

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.