

NOVEMBER GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHEN ARE GOAT BABIES MADE



November is the month when our buck, Cinco di Mayo, finally gets to join the ladies to perform his magic. The gestation period for a goat is 5 months so November mating brings April babies when the weather has warmed enough

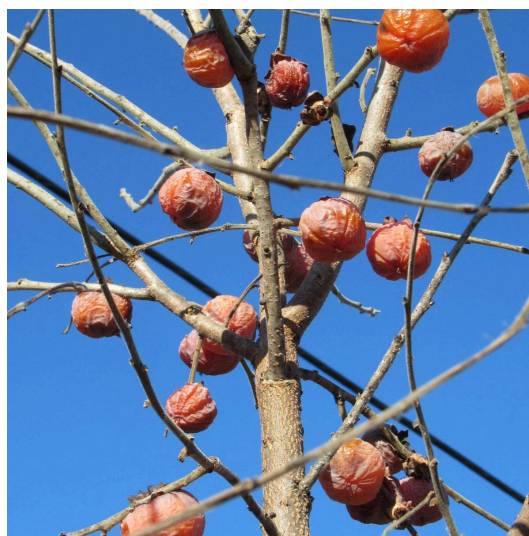
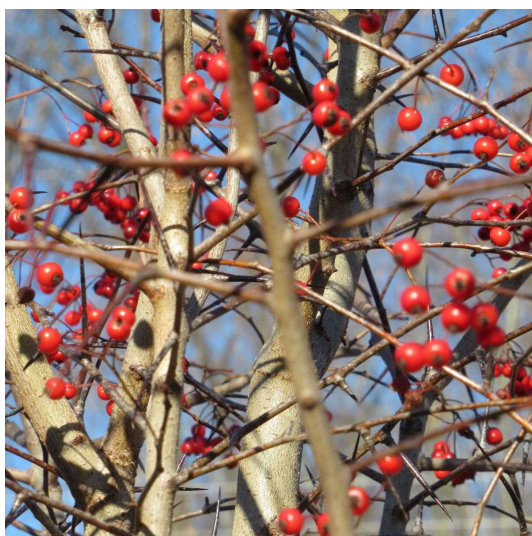
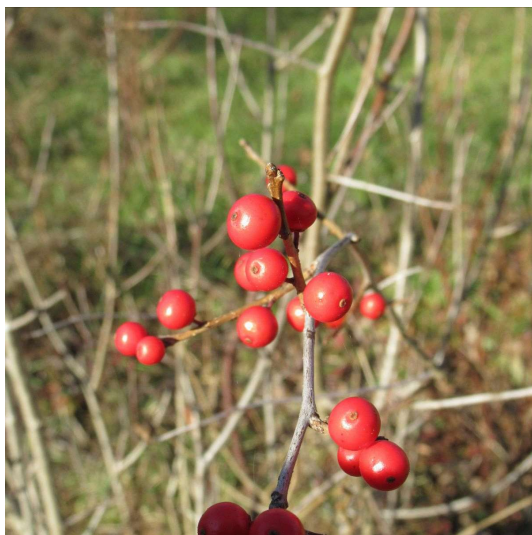
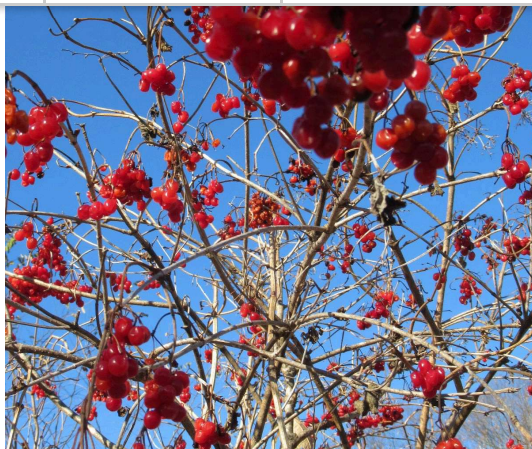
know when a goat is bred? The buck wears a harness holding colored chalk which rubs off on the female when he mounts her. Farmer Dave checks the does daily to gage Cinco's progress.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE



The WPBS production crew came to the garden this month to do the final shoot for the Home-Scale Forest Garden Show. Once edited, the six episodes will follow the gardening year from late winter through fall, demonstrating garden tasks and harvest techniques. The show should be ready for national distribution sometime next summer.

WHAT DO BIRDS EAT IN THE WINTER



In Dani's Enchanted Edible Forest several types of fruit cling to branches after leaves are gone providing food for overwintering birds. Above clockwise from upper left are High Bush Cranberry, Snowberry, Mountain Ash, American Persimmon, Washington Hawthorn and Winterberry.



Soldier Steven Thomas is participating in an apprenticeship program at Cross Island Farms as part of his transition out of the Army. He is spending six weeks full time working with Dani and Dave to learn about farming in furtherance of his future career plans. Here Steve is helping with seasonal chores: applying goat manure to a garden row, securing a fence against rabbit incursions, ,

WHERE IS DANI HEADING TO TABLE OR SPEAK



Off-Site: Macsherry Library 19th Annual Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale

Dani will be selling her book and farm and garden tour gift certificates

Saturday December 7th, 2024, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Macsherry Library, Alexandria Bay

Off-Site: NOFA/NY Winter Conference

SUNY Morrisville, January 18, 2025

Native Perennial Food Plants for Pollinators and People

Off-Site: PASA Sustainable Agriculture Conference

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, February 6, 2025

9 a.m.: **Hosting Beneficial Creatures in Your Farm or Garden**

1:30 p.m.: **Perennial Vegetables that Sustain Themselves**

3:30 p.m.: **Native Perennial Food Plants for Pollinators and People**

Off-Site: Ontario County Master Gardeners Symposium

Club 86, 86 Avenue East,

Geneva, NY February 8, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

What is a Forest Garden and How Can You Create One?

Zoom: Amherst New Hampshire Garden Club

February 13, 2025 7:05-8:15 p.m.

Native Perennial Food Plants for Your Edible Landscape

Off-Site: OEFFA (Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association)**Annual Conference**

February 15, Newark, Ohio

Perennial Vegetables for Your Plot

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY

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