

Willowfield Lavender Farm Newsletter #4, October-2006

Kie-Notes

More than 200 new lavender plants now call Willowfield their new home. The last plants were anchored in their new beds during a drizzling rain in mid October. The planting puts a finishing touch to an exciting year with the festival, evening concerts and our first wedding. Also, we participated in two farmers markets in Indianapolis and have plans to include two more a winter market in Bloomington and a Sunday afternoon market during the regular season. We set up our tables on Wednesday mornings in downtown Indy on Market Street. The other market was in Broad Ripple on Saturday mornings. We were well received by market goers and made new friends among the vendors. The atmosphere on Market Day is very congenial and spirited. It was quite fun being purple amongst the tomatoes, pastries, and other flowers. We had a lot of repeat business which confirmed our belief that lavender truly is among the most beloved plants in the world.

If you've been to the farm, then you are familiar with the woods at the back of the lavender field that we affectionately call The Angel Wing. Willowfield owns ten acres on the other side of the wing. I've always wanted to build a bridge across the ravine to that acreage, so late this summer, I began cutting a swath through the woods. The future plan is to be able to gaze onto a field of blue while strolling through the field or sipping tea in the gazebo. Our goal is to continue to offer some new experience each time you visit. We appreciate your continued support of our farm and look forward to seeing you soon.

TIP: Carry a bottle of lavender essential oil for insect bites, bee stings and burns. It is an antiseptic and relieves the pain and itch within seconds! Dab scant amounts of oil on exposed skin to ward off mosquitoes!

Ad-Lib s

We hear all our lives folks lamenting on how time flies. Well, the past five years of growing lavender have done just that flown by! Kie and I are amazed when we walk in our fields as we enjoy the peacefulness and tranquility of our place. It has been a pleasure sharing it with those of you who have visited the farm. If you haven't been here for a while, you must plan a trip next summer during June or early July. You may hand-pick your own bundles or just enjoy a stroll thru the field. We continue to add new rows and new varieties each year. We have almost forty varieties represented and 2300+ plants in the field. As the years go by, the farm grows more beautiful. We are truly blessed and so thankful for the life we have here. And we appreciate the love and support that so many of you have shown us over the past five years. Please come and share the farm with us. We would love to see you.

Our First Wedding at Willowfield

Kieran's nephew (and godson) Steve and his wife Kirsten were married at our farm on July 1 of this year. It was an experience we will cherish. They were married under the pergola in our yard, heavy-laden with wisteria vines. The reception was held in the big grosso field. The dining tables were situated down the center of the field, adorned with white linen cloth and flowers, framed on both sides with rows of lavender at the peak of their season. The sun set on the wedding celebration filling the sky with soft shades of pinks and lavender--and all was well with the world. Another blessing had come our way...

Please share your personal lavender tip with us. Send us an email and we'll pass it on!

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.willowfieldlavender.com

Go to the Events Page for the latest, updated information about our schedule. We will try to keep you posted as changes occur. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A TOUR FOR 10 OR MORE,** please call us at 317-831-7980 or write us at lavenderfarm@iquest.net

OUR LAST POSTAL MAILING

For many reasons, this will be the last postal mailing from us. So many of you have called and written asking if you were taken off the mailing list because you hadn't received a card in the mail this year. When we send a postal mailing, the process, even with help, can take a couple of us several days to complete. Because of the demands on our time running the farm, making product, and being involved in two farmers markets this year--we just simply could not find the time to send out a mailing. This past season, we have been collecting e-mail addresses from folks interested in receiving our newsletter and updates about the farm via the internet. If you would like to be added to this list, please send your email address to lavenderfarm@iquest.net with Please Add Me To Your Mailing List in the subject line. This way you will receive info about our farm schedule in a more timely manner. We hope that you will consider doing this as this will be our only way to keep in touch.

TIPS FROM YOU: Place one of our bath bars in your car to absorb unpleasant odors, like smoke etc.

Dab essential oil on your neck when dealing with a cranky baby or upset child. As you hold the young un, they will inhale the scent helping them to calm or relax more quickly. Also helps them go to sleep. Works on adults as well. We know--we use essential oil for headaches and stress! It really does work...

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Season Schedule, 2007

April 27, 28 & 29: Orchard in Bloom

Garden Show, Holliday Park

A wonderful show for gardeners. This will be our 4th year to participate in this show.

Thursday, May 10: Farm Opens for the

Season

Our regular hours of Thursday thru Saturday begin.

Hours for those days are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Other times by appointment.

June 23: Lavender Festival. We will have u-pick lavender, music all day, food to eat including lavender shortbread cookies, and lavender mint tea to quench your thirst. Field tours and discussions. Hope you can make it! Admission \$1.00

July 7, August 4, and September 8:

Evening Concert Schedule. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission \$1.00

**Please check the
Events Page on our
website for updated
info.!**

Including workshops and other special events which will be posted in early 2007

Willowfield Annual

Christmas Open House

November 16, 17, and 18, 2006

Thursday and Friday Hours:

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday Hours:

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We would like to invite you to our farm for a few special days in November for our Christmas Open House. We will have many of our lavender products as well as our Pottery, Baskets, and Teas. Also, we will have

The Lavender Cookbook by Sharon Shipley. It s a wonderful cookbook devoted entirely to cooking with lavender.

It s a great gift for those lavender lovers on your gift list.

Wishing you happiness during the holidays...Hope to see you soon

Kje and Libbe O Connor

Victorian Christmas

Saturday, December 2, 2006

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please come visit our booth located in ColorWorkx Studio on Main Street in downtown Mooresville, Indiana.

You ll enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas Celebration. Jeanne McLeish and Mark Burkett are fantastic local artists and have invited us for the 3rd year to join them in their beautiful studio and gallery.

Carolers and Musicians will be strolling Main Street shops, and trolley car rides will be available as well.

Bring your family and enjoy the day!