



Happy Earth Day----April 22

The first Earth Day in 1970 mobilized millions of Americans for the protection of the planet. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet. The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event.

Earth Day led to passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States, including the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. Many countries soon adopted similar laws, and in 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day as the day to sign the Paris Climate Agreement into force.

Master Gardeners

A close-up photograph of a cluster of bright orange flowers, likely a species of milkweed, with a bee flying nearby. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a garden setting. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**I AM A
GARDENER.**

**What's
your
superpower?**

EMPRESSOFDIRT.NET

Hairy Bittercress


- Raise your hand if this "weed" is popping up all over your native plant gardens and lawn. (We're raising our hands.) Two ways to look at this plant. According to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, this plant is edible. "Hairy bittercress (*Cardamine hirsuta*) leafs out in a basal rosette, and like other members of the mustard family (Brassicaceae), its tender greens are edible . . . its flavor is mild and peppery . . . and has tons of vitamin C, calcium, magnesium, beta-carotene, and antioxidants." You can read more here: https://www.bbg.org/news/weed_of_the_month_hairy_bittercress
- After you save some for your salads, you may want to pull it - soon - before it develops seeds. When the seeds are ready, they literally explode out of the plant when the wind blows or when you touch the plant, and then you can expect lots of the plants next spring.



Kingwood Center Gardens

We are inching closer to reopening some of Kingwood!! **As it stands now, the grounds will be open again on May 1st.** We will not be taking admission or opening the house for the first two weeks in May. After that, and if nothing else changes, we will be resuming our normal operations at Kingwood Hall.


Some exciting news!!! Thanks to the hard work of the horticulture staff and our marketing department we went live last week with our online garden shop. You may now purchase garden plants through our online link and pick them up within one business day or when notified. Here is the link to the online store: <https://kingwoodgardenshop.square.site/>

A young child with dark hair, wearing a green jacket, is sitting in a field of pumpkins and gourds. The child is holding a large, round, orange pumpkin. The field is filled with various types of pumpkins and gourds, including some that are dark green and some that are light orange. The background is a field of dry grass and more pumpkins.

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

Jere Gettle always had a passion for growing things, and at age 3 he planted his first garden. Ever since, he wanted to be involved in the seed industry. So in 1998, at the age of 17, he printed the first Baker Creek Heirloom Seed catalog. The company has grown to offer around 1200 varieties of vegetables, flowers and herbs—the largest selection of heirloom varieties in the USA. Baker Creek carries one of the largest selections of seeds from the 19th century, including many Asian and European varieties. The company has become a tool to promote and preserve our agricultural and culinary heritage.

<https://www.rareseeds.com>



Floret Flower Farm

EST.2008

WE ARE A FAMILY-RUN FLOWER FARM SPECIALIZING IN GROWING UNIQUE,
UNCOMMON AND HEIRLOOM FLOWERS

Set in Washington's beautiful Skagit Valley, our fields are bursting with flowers that reflect the season. From fragrant sweet peas in the spring to magnificent dinnerplate dahlias in the fall and countless varieties in between, we celebrate the best of what's blooming each day. Research is at the heart of our operation, and we conduct extensive trials to find the very best cut flower varieties, coveted for their scent, stem length, and ethereal qualities.

We source from the best breeders in the world and grow many of the varieties we offer right here on the farm. Our shop features our very favorite cut flower seeds, as well as spring-flowering bulbs, tools, supplies, and gifts.

<https://www.floretflowers.com> or follow on Facebook

Frost Dates for Mansfield Ohio

<https://garden.org/apps/calendar/?q=Mansfield%2C+OH>

Temperature	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
Last 16°	Apr 1	Mar 26	Mar 23	Mar 20	Mar 17	Mar 14	Mar 11	Mar 7	Mar 2
Last 20°	Apr 11	Apr 6	Apr 2	Mar 30	Mar 28	Mar 25	Mar 22	Mar 18	Mar 13
Last 24°	Apr 18	Apr 13	Apr 10	Apr 7	Apr 4	Apr 1	Mar 29	Mar 26	Mar 21
Last 28°	Apr 28	Apr 24	Apr 21	Apr 19	Apr 17	Apr 15	Apr 13	Apr 10	Apr 7
Last 32°	May 9	May 5	May 2	Apr 30	Apr 28	Apr 25	Apr 23	Apr 20	Apr 16
Last 36°	May 20	May 16	May 13	May 11	May 9	May 6	May 4	May 1	Apr 27