Committee Member Handbook
Hyde Park Garden Fair
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I. **Purpose**

The Purpose of the Garden Fair Committee (GFC) is to provide a neighborhood service that promotes gardening, to support the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference, and to fund neighborhood gardening and educational projects.

II. **History**

**Prior Years, by Bam Postell**

The GFC began in about 1960, the period of urban renewal in Hyde Park. The Hyde Park-Kenwood Conference was a new, dynamic organization and the Hyde Park Shopping Center was just built. A few women (Helga Sinaiko, Lee Botts, Sophie Rudin, Millie Salmon) thought that gardening should be promoted to go along with the upgrading of houses and the community in general. With no nearby garden center, a few neighbors began a plant exchange, supplemented by a few purchases from wholesalers, located mostly in the city. From the start, the Fair was held at the HP Shopping Center. The small profit was turned over to the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference. For several years we were given subsidies by the Shopping Center, the Hyde Park Bank, and the Hyde Park Federal Savings and Loan to pay for publicity and other start-up expenses.

It seems impossible now! In the early years, we brought in the whole stock by sending out volunteers with big station wagons. Perennials were dug to our order and wrapped in newspaper. Janet Shepherd, Miyo Schug, and Cynthia Pittman began going out to nurseries to seek new suppliers as neighborhood greenhouses started to leave the city. With the acquisition of Fasel Brothers as a supplier, we began to get stock delivered to us, including a line of nursery stock—trees, shrubs, perennial vines, roses, and fruit shrubs.

During these years, gardening was growing as a hobby, and so was the volume of stock we turned over. The demand grew to the point where we could not stock enough material on the floor for two days of selling. We were lucky enough to have for some years two or three sources (Anton’s, Fasel’s, Mimi-Earth, Turk’s). They might make a second delivery on Friday evening, or allow someone (usually Mary Milner with her big van) to pick up extra stock. This meant that the department heads and the chairman had to make some fast decisions by, say, 2:00 PM on Friday about what was needed, phone the orders in, and find out whether they could be delivered or would have to be fetched. For several years around 1989 or 1990, we were allowed to use a vacant storefront in the shopping center for overnight storage of flats. This enabled us to get everything
delivered on Thursday, get it all priced, avoid second deliveries, and have the Saturday stock out of the way.

By 1977 it became necessary to divide the work of ordering, setting up, pricing and inventorying among several people. We started a system of captains for each horticultural department. Our first captains were: Annuals – Milo Schug; Perennials & Vines – Barbara Plampilin; Groundcovers – Cynthia Pittman; Wildflowers – Margaret Johnson; Vegetables – Betty McCarthy; Herbs – Barbara O’Connor; Hanging Baskets – Jim Lichon; Trees and Shrub – Bam Postell; House Plants – Sue Cullen, Cherry Nakama; Pottery and Containers were managed on the fly. By 1980 this system was fully in place, with each department becoming very self-directed. Phoebe Van Valen took over Perennials, allowing Barbara Plampilin to direct Trees, Shrubs and Vines; Jim Lichon handled Containers as well as Baskets. Sun and Shade Plants became Porch and Patio, under Joy Rosner; Mary Milner took over Vegetables; Beth Lacey took over Groundcovers; Sue Cullen took over Hanging Baskets and Betty McCarthy House Plants. Careful record keeping was important for each department, and this paid off when in 1990 Miyo Schug suffered a heart attack in early spring and others had to jump in and take over the Annuals department.

In these years, our general practice was to go out to greenhouses, survey them, then leave or mail in an order for what we wanted to be delivered. Often what was delivered was not as nice as what we had seen, so gradually we began to select and “pull” – literally what we wanted and ask the greenhouse to set it aside for us until delivery.

Several times we asked for specific things to be grown for us, usually at the grower’s urging, but this never worked out very satisfactorily.

We held a pricing discussion before the deliveries and composed a price sheet (listing every single type of plant) that was available to customers and adder-upper and cashiers. This became more and more awkward as we sought more varieties of plants, and was first supplemented and then replaced by a system of using colored plastic markers in every tray or pot to indicate the price.

Setting up involved ordering barricades from the 5th Ward Office, calling for police protection, hiring a night guard, collecting boxes and calling volunteers. Thursday was a very hard-working day -- receiving truck deliveries, inventorying as we unloaded, then pricing and placing all the stock. As we grew we enlarged the committee by drafting good volunteers. Our procedures were upgraded to take care of the increased volume. We bought our own 6 and 8-foot tables which were stored in homes; made banners for each department, had our own cashier’s booth made (its use shared with the Conference). For several years, The Chicago Association for Retarded Children supplied us with bagged
potting soil and sphagnum moss. At one or two early sales, we had a table of gardening books brought by the Blackstone branch of the Chicago Public Library. For some years, we offered planting of hanging baskets or window boxes for customers. In 1975, we supplied free black dirt and Nu-Earth (a product of the Chicago sewage system) by having them dumped on a vacant lot at 47th and Woodlawn. When we found that customers stopped buying at about 1:30 pm on Saturday to wait for sale prices at 3:00 pm, we decided to have no sale but rather to give away leftovers to schools and churches in the neighborhood where the plants would be enjoyed by many.

During the 1960s, the Garden Fair initiated several fall mum sales. In 1974 we added the Fall Mum and Bulb Sale, ordering bulbs from a Dutch exporter and finding mum plants at some of our growers. For a few years we had a bulb ordering table at the Spring Fair where customers could prepay for bulbs they wanted in the fall. The chairmanship of the fall sale was assumed by Barbara Plampin for 1980 – 81; then Phebe Van Valen 1982 – 94, and co-chaired by Joy Rosner and Nancy Stanek after 1995. Joy Rosner has continued to chair the Fall Fair until the present. Captains have been named for each of the bulb departments and the chrysanthemums. In the last few years the fall sale has added some hardy perennials too.

The remodeling of the Hyde Park Shopping Center Mall in 1993 gave us our greatest challenge, since some floor space was lost that had been jam-packed before. No other site was feasible. We now had to yield to the urge to build up, which had always been discouraged before because of storage problems for permanent equipment. George Franklin designed and built handsome white plastic stands for hanging baskets and a new booth to match. Other space was created by using plywood to deck over permanent planters, and shelving to erect in the storage space off the mall (which served as a substitute for an empty store). All this could not have been done without the full cooperation of the shopping center management. The new equipment necessitated the rental of a basement storeroom in a local apartment building, and the need to bring equipment out and return it for every sale.

As early as 1971 the Committee began talking about keeping some of the funds raised by the Fair to promote gardening in the neighborhood, whether by education or beautification. In that year we arranged with the Conference that the first $500 of profit would be ours, the next $2,800 would go to the Conference, which was the amount they had budgeted for that year. Any profit over that would be shared: 2 % to us; 8 % to the Conference. We began to branch out into some beautification and educational ventures. We planted whiskey barrels on the business streets, sponsored a visible gardens contest, gave classroom teachers grants for horticultural projects, gave grant for the planting of parking strips. In addition, we planted leftover bulbs on the Wooded Island, we gave lectures and the Hyde Park YMCA, the Neighborhood Club and the Coop, and we helped the Conference organize garden walks. In 1973, we sponsored a 3-day ecology workshop for teachers which was directed by David Garlovsky, an ecology teacher.
In 1973, 1974, and 1975 we participated in an exhibit at McCormick Place for the Chicago Flower & Garden Show. It was called “Cityscape” and it consisted of five “house fronts” — painted props — with a narrow front yard and a back yard, each planted by a garden club in the style of its neighborhood. Ours featured a flowering crab tree, early bulbs and wildflowers, and a compost pit. The exhibit won awards in 1973 and 1974.

A proposal by the city to concrete the whole corner at 53rd and Lake Park resulted in our demanding (under the leadership of Norah Ericksen) to install a garden there. We have not only planted on the 53rd Street side, the original location, but also around the corner going north on Lake Park. To increase the spring beauty of bulbs in the neighborhood, we planted several blocks of the 55th Street berm (University to Ingleside) with daffodils. We planted more daffodils on the Metra embankment and in the median strip of Lake Park Avenue (not too successfully). We started another garden of bulbs and perennials at 52nd and South Shore Drive (named Harold’s Garden for former Mayor Harold Washington, under the leadership of Marianne Smigelskis). Other projects are raised beds in Spruce Park (54th & Cornell) and the design participation of several GF members, along with gifts of money and plants, in the formal gardens in Nichols Park (53rd & Kimbark), under the Nichols Park Advisory Council, and similarly under L.I.L.A.C. on the Metra embankment (55th to 56th). Some members also participated in developing the Jackson Park Prairie.

No account of the Garden Fair would be complete without mention of the extraordinary loyalty it receives from its members. Over the years they have worked their fingers to the bone and have taken days off work and retuned from distant cities to do it. It is an involvement that is not easily given up. Extraordinary too has been the loyalty of members among themselves, sisters even when not especially friends. The next challenge is to learn how to deal with our complexity, and to change chairs more regularly so that the Fair can go on as long as the community supports it.

More Recent Years, by Lesley Bloch (March 2017)

Since the writing of our history by Bam Postell in 1998, the spring and fall Garden Fairs have continued into our 58th year. The spring fair has continued to be the main neighborhood event held in May around the fountain in the court yard of the shopping center. We are in the same location for the smaller fair in September, when we have bulbs, mums, house plants, and a small collection of perennials and shrubs for sale. We continue to operate under the gracious umbrella of the Hyde Park-
Kenwood Community Conference, with 40% of our profit going to the Conference for their uses and the remaining 60% designated for the Fair’s special projects.

While the spirit of the group and our fairs have remained the same, there have been some changes. Many nurseries who used to provide us with splendid plants no longer exist, and Home Depot on Roosevelt Rd. has a large plant department which offers competition.

Regardless we continue to search out the best nurseries within a day’s drive for our plants. Garden Fair members and volunteers make several buying trips to hand select perennials, hanging baskets, herbs, vegetables, annuals, houseplants, container plants, shrubs, vines and roses, ground-covers, and native plants.

The Garden Fair hosted two lecture series on subjects such as composting, English gardens, and container plants.

In 2009 the Garden Fair held a 50th anniversary gala at the Rodfei Zedek Synagogue to commemorate our many years of contributions to the Hyde Park neighborhood. The posters, photographs, and other memorabilia are now housed at Regenstein Library at the University of Chicago.

Since 2009, the Garden Fair has continued our strong history of bringing high quality and varied plants to our neighborhood and strengthening our organization.

**List of GFC Presidents**

*By Bam Postell and Leslie Bloch*

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III. Primary Activities
The GFC engages primarily in three major types of activities: a Spring Fair, a Fall Bulb and Mum Sale, and Special Projects.

A Spring Fair
This is a two-day sale, always scheduled for the Friday and Saturday following Mother’s Day in May. We sell annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, ground covers, native plants, container plants, house plants, hanging baskets, shrubs, vines and roses. Setup is the entire Thursday before the Fair when we receive plant deliveries and set up the mall of the Hyde Park Shopping Center.

B Fall Bulb and Mum Sale
This is a one-day sale on the third Saturday of September held in the same location. We sell Dutch bulbs for spring and for winter forcing, chrysanthemums, house plants and a few other perennials.

C Special Projects as of 2017
These include gardens (the Nichols Park formal gardens and the Wild Flower Meadow), an annual contribution to Growing Home, and donations to local non-profits of remaining plants from the Spring Fair. We also encourage parkway gardens with small donations to individuals.

IV. Structure
A Relationship to Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference (HPKCC)
The GFC is a committee of the HPKCC. We operate independently to control our purpose and functions, under a letter of agreement with the board of the HPKCC.

B Types of Affiliations
1 Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference
The Garden Fair Committee is a committee of the HPKCC. They provide the committee with non-for-profit status including sales tax exemption on our purchases; insurance; and publicity in their newsletter. We provide them with 40% of our annual profits as documented by our treasurer's report.
2 Hyde Park Shopping Center
The shopping center, under the operation of McCaffery Interests and the ownership of the University of Chicago, approves dates of our fairs; permits publicity in store windows and provides space for the fairs, storage space in empty stores for tender plants, and outdoor storage for shelving and equipment.

3 Bank Financial, 1354 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615
The bank provides a checking account, accepts deposits; counts money after sales.

4 Other
Other community groups are recipients of our leftovers, participate in special projects and accept grants from time to time.

C Garden Fair Leadership
1 Chairperson
The Chairperson of the Garden Fair Committee is responsible for providing the leadership of the organization; planning and leading the meetings; keeps track of personnel vacancies, needs and wishes; maintains a to do list and ensures that all tasks are completed by the due date; names her Chief of Operations and works closely with him/her.

2 Chief of Operations
The Chief of Operations is responsible for ensuring that all physical and infrastructure needs of the spring and fall fairs are met. This includes physical space arrangements with the shopping center, inventorying and ordering all supplies including boxes and tables, all set and tear down activities.

3 Fall Fair Coordinator
The Fall Fair Coordinator plans and implements the Fall Bulb and Mum Fair.

4 Candidates Committee to Appoint a New Chairperson
a The Garden Fair will form a Candidates Committee composed of senior members to identify potential candidates for chairperson.
b They contact potential candidates to determine their interest and propose them for election as the new Chairperson.

D Members
1 Number
As of March 2017, we have 48 members and ten retired members, including both women and men. The membership length ranges from less than a year to over 40 years!
2 Selection
Members are selected from volunteers who have demonstrated serious interest. Their names are proposed at meeting with approval by a simple majority. The Chairperson then formally invites them to attend our meetings.

3 Roles and Responsibilities
Members are expected to attend meetings and trips to plant vendors; and to participate as fully as possible in the fairs: setting up, selling, and cleaning up. New members are encouraged to try a wide variety of assigned responsibilities, both in the plant and infrastructure departments. All members need to recognize the needs of various departments and show a shared sense of responsibility for all, both on trips and at the fair.

E Volunteers
1 Number
The number of volunteers varies from year to year as well as from the spring fair to the fall fair, and the day and times during the fairs. We have had over 50 people volunteer for a fair.

2 Recruitment
Members recruit volunteers but more often potential volunteers approach the committee. Long time shoppers and new gardeners who visit the Fair become interested. Volunteers may learn about the possibility of helping through our regular article in the Herald, or numerous publications. The Volunteer Coordinators send letters and emails to people who express interest. Over the years, our posters that advertise the Fairs also remind people to contact us. The posters are hung two weeks before the spring and fall fairs. More and more, the internet has become our best method of getting in touch with volunteers. We have a FaceBook page facebook.com/HydeParkGardenFair that links to hydeparkgardenfair.org, where there is a form for volunteering.

3 Roles and Responsibilities
Recruitment and supervision of volunteers is the general responsibility of the Volunteer Coordinators. Typically, they are focused on recruiting for and scheduling volunteers to add up customer bills and to assist in sales departments, will call, and clean up at the conclusion of the fair. As of 2012, the head of cashiering recruits and schedules cashiers, which may change in the future. The Volunteer Coordinators are responsible for providing refreshments for volunteers during set-up and at the fairs.
V. The Spring Fair

A Meetings
1 General Meetings of Members: One or two meetings in the spring and a wrap-up pot luck after the Spring Fair where sales department heads turn in reports summarizing their sales and plans for the following year.
2 Sales Department Meetings: Each department holds meeting based on their individual needs.
3 The Special Projects Committee holds two meetings a year in the spring and fall to determine the budget and to plan projects.

B Annual Calendar
Each year, the chairperson sends out a calendar with dates of trips to growers and meetings. See attached.

C Growers
1 Source of Plants
   Members continuously seek out sources of plants and work to develop new relationships.

2 Relationships
   a The Garden Fair appoints a coordinator to be the primary contact person with each grower.
   b This coordinator schedules trips to the grower.
   c The coordinator writes up and places the orders.
   d The coordinator arranges deliveries with the grower, usually the Thursday morning before the Spring Fair, and the day of the Fall Fair. At delivery of plants, the coordinator is responsible for reconciling plants delivered with the order and returning unacceptable plants. Growers are generally paid at delivery after the order is reconciled with the plants delivered and accepted.
   e The coordinator is the point person to resolve any problems with the grower.

D. Trips to Growers
1 The purpose of trips is to obtain high quality plants of a wide variety and to arrange storage of the plants at the growers prior to delivery.
2 Trip Coordination: Members notify the coordinator for each grower is they want to go on the trip to that grower, as a driver or passenger, prior to the first meeting.
3 Communicating on trips: Bring your cell phone and list of members’ phone numbers.
4 Trip guidelines: Members and volunteers work together to select the best possible plants, and may carry them to the designated storage place.
E. List of Growers
The list of growers is printed on the annual calendar (see appendix for sample). Driving directions to each grower is in the appendix.

F. Plant Sale Departments
1. Annuals
2. Ground Covers
3. Hanging Baskets
4. Herbs
5. Container Gardening
6. House Plants
7. Perennials
8. Native Plants
9. Vegetables
10. Shrubs, Vines, and Roses

G. Infrastructure
1. Adding Up and Checking Out
The Volunteer Coordinators recruit volunteers who remove the color corded stabbers (to indicate price) from each plant, count them up, and fill out a form that shows the total amount owed which the buyers take to the cashier.

2. Cashiering
The Cashier Coordinator recruits and supervises responsible volunteers (11 in 2016) who accept cash, checks and credit cards for payment.

3. Checking in Stock
The Sales Department liaison to the grower checks in the stock, reconciling the order list with the trucks' contents. Then, members and volunteers carry the plants to designated areas for pricing and storage.

4. Truck Marshall and Traffic Coordinator
The Traffic Coordinator is responsible for coordinating plant deliveries on Thursday morning on 55th Street at the Shopping Center during set up for the Spring Fair. This is a very important role to ensure efficient and effective delivery of plants.

5. Supplies and Storage
The Operations Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that the supplies needed are ordered, stored and delivered to the shopping center and made available as needed.
6  **Set up and tear down**  
The Operations Coordinator is responsible for setting up and tearing down for each fair, with assistance from hired helpers and members. Overnight security is provided for the Spring Fair.

7  **Publicity**  
The Publicity Coordinator is responsible for developing and implementing advertising such as posters (260), articles, post cards (1200), announcements to 20 garden clubs, etc. Also, she/he orders Garden Fair garments which members purchase and wear to identify them at the Fairs.

8  **Treasurers**  
The Treasurer is responsible for the Garden Fairs' finances. She oversees the money, relates to the bank, and prepares financial reports.

9  **Volunteer Coordinators**  
The Volunteer Coordinators are responsible for recruiting, training and recognizing volunteers. They maintain a list of volunteers, write to them to remind them of the dates and ask them to confirm when they will volunteer. They reach out to them via phone and email. Volunteers can sign up to volunteer on our website. The Coordinators respond to the volunteers' needs at the Fairs.

10  **Web Site**  
The Web Site Coordinator is responsible for developing, implementing, and updating our web site, [hydeparkgardenfair.org](http://hydeparkgardenfair.org), which has become a key communication tool for the Garden Fair.

11  **FaceBook Page**  
As of 2017, the Garden Fair Committee maintains a FaceBook page to increase our exposure and to reach a younger, more tech-savvy audience.

12  **Special Order Coordinator**  
The Special Order Coordinator is responsible for taking advance orders and reporting them to the appropriate departments for purchase. When plants are delivered, the SO Coordinator separates special orders from the other plants, verifies their prices, and stores them until the buyers pick them up and pay on Thursday evening.

13  **Will Call**  
The Will Call Coordinators are responsible for checking plants that buyers wish to leave during the day. They check in the plants in an organized manner, care for the plants during the day, and return them to buyers when they come to retrieve them. They return unclaimed plants to the floor before the end of the day so they can be sold.
14 Donations to Local Not-for-Profit Organizations
The Garden Fair disposes of left-over stock by donating it to local non-profit organization. The Not-for-Profit Giveaway Coordinators are responsible for contacting not-for-profit organizations to notify them of the opportunity for obtaining donated plants, developing and implementing a process to fairly disburse left-over plants. The not-for-profit organizations must bring an official document to prove their status. At the end of the Fair, the Coordinators prepare a report to document the giveaways. In 2016 the Fair made donations to six gardens at four schools, to six churches, to seven community gardens, and to two parkway gardens.

VI. The Fall Bulb and Mum Sale
In May, the Fall Bulb Sale Coordinator meets with a representative of a Dutch bulb company to discuss bulb offerings and then places an order. Shortly after the Spring Fair, the Fall Coordinator works with each Bulb Section Chair to place orders for the current year, based on prior years' sales. Bulbs are delivered the week before the Fall Fair to the Coordinators' home.

The Coordinator holds a meeting with Garden Fair members in early fall to discuss bulb pricing and packaging. At this meeting, reminder postcards are prepared for mailing. There are "Bulb Section Chairs" for the following types of bulbs: daffodils, tulips, crocuses and hyacinths, specialty bulbs (such as alliums), and bulb forcing.

There is one trip to buy mums, pansies, and perennials, which are delivered the day of the fair.

At the end of the Fall Fair, left-overs are planted in the gardens maintained by the Garden Fair.

VII. Special Projects

History
The Special Projects Committee grew out of the Finance Committee of the Conference in the early 1980s. It was set up to go over ways to spend the Garden Fair Committee's share of the profits from the Fairs. Originally, the profits left over from the Fairs were turned over to HPKCC. The Garden Fair Committee just kept a sufficient amount in order to start up the next spring fair. In the fall of 1980, the Garden Fair Committee had a discussion about its formal relationship to the Conference. The membership rejected
proposals to change affiliation to another organization or to set up an independent non-profit organization. The following resolution was passed:

“That the Garden Fair Committee continue as a special event fund-raising committee of the Conference, but to reduce the amount of profit given to the conference to whatever minimum would allow us to operate legally under the aegis as a non-profit organization, spending the rest on a variety of horticultural and educational projects as we decide.”

This change was to go into effect in 1981 and thereafter, the percentage distribution of the profits have been changed. As of 2017, the percentage is 40% to the Conference and 60% to the Garden Fair Committee.

**Examples of Special Projects**

- Daffodil planting on 55th St berm
- Mini-arboretum at 53rd St and Lake Park
- Harold’s Garden at 52nd and Lake Shore Drive (to commemorate Mayor Harold Washington)
- Spruce Park Garden at 54th St and Blackstone
- Joint project with the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce–large planted wine barrels on 53rd St
- Wild flower meadow in Nichols Park
- Formal flower beds in Nichols Park
- Two lecture series on gardens
- Field trips to gardens
- Slide show for the Hyde Park Historical Society
- Crab apple trees
- Plants for parkways
- Visible Garden Contest with awards
- Teacher grants
- School beautification grants
- Annual 4th of July parade float
### VIII. Appendix

#### 58th Spring Garden Fair, 2017 Calendar

RSVP to Lesley any meetings you can’t attend. All meetings: social time 7 pm, business 7:30

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<td>8 Gardner’s Trip (Cheryl) 7:30 depart</td>
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<td>11 Anton’s trip (George Rumsey)</td>
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<td>14 Mother’s Day</td>
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**Shady Hill**—Geranium specialist, many herbs, container plants, baskets, family run, high quality.

**Anton’s**—Annuals, vegetables, herbs, baskets, perennials, ground covers, container plants, vines, wild flowers, expensive. *Lunch restaurant.*

**Ted’s**—Unusual finds, houseplants, vegetables.

**Gardner’s**—Annuals, baskets, perennials, container plants, vegetables, herbs. *Bring lunch.*

**Sunrise**—Annuals, baskets, container plants, vegetables. *Bring lunch.*

**Zandstra’s**—Baskets, container plants. *Lunch restaurant.*

**Smit’s**—Herbs, annuals, baskets.

**Roses, Roses, Roses**—Roses. *(Date determined by trees and shrubs, George Davis.)*

**Possibility Place**—Wild flowers, shrubs. (Trish)

**Red Buffalo and Gibson Woods**—Wild flowers.

**Hausermann’s, Trader Joe’s**—Orchids (house plant dept.).

**Windridge**—Herbs, vegetables.

**Lakeland**—Perennials, woody plants, ground covers, wild flowers. *(Order in fall for spring delivery.)*

**Big John’s**—Unusual finds.
**Growers Information and Driving Directions**

**Anton's Greenhouse**
Address: 1126 Pitner, Evanston, IL 60641  
Phone: 847-864-1134  
Email: flwgrower@comcast.net  
Contact: Gary Anton  
Coordinator: George Rumsey  
**Directions (28 miles one way):** Lake Shore Drive north to Sheridan Rd. Turn right (north) to Dempster in Evanston. Turn left (west), to Pitner (one block west of Hartrey). Turn left (south) 2 blocks. The greenhouse is on the right.

**Big Johns**
Address: 1754 E. Joe Orr Rd., Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Phone: 708-758-2711  
Contact: John DeBoer  
Coordinator: Gail Gillispie  
**Directions (40 miles one way; 39 mins):** Stony Island Ave S to I-94 E, merging onto I-394 S. Take the Glenwood-Dyer Rd. exit. Turn left (east) over bridge to Stoney Island Ave/Volbrecht Rd to E Joe Orr Rd. Turn left (east) to Big John's.

**Gardner's**
Address: 219 East State Rd. 10, Lake Village, ID, 46349  
Phone: 219-992-3653  
Web: www.gardnersltd.com  
Contact: Larry and Karen Gardner  
Coordinator: Cheryl Miller  
**Directions (64 miles one way; 1 hr 12 min):** Stoney Island Ave south to I-90 south. Follow I-90 and I-65 S to IN-10 W in Roselawn. Take exit 239 from I-65 S. Turn right onto IN-10 W (signs for Roselawn). Destination on the left.

**Lakeland Nursery**
Address: 2567 E. State Rd. 14, Silver Lake, IN 46982  
Phone: 260-839-4315  
Web: http://www.lakelandnursery.com  
Contact: Al Crist  
Coordinator: Grace Wolf  
**Directions:** Orders placed online

**Roses, Roses, Roses**
Address: 14985 Wadsworth Rd., Wadsworth, IL 60083  
Phone: 847-336-1086  
Coordinator: George Davis  
**Directions (56 miles one way; 1 hr 30 mins):** Take I-94 north to Rt. 132 (Great America exit). Go east to first stoplight; turn left (north) for 2 miles to Wadsworth Rd. Turn right (east) on Wadsworth to Roses.
**Shady Hill**
Address: 42W075 IL Rt 38, Elburn, IL 60119  
Phone: 630-365-5665  
Web: www.shadyhill.com  
Contact: Joe Heidgen  
Coordinator: Joy Rosner  
Directions (64 miles one way; 1 hr 40 mins): Take I-55 (Stevenson) west to I-355; north to I-88; west to Farnsworth exit. Take Farnsworth (Kirk Rd, Rt.77) north (slight jog to right at Butterfield Rd) to Babyan Pkway (Rt. 8). Turn left (west) to Randall Rd. (Rt. 34). Turn right (north) to Rt. 38 (Lincoln Hwy). Turn left (west) on Rt. 38 to Shady Hill.

**Smit’s Farm**
Address: 3437 E. Sauk Trail, Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
Phone: 708-758-1244  
Email:  
Contact: Lauren  
Coordinator: Marji Sherman  
Directions (25 miles one way; 45 mins): Stoney Island Ave S to I-94 E, merging onto I-394 S to Sauk Trail (stoplight). Turn left (east) to Smit’s.

**Sunrise (Woldhuis Farms)**
Address: 10300 E 9000 N. Rd., Grant Park, IL 60940  
Phone: 815-465-6310  
Email:  
Contact: Jeff  
Coordinator: Stephanie Franklin  
Directions (43 miles one way; 1 hr; 10 mins): Stoney Island Ave S to I-94 E, merging onto I-394 S which becomes IL Rt. 1. Continue south to 9000 North (Witaker Rd.). Turn right (west) about 3 miles to Sunrise.

**Ted’s Greenhouse**
Address: 16930 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477  
Phone: 708-532-3575  
Web: www.tedsgreenhouse.com  
Contact: Ted or Dan  
Coordinator: Ann Hoffman and Catherine Pickar  
Directions (31 miles one way; 56 mins): Stoney Island south to I-94 west; to I-57 south; to US6 (159th St.). Exit right (west) on US 6 to 84th Ave. Turn left (south). Destination is on the right.

**Zandstra’s Farm**
Address: 10202 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322  
Phone: 219-924-1095  
Email: zfarm@sbcglobal.net  
Contact: Butch Zandstra  
Coordinator: Joy Rosner  
Directions (47 miles one way; 26 mins): Stoney Island to I-94 to I-80/94 east to Kennedy (exit 3). South about 3 and 1/2 miles. Cross the railroad tracks and turn right immediately.