

# Kollman's Greenhouse Inc.

## Our Business is Growing



Spring 2014

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*"Do what you will, but remember..... Mother Nature bats last." ~Unknown*

So far in 2014, Mother Nature has given us her fair warning. Not only does she bat last, but this winter she called the shots, too. Weren't we all so smart to leave our holiday greens in our window boxes and barrels so we would have some interest over the winter? How did you like them at the end of March?? If they were like mine, they were brown, brittle, dropping their needles and looking just plain ugly. And the soil was too frozen to remove them. Yep, good 'ole Mother Nature, batting last.

And then, just when we get what was supposed to be our spring weather with warm temperatures and high winds, we all rush out to plant our pansies and primrose. And Kaboom! Snow on the 15th of April. It's bad enough to pay our taxes, but droopy flowers were not what we needed. So again, Mother Nature, batting last.

So here is fair warning from Kollman's Greenhouse. The Keepers of the Doppler radar say that we will have a cooler spring due to the unusually low temperature of Lake Erie. Cold water means cool winds and evening temperatures, even in Summit County. So coddle your plants a bit more this season until we hit the summer months. When in doubt, cover your plants if there is a freeze warning, bring them to a protected area against the warm house or inside a garage, or just move them inside. When covering with plastic, make sure it stays off the plants so it doesn't freeze to them. And if you get caught off guard, water the foliage first thing in the morning to keep moisture on the plant when the first sun rays shine on them.

A well-known margarine commercial stated "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature". So we have to do what we can to protect against her and to keep our plants thriving during our short growing season. Mother Nature may bat last, but at the end of the game, it's all about "Defense". And that's the game the gardeners have to play.....to win.

We look forward to welcoming you into the greenhouse this season. The ladies are ready to provide you with the best customer service around. We welcome your questions and our answers are freely given, and with knowledge to boot!

### **As spring flowers grow, so does the Kollman family.**

We welcomed Derrick Bresky, Betsy's husband, into our family in October. And in June, Doug and Maggie will present us with our new granddaughter, Penny Kollman. She will join her brother Jack and sister Daphne. And congratulations to our son Will, who was accepted into Torchbearers, an Akron leadership organization for young professionals.



### **Tenth Annual Spring Drawing**

This season you can sign-up for a chance to win a very cool **window planter**. It is actually a window without glass, painted a weathered blue-green with a planter box at the bottom. It also has two clay conical-shaped vessels attached by brackets, for plants or candles. One picture is worth a thousand words so come into the greenhouse, take a peek, and enter your name at the podium.

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## Short On Space, Looooong on Results

Edibles are the biggest rage in the industry, and can be easily grown on your decks, patios and even on your front porch. You can even add some flowers for a little color. Grouping different sized pots together adds interest, not to mention more goodies to eat. Just give them plenty of sunlight, water and fertilize when needed, and pluck away when ready.



**Here are a few ideas to get you started:**

### Tea Garden

**24" Pot:** Bee Balm to the back, Sweet Mint, Peppermint to the front

**18" Pot:** Lemon Balm and Stevia to the back, Spearmint next, Violas in front

**12" Pot:** One beautiful Lavender plant

### Salad Garden

**24" Pot:** 3 assorted Kale plants in the center, 6 spinach on the outside rim

**18" Pot:** 1-2 Parsley in the center, 8 Buttercrunch Lettuce on the outside row

**Or** 1 Arugula to the back, 2 Romaine to the front

**12" Pot:** 1 Chive to the back, 2 Leaf Lettuce to the front

### Pizza Garden

**XL Pot:** Roma Tomato w/cage, Spicy Globe Basil in front

**Lg Pot:** Banana Pepper, Oregano, Parsley

**Me Pot:** One beautiful Sweet Basil plant

### Kale & Herbs

**XL Pot:** Lacinato Kale in center

3 Oregano and Sage surrounding Kale

Dusty Miller around the outside

Dianthus sprinkled throughout

## A Healing Garden

Gardens are known to provide healing, hope, and inspiration to those suffering from illness or abuse. A garden is a tranquil place that is capable of improving mental outlook and reducing stress and anxiety merely by enjoying the fragrance, movement, wildlife and colors. Researchers at the Cleveland Botanical Garden found that the blood pressure of many visitors dropped the longer they stayed in the gardens.



Healing Gardens can be found in a variety of institutions in every city. However it does not need to end there. One could argue that every garden is a healing garden, as avid gardeners acknowledge receiving the same benefits from their own gardens as do those in distress. It can be personalized as your own, or perhaps for a family member or friend. It does not have to be large, and it can be restorative even if looked-upon from the inside of a building.

**There are a few simple elements to keep in mind when creating your own healing garden.**

**\*\* Grow plants that are pleasing, whether colorful with flowers or interesting textures**

**\*\* Incorporate fragrances from blossoms and herbs**

**\*\* Select a focal point for meditation and reflection, and include a place to sit**

**\*\* Encourage birds and insects through selective use of plants that provide food and nectar, or providing feeders and houses for the birds**

**\*\* Add a walking path throughout for exercise and interest**

The role of a healing garden is ancient- going back as early as 3000BC with the Chinese and their medicinal herbs. In more recent times, technology and drugs has been the focus of treatment. But life is a cycle- what goes around comes around- history repeats itself- etc. etc. And where there are plants that sustain us and a desire to rejuvenate the spirit, there will always be a garden that heals.

## New Kids on the Block

The **"Sunrosa"** is an exciting new series of shrub roses. It is compact and bushy and well-suited for container growing, which is how Kollman's has it displayed. The good news it is disease-resistant, requires little maintenance, and is long flowering. It is available in red, pink, and fragrant yellow.



**"Petchoa"** is a combination of the best characteristics of a petunia and a calibrachoa (million bells). It is a semi-trailing plant with a compact growth- 8"-12" tall and 15"-20" wide. It looks great in a pot or basket so come in and try one!

**"Trinidad Scorpion Maruga"**- that's a mouthful of a name, but you sure don't want to eat a mouthful. This is the hottest pepper in the land; it ranks the highest of any chili pepper on the Scoville scale of heat. It's hotter than the Ghost Pepper, and we grow both of them. Warning: it's only for brave souls. Check out some video on YouTube and you'll see why.

**"Digiplexis Illumination Flame"**- a cross between the common Foxglove and it's perennial cousin Isoplexis. This is a very cool plant with 3 ft. tall blooms in fuchsia pink with a spotted golden throat. Great news! It is deer resistant so everyone needs one.



## The Best of the Best in 2014

*Panicum virgatum*  
"Northwind", better known as Switch Grass, has been named the **2014 Perennial Plant of the Year**. It is a blue/green ornamental grass refined in appearance and habit. It grows 4-6 feet and is adaptable to any soil.



**Cucumbers** are ranked in the top 5 most popular garden vegetables, and are the Veggie of the Year. Whether pickling or slicing, burpless or not, it is a versatile vegetable that grows on vines or on a bush, in the ground, or in a pot.

2014 is The Year of the **Petunia**. This is the flower that your grandmother loved to grow. The changes bred in petunias from then to now are astounding. There are varieties that serve as a groundcover, special varieties for hanging baskets or beds, they bloom ceaselessly, are available in an abundance of colors and bi-colors, no longer require deadheading, and are easy to grow. They provide a fabulous pop of color in any container.



## GARDENING LORE

A year or two ago we listed some herbs and what they remedied to bring back good health. Sometimes it's kind of fun to try out old remedies for problems. In The Garden of Possibilities, there is a book review from Old Wives' Lore for Gardeners. Ironically, it was written by two spinster sisters. It supplies a bevy of ideas to bring your garden plants along and protect them from critters. Here are a few tidbits a wisdom from the "olden days".

When planting beans, add a few strands of hair to the bottom of the hole to trap insects. (*like a hairnet?*)

Plant a clump of chamomile near an ailing plant and within the same growing season the ailing plant will improve. (*does it help them sleep?*)

Lay a piece of creosoted string around cabbages to repel attacks of the cabbage fly. (Sevin Dust tastes better!)

Lion manure scares off deer. (*road trip to the zoo?*)

Fruit packed in stinging nettle hay ripens faster. (*paper bags don't sting*)

Use a manure tea to water your plants. Soak a sack of manure in a barrel of water, and then use it to water your plants. (*Osmocote anyone?*)

## You Say Potato.....

For those of you who watch the Food Network (by the way, our TV ad is scheduled during the spring) there is a lot to be said about sweet and savoury. Merriam Webster defines Sweet as pleasing to the taste- containing a lot of sugar. Sweet is easy for anyone to identify after just one bite. On the other hand, savoury is a bit harder for our taste buds to define.



Savory spelled without a "u" is an herb, and a noun. As an adjective, Savoury is spelled with a "u" and is a description of a food that is piquant and full-flavored. While I'm not going to define piquant, Merriam Webster defines savoury as having a spicy or salty quality without being sweet; pungently flavorful without the sweetness.

The Guru's on the food network are especially fond of a balance of sweet and savoury in their foods, or food prepared in competition. So tickle your taste buds with this recipe for shortbread from Martha Stewart Living.

**Sweet or Savoury or both?**

### Recipe of the Season

#### SAVOURY SHORTBREAD

2 ¼ c. Flour	2 c. grated sharp cheddar
⅛ tsp. Cayenne Pepper	½ c. milk
1 c. salted butter, chilled and cut in small pieces	
1 tbl. Worcestershire sauce	

Using a food processor, add flour and pepper and pulse to combine. Add butter and pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add cheese and pulse until combined. Transfer to a bowl. Using a fork, stir in milk and Worcestershire sauce until well combined. Form the mixture into two 1 inch-diameter logs and wrap in parchment. Chill until very firm. Slice into ¼ in. rounds. Bake on a lined cookie sheet at 350° for 12 minutes until golden. Cool on wire racks.

## Kollman's Koupon

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## Just in Case

The bridge on the corner of Old Mill Road and Ravenna Road will be closed for repairs sometime this spring. It's simple to get here from there if you are coming from Hudson, Aurora or Streetsboro and points south. Just take Old Mill Road to Rt. 91 and turn right (north). At the intersection of Rt. 91 and Rt. 82 in Twinsburg, turn right. Follow Rt. 82 about a mile out of town until the road splits at the light. **Go straight through the light,** (not left!) and Kollman's is approximately ¼ mile on the left.

*Just check out the map next to your address or call Surrie.*

## NEW YEARS IN MAY

Resolutions in January abound, usually about diet and exercise. These resolutions are supposed to make us better people, healthier people, and in many cases, happier people. We all know that a good gardener is a happy gardener, so here are a few suggestions that should enhance your gardening experience this year. These are Resolutions for Gardeners from the National Garden Bureau.



### 1. *I will not blame myself for gardening failures.*

[Gardening is trial and error. Try again, and don't blame the grower!!]

### 2. *I will not be afraid to ask questions.*

[Grow with the experience of your friends and neighbors and garden clubs.....and of course your local greenhouse!]

### 3. *Try something new.*

[Paint your pots. Change your color scheme. Grow something tall and exotic- like a banana tree.]

### 4. *Share your passion.*

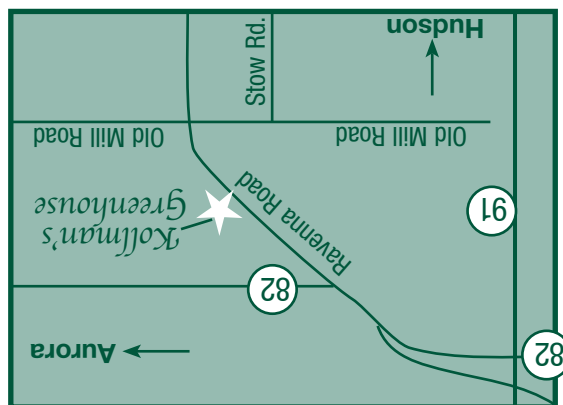
[Plant a pot for a shut-in. Give away some vegetables. Gather a bouquet of cut flowers for a friend.]

### 5. *Inspire.*

[Mentor a "Gen Ex"er for the summer. Volunteer to maintain a garden spot. Plant a garden with a child and watch the magic.]

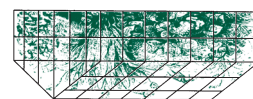
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