

**We're back with the Purple Tent this Saturday at Cobblestone! Some of the goodies you'll find include Organic Tomatoes, Snap Peas, Spinach, Squash and MORE! We've also got some great Mothers Day gifts. Grab more details about what we'll be bringing below.**



**Happy Thursday, Farm Friends! Welcome May!**

Wow! What a ride the first 9 days of May have been! Whew!  
The weather has been as wild as the schedule.

Did you get hit by the storm on Wednesday? It was a quick, hard punch for us. Whenever I read a weather advisory that lists "Capella" specifically, I know we are in store for something. This one didn't prove me wrong.

Incredibly dark and ominous clouds came rolling in over the mountain and then, pow! Hail, torrents of rain, wind, thunder, lightning -- Mother Nature definitely put on a show. And then almost as quickly as it blew in, it moved on. And we

were treated to a lovely post-storm alpenglow.



### **Mil Gracias!**

So many thanks to the many of you who came out to our Second Chance Plant Sale last weekend! While we weren't as mobbed as we were during the first sale, it was a remarkable two days. We really enjoyed talking plants with you and helping folks find the perfect fit for their garden.

And look at the roots on this tomato plant! (at the bottom of Kerry's hand!)



Here's a number for you: 2,403. That's how many plants we sold during the two summer sales. That's a lot of tomatoes, peppers, veggies and herbs!

And even after we sold so many plants, we still had some left over. But fear not! They have gone to good homes! Once again, we donated a truckload of plants to the [Forsyth County Cooperative Extension Community Garden Program](#). That program supports nearly 120 community gardens throughout the county including school gardens and gardens at public housing. We also donated plants to [Threshold Farm](#) in East Bend. Last year, with the help of our

donated plants, the farm provided more than 4,000 pounds of produce to people in need in Yadkin County. From a tiny seed, many good things grow!



### **Recycling for a Greener Future!**

We also appreciate you heeding our call to bring your used pots, cell-packs and nursery trays. We took a huge haul of them to the Agriculture Plastic Recycling Center at the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market on Sandy Ridge Road this week. It sure felt good to send this "waste" on to another purpose.



That wasn't your last chance to contribute to our recycling efforts. We'll be keeping our barrel outside the greenhouse door, and you can drop off your materials whenever it is convenient.





## Taters!

Believe it or not, we've been getting other stuff done around here. Jonny, Elise and Ray finished planting all of the potatoes last week. More than a mile of potatoes is now tucked in the ground. Plus, the rains we've had over the past week have been great for getting them all settled!



And the planter did a great job -- all but one bed was planted using it.



Here are a few other things that happened this week....

We are trellising our squash plants for the first time this year. We've been talking about it for several years but finally figured it out and got it done. It's going to be a huge help with our squash crop -- it keeps the



squash off the ground and  
avoids some of the plant  
sprawl.



Good progress is being made in South 1. We're having to clear a heavy weed infestation and remove the old landscape fabric. It's a slog but Jonny and Brady are moving through it! We've got to get this field ready for sweet potatoes -- they will be planted at the end of the month.

Elise planted a new round of cucumbers in Mama Meow. We are rotating the plantings between buildings this year. Our first planting was in the greenhouse since it needed a heated environment. Now we can move the crop to an unheated tunnel



### **Cobblestone Farmers Market Update**

After another plant sale "break," we're back at Cobblestone on Saturday with bunches of delicious Certified Organic veggies for your culinary pleasure. Guess what?!?





**TOMATOES!** Yes, we'll have the first of our delicious tomatoes! These are NOT greenhouse tomatoes. My oh my, these are good! We don't have tons of them but it's a pretty darn good showing for early MAY!



MMMMMM.....**Sugar Snap Peas!** Yes, we'll have Snap Peas and **Snow Peas** available this week. These crunchy and sweet treats are irresistible!

You'll also find **Summer Squash**, **Spinach**, **Spring Garlic** (*last week*), **Radishes**, and **Dill** along with our famous Garlic Powder -- plus who knows what other goodies we might find!

Are you still looking for Mothers Day presents? We're bringing more of our amazing **Strawberry Hanging Baskets** this week! They are filled with everbearing strawberry plants and most already have fruit. Oh. So. Good!



If Mom's not into strawberries, maybe she'd like a nice big ol' **Salad Bowl!**



We also have Blackberry and Raspberry Plants and Ginger Plants. If Mom is into ginger and turmeric, how about giving her an *experience*? We'll be offering our [Growing Ginger and Turmeric](#) workshop next **Sunday, May 19 from 2-4:30**. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday at market! [Cobblestone Farmers Market](#) is open from 8:30-noon every Saturday. It is located at 1007 Marshall Street SW (at the intersection of Salem Avenue). Plenty of parking surrounds market but make sure not to block entrances or park on grass or other landscaping.

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That's all we've got for this week, friends! Before we go, we want to share a very special event that happened last Sunday -- our **40th Wedding Anniversary!** We're in disbelief that it's been that many years. But we have been blessed with a wonderful relationship and partnership -- something that is made easier by being each other's best friend.



Have a great weekend!

**Until next week,  
Cheryl & Ray**

*P.S. Have you seen the **Lightning Bugs** yet?*

