



# THE PLANT PRESS

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## Cooling down at last!

Whew. We made it. After a brutal August, bone-dry September, and toasty-warm October, we're finally into some nicer temperatures and much-needed rain. And have you been looking up? At the time of writing

we've had several days of those crystalline, deep-blue skies that seem to come only at this particular time of year. Autumn, at last.

Perfect gardening weather! Time to clear up, clean out, pull those late-season weeds, and bring the houseplants in. Before we know it, we'll be caught up in the holiday crunch-time and looking fondly back at slow-moving, 100-degree days. (Okay, kidding. But the days are moving along, aren't they?)

Back at the farm, we're welcoming the break from constant watering and hot-weather plant maintenance. Fall is the season when we all settle down in a warm greenhouse, taking hundreds and hundreds of trays of cuttings for next year's crop. It's a time to work together, catch up with each other, and make plans for next year. We're still open to the public, but make no mistake - you'll usually find us inside where it's warm.

Cool days and November also mean Wreaths! The big red barn is cleared out and ready for bundles of fresh, fragrant balsam, pine, juniper, and other greenery for the holidays. Not only will we be turning it all into wreaths, tabletop trees, and topiaries, but we'll be happy to show you how. Read on for our schedule of Holiday Classes, and come on back to the farm for a break in your crunch-time. Hope to see you soon!

- Thieneman's Staff

## Rosemary

**Latin Name:** *Rosmarinus officinalis*

**Meaning:** From the Latin 'ros maris': 'Dew of the sea'

**Uses:** Culinary, fragrance, potpourri, medicinal

**Care:** Full sun, well-drained soil and good air circulation

**Legends:** Known for centuries as the "herb of remembrance", rosemary has played a part from weddings (to encourage couples to remember their vows!) to funerals. Biblical legend says that when the rosemary bush sheltered the Holy Family in their escape to Egypt, Mary laid her cloak on the shrub in gratitude, turning its white flowers blue. It has been credited with enhancing love, warding off plague and typhoid, and growing only in the gardens of the righteous. Present-day research is looking into rosemary oil as beneficial in fighting Alzheimer's Disease - "herb of remembrance", indeed!

## Global Warming Gardening



In our neck of the woods we may not have to worry about rising sea levels, but it makes sense that our Gardens Yet To Come may benefit from the addition of dry-weather plants. Not only do we increase our chances of successful gardening, but we also conserve water.

Mulch those leaves - work them into the soil. Compost helps retain soil moisture. Mulching your plants in the summer helps conserve soil moisture. Check out MSD's Rain Barrel program. Check with us in the spring for a list of drought-tolerant herbs, perennials and shrubs.

Gardening is a proactive sport that helps reduce carbon footprints. Three cheers for us!

- P.J.T.

## Thieneman's Hours of Operation: (November and December)

Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm  
Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

From the Finch House... ➤ ➤ ➤  
When you're at the farm for  
Holiday Classes, be sure to drop in!  
We've got some great gifts for the  
gardeners on your list, including a new  
shipment of luxurious, hand-made  
soap from the Soap Makery in  
Bardstown.

Between Thanksgiving weekend and  
Christmas, look for hand-crafted  
herbal items and sterling/ gemstone/  
Swarovski crystal jewelry from the  
Finch House workshop. Ho ho ho!

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## Holiday Classes and Open House

The holidays will be here before we know it - how will you deck your halls this year? We're ready to share an idea or two with his year's Holiday Class Series! Please note that **advance registration & payment are required for all classes**. Just visit [www.thienemans.com](http://www.thienemans.com) for a class registration form or give us a call at 491-6305.

### Make a Fresh Greenery Wreath

**Fri. Nov. 16th or Sat. Nov. 17th, 10 a.m.**

Make a lush outdoor wreath from evergreen boughs. Wreath forms, wire, and base greenery supplied - we suggest that you bring work gloves and clippers, and your own accent greenery (boxwood, holly, pine, juniper, etc.) if you'd like. \$25.00 fee.

### Make a Tabletop Christmas Tree

**Fri. Nov. 23rd or Sat. Nov. 24th, 10 a.m.**

Learn how to turn fresh evergreen boughs into a unique accent for your holiday table. We suggest you bring work gloves and clippers, and accent greenery if you'd like. \$28.00 fee.



### "Simple Gifts",

#### our 7th Annual Holiday Open House

Sat. Nov. 24th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 

Your escape from holiday madness and traffic -

Come have a cup of hot cider and some cookies with us!

We'll have fresh-made wreaths, tabletop Christmas trees,

and boxwood topiaries to choose from,

And some lovely, bushy Rosemary plants

For savory, festive cooking!

(Check [www.thienemans.com](http://www.thienemans.com) for some favorite recipes.)

And be sure to look closely at our miniature

Christmas Tree Village - you might just see some of

Santa's elves whisking out of sight...

### Make a Boxwood Topiary

**Fri. Nov. 30th or Sat. Dec. 1st, 10 a.m.**

Use cut boxwood branches to make a round "lollipop" style topiary, just the thing for your mantel or holiday table. Please bring clippers and work gloves. \$35.00 fee.

### Mini-Tree Workshop

**Fri. Dec. 7th or Sat. Dec. 8th, 10 a.m.**

Create a little "fantasy tree" from fresh greenery, fragrant herb branches, and other fresh-cut materials. \$20.00 fee includes all materials; please bring clippers and work gloves. (View some sample trees at our Holiday Open House, above!)

### Make a Holiday Kissing Ball

**Sunday Dec. 9th, 1:00 p.m.**

In the days before Christmas trees, people made "kissing balls" to hang in doorways or entry halls. Tradition held that, when a lady walked beneath one, she would consent to giving a kiss!

We'll show you how to make one from assorted greenery and ribbon. All materials included; please bring work

Gloves and clippers. \$18.00 fee.



## Peggy's Corner

Thoughts from the farm

I suffered from whiplash in Kroger's the other day. Mums and fall pansies caught my eye at first, but nestled in between them were plastic poinsettia arrangements for the holiday table, and a fat man in a red suit was holding court in the produce department. End of season summer clothing sales start in June and Christmas decorations go up before Halloween. What time is it anyway? Anybody want to slow down and just breathe?

That, I think, was one of the joys in participating in the farmers' market this year. I watched summer tomatoes, peppers, zucchinis and cucumbers gradually morph into Hubbard squash, corn, Bibb lettuce, watermelons and late season green beans and finally last Saturday into pumpkins, ornamental gourds, spaghetti squash, cauliflower and spinach. The natural rhythm of the seasons was so self-evident that it afforded a sense of peace that is sometimes hard to come by in grocery stores and malls.

The earth's biological clock (at least in our part of the world) is beginning to slow. The earth is beginning to cool, it's soaking up much-needed rain, and it's starting to recuperate from a hot, dry summer. It's time for chowders and mugs of something hot to drink. It's a time to reflect, preferably under a blanket on the couch.

'Tis the season - don't miss it!

- P.J.T.