

The Growing Scene Gazette

The Growing Scene, Inc. 17015 Harmony Rd, Marengo,

A Garden Center, Landscaping and Farm Stand Company

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15 Years and Growing Strong!

By Kathi Carr

Special dates such as anniversaries, birthdays and holidays seem to evoke memories filled with emotions. As we embark on our 15th year in business, it is a time of great reflection and excitement. The reflections include our first customer, hours spent in the sunshine helping gardeners choose plants and the times that I have learned from our missteps. The excitement comes from helping people make their home, and the world as a whole, a bit more beautiful.

We will be celebrating

our 'Crystal' Anniversary on May 14th –16th.

Please join us, we have many surprising events planned.

Please also check out the dates to remember column to the right. Our focus this spring is helping you to beautify your yard.

Our Garden Center will be expanding, once again, this spring. We are adding a 1600 square foot outdoor display area for our expanded selection of perennial and annual flowers.

Shop our Garden Center for the highest quality plants and a knowledgeable sales staff! We are a Proven Winners Certified

Garden Center. Proven Winners plants are a group of plants that are unsurpassed in terms of flowering, growth habit, disease resistance, and garden performance.

Our experienced landscaping crew is available to assist you with any size landscaping project. We offer landscape consultation, design and installation services.

I have started meeting with homeowners regarding Landscaping. Please call today if you would like to schedule a free consultation and estimate. We will begin working as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

We look forward to seeing you this Spring.



Dates to Remember:

- **April 15**-Garden Center Opening Day
- **April 24** Earth & Arbor Days Celebration
- **April 30th, May 1st and 2nd** -Our 14th Annual Spring Open House
- **May 14-16th** Our 15th Year Anniversary Weekend
- **Landscaping Design Days** May 21-23rd
- **Every Tuesday and Wednesday**-Moms and Seniors Days!
- **Saturdays, 1pm** Gardening Classes

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"The man who has planted a garden feels that he has done something good for the world" Charles Dedley Warner

Garden Center Hours:

Monday-Saturday

9:00-6:00

Sunday 10:00-5:00

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Arbor and Earth Day Celebration

Celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day with us. On Saturday, April 24th we will be giving free gifts to the first 50 people that come into the garden center. The gift bags will include over \$25 worth of free goodies. This is one event you don't want to miss!

Saturday Seminar Series- Education at it's best

Education is vital to any hobby, but maybe more so with gardening because we are dealing with live plants. Each Saturday from April 24th through May 29th we will hold an informative educational seminar at 1pm. Please check out our website for a complete listing of the seminars.



Beautify your life! Let our landscaping team transform your outdoor space into a landscape worth watching.

Gardening on a Budget, *The top 10 ways to enjoy your hobby for less!*

By Kathleen Carr

The top 10 ways to enjoy your hobby for less.....

10. Plan your purchases. Know before you go. Either quantify a \$ amount that you want to spend or have a shopping list.
9. Purchase a professional design if your project includes more than 10 shrubs and/or 2 trees.
8. Buy seeds, instead of 4 packs of annuals or quart containers of perennials.
7. Shop with coupons from your local garden center.

6. Join the frequent buyers club or email list at your local garden center.

5. If something in your yard has died, check to see if it was under warranty when it died.

4. Do it yourself! A little sweat equity can save you thousands of dollars.

3. If someone asks you what do you want for mother's day....your birthday etc., consider requesting their assistance during a garden work day.

2. Organize a plant exchange.

Listen to how people describe plants that they are giving away though, be very careful and do not accept plants that are invasive.

1. Use what you have first. Check out your garage, use that potting soil and fertilizer. Most homes have perennial plants that would benefit by being divided. Divide your perennials and fill in another area of your yard.

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We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, we certainly enjoy writing it for you. We also publish an E-Newsletter that is filled with informative gardening articles and valuable coupons. To subscribe to our E-Newsletter, email us at tgsinc12@msn.com. Simply put NEWSLETTER in the subject box and we will add you to our email list.

While you are on the internet check out our website:
www.thegrowingscene.com.

Visit Us at these Community Events

We will be participating at the following free community events.

Huntley Chamber of Commerce Expo, Saturday, February 27th and Sunday, February 28th

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce Expo, Saturday, March 20th and Sunday March 21st

Sun City Del Webb Expo, Thursday, March 25th

Elgin's Edgewater Del Webb Expo, Saturday, April 17th

Plant Huntley Day, Saturday, May 8th on the historic Huntley Square



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In an effort to communicate with our customers better, we have developed a Facebook page. Please check us out at www.facebook.com. After searching for The Growing Scene, be sure to become a fan. We need you! We will be updating our page several times a week to let you know the very latest happenings with our landscaping and garden center company. This will also be a great forum for you to get your gardening questions answered by other area gardeners.