



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

What a beautiful week this has been! The leaves have been at their most glorious and the colors seem to be the most intense and long-lasting in recent memory. The deep oranges, reds, golds, and yellows are simply breathtaking. It's so pretty, it's almost distracting!



We've been able to enjoy the view of Cook's Wall this week as it stands guard over us as we plant garlic. It is decked out in its best colors. This field truly has the most spectacular view of any on the farm. I missed my opportunity to get the best shot with clear blue skies on Wednesday but this one isn't bad!



So yes, we are now deep in garlic planting mode. So far we have planted 9,408 cloves! That puts us more than two-thirds of the way to our goal of 14,000. We've planted most of the larger quantities of varieties -- Lorz Italian, Chesnok Red, Music and German Red. The conditions have been perfect -- the beds are deep and fluffy, and we can actually see the dibble marks which show us where to plant. Trust me when I say that this is NOT what we always experience!

Beds are all ready to go
-- Aunt Ruth's Field is
ready to plant!





Marking the beds with the rolling dibbler. We had this implement fabricated about 8 years ago and it has been a true game changer.

The dibbles (pieces of PVC pipe bolted into the expanded metal cylinder with long carriage bolts) are moveable so we can set up the spacing to meet the needs of the crops and field. This year, we are going with the most space we have ever used -- there are only two rows of garlic per bed. We are doing this set-up to let us cultivate the garlic with the Cub instead of doing all of the in-row weeding by hand. Here's hoping this will work!

Once the holes have been marked with the dibbler, it's time to lay out the garlic and plant!



PlumFresh Fun!

We had a grand time on Sunday welcoming our [PlumFresh](#) members for an

afternoon of farm-fresh fun! Our members got to experience hay rides, cornhole, great food and just wandering around the place seeing where their food is grown.



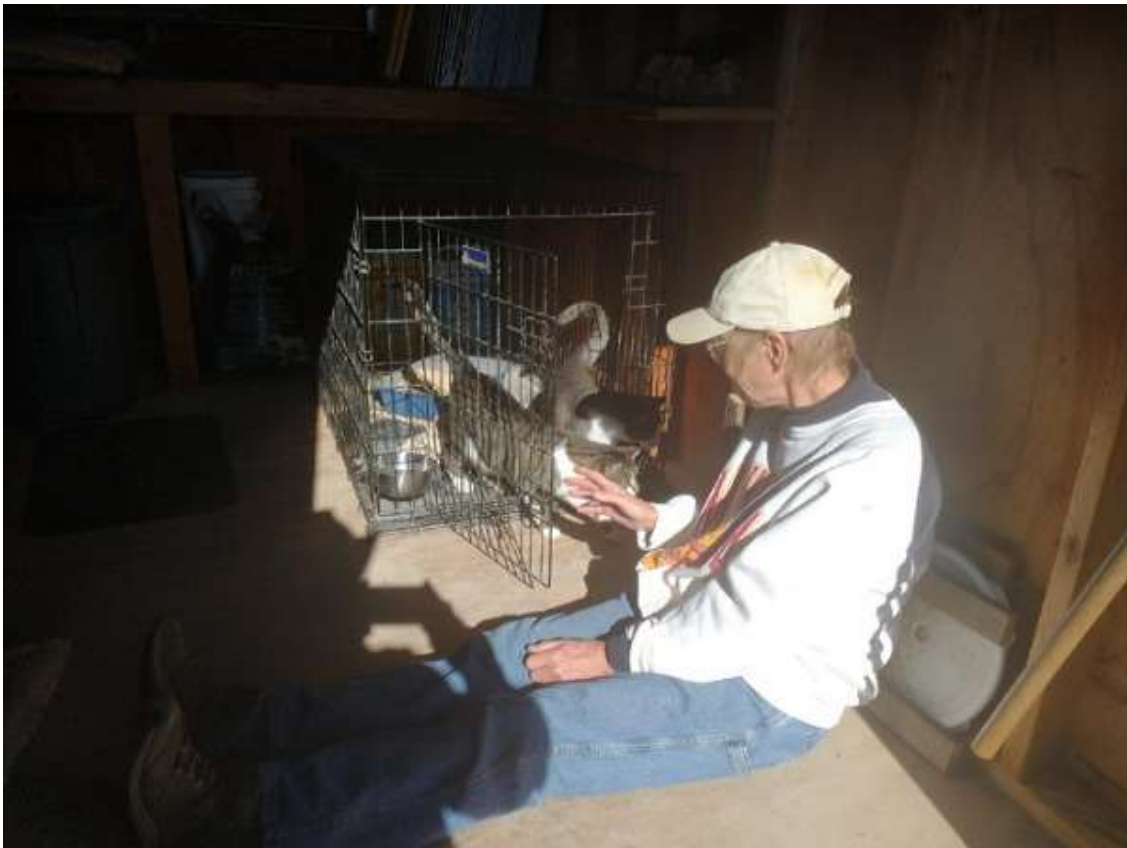
The highlight of the day was making okra ornaments. This terrific craft experience was created by our Superstar Volunteer **Maggie Monteith!** She and her daughter, Ginger, helped our guests create amazing one-of-a-kind ornaments out of dried okra pods. Folks were pretty proud of their creations -- and rightfully so! Many of our adult attendees got to set their creative spirits free and had a blast doing it! Thanks for putting together such a fun activity, Maggie and Ginger!





Luna & Hoover's Great Adventures

So we did it. We decided that it was (past) time to let Luna and Hoover out of Kitty Park and let them explore Farm World. Monday morning was D-Day and it went pretty well. There was a bit of hesitancy -- I wasn't sure if they were going to bolt out of the Cat House -- but they decided that it was okay and that they were willing to see what awaited them.





They seem to be enjoying their new-found freedom. They wander around the farm exploring and checking things out. We see them chasing each other, climbing up on the roof of the Cat House, and snoozing in new places. But come dusk, they are more than ready to go back into the Cat House for dinner. Fingers crossed!

Thanksgiving Market Pop-Up Alert!

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, November 23 from 3-5** for a Pop-Up Market here at the farm. Stop by and load up on Organic sweet potatoes, standard potatoes, peppers, garlic and more for your Thanksgiving cooking pleasure. We'll have a more complete list of what will be available in next week's newsletter -- so stay tuned for more information.



Whew! That's all we've got for this week! But before we go, we want to remind you that tomorrow is [World Kindness Day](#). This is a global event designed to encourage, highlight and celebrate acts of kindness. And given what the world has been through in the past couple of years, couldn't we all use a bit more kindness in our lives? May you be both the giver and recipient of a simple act of kindness.

The world
is full of
kind people.
If you can't
find one,
be one.



Remember to please get your COVID shot (and a booster if you need it) and keep wearing a mask in indoor public places. And don't forget to be kind.

**Until next Friday,
*Cheryl & Ray***

