

Quality, variety & more...

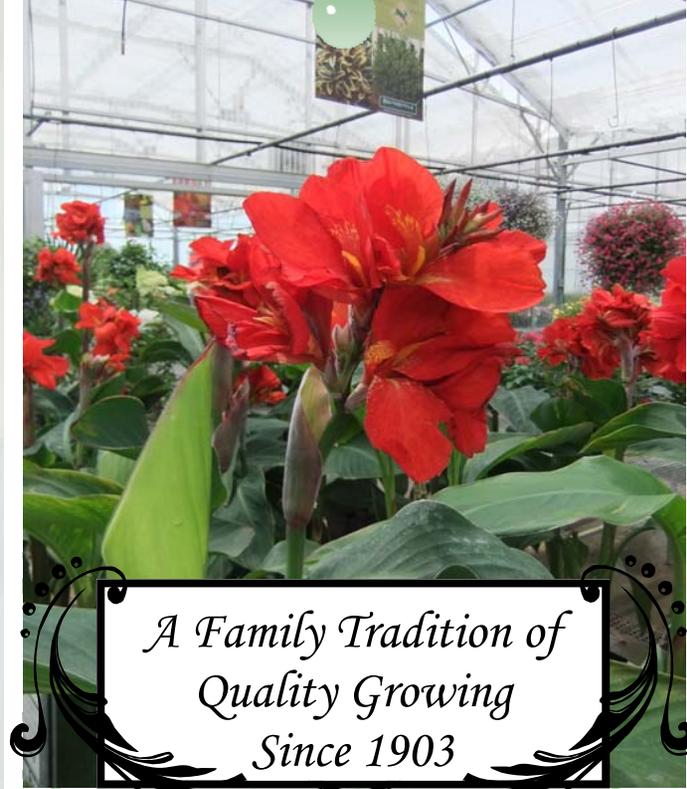
Hill's carries a variety of quality products—from the plants we grow in the greenhouses to the products we carry in the retail store. Here's just a sample of what you might find here:

- Bird baths, feeders & houses
- Garden statuary, gazing globes, stepping stones & fountains
- Pottery galore!
- Garden giftware, chimes & flags
- Garden tools, hoses & watering wands
- Greenhouses full of beautiful, healthy plants!



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*A Family Tradition of
Quality Growing
Since 1903*

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Our History

Hill's Gardens is a fourth-generation, family-owned and operated greenhouse grower and retailer. It started in the early 1900's when Fred Hill began farming and loaded his truck with produce for route sales. He went into the truck farming business with Fred Raben. (See our historical photo wall in our retail store.)

Fred and Violet (Ruble) Hill had four children. The Hill family grew and the children helped farm the land. Their



Hill's Gardens market store and first retail greenhouse. Circa 1950's

only son, Charles Daniel (Dan or C. Dan), ran the business after his father's passing from the mid - 1930's on.

Dan and his new wife Ethel (Highby) continued the family business and started a roadside market in the late 1930's.

Eventually the roadside stand grew, little by little, and Ethel began raising and selling more plants and flowers in addition to the fruits and vegetables. They added the first retail greenhouse in the early 1950's.

Dan and Ethel's four children (Kay, Doug, Paul & Jim) grew up working and helping as the generation before them. The business was Incorporated in 1969. Their son Paul

purchased the business in 1977. Since then, he and his wife Judy have run the place. The business has



Hill's storefront, circa late 1990's

certainly changed over the generations, at one point Hill's offered a full cemetery urn service which lasted

from 1969 to 1998 when that portion of the business was sold off. There were many upgrades and additions to the existing retail structure before a major demolition and rebuilding from the ground up took place in stages beginning in 2004. The present store (pictured on the back) opened its doors in Spring 2006. Now customers have more room to shop and more selection to choose from. However, the main focus has always been and continues to be, growing and retailing quality.

With the fourth generation involved in the family business, and a youthful fifth generation already lending a hand, this family tradition of quality growing since 1903 continues into the next century.

Independent Grower

What is an independent grower and what separates 'us' from 'them'?

An independent grower is one who grows their own plant stock vs. trucking it in from wholesale growers. We grow what we sell and have been doing so for over 100 years. Whether from seed or rooted cuttings, about 95% of what we sell at Hill's Gardens is grown here in our production range of greenhouses (totaling over 2 acres of growing space). We are planting long before the snow melts. We grow all of our annuals, vegetable plants, combination baskets and planters in our



Hill's Gardens retail greenhouses, full of Endless Summer Hydrangeas (above) and bright zonal geraniums (at right).

production houses before they are brought to the retail store.

Simply put, we care about our plants, they are our 'babies'. That is why you might notice that we go the extra mile to keep them healthy and free of yellow leaves, dead blooms, etc. well into the growing season. We hope you walk into our store and say "Wow!". We work hard to keep it that way!



Hill's Gardens, located on W. Main Street, Albert Lea, MN

