

# MUSCOOT MONTHLY

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## MAY AT THE FARM

Spring is in full bloom around the farm, and you can feel it everywhere you look. The gardens are starting to wake up, the trees are leafing out, and flowers are beginning to open. Our herb garden is especially active right now—not only do they smell great and brighten up the space, but many of them are beneficial for both us and the pollinators that are starting to peek out and get to work.

Behind the scenes, our compost piles are being turned and put to good use. That rich, farm-made compost is helping us prep our hayfields for a strong season yields and feeding the garden beds where we'll soon be planting. It's part of the cycle we rely on to build healthy soil and grow strong crops.

Our volunteers have been with us every step of the way—clearing and maintaining existing beds, helping

prepare the soil, pruning back what needed cutting, and shaping new garden spaces for the season ahead. Their time and energy are what keep everything moving forward this time of year, and we're so grateful for the support.

One event we always look forward to in spring is Sheep Shearing Day. It marks the unofficial kickoff to our planting season and is a great way to welcome warmer days. Visitors can get up close with the sheep and learn how shearing keeps them cool and comfortable, how wool can be used in our gardens to enrich the soil and hold moisture, and how we repurpose it into hands-on crafts to take home. It's a full-circle moment that connects animals, land, and people.

As the days get longer, there's more and more happening here each week. Whether you stop by for a walk, join a



volunteer day, or come to one of our spring programs, we hope you'll spend some time with us this season and see what's growing.

-Gabrielle Dwyer, Assistant Farmer

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## MUSCOOT FARM IS TURNING 50!

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We are excited to share that Muscoot Farm is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! Whether you've stopped to say hello to the animals, hiked our trails, attended summer camp or just enjoyed a quiet afternoon outdoors we appreciate you spending time at the farm.

Muscoot Farm's history stretches back to the late 1880's, and over the years it has grown into something really unique: part farm, part museum, and part park. For five decades, we've welcomed families, school groups, and visitors from all over to experience the joys of a historic Westchester County farm.

We'll be marking this huge milestone with a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration this September, and we'd love for you to join us! We're planning a weekend of fun- including activities for all ages, live demonstrations, music, our farmers market, and more.

Come on out celebrate everything Muscoot during this special weekend. Details will be coming soon... stay tuned!

Whether you've been visiting for years or just discovered the farm, you're a part of what makes Muscoot so special. Thank you for being a part of our story. Here's to 50 years and to many more ahead!

-Jonathon Benjamin, Farm Director

**Muscoot Farm is turning 50 this year! Please consider making a donation towards The Friends of Muscoot Farm to contribute towards the care of our animals, historic preservation, and public programming as we celebrate this big year.**

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