

GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHAT'S READY TO HARVEST



I just picked the Asian pears in the edible forest. They are borderline hardy for our climate and are winter-killed down to the snow during harsh winters. They usually grow back vigorously and since they flower and fruit on second year growth, when we have two years in a row of relatively mild cold seasons, a new crop of sweet, crisp, juicy Asian pears ripens in October.

WHERE'S THE COLOR



Fall drama abounds around the farm and in the Edible Forest. Here a maple is in her full glory and a pawpaw is just beginning to show her colors.

WHO'S VOLUNTEERING



Abdellah, originally from Morocco and now a U.S. citizen, came to our farm for two weeks this month. He plans to spend a year visiting various farms and then hopes to buy some land in the country to try his hand at farming. Here he is weed whacking under the fence in the Edible Forest so the electric tape is not obscured by foliage and the deer can see and avoid it...

WHO'S VISITING



Christian Ives (far right), who some consider to be the finest chef in our region, teaches a farm-to-table cooking class at JCC and brought his students for a farm tour this month. Here Farmer David (far left) has led the group into the pasture where he is explaining the animal operation.

WHERE DID THE SQUASH GO



With the weather turning cold, we moved the winter squash to a shelf in our bedroom to store for the winter. The ideal temperature to store squash is 55 degrees Fahrenheit which is about the temperature our bedroom stays during the cold season. Under these conditions some of the squash stay viable until June!

WHAT'S COMING UP



Dani has applied to speak at numerous conferences this winter. Stay tuned for announcements.

HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING THE CHANGE OF SEASONS

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