



GLENORA GAZETTE

SPRING 2024

AN EGG-CELLENT TIME: BACKYARD CHICKENS 101 WORKSHOP by Olivia Jackson

The Glenora Farm team had an amazing time hosting a Backyard Chickens 101 Workshop for members of our wider community. Glenora Farm Companions and Coworkers led a 2-hour workshop which covered topics like local animal regulations and bylaws, pest and predator mitigation techniques, how we use rotational grazing, how to collect and store eggs, how to do chicken chores, how to plan/build your chicken coop, and much more!

Kelly, Jamie, Chris, Aiden, Adam, Matthew, and Jenny helped lead workshop attendees. Jamie helped show participants to Trillium where we all met to begin the workshop.

All involved had great hosting skills and showed our guests how to collect eggs, how to pick up a chicken, and how to measure the temperature of the compost piles.

For break time, we enjoyed Glenora Farm tea and egg-based snacks. This included deviled eggs, egg salad, and quiches. Don't worry—the tea was not egg flavoured! We all enjoyed spending the break learning from one another. Some participants had great tips that we had not heard of ourselves.

We asked participants to fill out surveys before and after the chicken workshops.

Before the workshop, 54.5% of attendees said they don't know anything about keeping chickens, while 45.5% said they knew a little bit about keeping chickens. After the survey, 61.5% of people indicated that they feel they now know a lot about keeping chickens, while 38.5% said that they know more than before the workshop. In addition, 54.5% of people who came to the workshop indicated that they had not heard of Glenora Farm before. We got to teach people about chickens, and spread the word about Glenora Farm. We would call that a success!

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Around
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Farm



Backyard Chickens 101 Workshop (cont.)



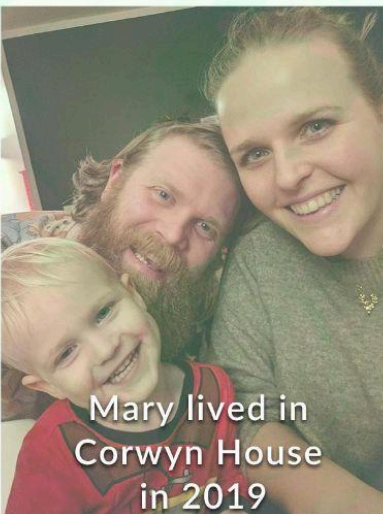
We're excited to be offering more chicken workshops in the coming months, starting with our next one on Friday, May 3. Attendance will be by donation, and all donations will go towards Cow-Op. Cow-Op is a Cowichan Valley-based organization that runs an online farmers market with local products. You simply place your order through their easy-to-use website, and pick up your order (or opt for delivery right to your door)! It's a convenient way for you to stock up on local products, and it's beneficial for vendors as they only pack up what has been ordered. This not only reduces food waste, but reduces time wasted for the vendors. A win-win!

Spring Concert!

Invitation to the Glenora Farm 2024 Spring Concert! Our famed Bell Choir will perform along with the Vancouver Island Harp Ensembles and guest performers on May 5th 3 pm at St. Peter's Church Hall on Maple Bay Rd in Duncan. Tickets \$20/\$15 at the door. Bring your family and friends and give yourselves time to stroll the historic and beautiful cemetery on site before the concert. See you there!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

with L.W.



Mary lived in
Corwyn House
in 2019

What are you doing now?

I am living in Iceland and working in a day centre for adults with developmental difficulties. We do ceramics, sewing, drawing, painting and singing. We are hoping to set up a loom for weaving soon. I now have a son who will be 3 years old in May, his name is Benni.

What do you do in your free time?

Swimming, walking, knitting, playing board games and doing jigsaw puzzles.

What do you miss about Glenora Farm?

The lovely people and the big trees.

Whitsun Conference *with Martha Muller*

Dear Gazette readers,

Spring is coming! And with spring new activity arises. We are pleased to be able to host an exciting event: "The Whitsun Conference" (May 18th - May 22nd).

Richard Steel and Deborah Grace from the Karl Konig Institute are travelling the West Coast of North America with Karl Konig's drawings to the 52 Soul Calendar verses (by Rudolf Steiner). Karl Konig, the founder of the worldwide Camphill movement, was interned on the Isle of Man, in the 1940's, during World War 2. During these days he had plenty of time to intensively contemplate Steiner's work. Through his intensive work with the 52 verses of the year he was inspired to draw images to each one of them. The verses are a source for inner contemplation and meditation. They are able to connect us to new ways to access our inner soul life, the cosmic beings and the cycle of the year through nature.

We are very pleased to host this Exhibition and Conference. Richard Steel will be our Keynote speaker with a lecture for each day. There will be tours of the Exhibition guided by Richard as well as guided conversations to the lecture theme of the day. Artistic activities, music, speech, eurythmy, painting, and nature walks are also part of the day. Sunday evening will be an artistic evening with the Glenora Bell Choir, music, poetry and eurythmy. For details/costs for the conference please contact mullerlampson@gmail.com. Any donation towards this event is warmly appreciated. For donations, please contact Olivia Jackson at ojson@glenora-farm.org

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring.

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 26 Mary N.
- 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.

BACKYARD CHICKENS WORKSHOP GALLERY





THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

with Kandis Moreau

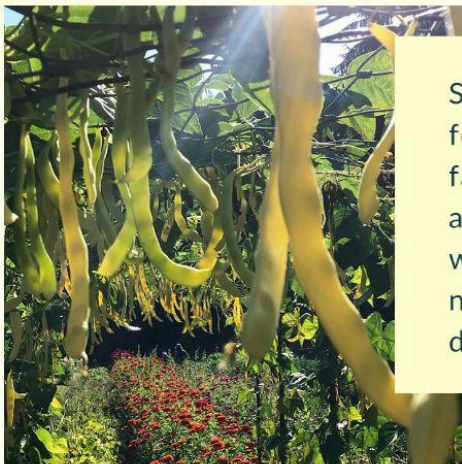
As I write this it is March 21, 2024. Today the crew and I seeded all of the greenhouse cucumbers, zucchini's, greenhouse tomatoes, the sweet and hot peppers and the eggplants. The first seeding of tomatoes always induces the feelings of spring and the start of farming season for the vegetable garden.

There is lot's to be excited for this year. The garden is expanding our Dahlia collection. Our Dahlia flowers were so beautiful and popular last year that we have decided to put more energy into creating and selling bouquets. This activity is a garden favourite, everyone wants to be involved in bouquet making! We are also looking forward to building our romano bean tunnel. This trellis is built over two beds side-by-side and romano beans are planted on both beds. The beans climb up the over-arching trellis creating a beautiful bean tunnel – a favourite spot for shady harvesting and cool snack breaks.

Something new we will try out this year are a few no-till beds. We will form more permanent beds in one of our fields- this year we will try it out in our early field. There are huge silage tarps currently covering this field. The silage tarps kill the existing cover crop and weeds and speed up decomposition of organic matter without the need to bring in a large tractor. In a few weeks the crew will remove the silage tarps, raised beds will be formed with a small plow and raking. The crew will sow the pathways with white clover and one of the crew members will be responsible for mowing the pathways with a small push mower throughout the summer. No tilling will allow us to get into the fields earlier, preserve the beneficial living organisms in the soil, reduce soil compaction, and help with weed management.

Our raspberry patch continues to regenerate itself and the crew will lengthen the row of our current raspberries with the cuttings they have taken. We love taking our snack break in the raspberry patch too! Watch out for our veggies, transplants and eggs on cow-op.ca, the Glenora Store and at the Duncan Farmers Market!

If you're in the area and you would like to meet some of the community members and volunteer in the vegetable garden, we hold a workbees every Tuesday evening from 7p-9p starting mid-June to the end of August. Happy planting everyone!



Soon the gardens will look like this again! Are you excited for fresh, local produce? Email gardener@glenorafarm.org to sign up for our weekly veg boxes. Veg boxes are available starting mid-June. \$30/week gets you a wide variety of organic produce grown right here in Glenora. Available for weekly pick-up at the Farm, or get it delivered through our pals at Cow-Op