

MAY GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHAT WAS JUST BORN



The first calf born this season, a baby girl. If all goes well we will have 6 new baby beefers. Why not schedule a tour to see them!

WHY DO WE WANT BABY BIRDS IN THE GARDEN





We want to invite birds into the garden because they kill bugs, especially caterpillars when they are feeding their young.. So we scatter bird houses around the garden and when we see a caterpillar nest, we leave it so the birds have food for their babies.

HOW DO WE PLANT THE CARROTS



We plant the carrots 1/4 inch deep and sprinkle some radish seeds which emerge right away (see the three in the photo) into the row so if we need to cultivate before the carrots emerge we know where their seeds are. Carrots can take up to 3 weeks to germinate and must be kept moist in the meantime, so we spread grass clippings over the row which help keep the soil moist between waterings which must occur daily.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH



A tasty and nutritonally dense freshly harvested salad from the edible forest comprised of flowers: yellow tulips and purple violets, herbs: chives, garlic chives. sorrel and sweet cicely; perennial greens: Turkish rocket, good King Henry and bellflower leaves. Yummm.

WHERE IS DANI SCHEDULED TO SPEAK OR TABLE



Zoom Talk: California Horticultural Society
Monday, May 18 7:00 p.m. Pacific Time
What is a Forest Garden and How Can You Create One
(Tailored to Mediterranean climate)

In Person: The Northeast Growing Together conference
Wednesday, September 16
Growing Native Perennial Fruits and Berries
Todale Instituyte, Kutztown, PA

In person: Adirondack Harvest Festival
Saturday September 19



APRIL SHOWERS BROUGHT MAY FLOWERS

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