

# The Growing Scene Gazette

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## It is All About the Follow Through

By Kathleen Carr

“It’s all about the follow through” is a phrase that has been popping in and out of my head a lot lately. Our 7 year old son, Christopher, has been struggling to make a few lifestyle changes for several years. On August 25th we embarked on a 60 day journey. For each day that he is successful in his journey he gets to draw a smiley face on a calendar that is in his room. 5 smiley faces= a small toy, 15= a large toy and 60 smiley faces= a trip to Target to pick out any Nintendo DS game that he wants. Each of the first 30 smiley faces were drawn on the calendar with great excitement. However, as we approach day 50, we are all getting a little bored with this whole

program. Yes, the lifestyle changes are evident and we are so very, very, proud of Christopher, but enough already! Can’t we just skip ahead to 60? I keep telling myself, “It is all about the follow through.” If Christopher can continue on this journey, then I can also!

Gardening is like a journey. Some gardening activities, planting annuals for example, give you immediate gratification. Other gardening activities, like planting a shade tree take years to come to full fruition. What has your gardening journey been like? Hopefully, it is like a good landscape design, incorporating a bit of everything-annual and perennial flowers, evergreen and flowering shrubs, and ornamental,

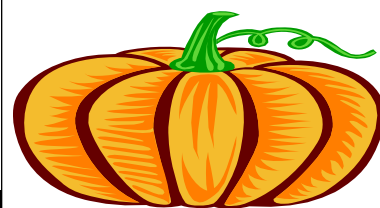
shade and evergreen trees.

“When is the best time to plant trees and shrubs?”, is a question that is asked frequently this time of year. Personally, I do all of my own landscaping in the fall. We have always had very good success planting this time of year. I encourage you to evaluate your yard and consider adding to your landscaping pallet. What are you missing? Do you have a plant or plants that flower or looks interesting in each of the 4 seasons? Please check out the article on the following page for suggestions on a few plants that look good in each season.

Make it a colorful  
Fall! Mums are  
blooming!

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## Congrats Melissa & Paul

Cailyn MaryBeth Shippy was welcomed into this world on Sunday, July 20th at 3:51pm by her parents Paul and Melissa. She weighed 7lbs, 15 oz. and was 19” long. Melissa is a natural as a mom and Cailyn continues to eat and sleep well under her watchful eye.

## Customer Appreciation Days

Who says 13 is unlucky? Our 13th Annual Customer Appreciations Days are Friday, October 10th through Sunday, October 12th. This year will be bigger and better than ever! Please mark it on your calendar. The celebration will include great food and even better plant and garden art sales!

We have had a great year

and this is our way of saying “Thank you”. Because we are a seasonal business this is also a last chance for us to see all of you before the winter hibernation begins. We look forward to sharing a cup of hot apple cider and some fresh baked treats with you while you stroll through our display gardens.

### Dates to Remember:

- Huntley Farmer’s Market Saturdays 8-12, through September 27th
- Saturday, September 20 Our Fall Festival begins
- Saturday, September 20 Edgewater by Del Webb Expo 10-4
- October 10-12, Customer Appreciation Days, 9-6
- October 23 Del Webb’s Sun City Huntley Expo 10 -6pm

## FALL YARD CLEANUP

By Kathleen Carr

I am now scheduling our fall yard cleanups. 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 and just about anything else you want done. Don't delay!

We are also scheduling planting jobs. Let us know if you need any trees or shrubs added to your yard. Our staff has over 65 years of gardening experience.

## The Bountiful Fall

By Kathleen Carr

What an exciting time of the year! The leaves will be changing soon, the crops will be harvested from the fields, kids will be trick or treating, fall will soon be upon us. My husband once commented that even if we live to 100, we will only witness fall 100 times. Considering that things are often counted in the hundreds of thousands, one hundred doesn't seem like that many. Please take the time-put a colorful mum and pumpkin on your door step. That simple act will brighten your day and the day of the people driving by. We have mums available in 1 Gallon containers for \$5.95 or 3 for \$17. We also have beautiful fall Black Eyed Susan, Asters, Kale and Cabbage for the same prices. Pumpkins and Gourds will be plentiful this fall. Be sure to check out the unique winged gourds and Jack-be-little pumpkins.

## FALL, WINTER & SPRING HOURS

The Growing Scene Garden Center will be open for retail sales through October 28, 2008. We will re-open April 17, 2009. We will continue to do landscaping through November 25th. Weather permitting we will begin landscaping again March 20th. 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. We are also available if you need help with your Christmas shopping. Gift Certificates are always the perfect gift for the gardener.

## Plants for all Seasons

By Kathleen Carr

The following is a list of plants that have an attribute that looks good in a particular season.

### **Fall:**

**Compact Amur Maple**-Absolutely beautiful red fall color

**Tiger Eyes Cut leaf Sumac**-Golden Yellow leaves followed by bright red fall color

**Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac**-As the name implies, a great low plant that packs a punch with fiery red leaves in the fall.

**Sunshine Blue Bluebeard**-A shrub that has great yellow foliage in the summer and gorgeous, true blue flowers in the fall. Very unique.

**Pagoda Dogwood**-Interesting specimen tree with yellow flowers in spring and a maroon fall color.

### **Winter:**

**Contorted Filber**-Extremely interesting branches that grow in a curly Q pattern

**Emerald N Gold Euonymus**-

*Sweet and Smiling are your ways...  
Beautiful, Golden, Autumn Days.*



Yellow and green soft broad leaves that stay on through out the winter

**Dwarf Alberta Spruce**-Perfect little Christmas tree type plants. They provide a great structure for decorating with lights.

### **Spring:**

**Birch leaf Spirea**-A unique, compact spirea with round leaves and delicate white flowers.

**Golden Glory Dogwood**-Yellow flowers followed by red berries.

### **Summer:**

**Summer Glow Tamarisk**- Rosy flower spikes for a long period of time. Feathery, evergreen appearance

**Canada Red Cherry**-tree with deep purple leaves throughout the summer and fall

**Butterfly Bush**-Pink, purple or white flowers that will live up to it's name!

## Road Construction Update

The McHenry County Division of Transportation is nearing completion of their Harmony Road improvement project. The road has a paved subsurface and grading of the shoulders is occurring this week. The final paving should be done soon, weather permitting. While we have not heard when Harmony Road, East of Route 20 will be re-open to traffic, we think (hope) it will be sooner rather than later. The original estimation was the end of September.

You may follow the progress of this construction project at the following website:

[www.harmonyroadproject.info](http://www.harmonyroadproject.info)

Thank you to all of you who have persevered through the construction to get to us! We appreciate it. For those who have been hesitant-come on over-we have missed you.

## Grandma's Recipe Book

*From Grandpa's Garden to Grandma's Kitchen*

### Chocolate Chip Apple Cake

#### Ingredients

1/2 c. Shortening  
3/4 c. Sugar  
3/4 c. Brown Sugar  
2 Eggs  
1 tsp. Baking soda  
1 tsp. Baking Powder  
2 cups Apples-Peeled and thinly sliced  
1/2 c. Water  
1/2 c. Semi-sweet Chocolate chips  
1/2 c. Walnuts-chopped

## Farm Stand Delights-Get ready for fall !

*By Cindy Treynor*

As summer draws to a close and its bounty of sweet corn, tomatoes and peaches ebbs away, our thoughts turn to the autumn. Throughout the months of September and October the Growing Scene farm stand will continue to operate with a variety of fall favorites. Some of the items we feature will be fresh, crisp, juicy apples, pumpkins and squash. For your fall decorating needs we will stock Indian corn, corn stalks, a variety of gourds and hay bales.

So stop in and see us and share in all the delights that harvest time has to offer. The farm stand will continue to be open daily until October 28th.

*Got Bugs? Did the Japanese Beetles attack your yard? We have a long term solution! Come into the garden center today, there is an easy to use product that will help to protect your plants for the next 12 months.*

**Topping:** 1/2 c. Brown Sugar, 1/2 c. Chopped Walnuts, 1/2 c. Chocolate. Chips  
Cream together shortening and sugars. Add eggs and beat thoroughly. Sift together dry ingredients. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture alternating with water. Beat until smooth Coat apples lightly with flour. Fold apples and 1/2 c. each of chocolate chips & walnuts. Turn out into greased & floured 9x13x2 pan. Sprinkle topping mixture on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.

## Customer Appreciation Sales Announced

A sales person recently asked "How do you over-winter your plants?" "In our customers' yards" was my, quick, but sincere response. In an effort to achieve that, we will be having a sale on all in-stock shrubs. This "Mix N Match" sale is **buy 3, get 1 free** on all in stock flowering and evergreen shrubs. Our current shrub prices range from \$17-\$79. The savings will add up quickly for those customers who capitalize on this sale! The savings start at 9am on Friday, October 10th and runs through Sunday, October 12th at 5pm. First come, first served. Cash and Carry only. No further discounts available. Payment is accepted by cash, check or credit card. We anticipate a large turnout-so mark your calendars now and get here early!

## Fruit Trees

# 50% OFF

CHOOSE APPLE OR PEAR CONTAINER ONLY

TREES, GO GREEN, PLANT A TREE!

Cash and Carry only, must have coupon present

Coupon Expires October 20, 2008



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**Fall has so much to offer-decorations, food and fun!  
Check out our great selection.**

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