



Karen's Garden Delights

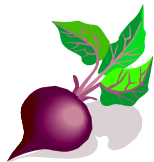
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Spring is such an invigorating season, especially after a snowy winter. We are happy to again be working with seed orders, garden plans, and planting seedlings. Plus there are new calves arriving in the barn and we are anticipating baby goats. With this being our seventh year on the farm, there are a few garden plots that will lie fallow this season with only a cover crop growing. In other areas we will continue to build the soil with amendments like ocean solids and compost. We believe it is important to be good stewards of God's Creation so we strive to produce nutrient dense food without the use of toxic chemicals. Healthy soil makes for healthy animals and healthy people.

With my additional speaking events and keeping up with a toddler, the older children and a couple helpers will take on additional garden chores this season. As usual I will continue experimenting with fun veggie and flower varieties. Some new varieties for 2010 will be ruby mizuna, purple popcorn, cactus zinnias and dancing gourds plus the kids will be giving peanuts a try.

New this year are my Backyard Coldframing DVD plus a local foods book I co-authored that will be released in July from Carlisle Press. Watch our website for ordering details and book signing dates. We are excited about these new avenues for encouraging folks to grow their own food and support local farmers. We wish for you a delightful season of fresh eating, whether from your own backyard, our farm or other local sources.



Our Mission

To provide a local source of fresh naturally grown produce and offer services to encourage backyard gardeners.

What's Available:

Salad Mixes We love great salad! About a dozen kinds of lettuce, greens including arugula, mizuna, chervil, pea shoots, spinach and chard along with edible flowers will help make our mixes which are available mid-May till the end of June and again in the fall..

\$5 - Lettuce and spinach mix

\$7 - Regular salad mix - 2-3 heads

lettuce, handful of mixed greens plus toppers such as scallions, radishes, sprouts, edible flowers, carrots, etc.

\$10 - Jumbo salad bag - in peak seasons

\$3 - Cooking greens - chard, kale and more (The mixes come "field rinsed" and you do the final washing at home.)

Veggie Baskets These include meal size servings of at least 5 veggies in season (beans, cukes, zucchini, red potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, greens, beets, snow peas, garlic, occasional fruits and much more plus a handful of fresh herbs) Baskets are available mid-June through hard frost for up to ten families. To reserve your spot for the season, a deposit is required. Contact us.

\$14- Regular size veggie basket

\$20 - Family size veggie basket

Free Range eggs - \$2.75/dozen Delicious eggs from our laying hens on pasture.

Grass Fed Meats - pastured chickens (butchering in July and September)
grass fed beef (fall butchering)

Pick Up Info

Tuesdays and Fridays after 11am are the regular times for on-farm pick-up. If you are not on a weekly schedule, please contact me a day in advance for produce availability.



Flowers and Gift Baskets

Flowers mixed among the vegetable rows are great for attracting beneficial insects and pollinators plus they keep the gardener happy. I'll have plenty of zinnias, snapdragons, sunflowers, Bells of Ireland and more to create bouquets for your special occasion. I look forward to sharing a bit of God's beauty through bouquets, gift baskets, cards and other creations.

Everyday Bouquets: (zinnias plus fillers in a clear canning jar)

\$5 - pint size bouquet

\$8 - quart size bouquet

Premium Bouquets: (includes sunflowers, lisianthus and other specialty flowers)

\$12 - quart size, \$15 - half gallon, \$20 - large florist vase

Basket Displays: \$20 and up

Pottery Vase Bouquet: bouquet in keepsake vase created by a local potter, \$25 and up

Edible Flower Combo: \$5 for a generous mix of nasturtiums, calendula, borage and more

Gift Baskets \$16 and up - A unique gift for special occasions like Mother's Day and birthdays or a thoughtful way to say "thank you." Baskets include a premium seasonal veggie assortment (i.e. deluxe salad mix, heirloom tomato sampler with basil, or stir fry combo), a quart size bouquet and handmade pressed flower card. You may also custom order a basket that includes a special recipe, fall decoration or etc. Just give me your price range and theme ideas. These are highly seasonal so please call ahead to see what might be available for your special occasion.

Fall Decorations - I will be growing sorghum, millet and sunflowers to make fall swags and shocks that can be later fed to the birds. The kids will add gourds and Indian corn to the fall assortment.

Botanical Cards - handmade paper cards embellished with pressed flowers \$2.50 small, \$3.50 large.

Plantable Cards and Party Favors - homemade paper embedded with seeds of wildflowers, basil or lettuce, a \$4 package includes 10 gift tags or 5 heart favors or 5 bookmark favors. Contact me to order specific colors or varieties. See our website for photos of favors and cards. Some of these items will also be available at the Local Roots Market in Wooster.



Garden Seminars

I am glad to attempt to answer your garden questions or give suggestions for planting times, garden layout, etc. In addition to my weekly demonstrations at Lehman's store, I also am available to speak to groups on various topics. To see my summer speaking schedule see our farm website, www.KarensGarden.net under Events. You can also view my weekly garden journal there.

Your Trash...Our Treasure

If any of these things are cluttering your garage we will gladly "recycle" them:

- plastic green mesh pint baskets
- produce baskets
- gallon and 4" nursery pots
- unique bottles and containers for vases
- colored paper scraps

Greenhouse Extras

I will have a limited amount of extra transplants available.

Tomatoes in 4" pot - \$1.25 each (when ordered by early May) - Sungold cherry, heirloom varieties: Stupice, Green Zebra, Rose, Persimmon, Cherokee Purple, Rose, Garden Peach and more

Mixed Lettuce 6 packs - \$1.25 Plus assorted herbs, peppers, flowers, perennials

Mini seed packets - \$1

Seed Garlic starting in August - \$12/#, 14 varieties to choose from

Backyard Coldframing DVD - \$16.95

