

MAY GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHO'S BEING BORN



Our first calf of the season was born this month. When you tour the farm, you get to experience our chickens clucking, our ducks quacking, our cows grazing and our goats frolicking. . You can even hold a baby goat if the farmer can catch one for you!

THE FARMSTAND IS OPEN!!



The farmstand inside the farmhouse front porch opens TODAY, May 23, just in time for the holiday weekend. The self-serve fridge is stocked with greens, carrots, potatoes, rhubarb and eggs. On the table are organic berry jams and the honor can with change. . Cuts of Beef and Goat and Pork Sausage are available from the farmer. Hope to see you soon!

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN





Everything this year is two or three weeks ahead of normal. The soil is warmer and drier, and frosts have been absent all month which has never happened before in my 20 years experience. As a result, we have been able to plant warm season vegetable seeds much earlier. Above, at mid-month, potatoes and corn are coming up. Below beans break the surface and tomato sets are in! All of these vegetables should be ready to harvest in July!

WHAT'S BLOOMING IN THE EDIBLE FOREST





Each day something new begins to bloom in the Edible Forest. Top left: aronia, a native berry which ripens in September; Top right: Rovada red currant where strings of bright red berries will ripen in July; Bottom left: The aromatic lilac "Beauty of Moscow" which happens to be edible and bottom right: a wild mustard whose leaves and flowers are also edible.

WHERE DO FROGS REST IN THE EDIBLE FOREST



Book your tour of the Garden today to watch them sunbathing.

WHEN AND WHERE IS DANI SPEAKING



Off-Site: Native Food Plants for Pollinators and People

Wednesday, May 29

Woodgate Community Hall from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, and at Lyons Falls Library
from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

. RSVPs are appreciated through Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust at
www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/events.

On-Site: Garden Tour for

Ontario Bay Initiative and Lyme Garden Club

Sunday, June 9 2024 1 p.m. till?

To register go to:

[Events - OBI - An Eastern Lake Ontario Conservancy_\(obilandtrust.org\)](http://Events - OBI - An Eastern Lake Ontario Conservancy_(obilandtrust.org))

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_\(fredericremington.org\)](http://Home_(fredericremington.org)) for more info

On-Site: Garden Tour for

To register contact grimsleybarbara@gmail.com

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>

ENJOY THE SOUNDS, SIGHTS AND SMELLS OF SPRING

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