

Zone 3 Gardens ~ Spring 2013 Newsletter

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Spring IS coming.....



We are **so** happy to announce that we'll have the same crew as last year; **Andy, Ellen and Sally** are on-board for another Z3 season! Pictured here, the support crew is growing up;

Oliver (4), Emory (2), and my husband Todd. We're moved into our home on Garden Lake Road. This location gives us a lot more space for the business, than we had in town. Todd's glassblowing studio remains on Conan Street.

New This Season

We are teaming up with Highstone Glassworks to bring even more color and interest to your garden. Sign up for **Rent-an-Orb** and be surprised all season long with a different orb when we visit. Even in



well-planned perennial gardens there is usually a lull during the hottest days of summer, but these unique hand-blown glass orbs will attract attention anyway. The best part is winter storage is not an issue. **Rent-an-Orb** for the whole season is **\$30** (which includes at least 5 changes May-Sept). Contact us by April 30th for **\$5 off** That's \$25 for all season!

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. ~ **Marcus Tullius Cicero**

Looking Back at Last Season

Thank you dearly to everyone who stuck with Zone 3 Gardens during the transition of the business from Teddy. We miss her so much.



We've promised to keep "Teddy's colors alive." The day I heard of her passing on last May, there was a double rainbow over Ely. Hostas were her favorite, of course, and now that I live in the woods, I totally understand that; they're a hearty and texturally interesting plant that loves shade.

Another shade-lover that I'm experimenting with is the **Rocket Leopard Plant (*Ligularia***



***stenocephala*)**

It can be seen in front of the Wells Fargo drive-thru bank in Ely. The bloom time is late summer/ early fall. (<http://davesgarden.com>)

For a shade-loving annual, I was very happy with how Fuchsia performed around Ely last year. To see pictures of many varieties, check out the Plant Dictionary at the Better Homes & Garden website (www.bhg.com).

We'll send a Newsletter just 3 times a year. Please be sure we have your email address ☺

I'm enjoying the University of MN's **Master Gardener** courses and look forward to having that certification **soon** to serve your gardening needs even better.