

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHAT'S READY FOR YOUR HOLIDAY TABLE



This fall the vegetable garden yielded an abundant harvest of squash, potatoes, brussels sprouts, carrots and garlic, all ready for you to purchase for your holiday meals. Call ahead to be sure Dani is home to assemble your veggies..



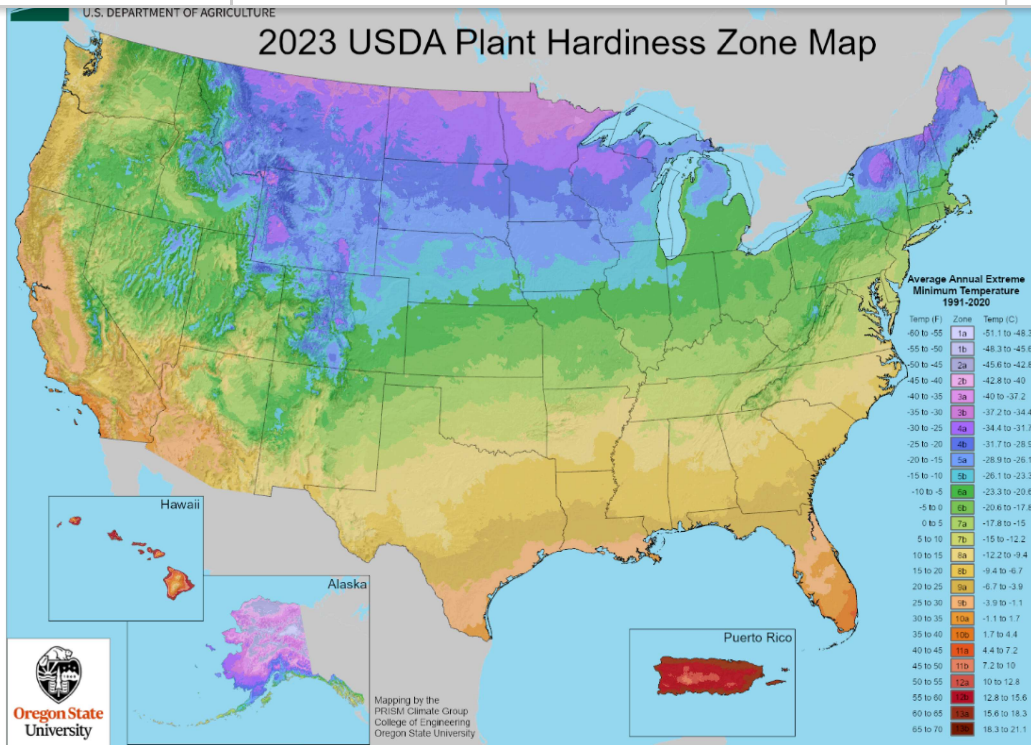
And don't forget to ask about the cuts of beef, pork and goat available at the farmhouse.

WHERE'S FOOD FOR THE CRITTERS



In the vegetable garden bunnies feast on Winterbor Kale while in the edible forest birds gorge on high bush cranberries and the seedheads of coneflowers and anise hyssop. It's a good idea to leave seedheads standing and unharvested fruits and berries on the plants to feed wild creatures over the winter. Once the snow is gone it's time to remove the fruits and trim back the seedheads.

HOW'S THE CLIMATE MAP CHANGING



The USDA has just issued a new Plant Hardiness Zone Map for the US based on the average yearly low temperature for each region over the past 30 years. Fifty percent of the zones have become warmer. Here in the interior of Wellesley Island we used to be in zone 4b (as of 2012) where the average low winter temperature was between -25 and -20 degrees Farenheit. We have since warmed to 5a where the average low winter temperature is between -20 and -15 degrees Farenheit, This means there are plants that may survive here now that couldn't before. You can check on your region by googling "usda plant hardiness zone maps" and entering your zip code.

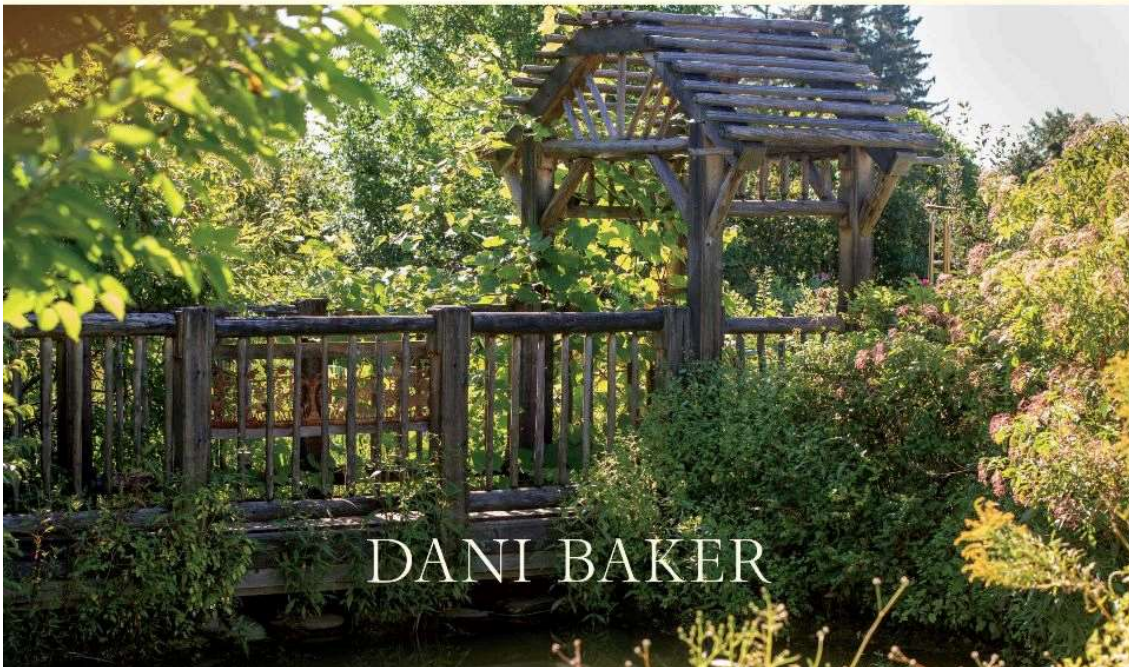
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How to Plan, Plant, and Tend a Resilient Edible Landscape



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WHEN AND WHERE IS DANI SPEAKING



Here are Dani's speaking engagements confirmed for this winter

Virtual: Native Perennial Food Plants for your Farm or Garden

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Zoom for the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association

education@massmastergardeners.org

Off-site: Edible Native & Vegetable Perennials for your Farm or Garden

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Future Harvest - The Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture

College Park, MD

conference@futureharvest.org

Virtual: What is a Forest Garden and How Can You Create One?

Friday, January 19, 2024 | 10:30 am EST

Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee

[Click Here for more Information about this event.](#)

Off-site: Perennial Vegetables for your Farm or Garden; Native Perennial Food Plants for your Edible Landscape; and Integrating Nitrogen Fixers in Diverse Settings

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Virginia Association for Biological Farming in Roanoke, VA

[Click Here for more Information about this event.](#)

In-person at Depauville Free Library

depauvillefreelibrary.org

Off-site: Native Perennial Food Plants to Feed Pollinators and People

Saturday, February 17, 2024

NOFA/VT Winter Conference

University of Vermont | Burlington, VT

[Click Here for more Information about this event.](#)

Off-site: What is a Forest Garden and How Can You Create One?

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 9:00 am - 10:15

The Piedmont Landscape Association Seminar

Charlottesville, Virginia

www.piedmontlandscape.org/seminar

**HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

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