



TERHUNE ORCHARDS NEWS

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Order Your Thanksgiving Pies, Crisps, and Turkeys Now

Thanksgiving is a special family holiday for the Mount Family: Gary's brothers, children, mother, aunt, and cousins; Pam's sisters and families; Tanni and Jim; Reuwai, Mike, and Maya all gather at 2pm each year. One year, dinner was set up in the greenhouse. It was great, except that it rained so hard we could hardly hear each other!

Another year, Pam decorated the old barn, covered tables with old quilts and lots of gourds. Most years, Pam arranges four or five round tables in the big farm kitchen. Since the store is open until noon, Pam understands that "getting the dinner ready" has to be organized and easy. Pam puts the turkey (usually two 22 pounders!) in the oven at 6am. Pam's sisters come early in the morning to help.

To help you get your Thanksgiving cooking get off to a stress-free start, get your fresh turkeys, pies and crisps at the Terhune Orchards Farm Store. A favorite for many families, our fresh turkeys are

hormone- and antibiotic-free. Try our traditional homemade cranberry relish and applesauce, it's the perfect accompaniment



to your turkey and is available fresh at the Farm Store.

For dessert, serve Terhune Orchards fruit-filled pies and crisps. Made with chunks of fresh fruit and fine ingredients, our traditional pies and crisps are a delicious addition to any Thanksgiving feast or a pleasant ending to a family dinner.

10-inch pies: Apple, Pumpkin, Pecan, Mince, and Coconut Custard, **Sweet Potato (NEW)**

9-inch pies: Apple, Apple Streusel, Apple Walnut, Apple Cranberry, Peach, Peach Melba, Lemon Blueberry, Blueberry, Cherry, Raspberry, and Strawberry Rhubarb, **Very Berry (NEW)**

No-Sugar 9-inch pies: Apple, Peach, (continued on page 3)



Happy Holidays from the Mount Family

by Pam Mount

The holiday season beginning with Thanksgiving and ending with New Year's is a time to bring family and friends together, enjoy the bounties of the harvest, and re-connect with each other.

Luckily for the Mount family, everyone enjoys coming to family events at the farm. Daughter Reuwai, her husband Mike, and granddaughter Maya—now two and a half—live and work in Baltimore. Reuwai teaches biology and environmental studies, and Mike teaches history. Daughter Tannwen works full time at the farm and her husband, Jim, who teaches history at



Left to right: Senator Franks, Gary, Mark, Pam, and Governor Corzine.

Montgomery High School, will be with us along with Pam's sisters and Gary's brothers. Gary and Mike will probably experiment with another batch of hard cider.

Winter is busy and pruning of the trees begins as soon as the leaves drop. Work in the greenhouse includes planting seeds for all the vegetables and flowers that we grow and sell in the spring. Painting and cleaning up are always important jobs.

Amongst all this activity with family and friends, Gary continues to be active with many agricultural boards and is captain of the local rowing club. Pam serves on the Lawrence Town Council, is chair of Sustainable Lawrence, and a member of the Lawrence Community Foundation and the Lawrence Hopewell Trail. Tannwen chairs the New Jersey Farmers Direct Marketing group.

In the middle of all the hustle and bustle, we miss our son Mark, who is serving in the US Army as an infantry sergeant in Afghanistan—way out in the mountains. Some friends have asked for his email address, which is mbsmount@hotmail.com.

Noted for quality products and friendly country-style service, the Terhune Orchards Farm Store attracts local people doing their daily shopping as well as out-of-towners on their way through the Princeton

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The Best of New Jersey in a Box

Send a "Taste of Home" to family and friends anywhere! Terhune Orchards—Apples and Apple Cider travel far and wide during the holidays to remind people of home. Terhune Orchards Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, and Stayman Winesap apples, and Apple Cider make great gifts, plus they're always ready to go!

Try our "Any Combination of Apples" box, in multiples of 20, carefully packed in special crush-proof boxes accompanied by Pam's favorite apple recipes. The apples arrive promptly, just as fresh and crispy as the day we packed them. Or, send a gallon of Terhune Orchards fresh-pressed cider. Our cider, frozen for the trip, can be shipped anywhere. Just thaw and enjoy.

Also available are medium- and large-sized boxes that can be customized with extra goodies. We have an assortment of

fruit, jams and jellies, coffees, teas, cocoas and more in any combination. If it's in the Farm Store, we can include it!

Your gift can be shipped anywhere that DHL delivers. Place your orders at Farm Store by calling 609-924-2310, and we'll do the rest! Just tell us the name, address, what to send, and consider it done!



Keeping the Garden Green

by Gary Mount

In the late fall, much of the outdoor world that I am in touch with every day changes dramatically. Some things slow way down—fruit trees, berry bushes, weeds (thank goodness) and some things stop—vegetables and ornamentals. But regardless, the color green is gone. No longer can I see the daily miracle of plant growth, of fruiting and vegetable production, of getting ready for the next



year's cycle. All that just stops. And so my thoughts turn to the greenhouse.

Terhune's greenhouse is not that big. Just three years ago we doubled its size to 5,000 square feet, but that's still small as greenhouses go. However, it is a very active place. Starting in September and October, we plant hundreds of freesia bulbs. These wonderful looking things grow slowly all fall and winter (55°F). They bloom in January and February. Their blooms, all in a row on the stem are the most amazing colors! You can see we are planning for our winter pick-me-up already, but that's getting ahead of my story.

Some time this fall, after the frantic

apple harvest and pumpkin season, but before it gets too cold (remember the freesia), we have to recover the greenhouse. We use a double layer of poly, stretched over the greenhouse frame and fastened at the edges. The existing plastic has been on for three years – about the limit. Ultra-violet radiation from the sun turns the plastic cloudy, thus reducing the amount of sunlight that can pass through. UV also weakens the poly and makes it more likely to tear during a wind storm. In the winter that would mean the end of the freesias.

The trick of recovering is to find a calm day, warm enough so that the plants inside don't suffer, and then work like heck. Whatever is taken off has to get replaced by the end of the day. Cold temperatures at night would ruin everything inside.

Our greenhouse is two bays wide. Each bay is covered by two sheets of poly 28 feet by 100 feet. Each double layer is fastened securely around the edges and then attached to a small fan which blows air into the space between the layers. This creates a taut air pillow which keeps the plastic from flapping in the wind and also provides insulation.

Hopefully, if the recovering goes well, we can start on our next crop. Although freesia, cyclamen, and later some spring bulbs are in the greenhouse all winter, there is lots of space for something else—lettuce!

We started with lettuce last winter—red leaf, green leaf, Boston and romaine. Fifty-five degrees turns out to be just right for lettuce as well as the freesia. We plant one crop after another—seeding and re-seeding all winter long. Each crop takes 8 to 12 weeks. We then pick it, sell it, and start again. I stay happy—having a crop actively growing—until life on the farm outside begins again in the spring.

Unique Holiday Baskets, Boxes, and Trays

Send a little bit of "home" to your family and friends, especially those who now live elsewhere. Everybody loves edible gifts from Terhune Orchards! This year, delight your friends, family, and business associates with one-of-a-kind, custom-made gifts from Terhune Orchards and enjoy holiday shopping that is pleasant and stress-free! Our large selection of unique holiday gift baskets and boxes of fruits and goodies, trays of traditional holiday cookies, and boxes of apples and cider make perfect gifts. They are all



available at the Terhune Orchards Farm Store and can be shipped anywhere in the US!

Since each Holiday Basket, Box, and Tray is made to order, our friendly Farm Store Staff can either suggest selections or you can enjoy the fun of filling the basket yourself. Our huge assortment of Farm Store Baskets and "ingredients" make it easy! Select from Terhune Orchards cookies and fruit breads; our own brand of jellies, jams, chutneys, relishes, marinades, and salad dressings; mulled cider mix, coffee beans, and teas; pancake mixes; syrups; honeys; pastas; cheeses; and, of course, lots of varieties of our own crisp, juicy Terhune Orchards Apples.

Our popular Sampler Boxes feature an enticing display of apples, a savory cheese round, Terhune Orchards fruit-filled bread, and a tasty selection of our own fresh-baked traditional holiday cookies. Boxes ship well and can be sent anywhere in the country. For folks who love cookies, consider a special cookie basket or tray overflowing with an assortment of our spectacular holiday cookies.

Can't decide? A Terhune Orchards Farm Store Gift Card or Gift Certificate is the perfect answer!

The Sweetest Piece of Real Estate in NJ

Gingerbread houses made from scratch in the Terhune Orchards Bakery have become a holiday tradition. All artfully designed and covered with colorful frosting and candies, these delightful houses are perfect and lots of fun.



We always had so much fun constructing our Gingerbread houses that we introduced what was to become an instant hit at Terhune Orchards—the Gingerbread House Kit.

Designed by Margarita and Maria, our bakers extraordinaire, these kits are a great way for grandparents and grandkids to create their own special "sweet" dream house along with lots of special memories. The kit includes house sections, frosting, and an assortment of gumdrops and candies for decoration.

These delightful creations make one incredible, edible gift that will delight all ages.

These Gingerbread House kits even travel well. We can send them anywhere DHL goes! Call the Farm Store at 609-924-2310, to reserve your holiday Gingerbread House, but call early. Last year's Houses were gone well before the holidays!

Picture Perfect Christmas Trees

Terhune Orchards once again offers a superb selection of Douglas fir Christmas trees. As with all items at Terhune Orchards, we offer only those trees we would be proud to have in our own home. All full, straight, and freshly cut, they are the perfect palette to display your new holiday ornaments or treasured family heirlooms. Come early—trees are available beginning on Saturday, December 2 for as long as the supply lasts.

One-of-a Kind Holiday Wreaths

Nothing says "Holiday Spirit" like Pam's one-of-a-kind holiday wreaths! Decorated with apples, lemons, limes, pine cones, and other seasonal items, the wreaths are a delightful adaptation of what has become known as the Williamsburg or Colonial wreath. Residents of Williamsburg, the Colonial capital from 1699 to 1776, celebrated the holiday season by adorning their homes and shops with wreaths and garlands of natural materials gathered from nearby fields and forests.

Approximately 22 inches in diameter, the wreaths are made from Balsam fir, Douglas fir, or white pine branches secured to a 24-gauge wire mesh wrapping to ensure that it continues to look good all through the holidays! The wreaths make an attractive front-door decoration and are a welcome gift for friends, family, or business associates.

Enjoy the Holidays with a Little Help from Our Bakery

Remember those days just before the holidays when the tantalizing aromas of Grandma's old-fashioned cookies drifted from her kitchen? Now you can enjoy the same traditional treats made by the Terhune Orchards bak-



ers, who regularly transform natural, wholesome ingredients into the best tasting home-baked pies, crisps, fruit breads, cookies, and cakes—the kind that can only come from time-tested recipes. Our holiday-baked goods are so special that they'll soon become part of your own holiday tradition.

Our traditional Gingerbread Houses made in the Terhune Orchard Bakery are just spectacular – and each one is unique. Drizzled with frosting and outlined with an assortment of gumdrops and candies, they're ready for our real gingerbread cookie people to move in! Assembled Gingerbread Houses or Gingerbread House Kits can be shipped anywhere in the US. The Farm Store Staff will be happy to help you.

Trays, filled with an assortment of holiday cookies, are welcome holiday gifts or a perfect ending for your own holiday parties. Try our melt-in-your-mouth sugar cookies shaped like bells, stars, and Santas, each decorated with colored sugar or icing or our piquant gingerbread formed into holiday shapes. Select almond crescents, chocolate crinkles delicately dressed with powdered sugar, thumbprint cookies, shortbread, or Russian tea cookies. All are perfect with a mug of steaming Terhune Orchards Mulled Cider or tea.

Or, try our traditional cookies such as Double Chocolate, Chocolate Chip (with or without nuts), Oatmeal Raisin, Snickerdoodles, Peanut Butter, Chewy Ginger Cookies, and rich, moist, chocolate brownies. These delicious treats are available by the pound or packaged as gifts in attractive holiday baskets or trays.

One of our most popular desserts is Apple Crisp made with choice Terhune Orchards apples and topped with morsels of crumbly brown sugar and cinnamon. Try our apple-blueberry or apple-cranberry versions of this classic-filled with lots of cranberries or Terhune Orchards own apples

Order Thanksgiving Treats

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or Cherry pies sweetened with fruit concentrates and Nutrasweet®.

Crumb-Topped Crisps: Apple, Apple Blueberry, and Apple Cranberry

Call the Farm Store starting on November 1 at 609-924-2310 to reserve your Thanksgiving pies, crisps, and turkeys. For your convenience, the Farm Store will be open Tuesday, November 21 and Wednesday, November 22 until 7pm and from 9am until noon on Thanksgiving Day.

and blueberries! Our traditional apple cobbler, made with apples covered with a tasty cake-like topping, is so delicious it's simply irresistible!

Serve your family or guests a Terhune Orchards bakery delight in a decorative 8-inch round pan. Try moist and apple-y Mama's Apple Cake; gingerbread cake, and our blueberry-filled coffee cakes.

Our fruit breads are chock full of blueberries, cranberries, bananas, or apples. Also available are moist and delicious zucchini and pumpkin breads. Each is a tasty balance of not-too-sweet cake and the choicest ingredients. With some powdered sugar and a small doily, you can transform any of these fruit breads into an enchanting holiday dessert.

Fragrant lemon or almond tea loaves or sour cream cakes are perfect with coffee or tea. Streusel-topped blueberry coffee cakes and muffins are a special treat for breakfast, tea, dessert or any time of day! They owe their silky texture and taste to the freshest dairy products.

Terhune Orchards fruit pies remain one of our most in-demand bakery favorites. We offer a variety of flavors and sizes, and even some with no added cane sugar. Whatever flavor you choose, all of our pies are made from the finest ingredients and generous chunks of fruit. Remember to preorder your pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Farm Store.

Let our luscious breads, cakes, cookies, and pies weave magic around your holiday celebrations. Based on treasured recipes steeped in the time-honored traditions of past generations, they embody the spirit of good will and symbolize the hopes for the coming year.

These and other bakery items are available daily in the Farm Store. Please call ahead (609-924-2310) for special orders or for large quantities. We'll even bake your request in your own pan!

Fabulous Flowers Spread Winter Sunshine

Thanks to greenhouse technology, you can enjoy the most magnificent "display" of Pam Mount's glorious spring flowers all winter at the Terhune Orchards Farm Store. Pam's bulbs are ready and "set" to go. All winter, the Farm Store will be filled with blooming primrose, cyclamen, or blooming bulbs. In January, we will feature blooming tulips and tete a tete. Only Terhune Orchards has fragrant freesias, with single or double blooms in incredibly rich colors, available in February and March!

Place several potted plants together, surround them with a wide red ribbon and add a big bow for a dramatic display. Or, take home a bunch of colorful cut flowers to brighten your holiday table. Everyone loves these unique gift baskets and planters filled with blooming spring bulbs, flowering plants, and/or herbs. These gifts brighten even the most dreary winter day! Visit the Farm Store and enjoy our spectacular blooming bulbs!



Wassail the Apple Trees

Bring noisemakers loud enough to drive away any and all spirits when Terhune Orchards celebrates an ancient British tradition—wassailing the Apple Trees on Sunday, January 28, 2007 between 1pm and 4pm.

We've adapted traditional Wassailing to create a unique family "mid-winter break." Families and friends gather around a bonfire chanting traditional verses to invoke positive spirits in the orchards. We roast marshmallows, drink hot cider, eat cider donuts, and just enjoy the fun. We then



hang cider-soaked bread on the apple tree for the "spirits," but out of reach of the farm animals—especially the Farm dogs! Drums, whistles, bells, clackers, or add a few pebbles to an empty coffee can with a lid and join the fun. These instruments make a most joyful and worthy noise!

Watch the Princeton, NJ-based dance troupe, Handsome Molly, perform traditional and rural "molly dances" of 19th-century England. The Handsome Molly dancers all dress in motley black, except for one brightly-dressed "molly." They also follow the old custom of using make-up to disguise their faces.

Enjoy free wagon rides around the farm for all. Then, warm up in the Farm Store with complimentary hot cider and donuts. Listen to the live music of Spice Punch, especially the original wassailing song they wrote for Terhune Orchards. For information or directions, call the Farm Store at 609-924-2310.

An Ancient British Custom

Wassailing the apple trees was especially popular in the cider-making regions of southern and western England where cele-

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Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 23, 2006—Farm Store closes at noon. Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 2, 2006—Christmas trees available

Dec. 25, 2006—Farm Store closed. Merry Christmas!

Jan. 1, 2007—Farm Store closed. Happy New Year!

Jan. 16, 2007—Read & Explore, 10am, *The Gingerbread Man*

Jan. 28, 2007—Wassailing the Apples, 1pm-4pm

Feb. 6, 2007—Read & Explore, 10am, farms & animals in winter

Mar. 13, 2007—Read & Explore, 10am, after a winter's sleep

Mar. 17, 2007—Pruning Class, 11am

May 5, 2007—Kite Day, 10am-5pm

May 6, 2007—Kite Day, 10am-5pm



Farm Store, Farm Yard, & Farm Trail: Open to the public daily all year.

School and Summer Camp Tours: By appointment, June through November.

Barnyard Birthday Parties: By appointment, April through November

Pick-Your-Own Schedule

May—Strawberries

June—Blueberries, Raspberries, Sweet Cherries, Sour Cherries, Flowers

July—Blueberries, Raspberries, Blackberries, Flowers

August—Raspberries, Flowers, Peaches, Apples (4th week)

September & October—Apples and Raspberries (Van Kirk Rd. only), Raspberries, Blackberries, Pumpkins, Flowers (Cold Soil Rd.)

Van Kirk Road Orchards open the 4th week in August.

Call ahead for information on availability of specific varieties.

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area. At Terhune Orchards, you will find:

- Terhune Orchards' own as well as locally grown farm-fresh seasonal produce and fruit.
- a fine assortment of freshly baked breads, pies, cakes, cookies, and donuts from our own bakery.
- fresh-cut flowers and seasonal flowering plants and herbs.
- fresh, deliciously sweet Terhune Orchards Apple Cider.
- gift baskets, gift certificates, and gourmet specialties.

Terhune Orchards and the Terhune Orchards Farm Store are owned and operated by Pam and Gary Mount. The Farm Store is open daily all year.



Tannwen shows off Rosie, the latest addition to the Mount Family!

Season's Greetings

As our family gathers to celebrate this holiday season, we pause to reflect on the joys and blessings of family, community, and the liberties and freedoms that we all cherish.

We truly appreciate your patronage, loyalty, and friendship. Please accept our warmest wishes for joy and success in the new year.

*Pam and Gary Mount and
the Staff of Terhune Orchards*



Read and Explore

So many of the parents and preschoolers enjoyed our **Read and Pick** series this past summer that they have asked us for more. In response, we are starting a **Read and Explore** series at the farm this winter. Preschoolers, their moms and dads, and grandmoms and granddads are welcome! All programs begin at 10am.

Our first **Read and Explore** program begins on Tuesday, January 16, when we will be reading *The Gingerbread Man* and then decorating a big gingerbread man cookie to take home.

On Tuesday, February 6, we will read about farms and animals in the winter. After the story, we'll explore the farm looking for animal tracks, and make plaster molds of their tracks to take home.

On Tuesday, March 13, it's wake up time for the farm. We will read *Frog and Toad are Friends*, a story about waking up after a winter sleep. We will also plant seeds to take home for your spring gardens.

Everyone is welcome. Please call 609-924-2310 to register. The fee for this program is \$5.00 per child.

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brants would gather around a big, old apple tree and sing traditional songs. They made noise through the branches to scare away spirits, and toasted the tree's health with warm cider passed around in a bucket. Some cider was also poured over tree roots, and cider-soaked toasted bread was placed on its branches. The ceremony also included blowing horns and thrashing the tree with hopes of increasing productivity during the coming growing season.

This custom was especially important during a time when part of a laborer's wages was paid in apple cider. Landlords needed a good apple crop to attract good workers. Wassailing was meant to keep the tree safe from spirits until the next year's apples appeared. Those who celebrate on old Twelfth Night drink the cider produced during the past year and offer toasts to a bountiful new year.



Directions to Terhune Orchards

Directions: Travel on the New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 9, transfer to Route #1 South for about 20 miles, then take Interstate 95 South (different from the NJ Turnpike) to the second exit for Rte 206 North, Lawrenceville-Princeton. Take route #206 to the fourth traffic light and turn left onto Cold Soil Road. The main farm is on the right, 3 miles from route #206.

