



# THE PLANT PRESS

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## Happy New Year from Thieneman's!

For those of us who garden, one of the hardest things about winter is the lack of color. Grayness seems to surround us, and the sight of all those bare branches outside can make some of us want to just go a little dormant, too. (Time to commune with the African violets and a mug of hot tea...)

But hang on! We've rounded the corner now, and the light is starting to stretch just a little longer with every day that goes by. If you have any flowering quince in your yard, you may have noticed it blooming like crazy, way back at the start of the new year! Can forsythia and crocus be far behind?

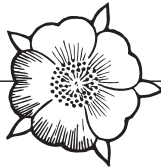
Back at the farm, we're getting ready to help bring a little color back into your gardening world. Transplanting is going great guns, and the greenhouses are filling up with flat after flat of baby plants. Warm winter weather allows us to work outside, so the walled herb garden and the garden center are getting quite a makeover. (Wait till you see...) Plus, we've put together another Winter Class Series - so come on back, get some dirt underneath your fingernails, and start chasing the winter grays!

Read on for details - hope to see you soon!

## Thieneman's Hours of Operation: (January, February, March)

Monday - Saturday, 9am - 5pm  
Sunday "by chance"!

## Rose



**Latin Name:** *Rosa spp.*

**Meaning:** From the Greek *rhodia*, "originating from Rhodes".

**Uses:** Medicinal, cosmetic, culinary, fragrance

**Care:** Well-drained, fertile soil with at least 4-5 hours of sun

**Legends:** Of the multitude of roses, the one most spoken of as an herb is the Apothecary's Rose, *R. gallica officinalis*. Its uses and legends are almost endless - it first came to Europe with returning Crusaders in the 12th or 13th century. The Romans steeped its petals in wine to cure hangovers, 13th century monasteries grew it for medicinal use and perfume oil, and it has been used as a symbol of Christ, English royalty, and the medieval apothecary's trade, just to name a very few.

## Greenhouse News



**Perennial of the Year for 2007** is *Nepeta 'Walker's Low'*. With its gray-green foliage and lavender flowers, this long-blooming catmint adds a nice softness to the middle of the border. The name "Walker's Low" actually refers to the location in England where it was first discovered, rather than its growth habit - plants can get up to 3 feet tall in warmer climates. In our display gardens, we've found it to be disease resistant and virtually care-free, although it appreciates being cut back after its first flush of bloom. This encourages rebloom and keeps the plant more compact. Butterflies and hummingbirds love it, but deer (and cats!) do not. If you haven't tried this one yet, you might want to consider a spot for it.

**Herb of the Year for 2007** is *Lemon Balm*. In addition to a mouth-watering lemon scent, Lemon Balm has a lush, shrubby habit and tubular white blooms. Although it does tend to self-sow vigorously, it doesn't usually "runner", so you can keep it under control by cutting it back after blooming. (Dry the leaves for tea or the bathtub!) Lemon Balm does well in full sun, but will be even happier if it gets some afternoon shade. It will quickly grow to about 3 feet, and serves as a lovely green backdrop to the lower-growing herbs in the garden.

**Attention, Trellis Group!** The Group will be on hiatus till further notice.

**It'll be here sooner  
than you think!  
We open for the  
Spring Season  
on March 15th!**



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## Winter Class Series

We're ready to help you warm up your gardening spirit and get it all ready for Spring! This year's Winter Class Series features some past favorites as well as a couple of great guest speakers - come on out to the farm and join us for some fun. Just be advised that these classes tend to fill up, so **advance registration and payment is required**. There's a registration form on Page 3, and you can find one at [www.thienemans.com](http://www.thienemans.com) to print out for all of your friends.

Plus, as little "extra" this year, **each class attendee will receive a 10% off coupon toward a future plant purchase!**

### Sowing Seed and Taking Cuttings

**Friday Feb. 2nd, Saturday Feb. 3rd, Saturday Feb. 17th, or Friday Feb. 23rd, 10:00 a.m. to noon each day**

Back again by popular demand! Get hands-on experience with guidance from our staff. Sow seed and take cuttings from our stock plants, and keep what you plant. We'll even grow your baby plants till April in one of our greenhouses. \$30.00 fee includes all materials.

### A Cut-Flower Garden Through the Seasons



**Friday Feb. 9th or Saturday Feb. 10th, 10:00 a.m.**

In celebration of Valentine's Day, why not start your own cutting garden? We'll talk about which perennials and annuals make the best cut flowers, how to plant and care for them. To finish up, we'll demonstrate how to arrange your lovely harvest in some great "found" containers. \$20.00 fee.

### Herbs for Health & Happiness

**with special guest Maggie Cook-Newell**

**Friday Feb. 16th, 10:00 a.m. (One day only)**

In addition to being delicious and beautiful, the herbs in your food are actually *good* for you! Dr. Maggie Cook-Newell comes to us from the University of Kentucky's Nutrition and Food Science faculty, with a lively discussion of some of our favorite plants - their nutritional/health benefits, the pleasures of taste and aesthetics, and a basket-full of tips on how to get the best from them. \$25.00 fee.

### Junior "Seeds and Cuttings" Class

**Saturday Feb. 17th, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

New this year - introduce a child to the joys of gardening and starting plants "from scratch"! For ages 8 to 12, and each child must be accompanied by an adult, please. \$15.00 fee includes all materials.

## ...and a Few More

### What's A Native?

**with special guest Portia Brown**  
**Saturday Feb. 24th,**  
**10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

What exactly are native plants, how do we use them, and why do we care?

Portia Brown, of Simply Natural native plant consultants, will be on hand to give us the facts about the fascinating plants that have grown up in our own part of the world. \$15.00 fee.

### Sow Your Own Salad

**Friday March 2nd**

**or Saturday March 3rd, 10:00 a.m.**

Here's another of our favorite classes from last year - Springtime is salad time, and there's no fresher salad than the one you grow yourself! Come learn about growing container greens at home and what to do with them for your table. \$30.00 class fee includes all materials, including a 12" planter that you will plant and take home, plus samples of and recipes for spring salads and dressings.

### On with the Show!

Once again this year, Thieneman's Herbs and Perennials will participate in the Trend Appliances Home, Garden, and Remodeling Show.

The show is in the South Wing at the Fairgrounds and hours are:

Friday March 9th, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday March 10th, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday March 11th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We'll be in the Garden Market area, in booths 16 & 17.

Hope to see you there!

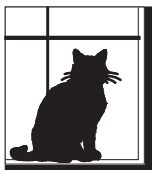
"If you would have a lovely garden,  
you should live a lovely life."

- Shaker saying



## Peggy's Corner

Thoughts from the farm



When just a small person growing up I loved a Golden Book called "The Color Kittens". My first grandchild due to arrive hard on the heels of the Summer Solstice will surely get a copy. The story tells the tale of two gray kittens dressed in painters' overalls named Brush and Hush who are on a mission to find green paint. Along the way they discover all the colors in the world (well, maybe not puce). Then and there colors became magical for me.

This fall and winter while everyone had turkeys and sugarplums dancing in their heads, we got out the paint cans. The only cats around chose not to help but Stoney did decide to sit on the wet side of a lid. That wasn't particularly magical but the effect we achieved with brushes is fresh and new.

In your garden with all its subtle shades of greens and earth tones a bright spot of color can be jewel-like. This spring look for the butterflies hanging around our mini-gardens of ideas. We are excited about this season's nifty new annuals, perennials and shrubs selected specifically to put magic in your little corner of the world.

Come see us! The show opens March 15<sup>th</sup>.

- P.J.T.

### A Mailing List Note

Have we misspelled your name? Would you prefer an e-mail? Or to be removed from our mailing list entirely? Please just call, drop us a line, or send an e-mail to [finchhouse@ka.net](mailto:finchhouse@ka.net) with "Thieneman's Mailing List" in the subject line. And as always, we never sell our mailing lists to anyone else.

## CLASS REGISTRATION

(Please print clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Daytime) \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in:

CLASS:                      DATE:    COST:

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$

TOTAL COST:                      \$

**All classes must be prepaid in full. If you need to cancel after registering, please be kind enough to notify us as early as possible so that someone else can fill your spot. Your full class fee will be refunded only if we receive your cancellation notice two days prior to your scheduled class. Thank you!**

Method of payment (Please circle one):

Check or money order

MasterCard    Visa    AmEx    Discover

Your card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date MO/YR: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

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