

**Sweet and crunchy -- it's Sugar Snap
Season and you can order them TODAY
for pick-up at Cobblestone Farmers
Market on Saturday. Details below...**

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Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



It's a Tsunami of Peas! We are swimming in peas (and lots of rain!) this week! We've gotten well over 400 pounds of these delicious pods -- and this is just the first round of them. A second planting will probably start producing in about 3 weeks.

And we want to share this delicious bounty with you! You can't find local

Organic Sugar Snap or Snow Peas anywhere else in our area. We have opened our [Online Store](#) for orders to be picked up at Cobblestone Farmers Market tomorrow, Saturday, May 28. To order, [click here](#), then click on the link at the top of the store's page ("Pickup at Plum Granny Farm -- Cobblestone Farmers Market"). This link will take you to the order page.

In addition to both Sugar Snap and Snow Peas, you'll find Garlic Scapes and your last opportunity to get one of our Strawberry Hanging Baskets. We look forward to packing up an order for you today!

We haven't totally been pea-brained this week. Other things happened too! We planted pecks of Pepper plants! Sophie and Elise slogged through the mud and got our Shishitos, Chile and other hot peppers planted this week. We haven't had peppers in this field in a very long time so it will be interesting to see how it produces. We plant our hot and specialty peppers (Shishito and Aji Dulce) in the field and the sweet peppers go into a high tunnel. Our experience has shown that we get better results in sweet peppers when they are grown under cover (better ripening and less sunburn).



The peppers are next door to the potatoes, which are growing like crazy and look great! Unfortunately, the Colorado Potato Beetles (CPB) think they look great, too. The beetles have moved in quickly and have exceeded our ability to manage them by hand-picking the insects, so we will have to use an organic pesticide to control them. We have found that Spinosad, which comes from a naturally occurring soil bacterium, is a very effective treatment for

CPB. Typically, one application of the product knocks down the adult beetles and larvae to a tolerable level. This pest is definitely one to act on quickly -- they can completely defoliate a field in a matter of days. No leaves, no potatoes -- simple as that!



Workshop Success!

We had a lot of fun with our Ginger Workshop attendees on Sunday! Ray walked folks through the basics of growing ginger and turmeric at home and shared the tips we've learned over the years of growing this crop. Participants got to plant both ginger and turmeric rhizomes to take home and learned about what to expect over the course of the plants' l-o-n-g growth period.



Welcome Elise!



Let us introduce you to our newest Plum Granny Farm team member, Elise Wolters! Elise comes to us from North Dakota -- she just moved here in February and started here in late March. She has been a great addition to our team. Her positive attitude and can-do spirit are infectious -- and she jumps right in to any task with both feet.

Elise grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota and graduated with a degree in Animal Science (Pre-Vet) from North Dakota State University. She has a long-standing interest in agriculture and truly enjoys working outside. Last year, Elise participated in the Sustainable Agriculture Internship last year which was sponsored by the Foundation for Agricultural Resources and Rural Management Systems (FARRMS). Through this internship, Elise had the opportunity to work with a small farm in Christine, ND as well as gaining experience through the training provided by FARRMS.

One of her favorite tasks is weeding -- good thing since organic farms have a lot of that! She is really enjoying to opportunity to do more planting and learning about growing shoots and microgreens in the greenhouse. Elise is always enthusiastic about learning new things which makes it fun for the rest of us, too!.

When she's not up to her elbows in weeding, Elise is a devoted Star Trek fan. She is looking forward to meeting her favorite character, Data, at an upcoming Star Trek convention this summer! Oh, she'll be dressed like him too!



That's the news for this week! Wishing you a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend. This weekend always holds very special memories. Ray and I took my Mom and Dad to the dedication of the [National World War II Memorial](#) in 2004. Since both of our fathers were veterans of World War II, it was a very powerful experience being able to see so many veterans gathered on the Mall. I recall my father standing up and saluting when the ceremony opened. These old soldiers are fading away but let's keep our memories of them strong.



Be kind, love your neighbor, and pray for Peace and for an end to all of this senseless violence.

Until next week,

Cheryl & Ray

