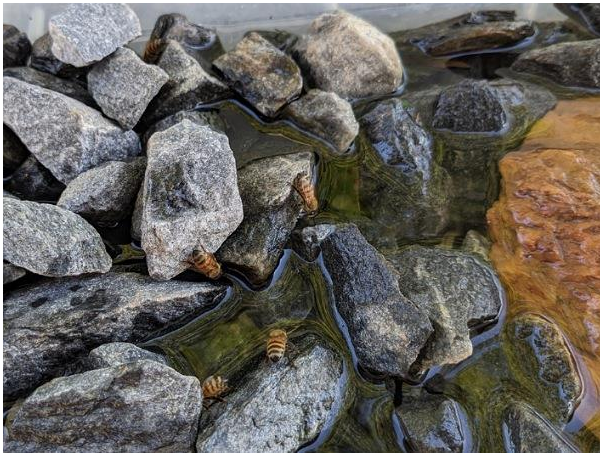


**Lettuce help you with your Fall garden! It's Plant
Sale weekend! More details below!**



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



Whew -- it's HOT and dry! And our pollinator friends need water and a cool spot too. This is a close-up of the bee water station that we set up at the Tobacco Barn a few weeks ago. It's just a plastic box filled with gravel and some larger rocks. We fill it with water just below the top of the rocks so our bee visitors can have a place to rest while they drink. Not only are they drinking for themselves, but they are also collecting water to take back to the hive! They do this in the same way as when they are collecting nectar.

Until today, this water feature has been the domain of bees, but we had a butterfly stop by for an afternoon drink.



Think about putting one (or more!) of these in your yard. We think about birds and other wildlife needing access to water -- but so do the bees and butterflies!

Although she wasn't hovering over water, Elise was craving a cool place to pack veggies and she found it -- in the walk-in!



Thanks for Your Kind Words

We really appreciate all of you who reached out to offer care and concern about Luna -- your kindness means so much. We still haven't seen him -- but several of you have told us about cats returning several weeks after they disappeared. We can hope and pray for that. We're all trying to adjust. Detroit seems to be having a tough time of it -- they were definitely buddies.



Time for a Field Walk!

It's been a minute since we've taken you on a field walk -- although this one will be short!

Our group order with Seven Springs was a great success. Several home gardeners as well as fellow farmers were able to join together to get products for their crops and save money on shipping at the same time! If you'd like to be on the list for future orders, just reply to this email. Our next order will be in February.



Our latest planting of tomatoes is looking great! We are starting to get fruit and the plants are loaded with flowers. Fingers crossed that we'll have tomatoes through Thanksgiving!

Our critter rescuer, Jonny, came to the aid of a little toad that was stuck in an irrigation box. The valve was leaking, so there was a good bit of water in the box but the toad couldn't find a way out. Jonny to the rescue!



On a different kind of critter note, Elise snapped this picture of a very unusual spider. Anybody know what kind it is? Given that Elise is not a fan of spiders, this one must have been quite something to get her to stop long enough to press the shutter!

Fascinating Fasciation

Are you familiar with fasciation? This term describes the phenomenon of plant parts flattening or coalescing to form elongated tissue. This abnormal activity in the growing tip often produces very flattened stems with a fan-like enlargement on the end, also known as "crested."

We'll see this phenomenon from time to time around the farm but this year, it has happened on an eggplant. Instead of the normal single flower producing a single eggplant, this fasciation produced a ribbon of flowers which have now started to form little eggplants! Ain't Mother Nature cool?



Romaine Calm! You've Got Plants This Weekend!

Or at least we hope you do!

Okay, enough of the gardening puns. Just a quick reminder that our **Fall Plant Sale** begins TODAY at 10 a.m.

We've got over 1000 plants to choose from to make your fall garden a huge success. Beets, Peas, Lettuce and lots more are ready to go home with you and get tucked into your garden plot. And the weather this weekend will be very cooperative (cooler with some rain!)



The sale is **Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9th** - from 10-3 both days. In addition to plants and Seed Garlic, we'll also have a wide variety of soil amendments and supplies.

And it's not just plants! We'll have a mini-market of veggies available as well. Tomatoes, potatoes, eggplant, okra, peppers, garlic and more!

For an [updated](#) list of what plants we'll have available, [click here](#) to get more information. And then lettuce turn up the beet!

That's all we've got for this edition, folks! Here's something that can add a bit of spice to your weekend. The [31st Annual Fiesta!](#) will kick off Hispanic Heritage Month on Saturday. this day-long event at Truist Stadium will feature music, crafts, food, cultural performances and more to celebrate Hispanic culture here in Winston-Salem. This [free](#) family-friendly event is sponsored by the Hispanic League.



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray



