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# Open House June 10, 11, and 12



Our annual Open House and Hosta Walk will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 10, 11, and 12. The hostas should be looking great at that time. We have some workshops and events planned (look for details in another article). Refreshments will be served, and drawings for prizes will be held each day. The Hornbaker grill will be fired up on Friday serving hot sandwiches from 11-2 and 5-7. We also have Cows Coffee here on Friday morning with their fantastic coffee trailer. The Didough's Pretzel Truck will be here on Saturday.





We will have a selection of specially priced plants, including a good selection of hostas. Look for specials on some of our Shop items. You never know what we might decide to feature. The Open House specials list will be available on our website by June 9.

Enjoy extended hours of 5-7 p.m. during the Friday Night Sip and Stroll. We are excited to welcome Al and Jeannie Brown during the Sip and Stroll for live music on piano and stand-up bass. This is a fun Friday night opportunity with beer, wine and grilled sandwiches, strolling through the gardens, and the added bonus of our Open House Specials.

## Open House Weekend Workshops

June 11 & 12

**Saturday at 10 am - Plant Anatomy 101.** Learn the anatomy of a plant in a hands-on dissection. Explore how all plants have the same basic parts that come together to create each unique plant. Free.

**Saturday at 1 pm - Hypertufa "Make and Take" with Ella Maxwell.** Create a small planter that looks like stone after it cures. Fee \$20. Registration required on our website.

**Sunday at 2 pm - Arboretum Walk.** Join Rich and Dave for an afternoon stroll around the grounds. Several varieties of Beech trees will be featured, along with many other unusual and favorite plants including conifers. Free.



## Don't Miss the Hosta Expert!

There's still time to sign up for the free Bob Solberg event happening on Sunday, July 24th. We will have a raffle, fun contests, and a \$2 hosta discount all day. Reservations are required at our website. The garden center will be open from 9 am to 4 pm.

10 am to Noon- Meet and Greet with Bob 10 am to 1 pm- Grandma Rosie's Food Truck 1 pm- Bob's Presentation "When the Hosta Bug Bites"

## Other Hornbaker Happenings

Saturday, June 25- Pollination Workshop

Saturday, September 17-9th Annual Artisan Market

Event information, and workshop registrations can be found at www.hornbakergardens.com

#### **HG Nature Rangers:**

Monday, June 6 - Night Hike- 8 pm Thursday, June 30 - Pond Discovery - 3 pm Thursday, July 21 - Prairie Discover - 9 am Nature Journaling 4-week series-Tuesdays in July



## Visit Our Potting Bench

Did you know that you can pot up your purchases right at our garden center? You have probably seen our wide selection of pottery, but you might not have noticed the potting bench across from our checkouts. Look for the wooden work bench under The Shop at Hornbaker Gardens sign. You will find everything you need to complete a beautiful potted container including a metal can of potting soil, fertilizer, and various rocks and mulch to add some character to the top of your finished





product. This is free for pots up to 10 inches in diameter. In addition to our wide selection of outdoor plants, we have been expanding our selection of houseplants. Pick out a unique pot and a fun, new houseplant or succulent and put them together as a gift to yourself or a plant lover in your life.

Potting Tips



- If the pot you chose does not have drain holes, adding a layer of pea gravel to the bottom will give excess water a place to go.
- Purchase a plastic liner pot to fit inside of larger ceramic pots
  - Separates the weight of plants and pottery for transport
  - Allows for less soil to be used in tall pots
  - Makes it easy to discard your annuals at the end of the season
  - Liners with perennials can be moved into an unheated garage for the winter
  - Freeze proof pottery can be left outside if empty and turned upside down

#### **Hours:**

April 10 - July 10: Monday - Saturday 8 am to 5 pm, Sunday noon- 5 pm July 10 - October 10: Monday - Saturday 8 am to 5 pm, closed Sundays Closed July 4th and Labor Day