

Far West Suburbs

By Debbie Notaro



Normally I try very hard to seek out garden and nature spots that you can share with your children. However, this time I found the most charming place just for you and your best gardening pal.

A few weeks ago I visited Emerson Creek Pottery and Tea Room, a garden center in Oswego located amid acres and acres of corn and soybean fields. About three-fourths of the way there, you say to yourself, "This can't be right," but forge on. Just keep in mind that the reward could be lunch served in a flowerpot.

Emerson Creek Garden Center got its name because of the pottery they sell. When owner Chris Demiduk visited the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, she discovered traditional American handmade pottery, fell in love with it and dreamed of opening a place where she could sell the collections.

Her garden center is located at the intersection of Grove and Stephens Roads, just off Plainfield Road. Up the gravel driveway you'll find a bit of everything, and the most unique iron gazebo ever highlights the center of the garden section. The gazebo looks like a house with no walls, and it is home to a vast variety of perennials. Just around the bend, the garden shop offers everything

from locally harvested honey to the famous Emerson Creek Pottery.

When you're ready for lunch, be sure to visit the horse stalls at the tea room. "People used to bring their lunches and sit on our porch to spend time in the peace and quiet of the country," recalls Demiduk. "That is what inspired us to open the tea room. We hold several

events each year, but one of my favorites is the Holiday Fest. It will be on November 8 and 9 this year. For a sneak preview come November 7."

If you plan to visit Oswego on the second Thursday of the month, be sure to contact Kathy Tamblyn at 630-554-2847 from the Hilltop Gardeners Garden Club

for their schedule of guest speakers. Meetings are open to the public.

Visiting the garden club and the garden center will guarantee the recommended daily dose required for an excellent day. 🌻

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