

## UPDATED COVID19 PROTOCOLS

### CURRENTLY IN EFFECT !!!

\*\*\* We have returned to regular hours for the season. During our gradual phasing in of our 2020 full opening, we were mindful of all the recommendations made by all governmental agencies regarding operations such as ours. Additionally we are also mindful of individual concerns as people start venturing out, in our shared desire to strive for a sense of normalcy, keeping safety in mind.

\*\*\* As those of you who have visited here in the past realize, we are a very small family operation with no staff; thus many of the protocols in place for other larger operations will not be implemented here. We will however follow many of the published recommendations, and we will outline what those are below.

\*\*\* Once you have reviewed our policies, ultimately it's up to each individual to decide if they wish to visit us this year. We have always strived to provide an environment where visitors can come and immerse themselves in the beauty of the garden, in an effort to take their minds off the other stresses of life. However it would be self-defeating if one is concerned to the point where they really can't enjoy their visit; we fully understand, and everyone has to do what's best to keep themselves at ease.

\*\*\* Our garden is designed for social distancing. Our walking rows are at minimum 8 feet wide, and our display beds are 6 feet wide, with crossovers generally at every 25 feet; you can stroll the garden to your heart's content and safely interact with other visitors, or no one at all.

\*\*\* Our Restroom has re-opened. We are not required to provide restroom facilities, and it is provided for the comfort and convenience of our visitors. Normally we clean our facility once in the morning, and during the day as needed. We will not be sanitizing it hourly or after every use; visitors will need to evaluate for themselves how much risk this poses to their health and safety, and then decide if they wish to use our facility, or travel to a nearby gas station or restaurant.

\*\*\* Our Gift Shop, located in our main sales building, is partially open. When fully operational, for the short term we will limit the gift shop to a single person, or two related customers (travelled together) at a time. Although we usually ring out customer orders in the sales building, we can easily do that outdoors if desired.

\*\*\* Even before the onset of Covid19, we have always had hand sanitizer, sunscreen, and shade/rain umbrellas available for our visitors. Every year we strive to provide an increasingly safer environment for our visitors.

\*\*\* Spaced seating is available; there are varied spots in the garden where one can sit secluded if they wish. Our main seating area is under our pergola, that seating will be appropriately spaced apart, and the same will be done for group seating. All our seating and outdoor surfaces are naturally disinfected with UV light, and cleaned as needed.

\*\*\* For local visitors, if you do wish to purchase plants that need to be field dug, we recommend that you place an order, and arrange with us for pickup on a future day if your desire is to minimize your exposure during a visit; otherwise we can dig your order during your visit, and we do have a good selection of pre-potted plants available.

\*\*\* The biggest problem we will incur is our reflex to shake hands and welcome visitors, that practice will be suspended for this season. We will not be wearing any PPE, although visitors are free to wear what they wish. In all situations we are able to provide a “no contact” or “limited contact” transaction, both with proper social distancing.

\*\*\* Groups are welcome with advance notice and scheduling; specific procedures to accommodate those visits will evolve as needed as the season unfolds, and will be fully discussed with the group representative.

\*\*\* Our hours are posted 2 weeks out, both on our website and our main Facebook page, in addition to Google listings.

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