

GLENORA GAZETTE

SPRING 2022

WE'RE RAISING THE ROOF! by Olivia Jackson

As we mentioned in the previous Glenora Gazette, we conducted a year-end appeal to help us Raise the Roof of the Big House, our flagship home on the farm. The Big House is a large and centrally-located multi-purpose building that is used for Glenora Farm's administrative offices, a number of day program workshops including music, cooking, and herbs, residential accommodations for six Companions and hosting all of Glenora Farm's public events (e.g. the annual Christmas Craft Fair, art shows, etc.) For these reasons, it is essential that we ensure the roof is in proper condition.

Our plan is to replace the old wooden roof with a new metal roof, and attach a 32-panel solar powered system to ensure we are able to stay true to our philosophy and care for the land.

In anticipation of this renovation, Glenora Farm applied for a Province of BC Community Gaming Grant, a grant that is funded by money brought in from gaming in British Columbia. We are ecstatic to announce that we were awarded a grant for \$48,550. The total expenses involved in this project are expected to be roughly \$116,575. We needed to bridge the gap through donations, and individuals in our community have been coming through to help make this happen.

In addition, we received an incredibly generous \$35,000 donation through the Y.P Heung Foundation, a charitable foundation based in Vancouver. They focus their charitable activities in the following areas:

arts & culture, education, and health. Raymond Heung, along with Board of Advisor members Malcolm

Leitch and Stanley Hamilton, graciously helped us approach the finish line.

We are so appreciative to every single person who has helped us make this a reality. Because of you, we

will Raise the Roof! If you feel inspired to donate to this immense undertaking and become part of Glenora Farm history, please click the link below.



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FROM
THE
FARM



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Make sure to follow us on social media to stay up to date, and see cute lamb and calf photos! Glenora Farm on Facebook and @glenorafarm on Instagram.



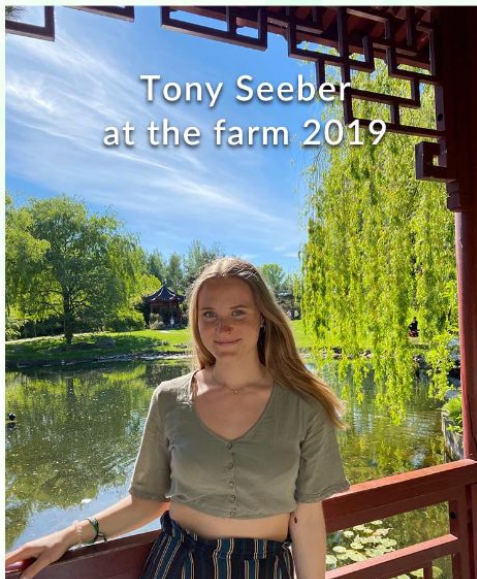
FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Palm Sunday: April 10th
Good Friday: April 15th
Easter: April 17th Darren will be producing an Easter play this year with support from Adola and Anja.

Ascension Day: May 26th
Whitsunday: June 5th
St. John's Day: June 24th

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

with Lisa Whitehead



Tony Seeber
at the farm 2019

I live near Berlin, currently, and I study social work. I am also studying work in a car facility for special needs. In my free time I participate in a lot of sports and I meet with my friends!

What do you miss about Glenora Farm?

I miss being with the people from Helios, the creativity and learning something new everyday.

Do you have any fun news?
I will spend a semester in Cape-town, South Africa for an internship. And in about a month I will run the half-marathon in Berlin.

MEET THE NEWCOMERS

with Hendrik Weidemann

Darren:

What drew you here to Glenora Farm?

I had already been at Glenora Farm as a short-term coworker for 1 1/2 years and after a few weeks back in England (and a short visit to France), I decided to come back for more!

What are you most excited about for this summer?

EVERYTHING! I love the summer here, it is awesome! Life on the farm is so fun, with all the outdoor workshops and community activities (haymaking, harvesting, midsummer festival...) Also having time off and being able to swim in the lake, the river and the ocean. I have friends and family coming to visit this year, so I look forward to showing them the beauty of the island.

What is your favorite plant? or What is your favorite animal?

I love the old growth trees on the island, there's something magical about those forests. I just hope they stop cutting them down! Favourite animal, I don't know. Chickens are pretty hilarious! So are sea lions - seeing them at Cowichan Bay is always an annual highlight!

Grace:

What drew you here to Glenora Farm?

Camphill holds the seed for spirituality, which is getting more and more important in today's world. And the practical work here makes me grounded, although not easy. Community life is about social art. I hope anthroposophy can permeate into my daily life.

What are you most excited about for this summer?

Gardening, music, bonfire and BBQ, picnics, boating in the lake... a lot of fun.

How is living in your house?

I love the routine, the rhythm, the warmth and the dynamics in the house. Much much more communication needed compared to my family life before, cause we only have three people in the family. I am learning something new every day from different people. I love my colleagues and companions in the house. I am very grateful for working and living here.

Mia:

What drew you here to Glenora Farm?

Community living, learning about homesteading, creative workshops

What are you most excited about for this summer?

Being outside as much as possible! Until it's too hot and I only want to be in the shade hahaha!

How is living in your house?

It's good! Slowly finding my groove, getting to name my housemates better.

What is your favorite plant?

I love tulips! If you want to offer me flowers, go for tulips!

BIRTHDAYS



May 4 Kelly C.



May 9 Faith S.



May 13 Jessie C.



May 23 Doug H.

May 29 Anja M.

June 4 Aiden F.

June 10 Olivia J.

June 16 Sylvia B.

June 16 Matthew C.

June 16 Hendrik W.

June 26 Mary N.

July 4 Tessa D.

July 12 Gilberts M.

July 12 Kate S.

July 14 Kristi F.

July 17 Adam F.

July 19 Bo K.

July 30 Gary W.

July 31 Marilyn L.



HERB GARDEN GROWS: Accessibility and Opportunity



with Olivia Jackson

During our popular herb workshops, Companions cultivate, harvest, and process medicinal and culinary herbs. Through these activities, Companions develop their horticulture skills/knowledge, learn about the properties of the plants they work with, and work with workshop masters and volunteers to create value-added products like salves-/balms, tinctures, salts and teas. The herb-based goods are sold to the public via the Glenora Farm Store which allows for a small amount of reinvestment in the program. These sales also help Companions feel proud, and affirm the value of their incredible contributions – providing participants with an opportunity to give back to the farm. This meaningful participation helps develop new skills, master existing skills, build confidence, and instill a sense of belonging and self-efficacy.

Last summer, we appealed to the generosity of friends, family and supporters to help us grow the herb garden. We had the goal of obtaining new hand trowels, garden forks, wheelbarrows, pruning shears, hoes, saws, gardening gloves and four gardening stools to allow for comfortable planting, weeding and harvesting.

With new tools, we would need a new shed to store our new tools and equipment to keep them safe and out of the elements. We also planned to build new, accessible garden beds from locally sourced and milled wood. These garden beds would be raised, allowing for Companions with physical limitations to safely and comfortably participate and feel the joy that gardening can bring.

Perhaps most exciting was our goal of having a greenhouse in the herb garden. This would allow us to extend our growing season into early spring and late fall and allow us to grow a greater volume and more diverse variety of plants. We would have our own space to start seedlings, complete with water access to allow for easy plant care. A big shout-out to Andrew, our former garden manager, and Kandis, our new garden manager for allowing the herb workshop to cramp their style and start our seedlings in their space. Space was very limited, but the Glenora Farm spirit was strong and they graciously shared their space with us. Thank you, both! I think everyone will be happy to have their own greenhouse space in the years to come.

As you can see, these new tools, garden beds and amenities would make Glenora Farm's herb workshop more productive, more sustainable, and more accessible for participants. Initially, we were fundraising for an amount of \$16,805 and surpassed our goal- raising \$18,267.37! Since creating our original project budget last summer, the price of labour and materials has gone up significantly. Our revised budget from our most recent budgeting exercise is \$22,892.37. We are still appealing to our family, friends and supporters to help us raise the final \$4,625.00 to reach our goal. Follow the link below and select "Herb garden project" from the drop down list to help us grow the herb garden!



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FROM THE GARDEN and FARM

with Kate Sowiak

When we got back to work after the winter break the temperatures warmed up and the tree sap was flowing. The farm crew set up taps and jugs on 14 maples around the property. Every other day some of the team would collect the sap, and light a fire outside to boil it down. The boiling could take a morning, an entire day, or until midnight. Our record day was 200 litres of sap, which made 4 litres of maple syrup. The total syrup made was about 20 litres. I believe every house has enjoyed a bottle or two by now. This venture kept us busy outdoors when there was not much else going on. January and February were less dreary with the excitement of checking how much was collected, and tasting the syrup helped lift our moods too. The other event in February was our two calves were born. We named them Maple and Birch after the syrup. They are enjoying the area surrounding the barn that was fenced last spring.



It is sweet to have them close by while we work. We have been planting shrubs and trees around the barnyard for the sheep to browse and keep healthy. We have salmonberry, black cap raspberry, hazel, elder, willow, hawthorn, and will soon add some herbs. We put up fences to protect the plants from the cows. The other fencing project is to take down the garden fence. It is an enjoyable opportunity to be destructive! The farm crew has also been busy with firewood, splitting, loading, and stacking. We have been making compost piles and have put biodynamic preparations that were made on the farm into the piles. Very soon they will be used for the garden and fields. Another fun task that we have taken on is the shitake mushroom logs. Some were set up by the forest workshop a year ago and they already spored shitakes this month. We plan on setting up more logs. Overall there is an abundance of work on the farm, and we have lots of laughs together while we work on projects. And someday all we do is dig one hole, but it's the small things that make the day special on the farm. We are looking forward to lambing in April, and getting a few pigs.

MORE SCENES FROM THE FARM

