



THE CHRISTMAS FAIR RETURNS!

by Tara Batho

After a three-year hiatus, the Glenora Farm Christmas Fair returned, and the Farm was filled with friends from all over Vancouver Island and even visitors from the Lower Mainland!

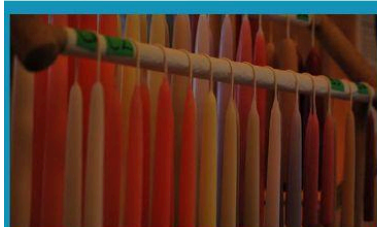
Mary and I had so much fun working the ticket table, it sure was busy! We greeted old friends, met new ones, and made surprising connections that really demonstrated how closely we are all tied together.

So many people commented on how happy they were to be back at the farm for the Fair and how much they missed coming over the past three years. At the end of the day, we raised close to \$6,000!

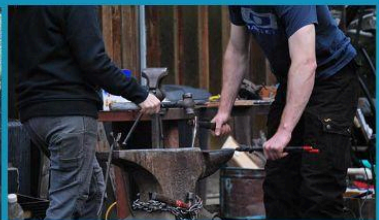
It was a beautiful day; I am so grateful for all the Coworkers and Companions that participated with the planning and volunteered or were vendors at the Fair, and for our friends in the wider community that came to the Farm bringing their warmth and good cheer.

I'm already looking forward to the next one!

(find many more reflections and photos inside!)



SCENES
FROM
THE
FARM



We Won't Say 'Goodbye'

by Dominica Dorazio-Shillito



Darren came to Glenora Farm in 2019 as a short-term coworker that we couldn't say goodbye to, so the organization offered him a position, and he just never really left us, oh sure he took long breaks to see his family, travel, re-energized but like a migrating hummingbird he always returned to the farm full of energy. He is truly part of our Glenora Farm Family, he has ran every workshop activity at one time or another, supported every house, often cooking for multiple houses at a time, which is no easy feat with all the dietary requirements of each house, but wait I am not done, he baked 500 pieces of cake for our Christmas Fair, creates the Glenora News 'n' Views each week, and is famous for organizing Glenora Got Talent events. *(continued on the next page)*

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Candlemas February 2

Family Day (BC) February 19

Holy Week March 24-30

Easter Sunday March 31

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Seth, Valentina
and Nerina



Our biggest news are that Nerina starting walking over Christmas, which was lovely as we were home and got see it and didn't miss it. We are having a wonderful Christmas break. Next week it's back to reality until than we are enjoying our time off. New year we spend at our friends' house but we're back for bedtime at 7.30 and then we had a wonderful time sitting on the sofa watching films 😊 Our dog was super scared by the fire-works so we had to give some medicine from the vets, which just made her unable to walk and than throw up...(so next year we won't be doing that ha) she was happy we were home too!

We Won't Say 'Goodbye' (cont.)



Then there is all the behind the scenes volunteering he does to make sure the candle workshop runs smoothly, helping with administration, and showing up time and time again to lend an extra hand when needed.

To say we will miss him is an understatement that is why we refuse to truly say goodbye to our quick-witted British guy, instead we will say see you later "Dadian", I mean Darren.



Our days are going to feel incomplete by not seeing you run between houses in your bare feet, or hearing your burst of laughter, and organizing all the fun times of talent shows, games, and dressing up in crazy outfits, what will we all do after Darren leaves? Well, we will be here with open doors and hearts ready if there is ever a chance for him to return to visit us once more, so no we won't say goodbye and close that door we will say thank you and will see you again one day.

All of us at Glenora Farm are wishing you good luck on all your new adventures, see ya later!

BIRTHDAYS



Charlotte E. - Feb. 26

Kristine M. - Jan 13



Layla A. - Feb. 6

Sofia L. Jan. 10
Ann L. Jan. 13
Kristine M. Jan. 13
David J. Jan. 13
Sarah E. Jan 22
Andrew P. Feb. 2
Layla A. Feb. 6
Katrin B. Feb. 9
Lucinde M. Feb. 18
Lisa W. Feb. 19
Anne J. Feb. 24
Malte P. Feb 25
Charlotte E. Feb. 26
Zoe K. Mar. 2
Emilia B Mar. 19
Allura D. Mar. 24
Kandis M. Mar. 24
Mackenzie H. Mar. 27

CHRISTMAS FAIR PHOTOS & REFLECTIONS!

"The Parking Squad" which consisted of CB, AF, Jannik, and myself were legendary in being able to efficiently park any and all cars that came, and there were a lot!! It was pretty fun getting some quality time with them, though CB enjoyed using the radios a little too much lol... All in all, I couldn't have asked for a better team. Shout out to Kate and Francis for holding the parking while the Parking Squad was at bells, thank you so much.

-Beet

"I had a lot of fun helping out in the candle workshop, watching the bell choir performance, and enjoying the lemon bars. I really enjoyed experiencing beautiful handmade jewelry by both Faith and Jamie and Aiden's picture art. Very cool to see local artists of our own in action! It was inspiring to see people coming from all around, even folks who had never heard of Glenora Farm. Some people were discovering the community for the first time, and when telling people about Glenora, I felt so proud to be a new addition to the community! Amazing experience, thank you 😊"

-Wren

"The Café was a great success! Perhaps too much so, as we ran out of food and hot drinks. There were plenty of sweet treats and a wonderful variety which were greatly enjoyed, thank you Darren! It looked so beautiful and festive, thank you to all who prepared the hall. The music was lovely and enjoyed by all. "

-Jill

"It was incredible to have so many people show up and support our community. Everyone at Glenora Farm pitched in and made it possible in one way or another. I'm very grateful to all of Glenora Farm's amazing Companions, Coworkers, volunteers, and community members. I was volunteering with the vendors, so I got to see the amazing pieces crafted by them. I was lucky to sneak away for a while and participate in the group sing-a-long."

-Olivia





Land Update

with Olivia Jackson

As we enter a new year, we are looking forward to the bounty that spring and summer will bring. The seed ordering and garden planning is officially in full-swing. We still have plenty of squash, onions, and garlic stocked thanks to the amazing Garden crew. We were excited to sell our veggies at the Glenora Farm Christmas Fair, which was a massive success!

The Farm workshop has been very busy over the last few months. We have six new muscovy ducks who will keep our resident muscovy, Chive, in good company. He is very happy to have some friends again! Our new chickens that we got in June are laying through the winter. In December 2023, our chickens were producing an average of 37 eggs per day.

That's 98 dozen per month! The houses have been enjoying fresh eggs, and we have been selling and donating some. The chickens have brought many new workshop tasks which are keeping everyone busy.

This year, we are excited to be offering Backyard Chickens 101 workshops for our community members, friends, and family. Please email Olivia at ojackson@glenorafarm.org if you are interested in participating. You will learn how to keep backyard chickens, how to source chicks, what to feed them, what you need for a proper coop, and much more!

The cows and sheep are doing well, and we even have some temporary baby goat visitors. Lots of fun things happening in the Farm and Garden workshops, as per usual!

Thinking of Raising Backyard Chickens?

Interested in improving food security through egg production?

Want to know more about caring for the chickens in your life?



Hosted by Companions and Coworkers on beautiful Glenora Farm, this educational workshop will teach participants the answers to questions like:

- How much space do my backyard chickens require?
- What kind of coop will I need?
- What kind of equipment will I need to buy?
- How do I source the right kind of chickens/chicks?
- How do I protect my birds from predators and prevent pests?
- What kind of food and/or supplements will I need to provide?
- What routines and chores can I expect?
- How do I clean the coop and use chicken manure as fertilizer/compost?
- What common health ailments do I need look out for and how do I treat them?
- How do I collect, handle, and store eggs?



Date and Time: Friday, February 9th, 2024 from 2:30-4:30pm

(deadline to register is Friday February 2nd)

Registration and Information: email ojackson@glenorafarm.org or call (250) 715-1559

Free Admission - Space is limited - enroll early to avoid disappointment!