

AUGUST GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHO'S JUST BEEN BORN



These adorable twins were born less than a week before this photo was taken in late July.. Dave knew the buck had been with the does about 5 months before (the gestation period for a goat) so the birth was not unexpected. Come for a farm tour with Farmer David and see these baby goats and our new red and white calf "Rougie."

WHO'S VOLUNTEERING



Anna Pojut, 27, seen here harvesting corn, decided to quit her job as a start-up manager, and take a year exploring her passion for growing things. Originally from Wisconsin, she came to our farm for two weeks last month after volunteering at a dairy farm in Ohio. From here she went to a farm in Maine and from there, ????. What an adventure!

WHO'S EATING THE CORN

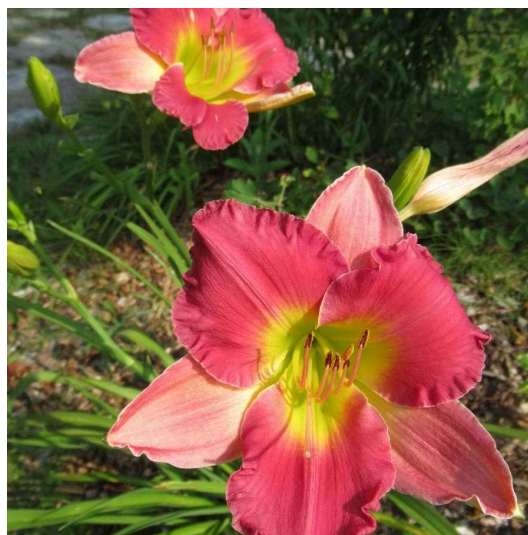


Speaking of corn, our nemises are red-winged black birds. Over the years our corn crops have been repeatedly devastated by flocks of these birds devouring every ripe ear by shredding the husks and eating the kernels. With foresight this season we secured bird netting over the corn row before the ears ripened preserving the crop.



Tracy Duflo, Director of Production for WPBS, shoots Dani proudly displaying immature pawpaws for the Home-Scale Forest Garden Show's fourth episode. The 6-part series is expected to be completed and offered for national distribution early next year.

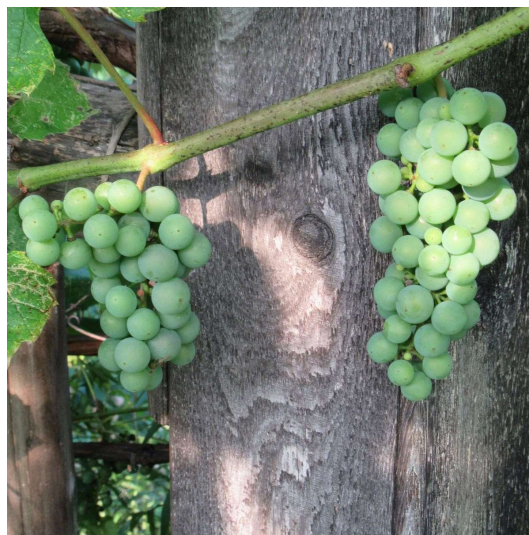
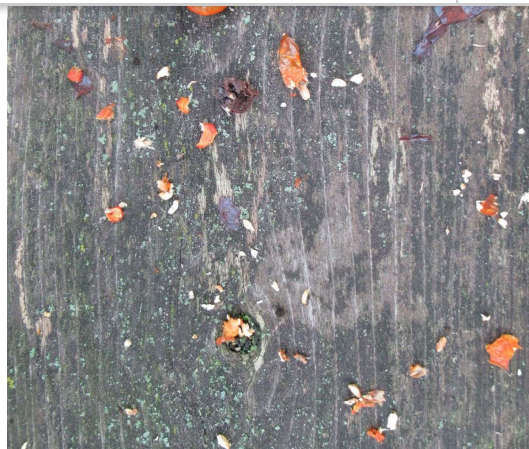
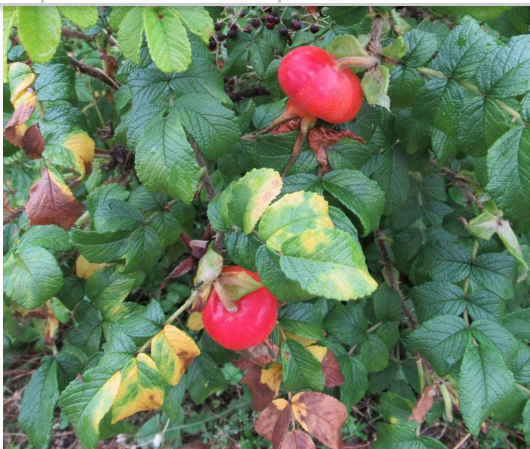
WHAT'S READY TO PICK IN THE EDIBLE FOREST





Plums, daylilies and rose hips (the fruit of roses) are all ripe and ready to pick. Daylilies are crunchy-sweet and attractive in salads.. Rose hips, high in Vitamin C, can be eaten fresh, made into jelly or dried and brewed in a nutritive tea.

WHAT IS A TRAP CROP



A trap crop is a plant that is more attractive to pests than another crop more valuable to the gardener. Here, rose hips are more attractive to chipmunks than nearby plums (see remains of rose hips on "chimpanzee table" above) and elderberries are more attractive to birds than nearby ripening grapes.

WHERE'S A NEW VIDEO

Recently a representative of AATRA (Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas) came to the farm to shoot a video of Dani's sustainable gardening practices. Here is the link: :

<https://youtu.be/KKyG8qqjemw?si=1FyDBF6bZ2M2Q4y2>

WHEN AND WHERE IS DANI SPEAKING



Dani has applied to speak at numerous venues this winter. Stay tuned for more details.

**Off-Site: Native Food Plants for Pollinators and People
for TILT's Annual Birkhead Lecture**

Thursday, August 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Zenda Farms, Clayton, NY 13624

<https://tilandtrust.org>

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