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PLEASANT VALLEY FARM



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Hello Friends!

We hope you're staying warm this winter! Although not as hectic as summer, things are still busy here on the farm. We already have a healthy lamb on the ground and are eagerly awaiting the rest. Longer days mean the hens will be laying more and more eggs, and it won't be long before we're pulling downy chicks from our incubator, either!

Looking forward to next month, Emily will be on the road two separate weekends. Read on for details about the Smart Gardening workshop in Beaver County and the Farm to Table Conference in Pittsburgh next month.

We are keeping busy here at the farm with a variety of projects, and some of Emily's artistic creations are now available for sale in our online store. We've also been planning the garden and putting together our seed orders. We're excited about the upcoming farm stand season, and are looking to try new vegetables and more heirloom varieties than ever before!

We hope that groundhog is right...we're looking forward to gardening, farm babies, and all the wonders of spring.

See you at the stand!

-Emily

LATE WINTER HAPPENINGS:

- ◆ Shop our online store anytime! We have lots of handmade items that would make great gifts!
- ◆ Smart Gardening Workshop happens in Beaver Country March 9
- ◆ Pittsburgh's Farm to Table conference happens March 22-23

Smart Gardening Workshop

Emily is excited to partner with the Master Gardeners program of Beaver County to be a featured presenter at the Smart Gardening workshop to be held March 9, 2013, at the Community College of Beaver County in Monaca, PA from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.

There will be four presentations on a variety of gardening topics. Steve Piskor will present "Cool Tools & Other Stuff for Gardeners", Linda Kramer will talk about "Shady Spaces, Exciting Places!", Gwen Lutz will discuss "A Garden in a Nutshell: Container Gardening

101". Emily's presentation is "Treasures from our Grandparent's Gardens: Heirloom Seeds". This is the same topic she presented at last year's Farm to Table conference, although it will be tweaked to talk more about growing heirlooms in your own garden rather than buying heirloom produce at farmer's markets.

For more detailed information, just email Emily and she will be happy to forward you a PDF copy of the brochure for the event. Registration is \$45 and benefits the Beaver Co. Master Gardeners.

Breakfast and lunch are included, and there are several breaks scheduled where you can talk with other gardening enthusiasts there. Door prizes will be awarded at lunch. The deadline is Feb. 28.

You can register online at <http://agsci.psu.edu/smart-gardening> or by calling 724-774-3003



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Farm to Table 2013

Pleasant Valley Farm will again be a part of Pittsburgh's Farm to Table Conference. The 7th annual event is again being held at the David L Lawrence Convention Center and takes place March 22-23. This year's theme is "You can do it!" and in that spirit, Emily will be giving a presentation called "Canning 101", discussing tools & techniques for preserving food at home by water bath canning.

Be sure to look for PVF's table in the exhibit hall, where you can pick up a jar of delicious farm flavor. We anticipate offering a

selection of jams, mustards, and pickles as well as favorites like salsa and pickled beets. Additionally, she'll have an assortment of jewelry and decorative glass items, all handmade here at the farm.

The exhibit hall is open 10 AM-5PM both days, and a variety of speakers and demonstrations will occur throughout the event. A full schedule of topics and times will soon be available online. A list of exhibitors is also available. Other parts of the event

(tickets sold separately) are a Friday night Local Food Tasting and a Saturday morning Networking Breakfast.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit www.farmtotablepa.com.



EMILY HAS BEEN
 MAKING PENDANTS
 USING BEAUTIFUL
 SCRAPS OF GLASS
 AND RECYCLED
 IMAGES FROM OLD
 SEED CATALOGS.

We all know that Valentine's Day is about the one you love, and showing your love with a token like jewelry, chocolate or flowers. This year, why not get a little creative and show your love while supporting a local business?

You can shop Pleasant Valley Farm's online store 24/7! We have a limited selection of our canned goods, and you can find favorites like Carrot Cake Jam and Ginger-Garlic Mustard. We can also combine our canned goods into custom gift baskets, so if you see a couple items you like, let us know and we'll be happy to put them in a recycled basket, complete with gift tag. And if you've got a favorite flavor you've purchased previously and don't see it listed, feel free to send us an email and we'll let you know if any are in stock.

Emily started making jewelry to feature the beautiful feathers our peacocks produce, and you

can still find peacock feather necklaces, earrings, and hair accessories in our store. However, we now have many other beautiful beaded items as well. Some of our necklaces feature pieces in the shape of trees, leaves, horses, and more.

Another section of the shop features handmade stained glass items. We'll be listing more when it warms up enough to work glass again, but current items include a jewelry box and suncatcher. Emily has also incorporated stained glass into her jewelry. She's been making pendants using beautiful scraps of glass and recycled images from old seed catalogs. Some of these necklaces are feminine and fun, while others feature veggies and would look great on gardeners and local food lovers of any gender.

There are also some really fun wall art items. These are made from panes of window glass we've recycled from the farm

and images from seed catalogs. We currently have some floral ones that would look great in any room, along with some beautiful watercolors of garlic that would brighten up a kitchen!

We ship Priority Mail, usually within 24 hours of your order, so you still have time to order in time for Valentine's Day. Also, shipping prices are calculated for cross-country rates, so if you live closer than California or Texas, feel free to send us an email with what you'd like to order and your zip code (BEFORE you check out!) and we can adjust the shipping accordingly.

You can shop for any of these fun items by visiting our website and clicking the "Online Store" link at the top of the page. Or, go directly to the store by visiting <https://www.etsy.com/shop/pleasantvalleyfarmpa/>.

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AVAILABLE IN OUR ONLINE STORE!



Tree of Life Necklace



*Wear Your Veggies Swiss Chard Recycled
Stained Glass Necklace*



Gentle Leaf Dangle Earrings



Vintage-look Cameo Necklace



Cruelty-Free Peacock Feather earrings



Victorian Heart Stained Glass Suncatcher



Recycled Wall Art Tulip Print