

Kitchawan Farm Chronicle

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Spring Greetings!

With the return of the jubilant red-winged blackbirds, robins, phoebes, killdeer, and spring peepers to our farm, we want to welcome you to the coming growing season.



About Our Farm

Our heritage farm is located on Route 134 in southern Yorktown, adjacent to Westchester County Park's Kitchawan Preserve (1 mile east of the Taconic Parkway). Our family has stewarded the land here for nearly 100 years; currently three generations of our extended family share the farm as home. We have always grown vegetables, herbs & flowers, and kept laying hens. We also board horses. **This year we are excited to be growing more produce than we ever have before, for a farm stand right here at the farm.**



We hope that you will visit us this summer and try our vibrant, just-picked vegetables!

We believe that local food systems are vital for the sustainable future of our community and country.

Members of our family have been gardeners for generations, and we care greatly for our land and our ecosystem. All of our crops will be sustainably grown (chemical and pesticide-free), using only organic soil amendments and natural pest control methods. Although we are not certified organic, our fields have never been sprayed, and we are blessed with excellent soil from an ancient glacial silt deposit.



We are committed to ecologically healthy growing, and have taken the NOFA-NY "Farmer's Pledge" to use only sustainable farming methods.

Looking Ahead at the Growing Season...

We plan to grow a diverse array of vegetables this season; many will be heirloom varieties, which have wonderful, unique colors and flavors.



Summer favorites like tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, peppers, squash, and potatoes are just some of the crops we have planned. We will also grow a variety of culinary herbs, edible flowers, and bright summer cutting flowers.

We are currently starting some seeds inside under grow lights: tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, broccoli, leeks, scallions and cutting flowers are germinating and growing visibly every day. **Other seeds are already in the ground out in the garden:** sugar snap & snow peas, spinach, & radishes. Our 75+ year-old rhubarb plants are just emerging, and the garlic we planted last fall is sprouting. It's so heartening to see these tiny plants starting their wondrous journey!

Kitchawan Farm Stand Details

- ❖ Our on-site FARM STAND will be open every Friday afternoon (3pm to 6pm), and Saturday (9am to 4pm) from June 6 - November 1 (hours may change).
- ❖ Additionally, we hope to have a small, self-serve roadside stand, with less perishable items available during the week.
- ❖ We're also excited about the possibility of taking our produce to the new Muscote Farm Farmer's Market a couple of Sundays a month (11am-3pm).
- ❖ Although we aren't doing a vegetable subscription service (Community Supported Agriculture/CSA) this year, we will take orders for produce during the week, to be picked up at the farm at an arranged time.
- ❖ During May (before the farm stand officially opens), some spring vegetables, herbs & flowers will be available to pick up by appointment. Please stay tuned for more information in the May Newsletter!



Looking Forward to Seeing You!

If you have any questions, please be in touch: (914) 941-0096 or freshandlocal@kitchawanfarm.com.

Our website, www.kitchawanfarm.com, is still under construction; more information & photos will be posted there soon.

*Thank you for your interest in Kitchawan Farm, and we look forward to seeing you this growing season!
In the meantime, be well & enjoy the gifts of early spring...*

Green regards,

Linsay Cochran & Mike Libsch, farmers
& The Cochran/Cook Family

Kindly share this with others in our community who may be interested

