughout the day, so be sure to call closer to October 8<sup>th</sup> for more details!

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

From here go visit King Ferry Winery – tours and tasting, live music, vendors, BBQ all going on Sat. - 10-5 and Sun. 10-5

## Holiday Workshops-Sat, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10-12 and Sun. Dec.11<sup>th</sup> 1-3

Another successful year has encouraged us to continue the Holiday Workshops. We will again offer 2 classes. We will offer our four most popular hands-on decorations: evergreen wreath, boxwood tree, evergreen center piece and an evergreen/boxwood kissing ball. We will again offer this year - make your own decorated apple basket to give as a gift or use as a decoration that can be eaten later. 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. Registration form below.

### Private Group Holiday Workshops

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

## CLASS REGISTRATION FORMS

Holiday Workshop • Sat., Dec 3, 10-12 and Sun., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1-3

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

Choose class time 12/3 10-12 or 12/11 1-3 PM Registration deadline: Wednesday, Nov. 30

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.

## 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 any-



where 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 or call and give us your address and let us know if you want the pink or red poppies. —Reenie

## Fall Pansies

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

## Deer Repellent for the Winter

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

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

—Sarah

## Coe and the Cats

Coe has officially graduated from Jacoba's Prep School and is coming down to Bakers' Acres every day to learn some better social skills. He has come a long way, but has a way to go. Usually if you can find Cathy, you will find Coe desperately trying to keep up with her. He still greets with a bark and is rude with his sniffing, but as I said, he is improving. We love having his company but also see the importance of having his scent around to keep the deer away in the winter time.

The cats are not quite as welcoming to Coe. Sunny ignores him, but thinks he is a nuisance. Jack would like us to think that Coe does not bother him, but is quite nervous around him. Smokey has just disappeared and returns when Coe goes back up to the house for the night. So come out and introduce yourself to Coe and give the cats a little extra special attention. They need it.

—Reenie

## Fall 2011 EVENTS

### School Tours



This fall we will be available to do our educational apple tours. 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. 30, Oct 1 & 2

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

### Closing for the Season on 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 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. —Reenie

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If you no longer want to receive our Newsletter, please let us know.

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

Thank you for the warm welcome we have received since opening the cafe in May. With cooler weather setting in candy making will begin so very soon the bakery case will have homemade truffles, chocolate clusters and marshmallows. Also stop in on Saturday's - we are taking over the Baker's Acres donut making! Check out our new hours ...as of September 7th we will be open **Wed.-Sun. 9-3** but still staying open till **6 p.m. on Thursdays**. Although Baker's Acres will be closing October 31st **we will remain open until December 24th**, to accomodate any holiday candy and gift baskets you may need!

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

### HARVEST BUFFET

**Saturday, October 8th • 11-3**

We will be serving up Bob Baker's famous Cornell chicken, pulled pork, corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, salt potatoes, and salads. For dessert we will have pies, apple dumplings and cupcakes. Cost: Adults \$14.95; Children 12 and under \$10.95 plus tax and gratuity. *Take out chicken halves will be available for \$6.00 each. Reservations appreciated, 315-497-3155 or 607-533-4039.*

## Gift Baskets...

Choose 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!

**We will be CLOSED**

**Sept. 3-6 for the**

**Labor Day Weekend...**

REOPENING WED., SEPTEMBER 7TH

WITH OUR NEW HOURS!

Call  
Kendra's Culinary  
Creations for all your  
catering needs...  
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