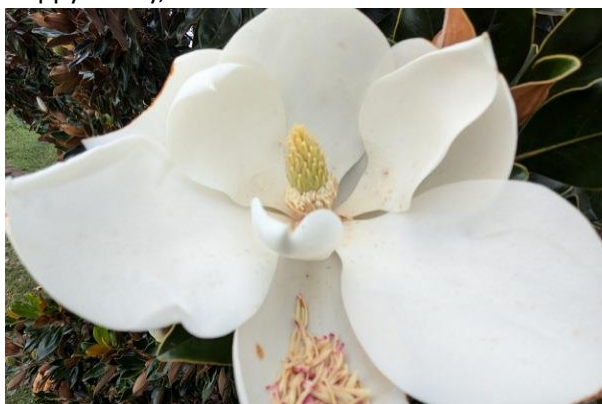


Although the official end of Summer is almost here, we've still got oodles of Summer flavors under the Purple Tent TOMORROW (9/21)! Tomatoes, lots of Green Beans, Beets, Roasted Sweet Peppers, Arugula, Eggplant, Okra, Sweet Peppers, Green Chile and MORE. Details Below.



Happy Friday, Farm Friends!



This week's Featured Friday Flower is one of my favorite flowering trees. I love magnolias. This is our neighbor's tree which gives me great olfactory pleasure every time I go by during the summer. One deep inhale keeps a smile on my face for a nice long while. A magnolia is definitely on my tree bucket list.



We hope you fared okay with the No-Name Storm on Monday and Tuesday. It was a doozy

here! Ray's dumping out the 5+ inches of rain from the gauge Tuesday afternoon. By the time it was over, we got **7.75 inches of rain** with most of it coming on Tuesday late afternoon and evening. The wind was ferocious, but we lucked out with our high tunnels -- just a couple of roll-up sides got beat up a bit. Feeling pretty thankful here. We are thinking about the folks in Carolina and Kure Beaches and other parts of Eastern NC. Getting more than a foot of rain in 12 hours is devastating.

But after all the rain ended, we were treated to a lovely evening sky.



Uh-OhWe Forgot a Birthday!

Ours!

We let a very important milestone slip by unnoticed! Our 15th Anniversary! Yep, Plum Granny Farm is now 15 years old! We mark our "birth" with our 1st farmers market appearance. Ray attended the [King Farmers' Market](#), on Saturday, August 1, 2009. Wow! For some reason, the photo marking that event is missing!

We kept on adding more markets to our repertoire. We occasionally participated at the Dixie Classic Farmers Market that year. And then we made our first appearance at the Krankies Farmers Market on September 29, just a few months after that market was begun by the Triad Buying Co-op. The market was housed inside Krankies!



From our first market at Krankies in September 2009

Here's a bit of history. The following year, the market moved outside on the street to

Patterson Avenue and in 2011 moved to the cobblestones on Fogel Street, across from Krankies. It was at that time the market's name changed to Cobblestone Farmers Market! (In case inquiring minds want to know!)

Yep, we're one of the original vendors at Cobblestone -- and how the market has changed, and so have we!

It's fun to look back and see how our farm has evolved over the years. It's true that so much has changed -- but so much is the same as well. Our core principles and commitment to be good stewards of the land and to grow organic crops that will nurture our community. These things don't change.

Many of you have been on this journey with us for all 15 years -- and some of you are brand-new customers. No matter how long you have been part of the Plum Granny Farm family, we are so grateful for your support! We can't do what we do without the loyal patronage and friendship of our community. Thank you for riding along with us on this great adventure!

Wanna Grow Great Garlic? Sign Up Now!

With Fall officially arriving on Sunday, we're getting closer to garlic planting time. But don't rush out to plant now -- garlic shouldn't be planted here until mid-October.

If you want to grow garlic this year, you've come to the right place. Our most popular workshop, ***Growing Great Garlic at Home*** will be held on **Sunday, October 13**. We focus on giving participants what they need to know about 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!



Let's take a look around at some of what we've been up to this week, shall we?

It's Time for Our Weekly Field Walk

With all the rain this week, it was a good time to get our fall crops in the field. Lots of kale, mini-broccoli, collards and more will be filling the holes in the landscape fabric here in North-1.



The beans that we saved from last year's crop finally started producing! Ray harvested nearly 75 pounds of these Rattlesnake Beans. What's interesting is that we have a lot of beans that aren't true to type despite Rattlesnake being an open-pollinated bean.



While one bean starts producing, the other becomes cow treats. Our Romano flat-pod beans had finished their run, so it was time to pull them up. Cara and Mia were happy to oblige!

The orb spiders are working overtime and are trying to put webs on every possible surface. This was the 2nd web of the day on one of our vehicles' side mirrors. It looks like she caught a zinnia!



Cobblestone Farmers Market Update

It's looking like a mighty fine Saturday to head to market. Pleasant temps and sunny -- can't beat that!

And speaking of **Beets** -- we'll have 'em this week! Beautiful red and gold beets for your roasting pleasure!



We'll also have those wonderful **Rattlesnake Pole Beans**. Their lovely purple stripes do disappear when they are cooked but these beans are one of our favorite varieties -- and we've tried a bunch! Delicious steamed and served up with some butter -- yum!



Those popular **Romano Flat Pod Green Beans** will also be appearing. 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!

More **Tomatoes** this week! And don't forget our amazing **Eggplant!** It's as tasty as it is beautiful! Come on out and snag some!



Under the Purple Tent you'll also find lots of **Okra**, **Celery**, a **Cornucopia 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!

That's all the news for this week, Friends! Sunday is the [first day of Fall](#) -- it officially arrives at 8:44 a.m. Although I think it arrived at [Starbucks](#) sometime in August, right?

A great way to kick off the day before the official arrival of Autumn is at [Chad's Chai Teahouse](#) for their celebration of [International Chai Day!](#) It will be held on Saturday (9/21) from 6-8 at the Teahouse. Sounds like a fun evening!



There's lots of stuff happening this weekend -- get out there and enjoy!

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

