

It's our week to be back at Cobblestone Farmers Market. We'll be there TOMORROW -- Saturday (5/13)! And we've got some terrific Mother's Day Gift choices for you. See the details below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!

Thanks for another great plant sale last weekend! More happy organic plants went off with happy gardeners! This makes us farmers very happy. We greatly appreciate your support! Choosing a small local business like ours may not be as convenient as going to a big box store but I can tell you -- we really do a happy dance when folks choose us! Thank you!

Speaking of happy dance...that's what the cows and sheep were doing when we gave them the flower stalks from the mini-broccoli! Such contentment!



Tomatoes!

We love our Love Apples around here. I have been dreaming of my first tomato sandwich of 2023 ever since I started seeding tomatoes back in January! And we are definitely getting closer to that moment. Mmmmmmm...



In our last newsletter, my reference to how seriously we take pollination was a bit too subtle because very few of you clicked on the link. Maybe this photo will intrigue you enough to see [how we have to bring in pollinators sometimes to help!](#)



Just wanted to make sure you got a chuckle. See, we aren't always so serious!

We did make a change to Raz House this week that will make it easier for smaller pollinators to do their job. As the weather warms up, we try to add as much ventilation as possible. It was time to add the roll-up windows on the end walls to provide better airflow through the tunnel.



And what about the pommes de terre? The Earth Apples (potatoes) look amazing! They have really grown a lot in the past two weeks!



This is the Coolest Thing!

The BIG news around here this week is that we have gotten our new-to-us walk-in cooler constructed! Woo-hoo!

Setting the foundation took longer than we thought it would and then there was the plant sale and the wind and the rain... But this was the week! Although we

still have several more things to do in order to complete the project, the "box" is complete. Take a look....



We still need to put the roof cap on (keeps rain out of the walls) and install the 2 air conditioners (that's what the 2 windows in the last picture above are for) and then get everything wired up. Oh, I guess we had better get Ray's foot out from under the bottom of it!



New Learning Opportunity! Ginger and Turmeric Workshop

One of our most popular workshops is happening next **Sunday, May 21st**. It's our ***Growing Ginger and Turmeric at Home*** class!



There's so much buzz about ginger and turmeric. We hear from so many folks that they are interested in growing these superfoods but don't feel confident about how. This session will give you the knowledge you need to have

success! We've got lots of experience growing this sometimes temperamental rhizome and you can benefit from our trials and errors.



In addition to learning about how to grow the crop you will also get to plant some to take home. The workshop will be held here at the farm from 2-5. Registration is \$35. [Click here to register.](#) **This could be a great Mother's Day present!**

Cobblestone Market Update!

We'll be at [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) this **Saturday, May 13 from 8:30-noon** and we'll have some more great Mother's Day gifts under the Purple tent!

Does Mom like strawberries? Our popular **Strawberry Hanging Baskets** are back! Is she more of a salad person? How about a beautiful and tasty **Patio Salad Bowl**?

Does Mom like to play with herbs in the kitchen and try something new? We've got some great unusual **herb plants** that will make her heart sing! There's Roselle, Red Rubin Basil, Mrs. Burns Lemon Basil, Tulsi (Holy Basil) and more great Certified Organic plants for her garden. And if fruit is more her forte, our **Thornless Blackberries** are the perfect gift. How about flowers that keep on giving? Irises and Nasturtiums are just the ticket!



We will also have **Spring Garlic** (end of the season) as well as **Snacking Cucumbers** (limited quantities) and maybe a few other spring delights. And don't forget our famous **Garlic Powder** and **Garlic Granules!**

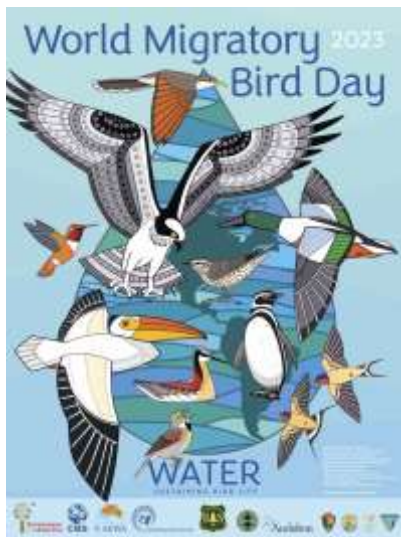
Please stop by and say "Hello!" -- you'll find us under the Purple tent. The Market is located at [1007 South Marshall Street](#) (at the intersection of Salem Avenue). There is ample parking at The Enrichment Center just across Marshall Street and along the street. Just remember to **ONLY** park in designated, paved spots...avoiding grass and landscaped or blocked areas.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

That's a wrap for this week! We hope you have a terrific weekend filled with Mother's Day celebrations and graduations.

Did you know that tomorrow is [World Migratory Bird Day](#)? This event is celebrated in the US and Canada on the 2nd Saturday in May as the migratory birds are returning to their nesting sites. It is celebrated in southern regions (Mexico, Central and South America) in October as birds return to their winter homes.

This year's campaign theme is "[Water: Sustaining Bird Life](#)", which focuses on the importance of water to all birds. This becomes increasingly important as water sources become more threatened by pollution (conventional agriculture plays a huge role in this) as well as climate change. As the aquatic ecosystems become more endangered, so are the migratory birds that depend on them.



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

