

OZZIE'S GARDENLETTER



CELEBRATING
25 YEARS

Ozzie's Greenhouse

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25 Years of Wide Smiles and Big Blooms

Time sure flies when you're having fun. Who would have thought that we would be celebrating 25 years of being in business. Sharing gardening experiences with our loyal customers has been a real pleasure.

We started 25 years ago with one small greenhouse and have since added three more greenhouses along with sun and shade areas for perennial plants. We couldn't have done it without the help of our terrific dedicated staff and all of their hard work. Over the years we have tried to improve something on the premise every year in order to enhance your shopping experience. The next generation, our daughter Heather and her husband Brad, have also been a terrific help in running and maintaining the business.



Our goal is to have the best plant quality in the area and to sell it at a fair price. In addition, we offer outstanding advice and suggestions to help you make your gardening decisions.

It has been a long winter this past year, and we are looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces again this spring. Thanks again for all of your support.

Larry and Donna Asselborn

Donna and Heather's 2011 Picks:

Begonia 'Bonfire'

This annual has a vibrant scarlet flower and has a trailing habit. It attracts hummingbirds. It is excellent in hanging baskets with lysimachia or bacopa. Height: 6 to 8 inches. Spacing : 12 inches. Part shade to shade.

Scaevola

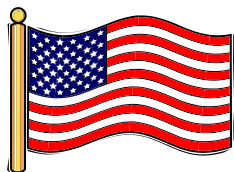
This plant comes in three different colors blue, white, and pink. It has a sprawling trailing habit. It loves the heat. Height: 8 to 12 inches. Space: 10 to 14 inches. Full sun to part sun. This plant looks great with ivy geraniums.

Campanula 'Blue Waterfall'

This perennial caught our eye because it has a very long bloom time. The flower is lavender blue. Dead-heading helps promote a longer bloom time. Great along a garden edge. Height: 8 to 10 inches. Space: 24 inches. Full sun to part shade.

Open Memorial Day

We will be open Memorial Day from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. To celebrate the holiday, buy anything red, white, or blue and receive 15% off that item.



Events 2011

Ozzie's Opens

Open House

Create a Moss Basket/Container

Create a Hanging Basket

Plant a Pot for Mother's Day

Customer Appreciation Day

Tomato Tasting

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April 1st

April 16th and 17th

April 16th and 30th

April 21 and 23rd

May 7th

June 18th

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New Annuals for 2011

These are just a few of our new annuals for this year:

Calibrachoa - Blackberry Punch

The flower is two toned with a dark purple almost black center with fuchsia surrounding it. Attracts hummingbirds. Full to part sun. Height: 8 to 14 inches Space: 8 to 12 inches



Geranium - Caliente Series

These geraniums are a cross between an ivy and a zonal. The characteristics are more like an ivy. Semi-trailing habit. Height: 12 inches Space: 12 inches



Petunia - Black Velvet

The first true black petunia. It has a mounding upright habit. Full to part sun. Height: 8 to 12 inches Space: 8 to 10 inches

Petunia - Phantom

This petunia is black with a pale yellow star. It has a mounding upright habit. Full to part sun. Height: 8 to 12 inches Space: 8 to 10 inches.



Petunia - Karkulka

Large 3" flowers, wavy, deeply frilled and ruffled. The flowers are cherry rose and white, some have a star pattern and some have a picotee pattern.

Verbena - Aztec Blue Velvet

This verbena has a rich velvety purple flower. It has a mounding trailing habit. Attracts butterflies. Full sun. Height: 8 to 10 inches Space: 12 to 16 inches



Cassia - Popcorn

When the leaves are rubbed a rich buttered popcorn fragrance is released. The buds are black and open to a bright yellow flower. Full sun. Height: 3 to 4 feet Space: 2 feet

Begonia - Gryphon

This begonia has beautiful silver-green foliage. Excellent for a shady spot. Height: 14 to 16 inches Space: 16 to 18 inches



Coleus - Versa Watermelon

Foliage has a pink center with a green edge. Sun or shade. Height: 20 to 24 inches Space: 12 to 18 inches

Calibrachoa - Vampire

This calibrachoa has a deep red flower. It has a trailing habit. It is self-cleaning. Attracts hummingbirds. Full to part sun. Height: 8 to 12 inches Space: 10 to 12 inches

Geranium - Scented Chocolate Mint

The chocolate refers to the coloring that fans out from the ribs which fades to green as it matures. Minty fragrance. Full sun. Height: 18 to 24 inches Space: 12 to 15 inches

Geranium - Peppermint Rose

Mint and rose scented foliage. Full sun. Height: 15 to 18 inches Space: 12 to 15 inches

Impatiens - Patchwork Pink Shades

We trialed this plant last year along with several customers. We were all amazed with its large two toned pink flower and the flower power was outstanding. Part shade to shade. Height: 10 to 16 inches Space: 10 to 12 inches



Lophospermum - Wine Red

Vigorous trailer or climbing plant. Trumpet shaped blooms that are deep wine red. Attracts hummingbirds. Sun to part shade.

Lantana - Landmark Sunrise Rose



This plant produces brightly colored pink and yellow flowers. It has a mounding habit. It attracts hummingbirds and is deer resistant. This plant loves a hot, dry location. Full sun. Height: 15 to 20 inches Space: 15 to 20 inches.

Rudbeckia - Cherry Brandy

Maroon flowers. Attracts butterflies. Songbirds like the seeds in the fall. Full sun. Height: 2 feet Width: 12 to 15 inches.

Diascia - Romeo Orange

This trailing plant has an orange flower. Prefers cooler weather. Part sun. Height: 7 to 9 inches Space: 8 to 10 inches

Check out our website for a complete listing of plants.

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Events 2011

Open House: April 16th and 17th. Check out what's new and start your plant wish list for 2011.

Tour: Behind the Scenes at Ozzie's

After 25 years we are opening all our doors to you. Ever wondered where and how we start all of the seeds? Watch us transplant tiny seedlings. April 16th at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

Create a Moss Basket/Container Workshop:

April 16th at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and April 30th at 1:30 p.m. Get hands on experience learning how to create a moss lined hanging basket/container. You can bring in your own container or we will have wire containers and moss available for purchase. Don't worry about taking your basket home because we will babysit it until warmer weather arrives. Cost will vary based upon the need for a container, plants, moss, and soil. Reservations are required.



Create a Hanging Basket Workshop:

April 21st at 6:30 p.m. and April 23rd at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Get a jump start on your gardening and plant a combination 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 \$34.95 and a 14" basket is \$39.95. The fee includes your plants, basket, soil, slow release fertilizer, assistance choosing plants, and the care of your basket until you pick it up. Reservations are required.

Plant a Pot for Mother's Day: May 7th at 1:30 p.m. This class is designed for children to plant a container for mom or grandma with assistance from our gardening staff. The cost is \$20.00 and includes a 10" container, plants, soil, and slow release fertilizer. The kids will also get to personalize their container for mom. Reservations required so call early.

Living Artwork: May 14th 1:30 p.m. Get creative and make your own living artwork with succulents. Create a 12x12 container that can be hung on your fence or on the outside of your house. Cost \$40.00. The fee includes plants, container, moss, soil, and slow release fertilizer. Reservations are required.



Customer Appreciation Day: June 18th, join us for a free lunch. Ozzie's Bucks can be redeemed now.

Tomato Tasting: Date: TBA To receive information on this event please sign up in our gift shop. Information will only be sent out by email unless a postcard is requested.

Check us out on Facebook

New on facebook this year, Friday April 22nd and 29th be the first person to answer our trivia question correctly and receive a \$25.00 gift certificate.

Perennial of the Year



Amsonia hubrichtia

Height: 3'

Width: 3'

Light blue flowers in spring. Excellent fall color. Plant thrives in full sun to part sun.

Hosta of the Year



"Praying Hands"

Height: 16"

Width: 36"

Blue-green leaves with yellow margins that change to white as the season progresses. Lavender flowers mid-summer.

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Largest Selection of Tomato Plants In the Area

You can now choose from over 100 varieties of tomato plants. New varieties for 2011 are:

Amana Orange - 90 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom from Amana, Iowa. Beefsteak type fruits, orange in color.

Aussie - 85 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom from Australia.

BHN 444 Hybrid - 75 days. Determinate. Good disease resistance. Excellent yields of bright red globe-shaped fruits.

Black Brandywine - 90 to 100 days. Indeterminate. Prolific yielder with black fruits.

Black from Tula - 80 to 85 days. Indeterminate. A Russian heirloom and the largest black tomato.

Bush Champion II Hybrid - 65 days. Determinate. Compact plants grow to 24 inches tall. Good for containers.

Capaya Hybrid - 70 days. Determinate. Excellent disease resistance. Clusters of 6 to 8 ounce fruits.

Cherokee Chocolate - 80 days. Indeterminate. Beefsteak type.

Djena Lee's Golden Girl - 78 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom. Yellow-orange fruit.

Evergreen - 72 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom. Green with a mild, delicious flavor. Good for frying.

Giant Oxheart - 90 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom. Heart shaped fruit with thick walls. Few seeds.

Great White - 75 to 85 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom. Cream colored fruit. Few seeds and mild.

Jaune Flamme - 80 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom. Bright orange skin with red flesh. Slightly larger than cherry varieties with 2 to 3 ounce fruits.

2010 Tomato Tasting Results

Peoples' Choices

Slicing:
1st Place: Bloody Butcher
2nd Place: Abraham Lincoln

Heirloom:
1st Place: Hillbilly
2nd Place: Big Rainbow

Cherry:
1st Place: Chocolate Cherry
2nd Place: Super Sweet 100

Jelly Bean Red - 72 days. Indeterminate. Grape-like fruits.

Julia Child - 78 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom. Potato-leaf beefsteak variety.

Kellogg's Breakfast - 80 to 85 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom. Pale-orange fruits. Solid and meaty with few seeds. Beefsteak type.

Legend - 68 days. Determinate. Few seeds.

Marvel Stripe - 95 days. Indeterminate. Heirloom from Oaxaca, Mexico. Bi-color beefsteak type. Sweet and mild.

Paul Robeson - 74 days. Indeterminate. Russian heirloom. Beefsteak.

Pink Girl Hybrid - 76 days. Indeterminate. Pink fruits extremely crack resistant and low in acid.

Pink Lady - 70 days. Indeterminate. Large pink fruits.

Rose - 75 to 80 days. Indeterminate. Amish heirloom from Pennsylvania. Large crack resistant fruit.

Silvery Fir Tree - 58 days. Determinate. Heirloom. Silvery-gray, lacy, fern-like foliage. Fruit range from deep orange to red. Good disease resistance. Requires staking or caging.

New peppers for 2011:

Bhut Jolokia - 80 to 85 days. Also known as Ghost Chile. Named by the Guinness Book of World Records as the hottest pepper in the world. Measures over one million units on the Scoville Scale. Limited supplies.

Garden Salsa - 73 days. Medium-hot chili pepper. Good for making salsa. Resists Tobacco Mosaic Virus.

Chablis Hybrid - 60 days. Early maturing. Fruits are super sweet with thick walls. Resistant to Tobacco Mosaic Virus and Bacterial Leaf Spot.

Miscellaneous**Potatoes & Onion Sets**

Available in April

Sweet Potato Plants

Available around May 15th

Strawberry Plants & Asparagus Plants

Available in Mid April



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TOMATO PLANT



Yes! Please send me your newsletter next year.

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Annuals

Abutilon	Calibrachoa	Euphorbia	Ivy	Nicotiana	Santolina
Acalypha	Cassia	Ficus	Lantana	Nierembergia	Sanvitalia
Aeonium	Celosia	Flowering Cabbage	Larkspur	Oplismenus	Scaevola
Agave	Chrysanthemum	Flowering Kale	Lobelia	Osteospermum	Sedum
Ageratum	Cleome	Fuchsia	Lobularia	Oxalis	Setcreasea
Aloe	Coleus	Gasteria	Lophospermum	Pansy	Snapdragon
Alternanthera	Cosmos	Gaillardia	Lotus Vine	Pentas	Stenotaphrum
Alyssum	Cuphea	Geranium	Lysimachia	Perilla Magilla	Streptocarpella
Angelonia	Cyperus	Gerbera	Mandevilla	Petunia	Strobilanthus
Aptenia	Dahlia	Grasses	Manettia	Phlox	Talinum
Argyranthemum	Dianthus	Gomphrena	Marigold	Plectranthus	Thunbergia
Asparagus Fern	Diascia	Helichrysum	Melampodium	Plumbago	Torenia
Bacopa	Dichondra	Heliotrope	Moon Vine	Portulaca	Verbena
Begonia	Dipladenia	Hibiscus	Morning Glory	Pseuderanthmum	Vinca
Bracteantha	Dracaena	Hypoestes	Muehlenbeckia	Ptilotus	Vinca Vine
	Dusty Miller	Impatiens	Nasturtium	Rudbeckia	Zinnia
	Echeveria	Ipomoea	Nemesia	Salvia	

Herbs



Anise	Catnip	Curry	Lavender	Lemon Verbena	Parsley	Shallots	Thyme
Arugula/Roquette	Chamomile	Dill	Leeks	Marjoram	Rosemary	Sorrel	Water Cress
Basil	Chives	Fennel	Lemon Balm	Mint	Sage	Stevia	
Bay Leaf	Cilantro	Hyssop	Lemon Grass	Oregano	Savory	Tarragon	

Vegetables & Fruits



Broccoli	Cayenne	Red Beauty	Burpee Long Keeper	Patio
Brussel Sprouts	Chablis	Scotch Bonnet	Bush Early Girl	Pineapple
Cabbage	Cherry Hot	Serrano	Bush Goliath	Porterhouse
Cantaloupe	Cherry Sweet	Spanish Spice	Campbells 33	Red Pear
Cauliflower	Chocolate Beauty	Super Chili	Caspian Pink	Red Robin
Celery	Corno di Toro	Super Heavyweight	Celebrity	Roma
Cucumber	Cubanelle	Tabasco	Champion	Rutgers
Eggplant	Fat 'N Sassy	Thai Hot	Cherokee Purple	Stupice
Gourds	Foiled You	Valencia	Chocolate Cherry	Sugar Lump
Kale	Jalapeno	Tomatoes:	Delicious	Sugar Snack
Kohlrabi	Friariello	*New Varieties are	Early Girl	Sugary
Lettuce	Garden Salsa	listed on page 4	Early Goliath	Sungold
Okra	Giant Marconi	Abraham Lincoln	First Ladies Hybrid	Sunsugar
Onion	Golden California	Amish Paste	Fourth of July	Super Bush
Pumpkin	Wonder	Aunt Ruby's German	German Pink	Super Fantastic
Squash	Gypsy	Green	Giant Belgium	Supersonic
Swiss Chard	Habanero	Beefmaster	Golden Jubilee	Supersteak
Tomatillo	Holy Mole	Beefsteak	Green Grape	Super Sweet 100
Watermelon	Hungarian Hot Wax	Better Boy	Health Kick	Super Tasty
Peppers:	Hungarian Sweet	Better Bush	Hillbilly	Sweet Baby Girl
Anaheim	Wax	Big Beef	Husky Gold	Sweet Chelsea
Bell Boy	Jalapa	Big Boy	Italian Ice	Sweet Seedless
Bhut Jolokia	Jalapeno	Big Mama	Jet Star	Tami G
Big Bertha	Lady Bell	Big Rainbow	Jolly	Thessaloniki
Big Jim	Mariachi	Black Krim	Juliet	Tiny Tim
Blushing Beauty	Mexibell	Bloody Butcher	Lemon Boy	Viva Italia
Cajun Belle	Peperoncino	Bonny Best	Marglobe	Wapsipicon Peach
California Wonder	Pimento Perfection	Box Car Willie	Margo	Wins All
Carmen	Poblano (Ancho)	Brandy Boy	Mortgage Lifter	Yellow Cherry
	Purple Beauty	Brandywine	Mountain Fresh Plus	Yellow Pear
			Mr. Stripey	
			Park's Whopper	

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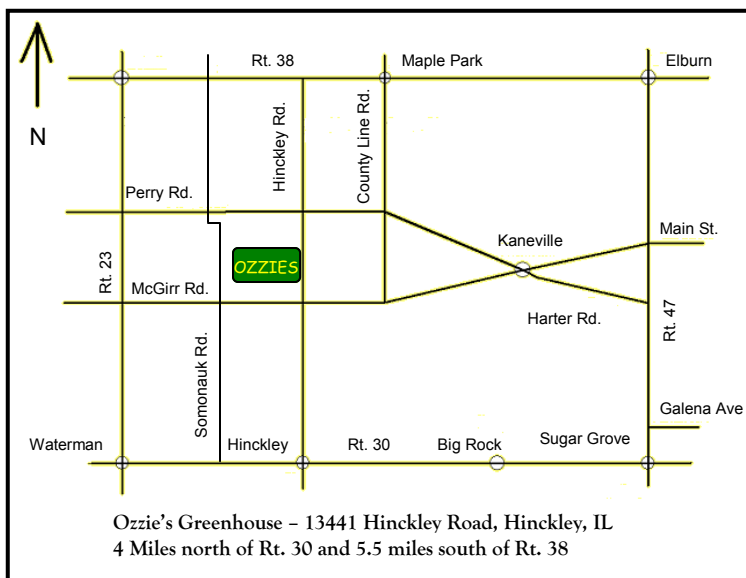
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Hours:	***Open Memorial Day*** 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
April 1st - April 10th	Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Sunday
April 11th - April 30th	Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Closed Easter Sunday
May 1st - June 12th	Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
June 13th - July 10th	Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Sunday
July 11th - Sept. 24th	Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Perennials

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| Achillea | Astilbe | Chelone | Eupatorium | Hemerocallis | Ligularia | Perovskia | Solidago |
| Ajuga | Baptisia | Chrysanthemum | Euphorbia | Heuchera | Lilium | Phlox | Stachys |
| Alcea | Blackberry | Cimicifuga | Fallopia | Heucherella | Limonium | Platycodon | Stokesia |
| Alchemilla | Blueberry | Clematis | Ferns | Hostas | Lonicera | Orostachys | Tiarella |
| Amsonia | Brunnera | Convallaria | Geranium | Houttuynia | Lysimachia | Polemonium | Tradescantia |
| Armeria | Buddleia | Coreopsis | Geum | Iberis | Monarda | Raspberry | Trollius |
| Artemisia | Callirhoe | Delphinium | Grape Vines | Iris | Mukdenia | Rhubarb | Veronica |
| Aruncus | Campanula | Dianthus | Grasses | Lamium | Paeonia | Rudbeckia | Vinca |
| Asclepias | Campsis | Dicentra | Gypsophila | Lavandula | Papaver | Salvia | Viola |
| Aster | Centranthus | Digitalis | Hedera | Leucanthemum | Parthenocissus | Sedum | Yucca |
| | | Echinacea | Heliopsis | Liatris | Penstemon | Sempervivum | |



DIRECTIONS

From the north:

Take Rt. 38 to Hinckley Road and turn south. Go 5½ 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.