

FALLING FOR IT AGAIN

Harvest ...

I think that the older I get, the more I like fall. As a kid, I always had mixed feelings – summer was over ☹️ but school was starting ☺️ – I liked school).

Now I see the shortening days and cooling evenings as a pure blessing. The heat is past, the leaves are beginning to turn, and the pansies and mums have arrived.



Pansy Time

Now is the time to divide the hostas, trim back the overgrown perennials, rake up the leaves, throw out the spent annuals, and save seed to plant again next year.

With this year's economic storm clouds and uncertainties, it's even more important to remember Nature's lessons of cycles.

Flipping the calendar to October signals Harvest – the time of bringing in, gathering, storing and saving against the coming cold.

It's true that we harvest what we sow. We are doing that now. But even as we do, we are preparing for our next sowing, and our next harvest, and so on and so on and so.

*Cyclically,
Kathy*



Bush Babies

Small Shrubs

I've been potting up lots of small shrubs. I'll settle them in for the winter and let them develop their root systems so that their top growth in spring is healthy and strong. You can do the same by planting them in your garden this fall.

Besides the specialty "Proven Winners" I've been touting, I also have some other wonderful "bush babies" waiting for you:

- Hydrangea quercifolia "Little Honey", a golden oak leaf variety.
- Schiophragma hydra "Moonlight" – a lovely climbing vine with white lace-cap flowers.
- Hydrangea petiolaris "Firefly" – a climbing hydrangea with variegated foliage
- Syringa "Excel" – a lovely fragrant lilac that performs well in the South.

Nursery & Gallery Hours

Sept - Nov
Monday – Saturday
9:00 – 5:00

Art in the Garden – Fall Edition October 25-26

It's time again for our semi-annual open house and art extravaganza. OK, so maybe not an *extravaganza*, but at least a really fun weekend filled with art and plants and gardens.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 25 – 26, White Wagon Farm and Sage House Gallery will once again sponsor a weekend of art for sale, art demonstration, herbal treats, garden demonstrations, and other fun stuff.

From 9:00 – 5:00 on Saturday, and from 1:00 – 5:00 on Sunday, the artists of Sage House Gallery will conduct demonstrations of their art, in the gardens if the weather cooperates.

Small, unframed paintings, drawings and photographs will be hanging on a clothesline, reasonably priced, and ready for you to take home for that special gift for yourself or someone else. *(The artworks will be moved inside Sage House Studios and Gallery in case of high winds, rain, snow or other potential hazards.)*

I will post the demonstration times/subjects on our website (www.wwfarm.org) by Oct. 15.

Sage House Gallery Corner

- PRIZE WINNERS – Several of the prizes at the Tri-County Art Show went to Sage House Gallery Artists: **David Cook**, 1st and **Amy Ness**, 2nd, in Floral/Still Life Painting; **Pat White**, 1st, and **Suzanne Waggoner**, 2nd, in Figurative Painting; **Rita Mackintosh**, 3rd, in Sculptural and 3-D; **Kathy Wagenknecht**, 1st, in Photography and Digital works; and **Jan Crummer**, *Best in Show*.