



# Ozzie's Gardenletter

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## SPRING IS IN THE AIR AT OZZIE'S!

Hello to all of our gardening friends! Are you ready for spring? It seems like this has been one of the longest winters ever. All of us at OZZIE'S are ready for spring. We are looking forward to seeing all of our loyal friends, and hoping to make many new friends.



## OZZIE'S 2009 Quick Calendar of Events:

April 1.....OZZIE'S Opens  
 April 18-19.....Open House  
 April 18.....Plant Your Own Basket  
 April 26.....Plant Your Own Basket  
 May 9 .....Little Hands Building Planters  
 June 20.....Customer Appreciation Day  
 August, date TBD.....Tomato Tasting  
 September 26.....OZZIE'S Closed for the Season

See page 2 for more information on these events!

### GIFT SHOP:

Our gift shop will have new garden related items. We will have many decorative pots waiting for you to plant with your favorite flowers. We carry a wide variety of planters and hanging baskets which will be a big hit with mom for Mother's Day, or you may just have to take one home for your own porch or patio.

Gift certificates are always available in any denomination upon request.

We carry many garden supply items such as sphagnum moss for lining baskets and containers, potting mix, mushroom compost, peat moss, fertilizer (including time release and water soluble), insecticide, and heavy duty tomato cages.

We have bulk seed available at a great price for those planting larger vegetable gardens, and a seed rack with all of your favorite seeds.

### 2008 TOMATO TASTING WINNERS

In 2008 we had three categories for the Tomato Tasting: heirloom, cherry, and slicing. The winners were the following:

#### Heirloom:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Win's All
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Caspian Pink

#### Cherry:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sun sugar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Super Sweet 100

#### Slicing:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Fourth of July
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Super Tasty

### NEW TOMATOES FOR 2009:

OZZIE'S has six new varieties of tomatoes this year:

- Bonny Best (heirloom)
- Green Grape
- Italian Ice (white cherry)
- Porterhouse
- Red Robin (cherry)
- Sweet Seedless

### A WORD TO THE WISE!

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;  
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Don't forget that OZZIE'S accepts Mastercard and Visa credit cards!



## DONNA AND HEATHER'S 2009 PICKS:

### GRASS PENNISETUM PURPUREUM 'PRINCE'

Heather planted this grass along her driveway last summer. It got 6 to 7 feet tall. Wow!! 'Prince' has wide purple blades that make a nice specimen grass for the garden landscape. 'Prince' does not plume in our area because the growing season is not long enough. Height: 6 to 7 feet. Space: 2 to 3 feet.

### PETUNIA SUPERTUNIA 'CITRUS'

We saw this petunia at the Ohio trade show in July. We were impressed with the 2-tone yellow flowers. We are planning to use 'Citrus' in baskets and containers. Height: 8 to 12 inches. Space: 10 to 12 inches. Light: Full sun to part shade.

### RUDBECKIA 'TIGER EYE GOLD'

Bold and beautiful best describes this golden beauty. 'Tiger Eye Gold' is a real attention getter. We are treating this zone 5 rudbeckia as an annual or tender perennial. If the plant returns the following spring, you received a bonus.



### TORENIA 'MOON YELLOW'

This is an eye catching beauty for shade to part shade. It has a yellow flower with a maroon center. Height: 6 to 8 inches. Space: 10 to 12 inches. Be careful not to over water torenia.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

OZZIE'S will continue to sell rhubarb plants, blackberry and raspberry bushes. This year we have added three new varieties of grape vines and also blueberry bushes.

As usual, we will have onion sets, seed potatoes, asparagus roots and strawberry plants.

Sweet potato plants are available after May 15<sup>th</sup>. Sweet potato plants should not be planted until after the frost free date.

We often get asked how to plant some of the popular fruits and vegetables. So we will have planting instructions available this year for onion sets, seed potatoes, asparagus roots, strawberry plants, grape vines, blueberry bushes, rhubarb, and sweet potato slips.

## HOSTA OF THE YEAR 2009: 'Earth Angel'



Height: 30 inches  
Space: 24 inches  
Light: Shade  
Flower: Light Lavender

'Earth Angel' is a large hosta with heart shaped leaves. Leaves are blue-green with creamy white margins

## EVENTS:

Open House: Our open house will be the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served.

Workshop: Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., get a jump start on your gardening and plant a hanging basket at Ozzie's. Don't worry about taking your basket home because we will babysit it until warmer weather arrives. The cost for a 12" basket is \$29.95 and a 14" basket is \$34.95. The fee includes your plants, basket, soil, slow release fertilizer, assistance choosing your plants, and the care of your basket until you pick it up. Reservations are required, so call early and reserve a spot.

Workshop: Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. we will offer another class for planting your own basket.

Workshop: "Little Hands Building Planters" workshop will be held on Mother's Day Weekend, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. This class is designed for children to plant a container for mom with assistance from our gardening staff. The cost is \$20 and includes a 10" container, plants, soil, and slow release fertilizer. The kids will also get to use paint markers to personalize their container for mom. Reservations required so call early.

Customer Appreciation Day: We will have our annual customer appreciation day Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> highlighted by a free lunch. Ozzie's bucks will be valid beginning this day until the end of the season.

Tomato Tasting Day: We will again host our Tomato Tasting Day in August. The date and time of Tomato Tasting Day will be announced later.

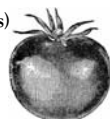


# ANNUALS

Acalypha	Cleome	Geranium
Ageratum	Coleus	Gerbera Daisy
Alternanthera	Cordylone	Grasses
Alyssum	Cosmos	Helenium
Angelonia	Dahlia	Helichrysum
Anisodonte	Dianthus	Heliotrope
Argyranthemum	Dichondra	Hypoestes (Polka Dot Plant)
Asparagus Fern	Dipladenia	Impatiens
Bacopa	Dracaena (Spikes)	Ipomoea (Sweet Potato Vine)
Begonia	Dusty Miller	Iresine
Bougainvillea	Euphorbia	Ivy
Bracteantha	Flowering	Lampranthus
Calibrachoa	Cabbage	Lantana
Celosia	Flowering Kale	Larkspur
Chrysanthemum	Fuchsia	

Lobelia
Lotus Vine
Lysimachia
Mandevilla
Manettia
Marigolds
Melampodium
Mimosa
Moon Vine
Morning Glory
Nasturtium
Nemesia
Nicotiana
Nierembergia
Oplismenus hirtellus (basket grass)

Osteospermum
Oxalis
Pansy
Pentas
Pepper (ornamental)
Perilla Magilla
Petunia
Phlox
Plectranthus
Portulaca (Moss - Roses)
Salvia
Sanvitalia
Scaevola
Sedum



# HERBS

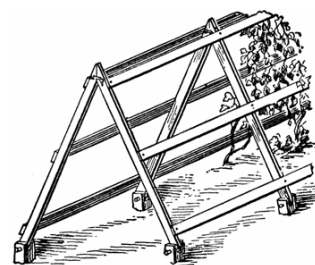
Anise
Arugula/Roquette
Basil
Bay Leaf
Borage
Catnip
Chamomile
Chervil
Chives (regular)
Chives (garlic)
Cilantro
Curry
Dill
Fennel
Hyssop
Lavender
Lemon Balm
Lemon Grass
Lemon Verbena
Lovage
Marjoram
Mints
Oregano
Parsley
Rosemary
Sage
Savory
Sorrel
Stevia
Tarragon (French)
Thyme
Water Cress

# VEGETABLES & FRUITS

Broccoli	Hungarian Hot Wax
Brussel Sprouts	Hungarian Sweet Wax
Cabbage	Jalapa
Cantaloupe	Jalapeno
Cauliflower	Lady Bell
Celery	Mariachi
Cucumbers	Mexibell
Eggplant	Peperoncino
Gourds	Pimento Perfection
Kohlrabi	Poblano (Ancho)
Lettuce	Purple Beauty
Okra	Red Beauty
Onions	Scotch Bonnet
Pumpkins	Serrano
Squash	Spanish Spice
Tomatillo	Super Chili
Watermelon	Tabasco
<b>Peppers:</b>	Thai Hot
Anaheim	Valencia
Bell Boy	<b>Tomatoes:</b>
Big Bertha	Amish Paste
Big Jim	Aunt Ruby's German Green
Blushing Beauty	Beefmaster
California Wonder	Beefsteak
Carmen	Better Boy
Cayenne	Big Beef
Cherry Hot	Big Boy
Cherry Sweet	Big Mama
Chocolate Beauty	Black Krim
Corno di Toro	Bonny Best
Cubanelle	Box Car Willie
Fat 'N Sassy	Brandywine
Friariello (Melrose type)	Burpee Long Keeper
Giant Marconi	Bush Early Girl
Golden California	Bush Goliath
Wonder	Campbells 1327
Gypsy	Caspian Pink
Habanero	Celebrity

Champion
Cherokee Purple
Costoluto Genovese
Delicious
Early Girl
Early Goliath
Fourth of July
German Pink
Giant Belgium
Golden Jubilee
Green Grape
Hillbilly
Husky Gold
Italian Ice
Jet Star
Jolly
Juliet
Marglobe
Mortgage Lifter
Mr. Strikey
Park's Whopper
Patio
Pineapple
Porterhouse
Red Pear
Red Robin
Roma
Rutgers
Striped Stuffer
Sugary
Sunsugar
Super Bush
Super Fantastic
Supersonic
Supersteak
Super Sweet 100
Super Tasty
Sweet Baby Girl
Sweet Chelsea

Sweet Seedless
Tiny Tim
Viva Italia
Wins All
Yellow Cherry
Yellow Pear



# SHRUBS

Shrubs will be available in limited quantities. Special orders can be taken. Ozzie's would be happy to assist you with your shrubbery needs. The following shrubs will be on hand:

Cornus
Cotoneaster
Euonymus
Hydrangea
Spiraea
Syringa (lilac)
Weigela



For a more comprehensive listing of everything OZZIE'S grows, see [www.ozziegreenhouse.com](http://www.ozziegreenhouse.com)

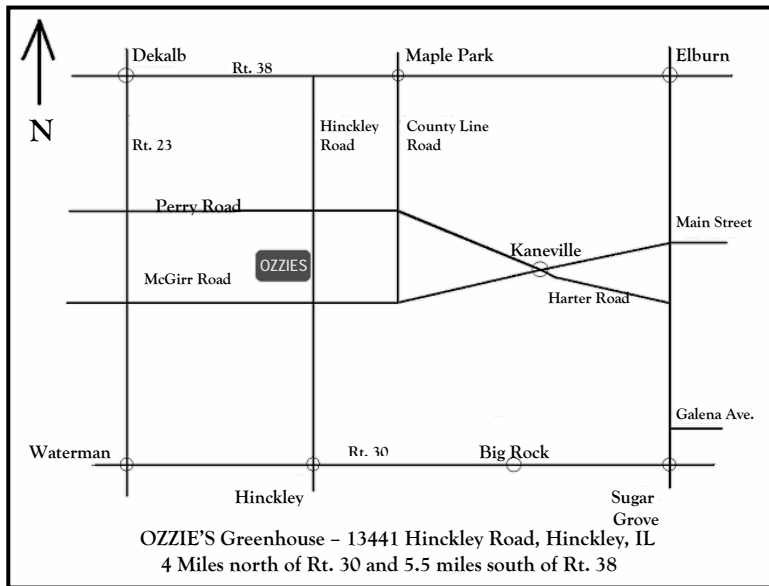
# PERENNIALS



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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Achillea (Yarrow)          | Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)        | Echinacea (Coneflower)     | Hypericum                   | Papaver (Oriental Poppy)    | Sedum                      |
| Adenophora                 | Callirhoe                        | Eupatorium                 | Iberis                      | Parthenocissus (Boston Ivy) | Sempervivum (Hen & Chicks) |
| Ajuga                      | Campanula                        | Euphorbia                  | Iris                        | Penstemon                   | Solidago                   |
| Alcea (Hollyhock)          | Campsis (Trumpet Vine)           | Ferns                      | Lamium                      | Peony                       | Stachys                    |
| Alchemilla                 | Centranthus                      | Gaillardia                 | Leucanthemum                | Perovskia (Russian Sage)    | Stokesia                   |
| Ampelopsis (vine)          | Chrysanthemum                    | Geranium                   | Liatris                     | Phlox                       | Tiarella                   |
| Aquilegia (Columbine)      | Cimicifuga                       | German Statice             | Ligularia                   | Platycodon                  | Tradescantia               |
| Armeria                    | Clematis (vine)                  | Geum                       | Lilium                      | Polemonium                  | Trollius                   |
| Artemisia                  | Convallaria (Lily-of-the-Valley) | Grape Vines                | Lily (Asiatic & Orientals)  | Pyrethrum                   | Veronica                   |
| Arunca                     | Coreopsis                        | Grasses                    | Lonicera (Honeysuckle Vine) | Raspberry                   | Vinca                      |
| Asclepias (Butterfly Weed) | Delphinium                       | Gypsophila (Baby's Breath) | Lychnis                     | Rhubarb                     | Viola                      |
| Aster                      | Dianthus                         | Hedera (Hardy English Ivy) | Lysimachia                  | Rudbeckia                   | Yucca                      |
| Astilbe                    | Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)        | Heliopsis                  | Malva                       | Salvia                      |                            |
| Baptisia                   | Digitalis                        | Hemerocallis (Daylily)     | Monarda (Bee Balm)          |                             |                            |
| Belamcanda                 |                                  | Heuchera (Coral Bells)     | Native Plants (various)     |                             |                            |
| Blackberry                 |                                  | Heucherella                |                             |                             |                            |
| Brunnera                   |                                  | Hostas                     |                             |                             |                            |
|                            |                                  | Houttuynia                 |                             |                             |                            |

From the north:  
Take Rt. 38 to Hinckley Road and turn south. Go 5 1/2 miles south to Ozzie's Greenhouse on your right.

From the south:  
Take Rt. 30 to Sycamore Street in Hinckley. Sycamore Street turns into Hinckley Road. Go 4 miles north to Ozzie's Greenhouse on your left.



Yes! Please send me your Newsletter next Year.

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 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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 **ONE TINY TIM TOMATO PLANT**   
**WITH THIS COUPON**



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Dates	Monday-Saturday	Sunday
April 1 to 17	9am to 5pm	Closed
April 18 to 30		
May	9am to 6pm	10am to 5pm
June 1 to 14		Closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 25
June 15 to 30		
July 1 to 11	9am to 5pm	Closed Saturday, July 4
July 13 to 31		
August	9am to noon	Closed Labor Day, Monday, September 7
September 1-26		

