

GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHAT'S ON THE MOVE?

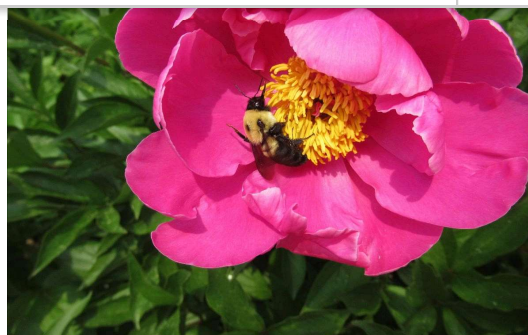


Back in May, we successfully hatched 28 baby chicks which have been housed in the living room.. Now that their feathers are forming, we've been able to introduce them to the outdoors.. Dave calls it "Chicken Day Camp." It makes for a quieter home until Dave brings them in for the night.

WHAT'S BLOOMING?

June is a wonderful time to see, smell and taste the abundance of the Enchanted Edible Forest. Here's a sample of what's in bloom:

pink petals and a prominent yellow center irresistible to bumble bees and other native pollinators. They make great cut flowers and the blooms are also edible! Use the petals to top a salad or flavor a spritzer.



The ten foot wide canopies of the High-bush cranberries are covered with showy white flowers. These flowers will morph into very tart but edible berries, which ripen late in the fall.



The purple robe locust has abundant aromatic blooms shaped like bunches of colorful grapes. The edible flowers taste a bit like sweet peas (perfect for a salad or stew!) and are loved by honey bees, who transform the nectar into delicious honey.



The bloom of the thimble-berry, a native plant with raspberry-like fruits, has showy pink flowers, which open sequentially throughout the month of June..

WHAT'S READY TO PICK?



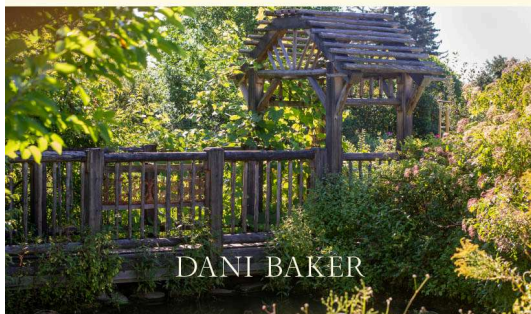
This week our honeyberries are ripe and ready for you to pick (and also available pre-picked at the farm stand) .Very soon gooseberries will be ready to harvest followed by raspberries and red, pink and black currants Call ahead or email to book a U-pick appointment in the Enchanted Edible Forest., a magical place to spend an hour or two this time of year. .

WHAT'S RECEIVING AWARDS?



THE HOME-SCALE FOREST GARDEN

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



I am pleased to learn that my book, *The Home-Scale Forest Garden: How to Plan, Plant, and Tend a Resilient Edible Landscape*, was awarded the Silver Laurel Medal of Achievement in the “Writing: Book (Technical)” category for the 2023 Media Awards. Presented by GardenComm, these awards seek to recognize excellence in garden publications.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Next month I am scheduled to do a book-signing and two in-person talks at

THE MOTHER EARTH NEWS FAIR, ERIE PA

SUNDAY, JULY 16 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

For more information about this event, visit [Erie, Pennsylvania | Mother Earth News Fair | July 15-16, 2023](#)

HAVE A BERRY GOOD JUNE!

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