

JUNE GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHAT'S READY TO PICK





It's time to pick your own fruit and berries in the Enchanted Edible Forest. Raspberries are ripening daily while currants, gooseberries and sour cherries aren't far behind. Call ahead to find out what's ripe and to make an appointment. .

WHERE'S THE BEEF



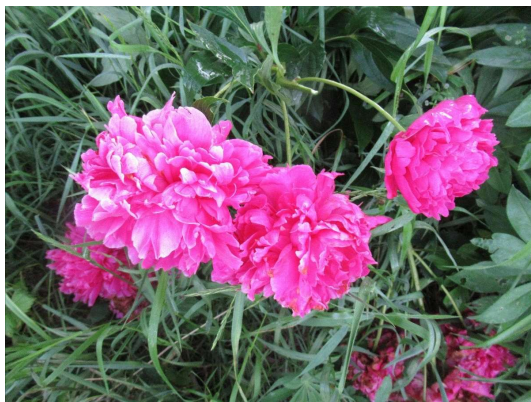
Fresh cuts of Wellesley Island born, organically raised, certified 100% grass-fed beef just arrived from the butcher.. Call ahead to make sure someone is home to help you select your cuts. Our delicious burger is also available at Taste of New York, Hunner's Market and the Guzzle.

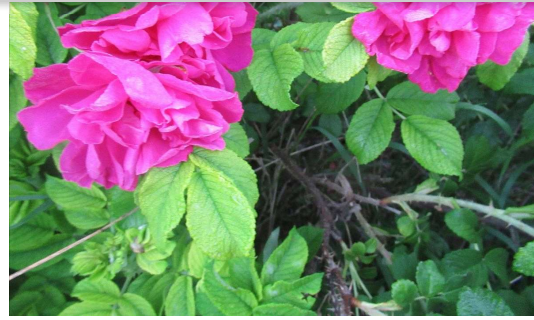
WHO'S VOLUNTEERING



The farm is blessed with three enthusiastic volunteers this month. From left to right: From Maryland, Ainsley will be a sophomore in college this fall majoring in Environmental studies. Yassine is a dual citizen of Algeria and France, has a Ph.D. in materials chemistry, and is residing with us for the summer to have a hands-on farm experience and improve his English before he looks for a job as a chemist in the U.S. or Canada. Amara is a family friend who has been coming to the farm since she was four years old and considers it to be her second home.

WHAT'S BLOOMING IN THE EDIBLE FOREST





Edible flowers galore: Peonies, day lilies, bell flowers and roses are all blooming and you can eat them all!

WHY DO WE THIN FRUIT



This peach (left) and pawpaw (right) have far too many immature fruits for the size and age of the trees. It is prudent for the gardener to thin tree fruits when they reach about the size of a quarter. This practice yields fewer but larger fruits, and ensures that young trees have sufficient energy to continue growing.

WHO'S LAYING EGGS



Each spring a momma snapping turtle heads for the vegetable garden where the soil is soft and warm. She particularly likes the soil protected by row cover and happily rips a hole in it to lay her clutch of eggs.

WHEN AND WHERE IS DANI SPEAKING



On-Site: Tea, Talk and Tour

Art of Dining Benefit for the Frederic Remington Museum, Ogdensburg

Thursday, June 20 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Go to [Home \(fredericremington.org\)](https://fredericremington.org) for more info

Off-Site: Hosting Beneficial Creatures on your Property

Morristown Public Library

July 18 12:30 p.m.

315-375-8833

Off-Site: Native Perennial Food Plants for Pollinators and People

KEYNOTE SPEAKER at

2024 NYS IPM Annual Conference - Fruit IPM for the Home Garden and Landscape

June 27 at the Cornell Cooperative Albany Office

24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY 12186

<https://cals.cornell.edu/new-york-state-integrated-pest-management/outreach-education/events/annual-conference>

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>

TRY TO STAY COOL

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