News from the Farm

Spring has sprung and it is time for our Annual Membership drive. Included in this Newsletter is your membership renewal form. Please make sure that you fill out the form including your e-mail address and telephone number, even if you believe that we already have it so that we can update our records. We are always interested in expanding our membership and would like you to encourage friends and family members to join TBFPA. It is for a really good cause.

This winter at the farm was very mild. Despite a lack of snow, the wind was very strong off the marsh. As a result, we had a few trees come down, lost a lot of branches and some shingles off the cottage and the equipment shed.

We got a new Ram last fall, and we are currently having lambs. There was one lamb born on April 28th. This lamb was rejected by the Ewe and is being bottle fed. A second lamb was born on April 30th is doing fine. The Ram has been separated from the Ewes because he could harm the lambs.

Renovations to the old barn will continue this summer. The Town has obtained financing from the CPC to finish the exterior of the barn.

Every day at the farm there is a steady group of volunteers who feed and care for the animals. Jean Seymour coordinates all the morning teams to make sure each day is covered. Thank you, Jean. Every Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, there is a solid group of volunteers who come to the farm and clean up the barns and pastures. The volunteers range from young families to retired adults. There are no paid employees at the farm. The TBFPA Board would like to thank all our volunteers past and present for all their hard work. The TBFPA does not exist if we do not have these dedicated people.

We would like to thank Peterson’s Market and Cape Abilities for their generous donations of fruit and vegetables for the animals. The chickens, goats and Chloe love their daily treats.

The 22nd Annual Sheep Festival will be held this year on June 17, 2023. This is the day before Father’s Day, which is a change from previous years. Be sure to tell family and friends about this wonderful day of family fun! We hope for a nice sunny day!
Group Visits to the Farm

Community Connections

In addition to the daily flow of families, grandparents, dog walkers, bird watchers, and animal visitors, a number of groups regularly visit the farm. Amy Webster, a 4+ year volunteer at the farm, is also a Specialist at Community Connections (CCI), a facility that offers services for adults with disabilities in Yarmouth. Amy started bringing several clients with her to the farm as part of the Community Based Day Support (CBDS) program. It wasn’t long before they were helping with chores and knew the animals by name. They were gaining confidence and a great sense of belonging.

As word spread, it wasn’t long before an Easter week outing was planned for clients of the program that included an Easter egg hunt and hayrides for the group. The cheers, laughter, and smiles of the clients for others as they took their rides was great to witness.

Amy has stated that the clients have grown from working at the farm in their vocational skills, compassion, empathy, and physical strength and are fortunate to have a very welcoming place in the community.

Other Groups include: Cape Abilities, Transitions Centers, many Day Care & Pre-school groups

A Great Team, A Great Coffee and Neighbor

In mid-November, a group of 13 Starbucks employees, led by Tim Waites and Stephen Dinisco, spent an afternoon volunteering at the farm. Trees were cut and stacked, fences cleared and pastures picked up. Additionally, Starbucks corporate made a donation to the farm based on the total number of volunteer hours. In March, we learned that the team put us in for a Neighborhood Grant from the Starbucks Foundation and we were awarded a $1000 grant!!

-Bob Clark

Are YOU a group or individual looking for a volunteer opportunity???

We are currently looking for volunteers for our 22nd Annual Sheep Festival!!

Contact Lisa McIntyre
Mcintyre.lisa.tbf@gmail.com

Possibly interested in animal feeding and care??
Contact Jean Seymour
Jeanseymour75@gmail.com

Do you have an enthusiastic group that would be interested in a team-focused project??

Contact Marty Murphy or Bob Clark
Information@taylorbrayfarm.org
Spring Update!

Winter is finally over and spring has sprung at the farm with 11 new additions...baby chicks!!

Most of our existing chickens are getting older...eating and resting more than laying and the end of March was a perfect time to begin to regenerate the flock.

Starting from “scratch”...a brooding box, day old chicks, and a great group of volunteers, we started our 18 week project.

Baby chicks are relatively easy to care for. It is important they start with a draft free pen with a heat lamp on at all times. At about 6 weeks old, the chicks lose their down and are fully feathered. The need for additional heat is not necessary. Of course proper nutrition, probiotics, plenty of water, space and starter feed has helped our chicks stay healthy.

The chicks are currently 11 weeks old, and considered pullets (young, non-laying hens). We have transitioned them from the heated cottage to the barn so they will acclimate easier to the coop. At about 14 weeks, we will introduce them to our current flock. Despite being social animals, chickens take their pecking order pretty seriously. Size, age and segregation is important to ensure the flock integration goes smoothly.

We will be adding 2 Silkies, 2 Easter Eggers, 3 Black Wynadotte and 4 Speckled Sussex to our already diverse flock. Come down and check out the chicks and of course Jasper, our resident rooster!!

Farmhouse Tour Schedule

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**Fall Festival**
Saturday October 7 10-3p.m.

**Holiday Festival**
Saturday December 2 10-3p.m.
Sunday December 3 10-3p.m.

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☐ Individual $25.00
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☐ Family $45.00
☐ Business $50.00
☐ Signature

☐ Patron $50.00 I/we are making a gift
☐ Business Sponsor $100.00 donation to TBFPA

Help us make our membership records more effective. Note your telephone number and e-mail address so we may keep you informed.

Telephone number  E-mail address

Volunteers interests and skills.

Please check box above for your donation and make any changes and correction to your name or address
Sheep Festival!

Donors and Sponsors
Each year we reach out to fellow Cape Cod & Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce members and local businesses to support our Event as either a Financial Sponsor or to donate an item or gift certificate to our Silent Auction. Their support helps the Farm but also promotes their business or organization to a 1,000+ attendees by displaying their menus, brochures, or products. If you know anyone who would benefit, please contact them or provide us their contact information and we will follow up with them. Thank You!
Bob Clark
(clarkr.cape@gmail.com or (508-280-4700)

SEASONS at the FARM

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Spring/Summer 2023
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• Sheep Shearing • Andy Rice • Huggen Hill Farm

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• Cape Cod Spinners Guild • Cranberry Rug hookers
• Haywagon rides
• LARK Silent Auction
• Open House - Tour the restored & furnished Farmhouse.

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• Breakaway, Half Off Co.
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SUGGESTED PARKING DONATION:
$10: Please keep on the road this day of the festival

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TBF Website!
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