

## Happy New Year!

Between long naps we are gearing up for the Season. I feel like a Bear not quite ready to crawl out of my Cave... and then a Sunny Warm Day comes...and we are Buzzing like Bees.

**WE WILL BE OPEN THIS SPRING, APRIL 5th THRU JUNE 15th.**  
**OUR HOURS ARE FRI. AND SAT. FROM 10-4 AND SUNDAY FROM 12-4.**  
**As always We are glad to Open ANYTIME! By appt. Just call! 867-8367**

Be Warned that April 26 is Wolfgang's 60th Birthday Party and service could be spotty!!!  
We will have friends visiting from Germany! We may have to put them to work!

**It seems the World is Trying to Go Green...and I support that.**

**It has been a life long goal for Wolfgang and Myself.**

**We will be sending out occasional mailings and intend to include some Green Notes with each one.**

It is my belief that the Greenest Thing we can do is Stay Home with Our Families more...and enjoy each other.

**Grow Vegetables, Garden, Sing, Dance and Talk and Listen to the Ones We Love.**

It is so easy to become distracted and feel like we must be all things all the time...So my Goal for Y'all this year is to get a Hammock. Preferably Cotton or Bamboo or Water Hyacinth...  
(They weave them into furniture...why not Hammocks.)

Or better still take all your Plastic Grocery Bags and Weave, Crochet or Macrame a Hammock!

The Botanic Gardens in Memphis is hosting a workshop on Crocheting Plastic Grocery Bags into Tote Bags.  
March 1st. Call 576-4128

So if we slow down, turn inward and really consider what we need...rather than what we are told we need... we can lighten the load on the planet and perhaps improve our personal lives.

**Oy! Enough of That!!**

### **Cover Crops and Living Mulches for Food and Fun!**

When Folks come to visit I often show them my 3 acres of Flower Beds. I could not manage these without Trees and Shrubs and COVER CROPS or LIVING MULCHES.

Consider this. To Buy and Move enough mulch for those areas would cost me up to \$800 a year in Hardwood Mulch or Pine Needles. Then I would need to pay for Labor...easily another \$800. Each Year!

Twenty Years ago I discovered Cover Crops. Seeds that you throw on the ground and watch them grow! Wildflowers, Annuals, and Vegetables. This is what I refer to as using your Brain...not your Back.

The Cost? Approx. \$100 a year and a few hours of my time.

Included is my list, gleaned from vigilant trial and error...oh yes! Error. So you don't have to fail.

I like to use some each date listed in case Mother Nature is up to one of her tricks!

What to Grow. When to Grow. Where to Buy...

It is one of my Greatest Gardening Joys...I hope it brings you pleasure and success.

I have also included Two Poems. Living and Working on these Five Acres has been such a joy I have been inspired at times to write about it. I hope you enjoy these also.

**Here's to finding Beauty in Living Green.**

**With affection. Diane Meucci and Wolfgang Marquardt. Gardensoyvey.com**

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