

**Hey! Tomorrow is National Potato Day! We'll be at
Cobblestone with oodles of spuds and more to help you
celebrate! Check out the full list of what we're bringing be**



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



This beautiful swallowtail butterfly got the memo that turmeric is a pretty good place to hang out!

Thanks to Elise for snapping this gorgeous shot -- along with so many others that you see in this newsletter each week! She's got a great eye and it's wonderful having another class photographer roaming the farm. Two cameras are definitely better than one!

Throwing Shade

"To throw shade"... you'll hear that phrase from time to time. And the meaning isn't too nice. " 'To throw shade' is a subtle, sneering expression of contempt for or

disgust with someone—sometimes verbal, and sometimes not" according to Merriam-Webster. Not true here at Plum Granny Farm! Throwing shade is good!



This is how we throw shade at the farm! Much nicer, don't you think?

Especially when the result is this:



Or this:



Or even better, this:



The plants and the people are much happier. The tomatoes will definitely like having a bit more protection from the sun. Raz House is our only tunnel that has an East-West orientation. All the rest are North-South. Raz House is always hotter -- this was our first tunnel and we've learned so much since we built it back in 2011. How a structure is sited makes a big difference!

Tidy Up the Nursery

If Mary Poppins was a farmer, ["tidy up the nursery"](#) would have a different meaning than it did when she was a nanny! In our case, the nursery that needed to be tidied is where we grow blackberry plants for propagation. This area is away from our production fields and helps us better control the development of plants. In theory.

In reality, the nursery had become a tangled mess overgrown with weeds. And the deer were eating the blackberry plants (of course).



No More! The nursery is all cleared and tidy! It is even tucked in with tulle netting to make sure that the deer can't munch on the plants. Great job, Jonny, Elise and Emma! I think Mary Poppins would be proud! Now -- where's that spoon full of sugar?



Birthday Time!

Yesterday was a big day here at the farm -- it was BB's 8th Birthday! She gets really excited about her special day and we do our part to help. It started with the rolling in of the cake (aka hay bale).



Then it was time for flower crowns, pole bean plants and, of course, her favorite squash. So much fun and stuff to eat! And yes, little lambs do eat ivy.





It was good to keep the birthday tradition going even without her twin brother, Tony. We miss our little sheepie.

Upcoming Event Reminders!

If you want to get in on our **group order** with [Seven Springs Farm Supply](#), the deadline for orders is **Monday, August 21**. For all the details, [go to our website](#) to get the order form and more information. This is a great way to get the garden supplies you need for Fall AND save money on shipping!

And don't forget to mark your calendar for our big **Fall Plant Sale** on **September 2nd and 3rd** -- it's just THREE weeks away! We are busy potting up plants to go in YOUR garden! Snag the list of the available plants [here](#).



Cobblestone Farmers Market Update

We are SO excited! The day we look forward to ALL year long!



We are stoked -- and stocked! We'll have SEVEN varieties of potatoes at the Potato Bar this week: **Fingerlings, German Butterball, Nicola (low glycemic), Norwis, and Strawberry Paw**. Making their first appearance this year, **Bintje** (the potato that made French Fries famous!) and **Plum Gold** (our signature purple potato with a creamy golden flesh). We'll also have boxes of Creamers.

But there's MORE than potatoes under the purple Tent this week! We'll have tasty **Shishito Peppers** (plus a recipe!), Basil, Italian Eggplant, several varieties of **Garlic** and the first of our famous **Tomato Fruit Boxes**. So. Much. Good. Stuff!

We look forward to seeing you at the **Purple Tent** in the shade Saturday from 8:30 until noon. We're located along the fence that runs parallel to Old Salem Road. It's supposed to be a beautiful day, so make the most of it by starting off your morning at market (maybe with a pastry or bread from [Camino Bakery](#) and a yummy Lavender Basil Matcha Latte from [Chad's Chai?](#))

[Cobblestone](#) is located in the parking lot at 1007 Marshall Street SW. Parking is located in lots surrounding the market and along the street. Please make sure not to park in reserved areas or to block entrances.

That's the news for this week, friends!

As we tick through the last couple of weeks of August, we start thinking about what Fall brings. Here's what the [Old Farmer's Almanac says about the fall weather forecast](#). But don't rush the season too much, there's still a lot of beautiful Summer

weather ahead (yeah, it's going to get hot next week!) We have 36 days of summer to savor!

And keep on enjoying those Summer sunrises and sunsets...



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

