

Pinehold Gardens Field Notes

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A DAY IN THE LIFE

Welcome everyone to the beginning of our CSA delivery season. We want to thank everyone for trusting us to be their farmers. I always like to keep everyone updated on who lives at Pinehold. David and I are both 55 and many of our friends are retiring from their post college jobs. We on the other hand retired into farming, leaving our full time jobs 8 and 6 years ago. We couldn't be happier with our choice.

The other members of our farm family include Peaches, saour Ossabow Island pet pig, who must be 12 years

old by now. We have an assorted flock of Java, Americana, Barred Rock, Delaware and Silver Laced Wynodotte laying hens with Big Guy and Junior looking over the flock.

Sam, our contemplative cat, has been with us fourteen years. Morley, the Calico who adopted us last winter, is still with us despite having claimed the southeast corner of Oak Creek as her territory. We still miss Claire, our Golden Retriever official greeter.

HOW DOES THE CSA WORK?

Weekly deliveries will begin this week and continue for

16 weeks through October 26. The date is Wednesday and the pick up times vary by location. At each pickup location there will be a clipboard with a list of names. Please check off your name. All the boxes are identical so it will not matter which one you take. If you cannot pick up your box during the pick up times, please call your dropsite host to see if other arrangements can be made. Except for people picking up at the farm, all of our dropsite locations are at the homes of our members who have generously donated their porch and time to us. Please respect their property and privacy. If you forget to pick up your box a reminder call will be made the first week. After the first week the box becomes the property of the host to donate to a needy family or shelter of their choice.

SAVE THE BOXES

The waxed boxes that we pack the vegetables are not recyclable and are very expensive. Therefore it is important that you take care of your box. Please follow the instructions included in your box on how to collapse the boxes. A torn flap on the bottom makes the box unusable. Also, please remember to bring your flattened box back each week to your dropsite. We allocate 3 boxes per season for each member

GOING ON VACATION?

If you can't pick up your box we ask that you find someone to pick it up. It's a great way to introduce someone to CSAs and you can give the gift of food to

someone you care about.

SAVE THE DATE

Our End of Summer Festival will be held August 28th including a pot luck lunch, music, kids activities and a chef demonstration by Peter Sandroni, owner of La Merenda.

RECIPES

Each weekly newsletter will have recipes and suggestions on how to prepare the contents of the box. Most of the recipes are provided by Annie Wegner LeFort, a friend, former farm worker share, master canner, do-educator and a mom of an adorable active toddler, Vera. Thank you Annie!

UPICK PEAS UPDATE

The cold, cloudy, damp spring and early summer delayed the maturing of our crop of peas. We are usually picking peas during the strawberry season. So instead of upick peas we picked them for you and they will be in the first delivery.

TOMATO UPICK

The tomato plants look good so far. I would expect them to be ready late August.

RECYCLE

We save and reuse quart and pint berry and cherry tomato containers. You may bring them to your dropsite or the farm. We do not save other containers.

Pick Up Day: Wednesday

Pick Up Time: 3 to 7 p.m.

Drop site hosts

Farmers Sandy and David

Many people choose to pick up at the farm if they have a variable schedule as the boxes are stored in our walk in cooler in the garage. You may pick up after 7, but preferably before our bedtime which is 9 p.m. Also, we will store your box through Saturday. There is no need to make prior arrangements.

There are 56 members picking up at the farm this year. It might be best to park on the street and walk down the driveway.

The first delivery is July 13

The last delivery is October 26

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