



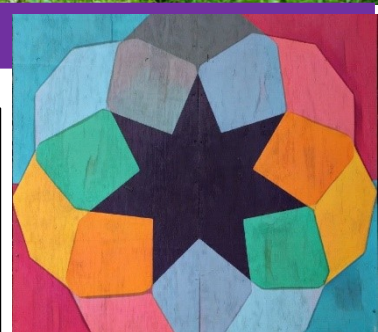
RESILIENCE

THROUGH LOVE AS WE CREATE
THE WORLD WE WISH TO LIVE IN
THROUGH EACH DAILY ACTION

2020

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woodland harvest mountain farm



woodland harvest evolves as the pandemic sets in, building
community & touching young lives in a whole new way!

Blessed be the Mystery!

We had high hopes for 2020 with a variety of Alternative breaks, workshops, internships & gatherings lined up... then Covid hit. Through love, magic, creativity & lots of hard work... we find ourselves an experiential living learning space for students of Olin Engineering College & recent Wellesley grads this fall! Cheers to new beginnings & prayers of protection & healing to all life.

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Metamorphosis Momentum

As we draw to the year's end, we send up gratitude to all people, life & magic that played a role in our transformational 2020 at Woodland Harvest Mountain Farm. From wildcrafting & fermenting to gardening & hunting to natural building & working with the earth to community living & learning to opening our home & hearts as we host college students for the semester, through pandemic challenges & opportunities...we give THANKS to the evolution we live & the lessons learned daily.

We aim to keep up our momentum by continuing projects started this fall as we welcome a handful of returning Olin Engineering College students & recent Wellesley graduates along with several new students for a multi-month community living & learning experience starting in early 2021. Projects include the permanent installation of new solar panels, revitalizing our micro-hydro system, improving & maintaining the newly donated wind turbine, creation of informational & learning materials specific to our off-grid system, research & design a methane digester, craft an off-grid laundry machine, continue beautifying the farmstead through artistic projects, & complete our newly crafted tiny cabins including natural plasters on the insulative light straw clay walls.

We look forward to finishing & sharing these new living spaces with friends like you! They include the octagonal cabin we call The Hive, Crone's Cabin made specifically to host elder relatives & friends, & a delightful Tiny House up on the hill – all integrating passive solar & intentional design aspects.

This year more than ever people across the are stepping into their truth, reconnecting with nature, self & one another in new ways, and growing into an existence that honors all life. Step into the future with us as we create the world we wish to live in one choice at a time!



2020 Memories

- Hosted our last Alternative Spring Break until the pandemic ends, a festive group from Christopher Newport University – BIG gratitude to the many colleges & students who have partnered with us over the past seven years
- Featured in a 7-minute mini-documentary by Florida State University students. Watch it & more fun video clips from over the years on our Woodland Harvest Mountain Farm YouTube site
- Swapped seeds with fellow farmer, Ann Rose, & planted a beautiful annual vegetable garden including multi-color corn, red & purple potatoes, a variety of onions, chards, kales, beans, peas, squashes, flowers, basil, medicinal herbs & more
- Added dozens more baby fruit & nut trees to our growing foodscape including persimmons, pawpaws, pecans, currants, mulberries, hazelnuts, & more apples
- Wildcrafted ramps & ferns, crafted fire cider & new herbal blends, spent time with our horses & repaired fencing, made over 100 pizzas in our cob oven, hunted, harvested & preserved wild meats, & made many batches of kimchi
- Raised turkeys, rabbits, ducks, & guineas from babies; added a new little Billy to our goat yard in hopes of future babies; & added new catfish & bass to our pond
- Featured on Brook Kornegay's Soul Soil podcast where Spirit & Agriculture intersect. Listen at soulsoilpodcast.com
- Aydan went to Turtle Island Preserve & Blue Ridge Discovery Center camp, & spent 2 weeks practicing yoga & meditation with an amazing mentor gaining invaluable wisdom and practical primitive skills while growing into a young man
- Landrum moved out to begin his young adulthood journey
- Set up shop this summer at the local Lansing market selling our salves, flower essences, herbal blends & kimchi & hosted a really really free market on the farm
- Women working for women! Elizabeth & Lisa took wage work tiling, fencing & building a massive deck on a hill in the forest – with no electricity! – that now holds a Yome
- Created a Covid protocol for visitors & hosted a group of young people that led to the farm becoming a micro-campus for Olin Engineering College during the fall 2020 semester



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In July, with literally weeks to decide upon & prepare for this new adventure... we knew our dreams were being manifested, but still didn't know what to expect... WOW were we in for a festive transformative wild ride into the future as hosts to 15 eager young college students for an entire semester! Cheers to radical creativity in the face of global crisis.

This fall we've evolved our teaching & learning space at the base of Bluff Mountain in a variety of ways:

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3 Ways to Support Woodland Harvest This Giving Season!

1- Purchase our handcrafted herbal goods online – great farm sourced gifts for the holidays

2 - Donate directly to our annual fundraiser via Venmo (woodland-harvest), CashApp (\$woodlandharvest), Paypal or Square (woodland harvest mountain farm)

3 - Contribute to our Wish List

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We extend expansive gratitude to each and every person who has donated to Woodland Harvest & to those who will donate this giving season! Words cannot express our thanks for supporting our creative work in this wild world!

**Blessed Be
Mutual Aid & Solidarity!**

Wish List

- ♥ **ropes** (all types from ¼" paracord to masonry string to logging & climbing ropes)
- ♥ **cordless drills & circular saw**
- ♥ gently used or new **solar panels** (pv or hot water)
- ♥ **building supplies** (anything from old windows to lumber, roofing, fasteners/hardware)
- ♥ **small working diesel-powered 4x4 land mover** to help shape the land & carry out permaculture projects like swales & berms and harvest & haul clay. we have over 300 gallons of waste vegetable grease ready to fuel the machine!
- ♥ **hand tools** (we never seem to have enough hammers, shovels, etc)
- ♥ **pigments & masonry lime** for new cabin plasters – an ancient & artistic way to cover the light straw clay walls!
- ♥ **seeds, fruit & nut cuttings, perennial culinary & medicinal plants**
- ♥ medium duty **grain mill** for making flours
- ♥ **projector** for presentations, slideshows, movie nights, and more!
- ♥ **computer** suitable for graphics, web design & small photo projects
- ♥ **canvas tarps & wool blankets** to cover our new sweat lodge!

Contribute to the Ripple

When you donate to Woodland Harvest, your generosity goes directly into providing enriching empowering experiences for those whose lives are touched here.

We believe the change you help manifest is beyond quantifiable & together we are creating a new world one choice at a time. Your shared abundance allows us to share our love of this land, one another and our communities. Thank you!

