HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

November 21 10-6 & November 22 10-4
November 27 & 28 10-6 & November 29 10-4

Unique Hand-crafted Decorations – Ornaments – Candles
Fresh Greens, Wreaths and Garlands – Bows and Ribbon
Poinsettias – Holiday Bulbs
Lots of Great Gifts for Everyone on Your List
Let us help you have a festive Holiday Season!

Great Selection of Fresh Greens

All our wreaths and swags are made from noble fir. This is a beautiful, long-lasting blue evergreen. They are accented with other unique greens and pinecones. We have wreaths in 4 sizes and a variety of swags in different sizes.
We also have both garland and roping.
We have bundles of greens for you to use for your own decorating. The varieties include Berried Juniper, Incense and Port Orford Cedar, Boxwood, White Pine and Noble fir.
Even if you don't decorate with a lot of fresh greens, it is nice to have one thing in your house to give the fragrance.

Fresh Boxwood Kissing Balls

These kissing balls have been a customer favorite for years. They can be used both indoors and outdoors. They will last for months when put outside. Many of my customers put them where they usually put their hanging baskets. We already have orders for this year so get your order in soon.
Kissing balls come in 2 sizes:
Small (approx. 12") $30.00
Large (approx. 14") $36.00
Your choice of red, burgundy or gold berries and ribbon
Check for a picture of a small kissing ball on our website www.shadowwoodgardens.com.

Poinsettias and Christmas Cactus

We have beautiful Poinsettias. We carry some really unusual varieties. The Christmas cactus are just full of buds and blooms.

This will be the last flyer we will be sending out in the mail. They have become too costly to continue to send out. We will be sending them out email from now on. Click on the QR Code to sign up to receive emails or you can sign up on our Website. www.shadowwoodgardens.com. They will also be available on our website. You can also follow us on facebook.

We have great gifts for gardeners and non-gardeners alike. We have beautiful sundials and gazing balls and stands. We have exceptionally nice, long-lasting wind chimes, from very small to very large. Metal and plastic watering cans. Birdfeeders and pretty glass hummingbird feeders. Pruners and other high-quality hand tools. Virtually indestructible plant markers. Many hand-crafted items. Stop in and see our wonderful selection.

Have a Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Bayberry Candles

We have real bayberry tapers.
The old saying is:
A bayberry candle burned to the socket brings health to the heart and wealth to the pocket.
There is some debate as to whether to do this on Christmas Eve or New Years Eve.

Amaryllis and paperwhites are available now. They are easy to grow and give some color to the holiday season. They also make nice gifts.

Don't forget your furry family members. We have toys, beds, bandannas, scarves and even stockings. We also have lots of items for pet parents too!

We will be open regular hours:
Tues. – Sat. 10-6
Sunday 11-4
Monday – Closed
Any evening that we have a class scheduled, we will be here till at least 8:00. We will close for the season at 2:00 Christmas Eve.

We have Mulling Spices that are in tea bags. It makes them really easy to use. You can do a lot or just a cup at a time. They are good for cider, cranberry juice, wine, tea or coffee.

Don't forget Small Business Saturday on November 28. Small businesses need your help more than ever this year.

We have a great selection of Primal Elements Soap. This soap contains over 25% vegetable glycerin which moisturizes the skin. The designs go clear through the bar so it stays visible as you use the soap.

I know most of us don't like winter, but remember that in a few short months, the perennials will sprout and the trees and shrubs will leaf out. We will all be able to get back out and garden again. Use the down time to get ready for another great gardening season.

Fresh Evergreen Centerpiece Class Fee: $32.00

Make a centerpiece using a variety of fresh evergreens. It will also have candles, berries, cones and ribbon. Please bring pruning shears.

Wednesday, December 2	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 3	7:00 P.M.
Saturday, December 5	9:00 A.M.
Sunday, December 6	1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 9	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 10	7:00 P.M.
Saturday, December 12	9:00 A.M.
Sunday, December 13	1:00 P.M.

If you have 3-4 people, we will be happy to schedule a class most any time. We can do mornings, afternoons or evenings any day but Monday starting the week after Thanksgiving. We can make up kits of everything you need to make the centerpiece. We can also make arrangements for a cost of $40.00. There is a picture of the arrangement on our website www.shadowwoodgardens.com.

Orange Thyme Chicken Breasts

Marinade:
½ cup fresh orange juice
2 Tbl. olive oil
2 Tbl. honey
1 Tbl. fresh thyme leaves or 1 tsp. dried
Salt and pepper to taste

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts.

Mix marinade. Add chicken and coat well. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 350°. Place chicken, covered with marinade, on a baking sheet. Bake, basting occasionally, until cooked, about 30 minutes.

Fertilizing Trees and Shrubs

Now is a good time to fertilize all your trees and shrubs. By putting a granular fertilizer on now, it has time to work its way down into the soil over winter. That way it is available for the plants in the spring when they need it. We recommend Holly-tone and Plant-tone. They are good organic foods that improve the soil. If you have trees or shrubs in a lawn area, use tree spikes. They won't damage the grass. If you have never fertilized your trees and shrubs, give a try. You will be amazed at how good they look.

Deer Repellants

It's time to start applying deer repellants to your trees and shrubs. Many people find that if they apply some for a couple months, it trains the deer to go elsewhere to feed. We carry Liquid Fence, Repels-all and Deer Scram. We use Liquid Fence but other people say that the other ones have worked for them.

Use the winter months to get a handle on the coming spring. Plan new gardens or other things like patios, decks or gazebos. Leaf through the catalogs and magazines to get new ideas. Start a gardening notebook with all of the things that you didn't get done this fall and your great new ideas for spring. Look for new plants you'd like to try. Make a list of vegetables you want to grow. Get in seed orders. Clean up your gardening tools. Sharpen them or get them sharpened. Sand rust off of tools and give them a good coat of oil.

Coming into the holiday season, many people will be getting lots of cardboard boxes. We will be happy to reuse them if you would be willing to drop them off. We can also use plastic or paper grocery bags and any size shopping bags. If you still get a newspaper, we can use the plastic bags from them also.

Succulents

We have a nice selection of interesting and unusual succulents. They make easy to care for houseplants that don't mind a little neglect.

Decorating with Fresh Greens

Using fresh greens to decorate is really easy. Because they are all in shades of green, you don't have to be as precise when you arrange them. Most anyone can do it.

You probably have some things in your yard that you can start with. Anything evergreen will do. Yew, arborvitae, juniper, false cypress, spruce or pine etc. can be used. Things like boxwood, rhododendron, azalea, Mt. laurel and holly make good accents. Then you can buy a few bundles of unusual greens like incense cedar and berried juniper. After you place all the greens, you can add dried materials, cones, ribbons and berries. Greens are nice because especially outdoors, they don't need to be in water. They can just be put in any container.

Swags are easy to make. You can make simple swags in quantity to put on fence posts or windows. Tie a couple pieces of greens together and add a bow. Wreaths and garland are harder to make. These are items that you will probably want to buy. Use them in key areas where they give you a lot of bang for your buck. Many people only buy a wreath for on their door or over their mantle. They put garland around their door or on the porch railing. Some buy only bunches of the unusual greens to add some interest to the greens they already have.

It's nice to have at least one fresh item in your house especially if you only decorate with artificial. It gives a nice fragrance to the house.

Wilt Pruf

You can spray Wilt Pruf on greens that you are using in the house. It seals the moisture in so that they last longer. It can be used on trees, wreaths, garland and loose greens. Spray it on outside and let it dry.

Winter Hours

We will close for the season at 2:00 on Christmas Eve. We will be closed January and February. We will reopen in March depending on the weather. If you need anything during this time, give us a call. I am here most days.

Caring for your Houseplants in the Winter

Houseplants need much different care in the house in the winter. The plant that you watered every couple days outside during the summer may not need watered once a month in the house. Most houseplants go dormant during the winter months just like our trees and shrubs outside. Some plants like African Violets continue to grow and bloom over the winter.

Don't over water your plants during the winter. Most house plants die due to over watering. Stick your finger in the soil. If the top inch or so is dry, give it a drink. Don't give it a soaking. Be careful to not leave water in the saucer.

Houseplants also don't need fertilized in the winter unless they are actively growing. Putting food on a plant that is not using it and you are not watering regularly can burn the roots. You can start feeding your houseplants again in March or April.

Low humidity is another problem in the house in winter. Misting your plants every couple days can help with this problem. Or fill the saucer with stones and water. Don't let the water come up to the bottom of the pot. The water will evaporate and raise the humidity around the plant.

Don't repot houseplants in the winter. The new soil sitting wet around the roots can cause roots to rot. The only exception to this is if you have a plant that is so root bound that the water just runs through. Only move it up 1 pot size and be careful of your watering.

Watch for insects. If you didn't spray your plants 3 times one week apart before you brought them in, you will get insects. I would advise spraying them now before the problem gets out of hand. An organic spray like insecticidal soap or pyrethrins will do fine. Spray all surfaces including the stems. Make sure to get down into the tips of the stems. Little critters like to hide there. Keep a watch all winter and treat for insects as necessary. If you have scale, use horticultural oil to treat for it.

Keep plants out of drafts – both warm and cold. Be careful near windows. The areas near windows can be 20 degrees colder than the room temperature.

In March, clean up your plants. Wash off the leaves and trim out any dead. You can repot your plants now or let it go until you take them back outside. Use a good quality soil-less mix when you repot.

Forcing Branches

When we get into the dreary months of January and February, think about forcing branches of flowering shrubs. Shrubs like forsythia, mock orange, witch hazel, quince, serviceberry, lilac, pussy willow and PJM rhododendron can be forced. Some trees that can be forced are redbuds, magnolia, cherry, crabapple and Bradford pear. Cut the branches and put them in warm water. Keep them in a cool spot (45-55 degrees) until the buds start to swell. Then bring them in and enjoy. Change the water frequently. As a bonus, some of the branches may root and you'll have new plants for free.

Starting Seeds

I have been in this profession for 40 years and I still get a kick out of starting seeds. It is still amazing to see the little plants pop through the soil. Start saving take out containers, egg cartons and frozen dinner containers. Or use old pots and packs. Make sure to clean them well. They all make good, free seed starting containers. Use a good seed starting mix. Do research on the internet. Do the seeds need a cold treatment? Do they need covered with soil or not? How early should you start them? Make sure you start them early enough that they get big enough by planting time but not to have 6 foot tall tomato plants. Start them someplace warm. Many people start them on the top of the fridge or freezer and then move them to a sunny spot or under plant lights. Make sure to gradually harden them off outside before planting.

Gift Certificates

Don't know what to buy for someone? How about a gift certificate? Are there men on your list who like to vegetable garden? We have a huge selection of vegetable plants. Perennials and herbs? Largest selection in the area. Annuals and hanging baskets? Great variety. Know someone who would like a landscape consultation? Easy solution. We can even take the information over the phone and send it out to you. It's a quick, easy way to solve some of your list.

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To-Do List

- Clean and sharpen tools
- Prune raspberries and blackberries
- Finish clean up in gardens including weeding.
- Any shrubs that don't flower in the spring can be trimmed
- There is still time to plant fall bulbs. Mark where you plant them so you don't dig them up in the spring.
- Bring in statuary, birdbaths and gazing balls.
- Make a spring to-do list – what needs moved or divided, new plants needed, what needs staked and any other jobs for spring
- Fertilize trees and shrubs
- Label plants while you remember what you have

Plant Labels

We have really nice metal plant markers. When written on with the carbon pencil, they become fairly permanent. Great gift for any gardener.

I am scheduling talks for 2027. I have a wide range of topics available for all seasons. If you need a speaker for your club, give Beckie a call at 724 836-2255

Keep poinsettias and Christmas cactus out of hot or cold drafts. It will cause the cactus to drop their flowers and the poinsettias to drop their flowers and leaves.

If you are looking for perennials in the spring, call to see if we will have them. If you need a quantity of annuals or vegetables, let us know early (March-April) so that we can have them for you.

Hope to see you all in spring!
It'll be here before you know it.