

Celebrating Our 20th Year

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Meet Kathy O'Malley May 13

WGN Radio personality Kathy O'Malley will be here at Hornbaker Gardens on Saturday, May 13, from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Kathy partners with Judy Markey as the stars of 'The Kathy and Judy Show', weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon on WGN Radio, 720 on the AM dial. In case you are among the handful of people who are not familiar with Kathy and Judy, they talk about anything and everything on their show, and they have a huge following of "girl-friends" who listen on a regular basis.

Kathy is a very down-to-earth person and an avid and knowledgeable gardener. She even used to help host another radio show on WGN called 'Let's Talk Gardening.' She recently purchased a house in the Princeton area, so she spends most of her week-ends at her home in the country. According to Kathy, she ended up buying a house in the Princeton area because of Hornbaker Gardens. She

had shopped here several times, and really liked the area, so when she started looking for a house in the country, she used Princeton as a starting point, and found just what she was looking for right away.

May 13 is the Saturday before Mother's Day, so here is a chance to bring that special "girlfriend" in your life out to meet Kathy O'Malley. And I know that a lot of you men are "girl-friends" as well, just as I am. Several of my farmer friends admit to being "girlfriends", especially during planting and harvest seasons. Kathy will be strolling around the gardens and the retail area to chat with you and sign autographs. Come and meet a really nice person.



Kathy O'Malley

Open House June 8, 9 And 10

To celebrate our 20th year in business, we will try to make our Annual Open House and Hosta Walk extra special this year. It will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 8, 9, and 10.

We hold the Open House during the second weekend of June because, by then, the hostas are opened up and looking great, and all of the display gardens are in great shape, as well.

We will have a good list of specially priced items for the Open House,

including hostas, perennials, trees and shrubs, and gift items. We will try to get the list posted on our website a day or so before the Open House starts.

Trellises, etc: Redcat Construction, makers of cedar trellises, arbors, and benches will have a tent set up in our parking lot during the Open House, with an excellent display of their offerings on hand. All cedar pieces will be 10% off during the Open House.

RETAIL HOURS

We are open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are closed on Sundays. We will be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, which should be a great day for the irises.

Annuals Arrive at Hornbaker Gardens

Hornbaker Gardens now has a nice selection of annuals. Our staff was so excited to see all of this incredible color come in the other day. We have been very impressed with the quality of this plant material from an outstanding grower. The hanging baskets are full and lush. And the regular annuals are chunky and well branched.

We're starting to experiment with a mix of annuals

and perennials in decorative pots. Mixed pots go great on the porch or patio, or standing as an accent in the garden. For shady areas, a mix of Hostas, Heucheras and Impatiens provide a great combination of foliage color and showy flowers. In the sun, a grass makes an excellent centerpiece for a mixed pot. There are several low growing, creeping

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Iris Season Right On Time

It appears that the iris bloom will be at its normal time. Several of the Standard Dwarf Bearded were blooming during the last week of April. This would indicate that the peak of the bloom for the Tall Bearded varieties will be during the last half of May, as usual.

Ray is back again! Ray Hornbaker, my 89-year-old father, will be here for iris season again this year. He and Mom helped run the iris part of our business from 1990 through 1996. He is flying up from Florida to hang out in the Iris Building during the last 10 days of May. Be prepared to shed a layer of clothing when you go into the



Iris Building. He likes it at 80 degrees, so we have a heater up there for him. Also, perhaps we should issue a flirt alert to all you ladies. His favorite iris name is 'Oh Babe'.

Please note that we will be closed on Sundays, even during the peak of the iris season. However, we will be open on Memorial Day,

Monday, May 29.

For those of you who have never purchased irises from us, a short explanation is in order. We take orders for the irises here in the spring. Customers walk through the field during bloom time and select the varieties they wish to order. The orders are placed and paid for now, and we dig the orders in July, usually a few days after July 4. We can ship the iris rhizomes to you, or you can pick them up. Most of our customers pick up their orders in July so that they can see the daylily field blooming at that time.

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perennials, such as Lysimachias, Veronicas and Sedums, that will trail over the side of a pot, providing both flower and foliage color. Toss in some flowering annuals such as Vincas, Petunias, Geraniums or Gerbera

Daisies for all summer color, and you have a great looking display.

More pottery arrives, too! We just unloaded a gorgeous new batch of pottery. We just can't seem to get enough of this stuff. These pots are

begging to be placed in your gardens as decorative works of art, or potted up with a mix of annuals and perennials. Pottery Alley is absolutely jammed to overflowing, so make sure you take a stroll down the Alley.

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