

SEPTEMBER GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHO JUST ARRIVED



Just arrived: two baby piglets, seen here gobbling organic pears from the edible forest. The first two pigs we raised 18 years ago were named Oscar and Mayer. What do you think we should name these? Email danibaker@crossislandfarms.com with your suggestions.

WHAT'S THIS PROJECT?



Dani is building a hugelkultur mound to demonstrate the technique during this week's shooting of *The Home-scale Forest Garden* TV Show. Here she has built a base of semi-rotted logs which will be topped with a diversity of organic matter including some hay, winter squash vines (both seen in background), cornstalks, fresh comfrey and finally woodchips. Over the winter the contents of the mound will decompose sufficiently to be planted with perennial vegetables next spring.

WHO'S VOLUNTEERING



Lane Prichard and Danya Hanin, Conservation stewards with the Student Conservation Association, volunteered their time for a day to help out at Cross Island Farms. Shown here they are applying goat manure for a mid-fall planting of garlic.

WHAT'S READY TO PICK IN THE EDIBLE FOREST



Sweet, crisp and juicy Asian pears, sweet/tart native beach plums, astringent and nutritious dark purple Aronia (mellowed by cooking), and tasty red raspberries are all ripe and ready to pick in the Edible Forest. Call or email for your U-Pick appointment.

WHAT IS A "COVER CROP"



A cover crop is an intentional planting of a non-food crop to keep something growing rather than leave bare ground. In this instance a combination of millet (grass-like stalks) and hairy vetch (purple flowering vine) were planted soon after the garlic was harvested this summer. The expectation is that the millet will be "winter-killed," before it sets seed, leaving a straw-like mulch to plant kale plants into next spring.

WHERE IS DANI HEADING TO TABLE OR SPEAK



Off-Site: Adirondack Harvest Festival

Westport Fair Grounds, Westport, NY

Saturday, September 21. 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Come visit Dani's table where she will be selling her book, jams, potatoes, garlic and Asian pears

Off-Site: PASA Sustainable

Agriculture Conference, Lancaster, PA

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?

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