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Holiday Barn Bulletin



SAFE HAVEN FARMS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

By now we have all heard that this year has been a year of change. Here at Safe Haven Farms we have changed our schedules to accommodate new ways of socializing, people wearing masks and face shields, missing our families, and celebrating holidays in creative ways. Despite these changes we have found the beauty in nature and the goodness in everyday activities. Animals are still receiving care, gardens are still being maintained, and our daily walks down the nature trail are still being enjoyed. We have seen some struggles along the way and new obstacles that we've never faced before, but we have persevered.

As your first Executive Director, I have been one of those changes of 2020. I have felt it a privilege to be chosen to serve the farm in this capacity and am delighted in what I have witnessed over the past several months. I have seen smiles on faces of our farmers when they have overcome a new challenge, the look of pride when a project is successfully completed, and the face of frustration on the days when nothing seems to go right, but through it all we have maintained a positive outlook.



Farm Futures 2021

Looking forward to 2021 we will see the opening of our onsite Farm Store, more trips to the Pendleton Art Center in Middletown to sell our farm produce and SHF handmade items, and maybe an online store for those not near the farm. Speaking of the Farm Store, the farmers over the past few weeks have been busy bees making fire starters from donated candles, alpaca nesting balls, catnip toys and filling spice containers. Mike Rogers, Choices Staff member, has been leading the charge to create these items with the farmers and is developing plans to bring back the homemade dog treats and pottery items made in our kiln. The Hatton Center has been bustling with activity much like Santa's workshop and looking through the photos in this news bulletin you can see the Holiday joy it has stirred amongst our farmers.

One final note



This is just a snapshot of the little things that have happened at the farm recently. We hope that this newsletter will grow into something more informative with special features on individual farmers, birthday and holiday celebrations, and upcoming events on the farm and out in the community. Activities and events for 2021 are still very tentative due to the continuance of the pandemic, so we will keep you posted on what is on the horizon through this newsletter, email communication, the website, and by following us on Facebook.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Janie Cochran
Executive Director

