

Art of The Small Family Farm

Category: Lifeskills
Time: Tues at 5:15 - 6:45pm
Date: Jan 11 through March 29, 12 sessions (second semester only)
Capacity: Limited to 6 students, fourth grade and older
Instructor: Janine Frizzo

Spend some time learning about hobby farm life from a farm that has been in the same family since 1948. Learn from our mistakes and our successes. A realistic approach to being more self sufficient. Meet Mathew and his Goosey girls, Sienna the rabbit, and all of the other small animals who live here with us. Natural methods in the raised bed gardens, wetland care, and maple syrup processing. Dress for mess

- 1 Intro. Rules and regs, paperwork. Definition of a small farm. Describe your small farm and what you want...realistic goals, short and long term plans, zoning. Time management.
2. Soil, water, sun, pollution, traffic, neighbors, pets, poisons Equipment, Double duty.
- 3 Food.....veggies and fruits. Grains Raised beds, companion planting, intensive or rows, companions, planting for specific recipe, herbs, dyes, textiles, sales. Storage/canning, root cellars, drying, freezing.
- 4 Floral, landscape design, dried, feeding birds, bees, shade, bug repellants
5. Livestock... let's get real. Purchasing tools, budget, shelters, fairs, shows, breeders, where to buy and where not to. Shared projects Dogs, cats, feed storage, wild animals.
6. Hardscape. Fences, stone, gates, ponds (fisheries), springs, pitcher pumps, erosion
- 7 Maple syrup harvest, timber and firewood.
8. Foraging Spring and Summer. ID plants, dangers, (pesticides, poisonous species)
9. Dangerous plants, poison ivy eradication, thorns/hawthornes, nettles, insect problems, pollinators.
10. Prep garden bed at farm. Compost issues. Bird Watching.
11. Turn soil, fence, labeling, bug ID
12. Plant and take home seeds. Prune existing fruit trees, berries and grape maintenance.