

So much Summer flavor under the Purple Tent  
TOMORROW (9/14)! Tomatoes, Romano Beans, Roasted  
Sweet Peppers, Watermelon, Arugula, Eggplant,  
Okra, Sweet Peppers, Green Chile and MORE. Details  
Below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends! Happy September!



Okay... here's one of the strangest things we've seen. Our beloved dogwood tree is blooming! It's not a full spring bloom but the tree does have quite a few sections with flowers. Have you ever seen anything like this? Isn't it odd with the normal (but small) flowers alongside the red berries? We're scratching our heads about this one -- was it the drought this summer, temperature swings, the death knell of one of our favorite trees? For now, we'll just enjoy the unexpected gift and ponder the reason later!

## Thank You SOOOO Much!

Although we're a bit tired afterward...



we're so grateful for your support for our **Fall Plant Sale** last weekend! It was a great success, and hundreds of young cool season veggies went off to their new homes in your gardens.

Part of the Sale's success was two special people. We were blessed to have **Tiffany** and **Suzi** come help us with our busiest day as volunteer cashiers. Thanks to these kind folks who jumped in to help us out.



## Great Garlic? Yes, Please!

As we settle into pre-fall conditions (the Autumnal equinox is just 9 days away!), folks start to think about planting garlic. First thing -- wait! It's too early to plant now!

If you are thinking about growing garlic, we've got something to help. Our most popular workshop, **Growing Great Garlic at Home** will be held on Sunday, October 13. This workshop gets rave reviews from participants on how we help them understand what garlic needs and how it grows. The workshop includes a growing guide, classroom and hands-on instruction, and seed garlic. [Click here](#) to register. Don't delay! The class is limited to 10 people, and we usually sell out!





How about a look around at some of what we've been up to this week, shall we?

### It's Time for Our Weekly Field Walk

It's Hay Daze around here! We're trying to outrun the rain to get in our Fall cutting. Fingers crossed that we'll be successful. The bales from this cutting are really heavy and dense so we are using some extra tunnel space to store it.



Another round of snacking cucumbers is now in the greenhouse. These plants should provide us with tasty cukes in October and through the Holidays! Yum!



Another trial dig of sweet potatoes lets us know that they are ready to come out soon. This is Bayou Belle and has really bulked up. We'll likely be harvesting this variety next week.



Ray the Weed Slayer! We had an awful section of weeds and fescue along the side of one of our high tunnels. Taking advantage of a break in traffic during the plant sale, Ray wrangled those weeds good!

We're working on renovating the beds in North 1 for planting fall crops. The landscape fabric is removed on each bed and the drip tape is replaced (it was FULL of splices!). A nice meal of fertilizer and worm castings and a quick till to mix it in, then it's covered back up. Lots of yummy brassicas will hang out here over the winter!



### Happy Birthday Tuxie and Dusty!

The two tiny kittens that we found under the porch have now turned 1! When we found them, we weren't sure if they were going to make it -- they were severely dehydrated and malnourished. But look at them now! It's amazing what Kitten Chow will do, huh?



### Cobblestone Farmers Market Update

Saturday's forecast looks pretty nice -- hopefully no rain until late afternoon, so things look good for Market Morning!

We'll be bringing a new item this week: **Romano Flat Pod Green Beans!** These beans are delicious roasted with a bit of olive oil and garlic or are all-stars in soups (think Minestrone). Snap 'em up while they last!



With the cooler temps, our greens are looking good. More greens for your salad delights. **Arugula** and **Summer Spinach** will be on our tables this week.

Our late planting of **Tomatoes** is doing great, so we've got a BUMPER CROP to share with you this week! Come on out and snag some!



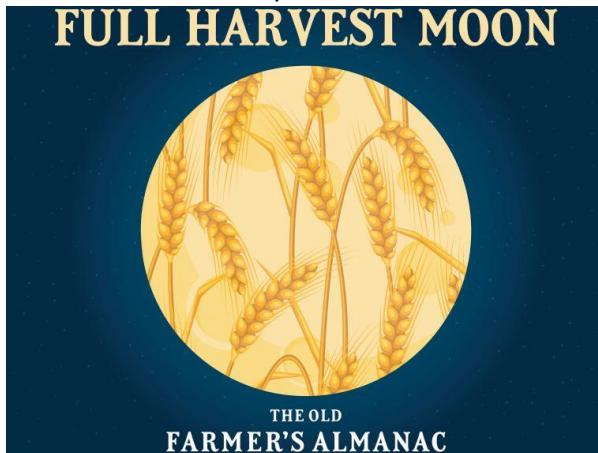


Under the Purple Tent you'll also find **Sugar Baby Watermelons, Eggplant, Okra, LOTS of Sweet Peppers (Corno di Toro, Pimento, Lipstick, Lunchbox), Hot Peppers (Serrano, Jalapeno, Aji Amarillo and more), Green Chile, Poblano Peppers, Roasted Sweet Peppers and GARLIC including Sample Bags!**

We look forward to seeing you! [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. Just look for the **Purple Tent** when you get into the Market area -- we are next to the white building!

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That's all the news for this week, Friends! But a quick heads up for your sky-watching calendar. Next Tuesday is the Full Harvest Moon!



The full moon closest to the Equinox is always called the [Harvest Moon](#). This year's occurrence will happen on Tuesday, September 17 -- you'll be able to see it just after sunset. This moon always signals the beginning of Autumn and of bountiful harvests ahead. And it just happened to pique the interest of vaudeville stars Nora Bayes and Jack Norworth. "Shine On, Harvest Moon" is their popular early-1900s song and was one of a series of moon-related Tin Pan Alley songs of the era. Enjoy [this rendition](#) of it!

Have a great Weekend!  
Until next week,  
*Cheryl & Ray*

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