

## 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

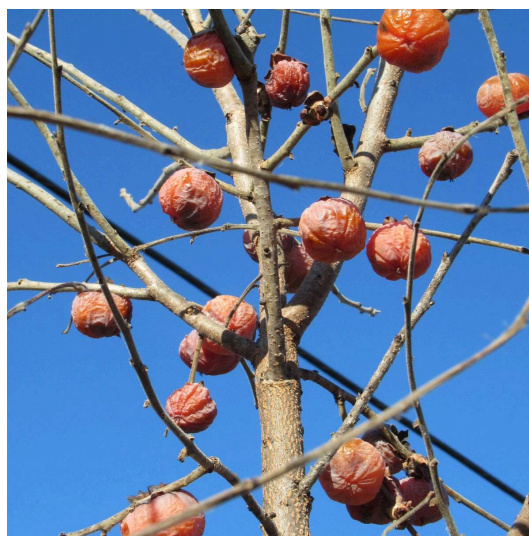
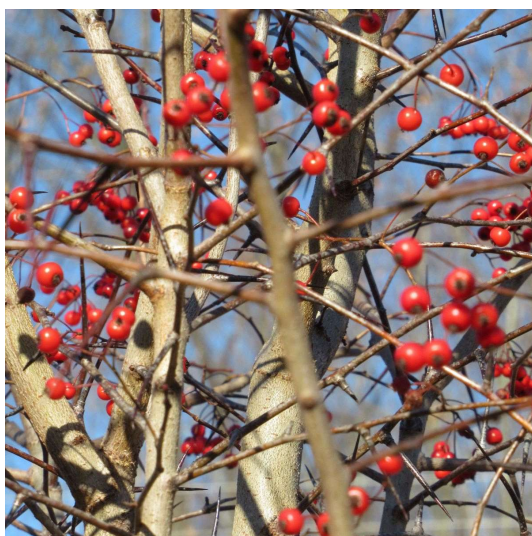
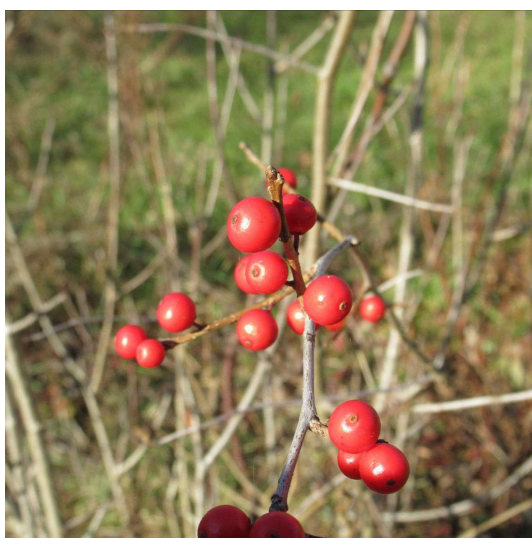
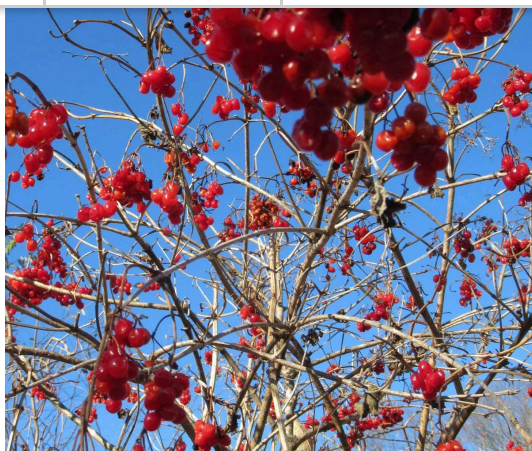
know when a goat is bred? The buck wears a harness holding colored chalk which rubs off on the female when he mounts her. Farmer Dave checks the does daily to gage Cinco's progress.

## 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



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**Off-Site: Macsherry Library 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Art & Craft Show & Sale**

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

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Macsherry Library, Alexandria Bay

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**Off-Site: NOFA/NY Winter Conference**

SUNY Morrisville, January 18, 2025

**Native Perennial Food Plants for Pollinators and People**

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**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**

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**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?**

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**Zoom: Amherst New Hampshire Garden Club**

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

**Native Perennial Food Plants for Your Edible Landscape**

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

February 15, Newark, Ohio

**Perennial Vegetables for Your Plot**

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**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY**

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