

The Growing Scene Gazette

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The Joy of Summer Time

By Kathleen Carr

Change is difficult. Adjusting to change is usually very hard. For some reason though, at our home, we have readily embraced and adjusted to summer. The kids are staying up to 9:30 reading sometimes 10:00, yikes!) and sleeping in until 9am. During the school year we consistently tuck 3 kids into bed, now sometimes we tuck in two, sometimes four and sometimes none! Another adjustment we are enjoying is that our usual summer evening meal is back! Sweet Corn, fresh veggies, fresh watermelon slices and brats will be a fixture on our table from now un-

til late September. Our Farm Stand opens Wednesday, July 22nd and will be a great source for you to feed your family as well. We will have home grown sweet corn, cucumbers, zucchini, green beans and a whole other assortment of fruits and vegetables available to you.



We also have a gourmet food section that compliments the fresh fruits and vegetables.

Save Big in our New Clearance Area

While you are visiting our Farm Stand, please check out our new Clearance Area. You can save between 50-75% off selected items. Take advantage of the low prices and add something new to your garden or home. Some of the items on Clearance are: Coco lined hanging baskets, resin ducks, patriotic wooden boxes, plastic pots and more! Many items would make great birthday or special occasion gifts. Our fountains are specially priced also.

**Farm Stand Opens
Wednesday, July 22**



Dates to Remember:

- **Wednesday, July 22** Our Farm Stand Opens
- **Huntley Farmer's Market Saturdays 8:00-12:30 through Oct. 3rd**
- **Saturday, July 25, 2pm** Preserving Seminar and **3pm** Watering Seminar
- **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 28-30th** Landscape Design Days

Under Attack, The Japanese Beetles are Back

By Kathleen Carr

Sunday, June 28th, 2009 12:25pm, Marengo, IL. The date, time and place that the first Japanese Beetles were spotted this year. Unfortunately Japanese Beetles are not like the 17 year cicadas. These beetles come back every year. They have hatched from your lawn, where they were

in the grub stage, and are now flying around eating the leaves of your trees, shrubs and flowers. If you are noticing holes on the leaves of certain plants, you may want to take a closer look to see if you have Japanese Beetles. These beetles are very distinctive. They have a cop-

pery iridescent color to the wings. They are approximately 1/2 inch long and 1/4 of an inch wide. We have a wide assortment of products for you to use to protect your flowers, shrubs and trees. Japanese Beetle Spray should be sprayed directly on the leaves of

affected plants. Beetle Traps can be hung to attract and trap flying beetles. Milky Spore can be applied to your lawn to kill the Beetles at the grub stage. Please stop in and check out your options for dealing with the attack of the Japanese Beetles.

Hot-Hot-Hot

By Carol Lund

Now that summer is upon us and we are getting hot humid weather, plants will need a minimum of 1" of water per week. Even though we have had some nice rain storms come through our area, the water will evaporate in the heat and sun. Grass will also take up the water before your plants can.

So, if you haven't taken out your soaker hoses, watering wands, nozzles or anything else you have to water with, now is the time to get them out! If you need to replace anything, come in and check out our Watering Headquarters. We have a great selection of very high quality soaker hoses, watering wands and hose nozzles.

We also have TreeGator Bags in stock. For anyone going on vacation, these are a great and easy item to use. And, you can have peace of mind that your trees and evergreens will still be alive when you get back.

Two styles are available. The Gator Bag for trees for \$29.95 and the Gator Bag for evergreens (lays flat) for \$24.95.

Please Help Us Go Green!

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. We certainly enjoy writing it for you. In an effort to "Go Green" and save trees, we will start phasing out the mailing of these newsletters. Don't despair though, we will be emailing them to you. **Please, please** email us right now. Our email is tgsinc12@msn.com, simply put **NEWSLETTER** in the subject box and your **name** and **address** in the email.

We will add you to our email list. Thanks for helping us be a greener, green industry company.

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

Farm Stand Opening

By Melissa Shippy

Ready, Set, Start eating healthy! Homegrown, delicious and nutritious food will be available at our Farm Stand beginning July 22nd. We will continue to have the best sweet corn in the county, vine ripened tomatoes, Southern Illinois peaches that are to die for and seedless watermelon. Our selection will also include green peppers, green beans, muskmelon, zucchini, potatoes, onions and much more.

Our complete line of gourmet foods compliments the fresh fruits and vegetables. This includes salsa, mixes, pumpkin butter, corn relish and more!

In September and October we will have edible and decorative fall items such as squash, gourds, pumpkins, Indian corn, and corn stalks.

The Farm Stand will continue to be open until October 28th.

New Plants Arriving Weekly

By Carol Lund

New shipments of flowers from our growers are arriving weekly and they look gorgeous. Perennials, Ornamental Grasses and many of your garden's favorite varieties are arriving. Did you ever wonder what to put with other plants or what perennials to choose? Here are two great ones; Johnson's Blue Hardy Geranium (one of the best known hardy geraniums) it's flower is bright blue lavender with a white center and gets 15" - 18" tall/spread. Or try 'Max Frei' which is a shorter semi evergreen perennial with exceptional fall color. Max Frei flowers May thru June and sporadically throughout the summer and it's flower color is magenta. Great companion plants to go with geraniums include: Butterfly Weed, Columbine, Coreopsis, Daylilies, Elijah Blue Fescue, Heuchera, Maiden Grass, Russian Sage, May Night Salvia and Veronica All above plants are available at the garden center. You can also check them out at www.perennialquality.com.



Busy Summer? Let us take care of your landscaping needs.

Whether your yard is in desperate need of a thorough working over, or if it just needs a little T.L.C., whatever the size of the job, we can handle it! We can transform your yard for a very reasonable cost.

Now is a great time to prune spring blooming shrubs and trees. It is also a great time for summer maintenance work to be done, such as weeding, mulching and spading.

There is a great selection of shrubs and trees available to you in many varieties and sizes. Our locally grown, container grown plants can be easily planted all summer long. Free written estimates are given before any work is started. Call Kathi today to set up a free, no obligation consultation at 815-923-7322.

Let us add beauty to your yard and joy to your life through the addition of flowers around your home.

Grandma's Recipe Book

From Grandpa's Garden to Grandma's Kitchen

By Jean Britton

Crisp Cucumber Pickles

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 c. cold water
- 1 1/2 c. cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. Dried onion flakes
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp. celery salt
- 4 med. Cucumbers

Educational Events at The Growing Scene, Inc.

On Saturday, July 25th we are holding two educational seminars as a continuation of our Saturday Seminar Series. Our first seminar, titled 'Fruit and Vegetable Preserving' begins at 2:00pm. Jean Britton who has over 7 decades of canning experience will share her tips regarding safe home canning. A seminar titled "Watering: The Key to your Plants Success" will begin at 3:00pm. Various means and methods of watering will be discussed.

Landscape Design Days

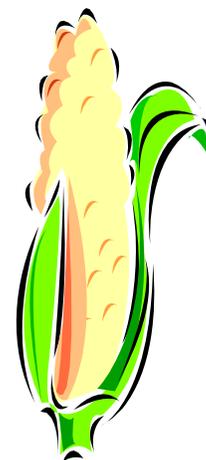
Our Landscape designers will be on hand during our Landscape Design Days to provide you with free landscape design. Our Landscape Design Days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 28-30th. In order to receive a free design, please bring in a copy of your Platt of Survey and several pictures of your home. Our designers have over 60 years of experience, let them put that experience to work for you!

Huntley Farmer's Market

By Melissa Shippy

The Huntley Farmer's Market is located on the historic town square and is in it's 3rd year. This year's market will be held each Saturday morning through October 3rd from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We will be participating in the Farmer's Market by bringing fresh fruits and vegetables to the town square. You can enjoy our Farm Stand products at the Huntley's Farmer's Market every Saturday! Shop local and get the freshest fruits and vegetables grown by local farmers. Enjoy free local entertainment while browsing the market. Bring a lawn chair and sample your fresh buys while enjoying the entertainment in the gazebo.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy visiting with neighbors while getting your shopping done. See you there!



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