Happy New Year!
Newsletter 1 – Thursday, January 16, 2014

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Current Hours

Our Cottage Grove hours are now 10am – 5pm, Monday through Saturday. For the month of January we will be closed on Sundays.

Please note: America’s Best Flowers will be closed on Wednesday, January 22.

Lucy’s Story – Chapter 37

You will not believe this...Lucy has been keeping a winter diary! Yikes, where does it end?

After some reasoning (and bribes with sweet potato treats) Lucy has agreed to share a winter entry.

Dear Diary,

Silly boots! Silly, silly boots. Boots for dogs are you kidding me? Whoever came up with this idea? My mom and dad were so excited when they brought these things home. They acted as if they were the next best thing to my glow in the dark rubber ball. Yaaa, right! Then they went on and on about how these doggy boots will protect my paws from the ice and snow.
Really?

I am a dog for goodness sakes! I am a descendant of the wolf. Can you imagine what my ancestors would say if they saw me prance around in these things? I would never be able to claim my place in wolf history if I wore them!

How can I avoid the humiliation of wearing (ugh) ‘doggy boots?’ I need a plan.

Ya know what, Diary, this is too stressful to think about right now. I need a nap. That always clears my head. I’ll get back to you in a bit...

Lucy

We have spring fever...how about you?

Don’t wait for spring to start planning your garden! America’s Best Flowers is open for business. We have vegetable seeds and flower seeds, potting soil, seed trays, and lots more to get you started. It is one stop shopping at our greenhouse.

In addition, whether you are a first time gardener or a veteran gardener, our experienced staff is here to assist you.

_A peacock that rests on his feathers is just another turkey._

Dolly Parton

Visit us at the 2014 Midwest Garden Expo
February 7, 8 & 9

Friday 3 pm – 9 pm
Saturday 9 am – 6 pm
Sunday  10 am – 4 pm

Come out and see us at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. We’ll have a wide selection of vegetable seeds and flower seeds, sweet succulent plants, flavorful herbs, houseplants, garden supplies and much, much more.

*Everything is changing.*  
*People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke.*

Will Rogers

**America’s Best Flowers Fundraising Program**

Spring 2014 is right around the corner! People are beginning to think about vegetable gardens, shade trees, flowering shrubs and glorious flowers.

What perfect timing for your non-profit organization to participate in America’s Best Flowers fundraiser program. Non-profit organizations earn 25% of the proceeds from each gift card they sell. For example, if your organization sells $500 of our gift cards, which are available in any denomination over $10, your organization would earn $125.

Please contact us if your non-profit organization is in need of funds for things such as (but by no means limited to):

- local charities, (i.e. food pantry)
- church mission trips,
- new equipment or uniforms for your school sports program, or
- new equipment or uniforms for your school band or orchestra.

America’s Best Flowers gift cards are valid at both our Cottage Grove and Edgerton locations.

If you are interested or have questions regarding our easy and profitable program, please contact Shirley at abfscimino@yahoo.com.
“I really didn’t say everything I said.”

Yogi Berra

Our 2014 Newsletter

Our next 2014 newsletter will be February 6. The weekly edition will begin on March 6 with all kinds of new stuff for the 2014 gardening season.

Bev Wilson will be back with more of her scrumptious recipes. I’m getting hungry just thinking about them...aren’t you?

‘til next time,
~ Shirley

Upcoming Events

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| Fri, Feb 7 - Sun, Feb 9 | Garden Expo
Come on out and visit us at the Midwest Garden Expo! |
| Sat, Apr 12 - Sun, Apr 13 | Spring Flower Show
We have your all-time favorite plants plus a few new ones for the season. We also have a HUGE selection of new pottery. |
| Sat, Apr 12 - Sun, Apr 13 | Herb, Terrarium & Miniature Garden Container Workshop
10am-4pm FREE soil and assistance. Create your own herb container garden, terrarium or miniature garden. Bring in your own containers or buy some of ours. |
| Sat, Apr 12 - Sun, Apr 13 | Universal Saw & Tool Sharpening
10am-4pm Get those tools ready for easier gardening. |
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<td>Sat, Apr 19</td>
<td>Community Egg Hunt 10am-2pm  Rain or Shine! FREE candy! Children 6 and under. Bring your camera and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Accepting items for the Cottage Grove Food Pantry.</td>
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<td>Sat, Apr 26</td>
<td>Earth Day Celebration 10am-2pm  FREE children’s activities 10am-2pm. Bring a white T-shirt to paint, make seed balls, plant cat grass, and more.</td>
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SEE YOU SOON!!!

You’ll Love Your Garden ... It’s Our Promise! May the Holy Spirit Guide You! God Bless

Edward Knapton says Keep on Smiling!
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