

Glenora Gazette

Autumn 2026

Scenes from the Farm



Announcing the 2026 Christmas Fair!



GLENORA FARM
A CAMPHILL COMMUNITY

2026

Christmas Fair

Open House

Sunday, December 13th
11am to 4pm

Festive food, live music,
children's activities, local vendors,
live blacksmithing,
Glenora Farm bell choir

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Land Update

Our Herb Garden has some huge new changes coming up. Our current Herb workshop leader Emma is making the big move back to Switzerland to be closer to family. Emma has been an incredible Herb garden Manager with a wealth of knowledge about the medicinal uses of herbs. She's kept our herb garden thriving while also leading meaningful workshops for the Glenora Farm community members. Thanks for everything Emma, and we sure will miss you!

And with all endings, come new beginnings as we welcome our new Herb Manager Charlotte. Charlotte started at Glenora Farm in the spring as the field hand for the vegetable garden. Charlotte quickly formed meaningful relationships with companions and coworkers alike. We are grateful that she will remain part of the Glenora Farm Team. Come say hello to Charlotte in the Herb Garden!

The Farm crew has been busy working on a project they have coined, "Chick Town". Chick town is a large fenced area covered in overhead netting to protect our new flightless community members from flying predators. We welcomed 60 chicks onto the farm in September, 32 heritage breed chickens purchased from a nearby chick hatchery and 28 hatched from our own hens right here on the farm. The newly built chick town offers protection to our new chicks and the mother hens from racoons and a plethora of flying predators, while also giving the chickens a large outdoor space to dust bath and scratch for insects. Great job farm crew!

Special Olympics Update

with Jamie, Michael, Gavie, Matthew and Adam

Which sports are you participating in this Fall/Winter?

Jamie: Floorball

Michael: 10 pin bowling and swimming

Gavie: 5 pin bowling and club fit

Matthew F: Bowling and club fit

Adam: Bocce, 5 pin bowling

Matthew C: Floorball, 5 pin bowling and Club Fit, track and field

Is it your first time doing this sport or have you done it before?

Jamie: This is my first time

Michael: I've done it before

Gavie: I've done it before and I'm doing it again

Matthew F: I did this sport many years before I came to Glenora Farm, back in Vancouver, all my life

Adam: It's not my first time

Matthew C: I have done it before

What are you most excited about?

Jamie: I like to try new things and am excited about spending time with other people

Michael: Seeing people again like my coach and my bowling and swimming friends.

Gavie: Seeing all the people again and seeing people at bowling and club fit.

Matthew F: Mostly about club fit, it is my favorite, meeting new friends and meeting my new coach.

Adam: I am excited about all of it

Matthew C: I'm most excited about bowling



All Candidates Meeting

On October 8th, we hosted a special workshop at the Farm, bringing everyone together to learn more about local politics and the upcoming election. Organized in collaboration with the Love Democracy Project, the event showed us that democracy is at its best when everyone has a voice.

The workshop began with small-group conversations where participants discovered what they value about working with others. They identified qualities such as empathy, respect, open-mindedness, and acceptance. These are the values the groups hoped to see in their elected representatives. After learning about the role of a board director, each group developed questions for the three candidates running for one board seat.

Rather than listening to speeches, participants got to ask the candidates questions that mattered to them: “Will you get us a bus?” “Do you think outside the box?” and “How will you make sure our farm can keep going?”. The conversation was thoughtful, respectful, and engaging.

Before and after the workshop, participants shared their understanding of local government, their confidence in choosing a candidate, and their feelings about democracy. Responses were highly positive across all three areas. The workshop was a wonderful reminder that democracy is about more than casting a vote. It is about being heard, asking questions, sharing values, and making decisions together. By creating a space where every participant could contribute, we experienced what community-led democracy can look like in practice.



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Meet Our New Short-Term Coworkers!

Kelly



My name is Kelly, and I'm from Colombia. I arrived at Glenora Farm at the end of July this year. I have experience working with people with developmental disabilities, and I'm looking forward to expanding my knowledge, gaining new experiences, creating beautiful memories, and learning new skills at the farm. I hope to learn something new every day from the companions, contribute to the community, and grow both personally and professionally through this experience.

Zoe

Hi! My name is Zoe, and I am from Berlin, Germany. I joined the community at Glenora Farm in the middle of August and I am so delighted to be here and to have the opportunity to meet so many new, welcoming, and kind people. I am really looking forward to learning more about farm life, as well as the daily life within the community and learning how I can best support the companions. I am already appreciating the strong bond within the community, as well as the beautiful nature surrounding the farm. I am excited to see what the upcoming year will bring!



Edwin

My name is Edwin, I came from Kenya in January and joined Glenora Farm. Since then, Glenora Farm has become a home away from home for me. I'm grateful for the warm welcome, the wonderful people I've met, and the experiences that have made this journey special. Being part of this community has helped me grow, learn, and create beautiful memories. I'm truly thankful to be part of the Helios family and Glenora Farm!

Birthdays



Oct 2 - Nick R.

Oct 15 - Samina Q.

Oct 25 - Chantal W.

Nov 2 - Olaf L.

Nov 3 - Tara B.

Nov 18 - Annette O.-L.

Nov 23 - Gili L.

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Liv



My name is Liv, and I come from Denmark. I first came to Glenora Farm as a WWOOFer in October 2025, and I simply couldn't stay away! I returned several times as a visitor in the following months, and eventually again as a WWOOFer in January. I was completely drawn in by the magic of the community and the land, and began the process of obtaining a work permit, which took me to the USA, back to Denmark, to Sweden, and finally I came back to Canada in May. I have now been a short-term coworker in Farmhouse/Deerholme for 5 months, and I'm absolutely loving it! I mainly work with farmer Kate in our farm workshop, and I'm fortunate to get to learn all about farming. I am so grateful to everyone in the community for welcoming me with open arms, and especially my house, who has taken me in as family. I am so excited to get to spend another 6 months living, learning, and exploring here.

Sarah

My name is Sarah, and I'm one of the new Short-Term Coworkers. I'm from Berlin and am living at Helios House for this year. I'm looking forward to accompanying the Companions through their daily lives and the changing seasons, and to being part of this community. I'm really happy to be here and excited about everything that lies ahead.



Karla

My Name is Karla. I am from Germany and really grateful to be a part of this welcoming community this upcoming year. I am looking forward to all of it - facing the tough moments, learning new things, experiencing the everyday farm routines and getting to know everyone here. I am ready to see what this year has in store.