

# The Growing Scene Gazette

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## FALL IN LOVE WITH FALL!

By Kathi Carr

“How is your year going?” is a well meaning question that I hear often. I appreciate any interest that is taken in our business. Every year has it’s overwhelming successes and it’s concerning challenges.

The successes this year are numerous. We celebrated our 10th year in business. New items are available through our garden center and farm

stand. We moved our entrance in order to expand our selection of trees.

We continue to add joy to people’s lives through the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers.

A challenge was the lack of rain coupled with the ‘sky is falling’ coverage through the media. Yes, we did experience a drought and no, it is not the end of the world.

With the use of proper

and efficient watering techniques the plants will be fine. The best thing that can come out of the drought is the emphasis on the importance of proper watering timing and techniques. Basically-water the roots, not the air. Water when the plants need it, not according to some preset time table.

Enjoy the fall and all that it has to offer!



### Dates to Remember:

- *September 5 Labor Day Holiday Hours 10-5*
- *September 16-October 30 Our Fall Festival Monday-Saturday 9-6:00, Sunday 10:00-5:00*
- *October 6th-9th- Marengo Settlers Days*
- *October 14th-16th The Growing Scene’s Customer Appreciation Days*
- *October 30 Last day Garden Center is open for the season.*

## FALL YARD CLEAN UP

By Kathi Carr

I am now scheduling our fall yard clean-ups.

Please give me a call at 815-923-7322 for a free estimate. We can pull those weeds, rake those leaves, cut down the perennials, mulch the beds and just about anything else you want done.

We will do what needs

to be done to make your yard look it’s best! We will continue to work through early November depending upon the weather. Spring is always so busy, it is wise to complete as many of the maintenance chores in the fall as possible.



## BEYOND THE BURNING BUSH

By Kathi Carr

Each fall I discover yet another plant that has fantastic fall color. Burning Bush and Maples are the two common plants that are always associated with fall color. There are a whole series of shrubs and trees that look equally beautiful in the fall. Here are just a few:

### Shrubs:

Chokeberry  
Clethra  
Cotoneaster  
Forsythia  
Fothergilla

Henry's Garnet Sweetspire  
Rhododendron  
Sumac  
Viburnum  
Witch Hazel  
**Trees:**  
Ash  
Beech  
Crab trees  
Fringetree  
Gingko  
Ornamental Pear  
Serviceberry

*"Watching something grow is good for morale. It helps you believe in life"*  
Myron S. Kaufman

## PREPARING YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS FOR WINTER

By Kathi Carr

The next 5 months can be brutal on our outdoor plants. There are some items that you can do to protect your shrubs and trees from the harsh winter weather. Make sure to water your evergreens well this fall. Several deep waterings will help to supply them with adequate water over the winter. Unlike shade trees, evergreens continue to lose water through their needles through out the winter.

Adding several inches of hardwood mulch will help to insulate the roots from the freezing and thawing of the ground. Consider putting mulch around all of your trees, shrubs and perennials. Rabbits and deer do a tremendous amount of damage to plants in the winter. Inspect for animal damage through out the winter. You may want to use a chemical or physical barrier if you notice damage. If you live in an area

where there are deer, protect the bark of young shade trees. We use corrugated plastic drainage tile. We slit the side and put it around the trees. Professional tree wrap is also available. Be conscientious of where you put the snow this winter. Do not pile it near shrubs. Also be very conservative with the amount of salt that you use. Salt does a tremendous amount of damage to plants each winter.

## From Grandpa's Garden to Grandma's Kitchen.....

By Jean Britton

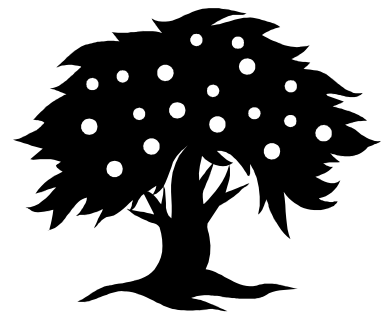
### Apple Peanut Butter Crisp

#### Ingredients:

5 large apples, peeled, cored and sliced  
1/3-cup water  
1/4 tsp. allspice  
1/2-cup flour  
1/3-cup sugar  
2 Tbs. margarine  
1 Tbs. lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
3/4 cup rolled oats

1/3-cup peanut butter  
Put apple slices in a 9x13-inch pan. Pour water, lemon juice and spices on apples, and then blend rest of ingredients and spread on apples. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes.

Enjoy!



## Fall 2005 Bulb Pricing and Information

We are proud to offer you the opportunity to purchase DE VROOMEN HOLLAND bulbs this fall.

We have many selections for you to choose from.

Including:

- Allium— ornamental onion
- Crocus—yellow, purple and white
- Hyacinths—very fragrant!
- Muscari, beautiful little blue flowers
- Daffodils, deer and rabbit resistant
- Tulips, very showy, great selection of colors available

*“One of the recurring pleasure of planting bulbs in the autumn is walking amongst them in the spring and wondering how you did it.” Mirabel Osler*

Bulbs will be arriving from Holland at the beginning of September. Bulb Packets are \$4.19 each.

## Fall Events



### OUR LANDSCAPING SCHEDULE

Our landscaping crews will be busy planting trees, shrubs and perennials through mid November. There is still time to get those yard projects done. I almost exclusively plant in my yard in the fall. 99% of what I plant in the fall survives through the winter and into successive years.

### FALL, WINTER AND SPRING HOURS

The Growing Scene will be open for retail sales through October 30, 2005. We will re-open April 12, 2006. During the winter I will be available by phone at 815-923-7322. Please do not hesitate to call with any landscaping or garden related questions.

### FALL MUMS IN EVERY COLOR

**By: Kathleen Carr**

Our fall flowering mums (Chrysanthemums) are here. Yellow, bronze/orange, purple, red and white mums are available. The plants are very full. Some are literally covered with hundreds of buds. They are flowering now and will continue to flower well into the fall. They are \$6.95 each or 3 for \$19.00 and are in 9" x 6" mum pans.

Kale and Cabbage will also be available. The inner leaves or head of the cabbage and kale will dramatically change color with the coolness of fall. It is often quite ornamental until Christmas. They are \$6.00 for 8" containers.

### CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS

#### OCTOBER 14-16

Friday, October 14, Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16 will be filled with fun, food, and friends at **The Growing Scene, Inc.** Customer Appreciation Days are being held to say "Thank you!" to those customers whose loyalty and trust have enabled us to successfully complete our 10th year! Chris, Kathi, Mary, Sarah and Christopher invite you to stop by for hot apple cider, donuts and fresh apple desserts. We look forward to celebrating the fall season with you. Our hours will be Friday and Saturday from 9:00-6:00 and Sunday 10:00-5:00.



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*A Garden Center and  
Landscaping Company*

## Our Fall Festival Starts September 16th!

### Enjoy our Fall Festival-

- Apples
- Corn Stalks
- Gourds
- Indian Corn
- Mums
- Pumpkins of all sizes-for pie's decorating & carving
- Squash
- Straw Bales

- Sweet Corn,  
Tomatoes and  
more!



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

- Charles Dedley Warner