



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! It's March!



The sound of another month blowing past is unnerving. I want my winter back! All the sorting and purging that was supposed to happen in January and February before the season gets busy yeah right.

But the arrival of March brings many good things. More flowers and more daylight. It's so wonderful to be able to work outside until after 6 pm. Gesti (our dog) isn't as fond of it though -- it means she doesn't get her supper until later in the evening.

The maples are blooming and even the wild, invasive Bradford pears are putting on a show of flowers. More food for the bees.



Let's take a quick tour of what's been happening on the farm this week, shall we?

Jonny was able to mow the raspberries (in between rain showers) and get the canes raked up for the burn pile. Earlier in the week, Ray mowed the asparagus.



Bad news though for the asparagus lovers out there. We won't have a crop this year (or any more!). The area where we had asparagus for

the past 12 years will
now be planted in
blackberries.



More strawberry plants! In addition to the baskets that Elise and Jonny potted last week, we also have [Fertilpots](#) of our everbearing strawberries that will be growing up for the Plant Sale! We love our Fertilpots -- much more sustainable and less plastic waste!

Speaking of Plant Sale, Elise has been potting up plants like a fiend! All kinds of cool weather plants will await you at our [Spring Plant Sale](#) on **March 22nd and 23rd!** We'll have our plant list available in next week's newsletter.



Sooooooooo close! Lil' Abner now has his people doors and roll-up doors on both ends. Ray has finished building the barn door for the South side. Today we get our inspection from our funder, the [USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Service \(NRCS\)](#). And 'mater plants go in on Tuesday!

In addition to the tomatoes, Sugar Snap peas and snow peas will be filling the house. YUM! Can't wait!



Second Chance for Garden Supplies!

March means that we are coordinating our 2nd [Seven Springs](#) cooperative order for soil amendments and other garden supplies! By joining in with other farmers and gardeners, we can all save money on shipping and reduce our carbon footprint. It's easy to put in your order -- just go to our [website](#) and you'll find a link to either a printable PDF order form or an Excel version.

Orders are due by **Tuesday, March 12th** and you'll be able to pick up your order here at the farm on **Friday, March 22nd** when you come for our Spring Plant Sale. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions. Reach out via email: farm@plumgrannyfarm.com

This is your LAST CHANCE to order until August!



A Belated Salute to Black History Month!

As I said earlier, February slipped away before I was finished with it! Since February was [Black History month](#), we'd like to pay a tribute to one of the pioneers of sustainable agriculture -- [Dr. George Washington Carver](#). He is most noted for his popularization of peanuts, but did you know that he gave

modern agriculture a roadmap for soil health and conservation? Dr. Carver was a visionary in promoting practices to improve the soil through using compost, adding organic matter through cover crops, and rotating crops from year to year -- all tenets of what we know as Organic Farming. We owe a huge debt to Dr. Carver and the black farmers across the South who worked with him to perfect these practices.

Tick-Tock....



Time is slipping away to sign up for the Stokes County Agritourism Tour! Stokes County Extension in collaboration with Forsyth Tech and the Stokes County Arts Council are sponsoring an Agritourism Tour featuring farms in Stokes County -- including us! It's going to be a great day and we're really looking forward to it! [Registration](#) is required by **March 9th** and is \$25 which includes motor coach transportation and lunch (what a deal!). We hope to see you on the tour!

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That's all we've got for this week, friends! We hope you have a great weekend. But here's an important reminder: Don't forget to **VOTE!**

Early voting ends **tomorrow** (March 2nd). [Find out where](#) you can vote early. In-person voting is on Tuesday, March 5. [Make sure you know where your polling place is](#) and remember that photo ID will be required.

Participation in democracy is critical! Don't squander your chance to make your voice counted. And you can't complain if you don't exercise your vote.



Until next week,
Cheryl & Ray

