

BAKERS' ACRES

2011 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

We're opening on April Fool's Day..... and that is no joke.

Big Changes at Bakers' Acres

Cathy and I have been very busy this past winter. We are going through so many changes here. All of which are very exciting. First of all, we have rented the entire Lodge to Kendra's Culinary Creations. She came in on Jan. 1st and started immediate renovating. She plans to designate the bottom floor where we had the Garden Room into a work space for all of her catering. She then will convert the ground floor where Rae's Roost was into a café and store front. The 3rd floor will be for large groups that would like to rent the room for a meeting or special occasion. She still intends to continue the special events that we had in the Garden Room. So for you Mother's Day, Father's Day and Apple Harvest fans, she will still carry on the tradition.

The famous Baker's Barbeque Chicken will still be cooked by our Jeff Sandsted. Kendra is an expert caterer and fabulous cook. It will be great to have a place to eat here, 7 days a week. I know a lot of you have missed that.

So some of you may be asking "What about Rae's Roost"? Well we have a great answer to that. Rae's Roost will be moving over to Bakers' Acres into our gift shop. She is taking over that entire room and even has a back patio where she can sit and watch her birds. The other good news is that seeing she is over here, she will be open the same hours that we are.

We could not be happier, here at Bakers' Acres.

Kendra's Café Update

I am very excited to be opening at The Lodge and at Bakers' Acres. The café will be open 7 days a week with an assortment of home-made baked goods – brownies, cupcakes, scones, and danishes to name a few. These can be enjoyed either seated in, taken out, or snacking on while you are enjoying a stroll in the gardens. The Café will be a relaxing place to meet up with friends to enjoy a lunch of salads, soups and wraps and ending with our delicious desserts. We can have your lunch ready to take with you in the morning. Just call the day before to pre-order or stop on your way home to pick up our special for your dinner.

Our second floor is available for special events, parties, meetings, dancing, exercise classes..... If you need a place for your private event, please contact us. 315-497-3155

Kendra Hart

Rae's Roost Update

Spring is right around the corner and so is Rae's Roost! We will now be located in the main building of Bakers' Acres starting in early March. Our spot will be in the cozy room to the right as you enter the greenhouse/shop. We know that some of you have found our part-time hours a tough match for your schedule, so good news, my shop will remain open during greenhouse hours, even when I am not at the helm. You will be able to check out any Rae's Roost items at the Bakers' Acres counter. So, during spring, summer and fall, we will be "open" 7 days a week. Any questions, just call 315-729-0944. Many visitors who come to the shop comment on the uniqueness of our inventory. Often my sister Joan, and I purchase items during our travels, sniffing out the best possible deals for you. We also have some wonderful nature books for children and adults. Having taught elementary school for 30 years, I can usually recommend super gifts for young naturalists. So be sure to stop by Rae's Roost soon! See our bi-weekly ad in the Shopper for hours, specials and upcoming events. We are so much more than a birdseed store. Honestly!

Roma Rae



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New Perennials for 2011

*This year I have added about 36 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. You will find on the perennial list that I have marked the new ones with a **

Campanula lactiflora 'Dwarf Pink' – Zone 5-9, height 18-24" . Has large vivid star-shaped pink flowers on very compact plants. Deer resistant.

Dianthus arenarius f. nanus 'Little Maiden' – Zone 3-8, height 8-10". Forms very compact mounds with narrow bluish-green foliage, with white fringed flowers blooms mid-summer into fall, very fragrant. Deer resistant.

Dianthus 'Scent First' – Zone 5-8, height 8-10". Has velvety double true red blooms on blue-grey foliage, strongly scented, long blooming. Deer resistant.

Dracocephalum ruyschianum 'Blue Dragon' – Zone 4-7, height 12-15". Forms tidy mounds, dark blue snapdragon-like terminal flowers in late spring to early summer. Deer resistant.

Echinacea purpurea 'Irresistible' – Zone 4-9, height 30-32". Large 3" bright gold-orange double flowers which mature to salmon-orange. The large center cone transforms into an iridescent double pom-pom of salmon-orange center. Deer resistant.

Fuchsia 'Cape Horn' – Zone 3-7, height 36-48". Whether sun or shade, this flowering bush will perform from late June through the first frost.

Geum 'Flore Pena Sunrise' – Zone 4-7, height 20". Has large double yellow flowers. Blooms all summer.

Helenium 'Chelsey' – Zone 4-8, height 32". Bicolor flowers are mostly crimson with bright yellow flecks. The amount of yellow depends on exposure of sunlight. Blooms July-Sept.

Helenium 'Sahin's Early Flowerer' – Zone 4-8, height 36". Maroon flowers that fade through shades of orange and deep yellow. Blooms June-Sept.

Hosta 'Striptease' – Zone 3-9, height 20-30". A unique hosta which received its name from the white strip appearing between the dark green margin and gold center. Pale violet flowers.

Iris germanica 'Avalon Sunset' – Zone 3-9, height 36". Bright eye-catching vibrant orange with tangerine beards. Deer resistant.

Iris germanica 'Picasso Moon' – Zone 3-9, height 39". As bright as you can get this large yellow self illuminates in the night. Large round flaring petals are very ruffled and serrated. Deer resistant

—Cathy



Hosta Striptease

New Special Annuals for 2011

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 Illumination 'Orange' - We have loved the hanging variety Illumination Apricot so we are getting in another color.

Bidens 'Goldilocks Rocks' – (pictured right) a new Bidens that stays more compact with bright yellow flowers.

Canna 'Pretoria' & 'Striped Beauty'- lovely green and yellow foliage with orange and yellow flowers.

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

Petunia 'Black Velvet' & 'Phantom' – Shocking new colors with the first being Black flowers and the other is a black and yellow pinstripe flower.

Petunia Superbelles 'Blackberry Punch' and 'Coralberry Punch' – Two new exciting colors in the small flowering petunia series.

Pilea aquamarine – lovely new vine that has tiny blue leaves and looks great in succulent combination planters.

Salvia buchananii – great new salvia with glossy green leaves and bright fuchsia flowers.

Selaginella Spikemoss 'Aurea' & 'Brownii' – fabulous spikemoss varieties that are great fillers for combination planters.

—Reenie



Kendra's Culinary Creations Catering

We have a wide variety of catering menus to provide for your next function. As always we love to customize our menu to meet your theme or dietary needs. We do on-site setup for 30 people or more. You can pick-up your food or have your event at The Lodge at Bakers' Acres. The second floor seats 30-35 people and the outdoor pavilion will seat up to 100 people.

We also offer special order baked goods, gift baskets, and party trays. Let us cater your special event on our second floor, the pavilion, or a location of your choice. Call us at 315-497-3155 or check us on the web at www.kendrasculinarycreations.com.

—Kendra

We Can Plant Your 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.

Perennial of the Year: Amsonia hubrichtii



Hardy to zone 4-9. A southern native with very narrow, needle-like leaves that line the stems like bottlebrushes. Produces 2-3" clusters of small, light blue, star-shaped flowers. Valued for its golden yellow fall color. Grows to 3ft. tall and 2-3ft. wide.

—Cathy

Herb of the Year:

'Horseradish'

Horseradish is a perennial herb. Allow plenty of space, since plants get between 2 ½ to 3 ft. tall and at least that wide. The blooms, which appear in the second year, are edible. They have a mild horseradish flavor. A few plants will be more than adequate. Because the horseradish plant is invasive and nearly impossible to get rid of, plant in an isolated areas. Fall is the best time to dig some roots for fresh use. Did you know the first sales of prepared horseradish were recorded in the 1860's?

Baked Carrots with Horseradish

- 6 cups cooked carrots
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- ¾ cup whipping cream (half and half or whole milk)
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 3 cloves garlic, pressed or minced fine
- 3-4 Tablespoons freshly grated horseradish
- Freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 cup crushed cornflakes or fine dry breadcrumbs

Preheat oven to 375. Arrange cooked carrots in a buttered baking dish, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Stir together cream, mayo, garlic and horseradish, season with salt and pepper and a few grinds of nutmeg. Pour mixture over carrots, sprinkle with crumbs. Bake 25-30 mins. Until top is golden brown and mixture is thoroughly heated.

—Cathy

Enjoy this recipe:

Basic Fruit Tree Pruning Seminar • Sat., April 2 • 1-3

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 Jim Eve from Eve's Farm Service as he describes the basics of pruning fruit trees. Jim is Bakers' Acres scout for our orchard and is helping us to use less chemicals through IPM Techniques. The seminar will cover the purpose of pruning and the fundamentals of fruit tree growth and fruit production. He 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. The class will be held at the Baker's Acres classroom and out in the orchard. This is a class you can take over and over and still learn more.

Cost \$15.00. Deadline Wed., March 30. Registration form on page 6.

Herbal Tea Class • Sat., April 16 • 10-12

This is always a fun class. Come out to the greenhouse classroom and learn about different herbs that are used to make teas and how to make that great pot of tea. We will take a walk in the herb house and I will show you some herbs and let you know what part to use, any medicinal uses and the taste. After we have done, that we return to the classroom and you get to make two blends of your own teas to take home. What a fun relaxing class!

Cost \$18.00 Deadline Wed. April 13. Registration form on page 6.

Perennial 101-What's New and Exciting with Perennials Garden Tour Sat., April 16 • 1-3

For those of you who are just starting on a new perennial garden or want to improve what you already have, come join Cathy at the greenhouse classroom 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. We will talk about some of the new perennials 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 (divide, fertilizing, clean up, etc.). You will receive a 15% off coupon to use on any 1 time purchase.

Cost \$18.00 Deadline Wed. April 13. Registration form on page 6.

Miniature Fairy Container Garden • Sat., April 30 • 10-12

Fairy gardens are miniature gardens that are meant to look like they were actually built by fairies. These gardens can be placed among your conventional gardens or nearby your favorite garden bench. Fairy Gardens often include garden props, tools, and tiny whimsical toys along with your favorite flowers, herbs or perennials to evoke their magical fairy gardeners.

Come and learn how to construct a fairy garden. Also we hope that you will feel the inspiration to draw from your subconscious magical childhood memories, to create the perfect miniature garden using those beautiful arbors, fences, patios, or whatever you decide makes a soothing, peaceful garden. This will be a combination of lecture and hands on workshop. So come prepared to make your own. Please bring a small box or container to make your garden in. Otherwise we will have some for purchase. We will have small plants and props for purchase, but you are welcome to bring what you want. Come join Reenie, and step back into your childhood and recreate those magical garden memories.

Cost is \$12.00 plus your supplies. Deadline Wed. April 27th. Registration form on page 6.

Early Morning Bird Walk and Breakfast • Sat., May 7 • 7 a.m.

We will once again meet in front of Kendra's Cafe at 7 a.m. sharp! **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 Kendra's for a continental breakfast. While we eat Martha, will continue answering questions and tell us about her daily experiences and research.

Cost is \$20.00 for the Birdwalk & Breakfast. Register by Wed, May 4. Registration form on page 6.

Super Tufa Planter Class • Sat., June 18 • 10-12

We have been asked to hold the Super Tufa class earlier so you can enjoy your pots for the summer. So Cathy has agreed to do this. You will have three shapes to choose from. The supplies you need to bring with you are: waterproof gloves, dust mask, a sturdy board at least 24" in diameter and be sure to wear old clothes. The super tufa pot will stay here for at least 2-3 days so it can dry for you. This is always a fun class. You will be amazed on how easy this is to do.

Cost is \$28.00. Register by Wednesday, June 15th. Registration form on page 6.

Spring Open House • Fri.-Sun., April 1-3 • Open 9-5

We are continuing to do some new things or just refreshing some old things. We took the winter time and repainted our directional signs and perennial frame numbers. 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 flower and pansies in bud or bloom. Cathy will again 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.

Arbor Day/Geranium Weekend • Fri.-Sun., April 29-May 1

This year, due to the lateness of Easter, Arbor Day and Geranium Weekend fall at the same time, so there will be a lot on sale. All of our Fruit Trees and Fruit shrubs or plants are potted up this year and will be 15% off. This year, unlike past years we will even include our other potted fruit shrubs which include, blackberry, blueberry, currant, gooseberry, grape, raspberry, black raspberry and rhubarb. Check our website bakersacres.net to see what varieties of fruit trees we will have.

Also this weekend, come 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. There will be a 15% discount on all of our tender geraniums. Last year we carried a new geranium called Calliope Dk Red. This new variety is a cross between a zonal and a trailing geranium. The growth habit is excellent for hanging baskets, large pots or flower beds. The dark red color is unmatched. We sold out early, so this year I got in alot more. 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 and shrubs.

Mother's Day Weekend Special Events • Fri.-Sun., May 6-8

We want our Mothers to be treated specially on this weekend. Bring her to Bakers' Acres for a walk, a tour of the gardens, buffet at Kendra's Cafe (see below) 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.**

Mother's Day Buffet at Kendra's Café • Sun., May 8

We will start the first seating at 9AM with a variety of stratas, quiches and sliced ham and sausage, along with homemade salads, pastries, breads, and desserts. At 11 we will add Baker's Chicken as we continue through the day with our never ending buffet. Seatings will be at 9AM, 11AM, 1:30PM and 3:30PM. Reservations are necessary, as we have limited space. Call 315-497-3155. Price will be Adults \$14.99 Children 12 and under \$10.99, plus tax and gratuity. Take out chicken halves will be \$6.00

Cooperative Extension Garden and Plant Fair and Sale • Sat., May 14, 9-1

Please note the new location. This year it will be held at the NYS Armory off Rt. 13 N at Hanshaw Rd. We are excited about this new location. There will be a lot more parking available to you.

Memorial Day Weekend • Sat.-Mon., May 28-30 • 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 19 • 11-2

Car Pride will be displaying their wonderful antique car collection from 11AM – 2PM. Kendra will be serving a Barbeque Buffet with Bakers' Chicken, pulled pork, sausage and peppers along with salads and desserts. She will be serving under the pavilion. Cost: Adults \$14.99; Children 12 and under \$10.99 plus tax and gratuity. Take out chicken halves will be available for \$6.00 each. Reservations appreciated, 315-497-3155.

Facebook

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

— Reenie

Website Renovation

The Bakers' Acres website is undergoing major renovation. We have been working with our webmaster Anna Mizer, who was a past employee here. That means more pictures, plenty of information on plants new and classic, and an updated design. We will be adding staff bios and more. 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.

—Cathy

Jack, Smokey, Sunny and Coe

Jack, Smokey, Sunny and Coe continue to entertain Reenie, David and myself this winter. Jo takes good care of them, but they are looking forward to having the other staff return and see all of you. You are much more exciting than we are. Sunny who is our newest addition, feels he rules the roost but Jack takes care of that problem when needed. Coe, is Mrs. Baker's Black Lab, is learning to come down to the greenhouse and spend time with us. We are working hard with him to be polite with our customers. He is a slow learner but is young enough so I think we can teach him to be a nice greeter. We will see, maybe with everyone's help we will succeed.

—Cathy

Herb House News

As a reminder we will once again line out some of the popular herbs for cutting later in the summer. We were surprised at how word got around about being able to cut your own fresh herbs. Be sure to see the change in our water trough as it turns into a large container herb garden. Inside the herb house you will find some beautiful rosemarys. I have a great supply.

—Cathy

Come In and Fill Your Own Container



For the past several years, we have held container classes, taught by Dick Fergeson, our local container expert. It was his suggestion that rather than hold the class again, we should just make a potting bench available to anyone that wants to come in and pot their own containers. Just call us first to make sure there is a bench available, and come out to make your planters. This way you can make your mess here and also make your decisions on what plants to use with the option to change your mind. Give us a call at 607-533-4653 and bring your containers out when it is convenient for you.

Mark these upcoming 2011 Bakers Acres Dates on your calendar now.

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 - Ithaca Apple Harvest Festival

Oct. 8 – Bakers Acres Apple Festival

Oct. 31 – Bakers' Acres Closes

Dec. 3 & 11 - Holiday workshops

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

2011 REGISTRATION FORMS

Basic Fruit Tree Pruning Seminar ~ Sat., April 2, 1 - 3 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$15.00

Herbal Tea Class ~ Sat., April 16, 10 AM-12 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$18.00

Perennial 101 ~ Sat., April 16, 1-3 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$18.00

Miniature Fairy Contrainer Garden Class ~ Sat., April 30, 10 AM-12 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$12.00 plus supplies

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: BIRD WALK & BREAKFAST - \$20.00

Super Tufa Class ~ Sat., June 18, 10 AM - 12 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Name _____ Phone No. _____

No. attending _____ Total enclosed: _____

CLASS FEE: \$28.00

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.

Sorry, no refund without 48 hour notification.

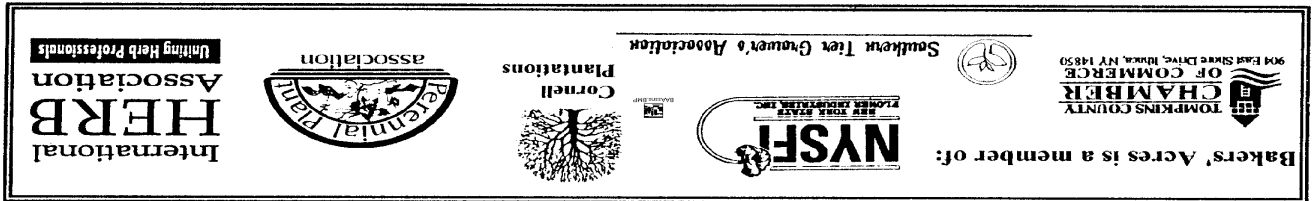


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