

## GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



## TV SHOW UPDATE

Fundraising for the Home-Scale Forest Garden TV show is moving along. To date five local organizations have stepped up to help match the generous donation from the Northern New York Community Foundation. They are: Thousand Islands Land Trust, Ontario Bay Initiative, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, Adirondack Harvest and Local Living Venture. Several private donors have also contributed. A heartfelt thank you to all who have donated so far!

[Watch the promo video.](#)

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN



This month I visited Carthage Junior High to address members of the ecology club there who are planting and maintaining native perennial plants on school grounds. In February I gave an in-person talk to a crowd of over 100 farmers and gardeners at the Organic Association of Vermont's annual conference in Burlington where my publisher, Chelsea Green, sold out of the books of mine they brought.

## PRUNING



On the first dry, sunny and relatively windless day this month, I spent a few hours in the Edible Forest pruning dormant honeyberry and currant bushes and cutting back branches of some trees. Back at the house the goats enjoyed munching on the pruning's tender stems and buds.

## PLANTING





Mud season is upon us! Hopefully the sun will shine, the air will warm, and the ground will dry a bit in the next week or two so cold-tolerant sets of onions, kale and chard, grown in the house under lights, can be planted in the vegetable garden, and Dave's tractor won't get stuck in the mud delivering hay to the cows. The grass does not green up and grow enough until about mid-May to start moving the animals around on the pasture.

**BEEF SALE**



Speaking of animals, we plan to harvest three organically raised, certified 100% grass-fed beef this year with butcher dates June 2, August 14 and October 6. We are now accepting reservations for a mixed quarter half or whole for any of these dates. Email [organic@crossislandfarms.com](mailto:organic@crossislandfarms.com) for more info.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13 – 8a.m.-4p.m. **Table display at A2A Annual Science Symposium**  
Kingston, Ontario.

To register go to: [A2A Collaborative 2023 Science Symposium Registration, Thu, 13 Apr 2023 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

April 20 – 6:30-8 p.m. **NOFA-NH Gardening Series.**  
Virtual Talk on Integrating Nitrogen Fixers

To register go to: [nofanh.org/gardeningseries](https://nofanh.org/gardeningseries)

April 22 – 11a.m.– Noon: **Hunner's Market**, Clayton:  
Talk and Tasting of perennial herbs and vegetables harvested that morning  
followed by book signing  
No registraton required  
[www.hunnersmarket.com](https://www.hunnersmarket.com)

May 6 – **Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust**  
11:30-12:30 Camden Library in Oneida County  
2-3 p.m Parish Library in Oswego County  
To register go to: [www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/events](https://www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/events)

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