



TERHUNE ORCHARDS NEWS

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Let's Go Fly a Kite May 4 & May 5

Kite Day is our annual tradition to welcome spring at Terhune Orchards. This soaring spring festival is a perfect time to explore the farm during one

of its most beautiful seasons, May 6 & May 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Children can use their imaginations to make and decorate their own kites. We use a kite design that is guaranteed to fly! Choose from a colorful assortment of pre-made kite kits in the form of birds, butterflies, and more. Or bring your favorite kite from home. Whichever kite you choose, there will be a rainbow of colors in every shape and size floating through the air above our orchards.



Listen to the sounds of live local music as your kite dances in the wind. Local bands will play from 12-4 p.m. Enjoy Meghan Carey on Saturday and Tookany Creek on Sunday.

Have a great time playing on the farm. Take a pony ride. Join in the fun of old-fashioned games and children's activities in the barnyard. Tic-Tac-Toe, hula hoop horses, bean bag apple basket toss, Bubble Station and much more. Our special children's playhouses will be open, Junior Mechanic Shop, Little Tikes Farm Store and Discovery Barn. Don't miss the Hippy Hop Corral or taking a duck for Duckie Race. Play on our play tractors and take a turn in the pedal tractor track. Our sheep shearer will visit our

sheep in the barnyard on Sunday for their annual trim to get ready for spring.

Take a pony ride and have a special Pet & Play Animal Experience — special hands-on play time with cute, cuddly and very friendly sheep, goats, rabbits and chickens. *(Not included in admission)*



Hungry kite fliers will find farm fresh lunch and snacks at the Farm Food Pavilion. Sample our spring menu items including BBQ chicken, country style chili, homemade soup and fresh baked pies. Our famous apple cider donuts and fresh pressed apple cider make every visit to the farm complete. Stop in the Barn Door Café for hand scooped ice cream and apple cider slush.

Adults can enjoy a visit to our Wine Orchard where Terhune's 18 varieties of wine are available for tasting under the 100-year-old apple trees. Tasting flights, wine by the glass and wine slushy will be available to toast Spring.

Join us this spring weekend to see our freshly planted fields, fruit trees and flowers blooming; the fresh air and beauty of all the season has to offer.

Admission \$15 In Advance Online/\$18 At Gate (age 3 and up). Winery & Farm Store: for weekend entry, admission tickets must be purchased.

Special packages available for extra fun and discounts. Purchase online terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/kite-day



Pick-Your-Own Fun!

In late April, as soon as asparagus spears start to emerge, Terhune Orchard's Pick-Your-Own season begins. We eagerly await this first spring crop as sign that Spring is truly here to stay.

Our Strawberry picking begins in late May and usually lasts 2-3 weeks depending on the weather. This sweet berry is a favorite fruit of many. Easy to pick for all ages so it is a great, fun family activity. Our juicy strawberries are grown on raised beds, with plastic to keep away



weeds and wood chip mulch in the middles for easy walking.

In June, Cherry lovers rejoice because it is time for Terhune Orchards sweet and tart cherries to be picked. We grow sweet cherries for eating, and tart cherries for baking and making jam. Cherry season is very short in mid-June. Since cherry season is short, sign up for notification to know when to pick. Don't be late!

Sign up at terhuneorchards.com for e-mail notifications and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates from the farm. Experience the fun of harvesting yourself!

Farm Colors

By Pam Mount



Spring — Since I love color, I can't wait for Spring. Many people check the outside temperature to decide what season we are in, but I look out my window and walk around our farm to see what the colors are.

The first signs of Spring here on our farm are the forsythia and daffodil blossoms. Over the years, I have planted hundreds of daffodils so the farm is full of yellow in the Spring.

As the world wakes up, the cherry trees bloom. They are a beautiful sight. The peach trees are next, which everyone can see from the road, rows of many shades of pink. Finally come the apple blossoms. The last big bloom and a spectacular sign that Spring is here; changing the farm sky from gray to colorful.



Summer — brings a rainbow of colors – and is my favorite time of year. I put out pots of herbs and annual plants so my gardens are full of bright colors...yellow, red, pinks and lavender. The fields are bright green filled with our many vegetable crops.

Fall — seems to me to be the longest season as we try to get all the crops harvested. It is a season all about colors. Rich harvest greens, apples of many colors ready for picking, pumpkin orange.

Winter — most color is brown/gray with occasional brilliant white of the snow fall. The outdoor crops are finished and the fields mowed, even the Canadian geese (of which there are a lot) are gray and black. The huge old apple trees are beautiful in their winter colors.

Our farm with big red barns, many colors of crops, and happenings. Every season is the best season of the year. Visit us all year to discover what is new. We hope to see you this Spring as we enjoy the Spring colors and the new season growth.

Farming on Cold Soil Road

It all starts with the soil.

Terhune Orchards is located on Cold Soil Road in Princeton NJ. Perhaps our road was named during an early spring day when a farmer realized our clay loam soils take a long time to warm up!

While we wait for spring weather to slowly warm our clay loam soils, we have beautiful crops like spinach and lettuce coming from our greenhouses and high tunnels. Understanding our soils is an important job for the farmer. The



clay loam does hold onto water longer, which is helpful during dry spells. To accommodate this, we plant on hilled rows so water can drain off during wet times. Clay soils also hold onto nutrients so we have less need to add nutrients and less occurrence of nutrients leaching out of the soils. We especially appreciate our soils in our asparagus patch. It's the first crop to be harvested from the fields in the spring and it is tender, crisp and no grit (unlike asparagus from other regions which is grown in sandy soil)! Perfect!



Join us for Weekends of Gardening Fun!

Our youngest gardeners can join us on the farm for two special programs as we get ready for spring and planting season. Join us as we celebrate Earth Day on the farm. Learn all about our amazing earth, water and the world around us. We will read stories, plant seeds to take home and do a fun earth day craft activity. Here at Terhune Orchards we love trees! Come celebrate Arbor day with us. We will read stories and have fun doing crafts as we learn and celebrate trees! Each program is \$10 per child. Register in advance terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/earthday

April 20 & 21 Planting Palooza Weekend

April 20 Read & Explore Composting 10 a.m.

April 20 Pam's Herb & Garden Class 1 p.m.

April 21 Earth Day Children's Story & Planting Time 1 p.m.

April 27 & 28 Green Gathering Weekend

April 27 Arbor Day Program 10 a.m.

May 11 – Mother's Day Planting Make n' Take 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: In this Mother's Day program, our youngest gardeners will have hands-on fun making their very own planted gift. Kids can pot



and decorate a flower (or herb) pot and take it home for their mom or grandmother and make a homemade card. Attendees should plan to arrive anytime between 10-11:30 a.m., the event ends at noon. \$10 per child. terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/mothersday.



Get Your Garden Ready: Herbs, Flowers & Vegetable Plants

It is time for spring planting. Grown from seed and plugs in our greenhouse are a wide array of organic herb and vegetable plants along with colorful annuals.

We have over 20 varieties of culinary herb plants for you to grow. Choose from favorites such as basil, oregano, thyme, rosemary, sage, chives, spearmint, and parsley.



Hanging baskets will bring color to your patio or porch. With varieties suitable for sun or partial shade our baskets will bloom all summer.

As farmers, we enjoy sharing the skills of how to grow food in the home garden. Owner of Terhune Orchards, Pam Mount, will hold her Free Annual Herb and Garden Class on Saturday April 20, 1pm. Pam's class is a great way for home gardener to learn tips on growing and combining herb plants in the garden. Register at terhuneorchards.com.



Firefly Festival: June 30 4-9 p.m.

Kick off Summer with flickering fun! Live interactive music with Lolly Hopwood. Fun firefly crafts and activities. Yummy food, treats, and winery. Free admission!



Annual Pass for Tons of Fun!

SAVE BIG! Visit More! Want unlimited 2024 visits for one great low price? Spring, Summer and Fall season of festivals!

As a Season Pass Holder, you are welcome to the farm without worrying about reserving your time slot! Come for an hour or spend the afternoon with us! *Over 10 weekends of fun including: Kite Day – May 4 & 5, Blueberry Bash – July 13 & 14, Just Peachy Festival – August 3 & 4, Fall Family Fun Weekends* (September 14 & 15 through October 26 & 27) **Huge Savings — \$59.99** for unlimited fun! (One pass per person. Non-transferrable) Terhuneorchards.com/annualpass.

Plan an Educational (and fun) Farm Tour

Spring is a wonderful time for groups of all ages to visit the farm. Terhune Orchards was honored to be the first farm awarded the Jersey Fresh Farm to School Farmer Recognition Award for our programs in educating children about the importance of farming and eating fresh fruits and vegetables in New Jersey. Come and see what family farming is all about!



Terhune Orchards offers a variety of educational programs for pre-k to elementary students, teens, and adults, Spring, Summer and Fall. Each tour is adapted to match the age and interests of the group. All educational tours include an experienced educator as your guide around our working family farm on preserved farmland. Groups will enjoy a hands-on activity, use of play area, visit animal barn yard, children garden and snack.

Spring is a busy time for plowing and planting in the fields and greenhouse. School groups will learn about seeds and how plants grow, discuss pollinators, water, soil and make some new friends in the barnyard. Adult tours may add wine tasting and tasty farm treats as a package.

Tours are available by appointment from April through November. More information and rates at terhuneorchards.com/school-trips. Reserve your tour in advance by calling 609-924-2310.



Farm Friends Program

Shop for items you want at any of Terhune Orchards locations including farm store, Trenton Farmers Market, Princeton Farmers Market, West Windsor Farmers Market, all Pick Your Own crops! Instead of a standard CSA program where items are chosen for you and you pick up weekly, Terhune Farm Friends can shop when you want and for what you want!



Receive extra value on your card over the purchase price.

Purchase \$100 card – Bonus Value of \$108 (8%)

Purchase \$200 card – Bonus Value of \$220 (10%)

Purchase \$300 card – Bonus Value of \$345 (15%)

Get your card today! Available in the farm store or online www.terhuneorchards.com/product-category/specials

Spring is Coming

By Gary Mount

Each year when I write for this issue of our quarterly Terhune Orchards News I am excited and happy. I have written about spring before--probably many times — but each year is a new beginning. Winter is coming to an end; the days are longer and our trees, bushes and vines are beginning to wake up.



We have been pruning since November — all winter long. Every tree — apple, peach, cherry, and pear, every bush — blueberry and blackberry and every vine — table grape and wine grape, gets pruned every year. Apples are done first and the others follow. When pruning we adjust plant size, remove dead, unproductive, or broken branches and space out the remaining limbs so they receive the right amount of sunlight. With such an extensive list of work to do, the first pruning job each year is training those doing the work. We have 30,000 apple trees, 2,000 Peach trees, 2,000 cherry trees, 7,000 grapevines and 3,000 blueberry bushes to get through each year and they have to be done right! Last fall I purchased a large flat screen smart TV to install on one wall of our winery and I show training videos (usually from YouTube). It works great. I have even been able to find videos in other languages — Spanish for example — and am able to get videos made in



Host a Unique Private or Corporate Event at Terhune Orchards

Our farm is a wonderful location for making memorable events for small and large groups of friends, families, and co-workers. Reward employees and cultivate team spirit by holding a farm event filled with fresh air and activities. A visit to Terhune offers a relaxed atmosphere to share ideas, boost morale, and celebrate accomplishments.

Event spaces at Terhune Orchards are suitable for large or small groups looking for the perfect spot to work and play.



major growing areas such as Washington State. As I write, it is the end of February. Apples are finished. Peaches are nearly done. Cherries are underway and we are about to start grapes and blueberries. Spring is almost

here. Another job on our “To Do List” each year is to plan for the future of the business of Terhune Orchards. We are so pleased that our daughters Reuwai and Tannwen are committed to being the next farmers at Terhune. I am the 9th-generation of my family to farm in this area; they will be the 10th. Doing such planning is not easy but New Jersey’s farmland preservation program helps a lot. We farm 5 separate farms of 250 acres altogether and all of the land is restricted to farming — permanently preserved. New Jersey’s preservation program was created in the early 1980s. I had involvement in that then and for the next 20 to 25 years. I am glad that I did. As farmers operating on preserved land, our daughters will be able to see a permanence in their future. Now our job is to get the plans written down on paper.

We recently surprised our neighbors this winter by installing three more of the “Preserved Farmland” signs — these on our three farms on Van Kirk Rd. You might have seen this type of sign around the state, including the one on our home farm on Cold Soil Rd. The preservation on Van Kirk Road is not new — just the signs. I think that not everyone knew. Putting the signs up is a way we have of saying thank you. The preservation program is funded by tax dollars and we are grateful to our state, county, and town for thinking that preservation is a good idea. We think so, too.

Birthday Parties on the Farm

Our barnyard birthday parties are a unique way to celebrate with family and friends. Held in a special reserved area, enjoy two hours of fun farm activities during your big day.



Little ones will enjoy special access to our children’s playhouses. Your guests will enjoy fresh apple cider donuts and apple cider. Young ones will have a blast feeding our barnyard friends, playing in the barnyard play area and, and taking the pedal tractors for a spin. Each child takes home happy memories and a Terhune Orchards coloring book. Pony rides, wagon rides and special garden story-time and seed planting are available for an additional charge.

Spring and summer are the perfect time of year for an outdoor party on the farm. Enjoy the fresh open air and come celebrate your special day with us at Terhune. Make lasting memories here on the farm.

To reserve your date for a birthday party or for more information, visit www.terhuneorchards.com/birthday or call 609-924-2310.



Read & Pick Fun for Little Farmers

Spring is in the air! We invite our youngest farmers to experience life on the farm through fun, hands-on educational programs.

Our Read & Pick Program focuses on our crops and outdoor farm activities. This innovative program is an educational program with a story-time, highlighting a fruit or farm area and with a hands-on activity. Children get to pick our latest crops such as strawberries, cherries, blueberries, and flowers or participate in a craft activity. We offer two sessions at 9:30 and 11 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, late April – early October. See full schedule www.terhuneorchards.com/read-pick-program/ and registration.

Season Pass available! Purchase online only. Receive a free session and no need to make program reservations with Season Pass! Enjoy a season full of fun. Pass must be purchased by date of first session April 23.

For more information on creating a one-of-a-kind event for your group, email tmount@terhuneorchards.com or call 609-924-2310.



Calendar of Events 2024

Farm Store & Barn Yard Open Daily All Year

Saturdays & Sundays
Winery Weekend Music Series
(see box)

March 30 & 31 Bunny Trail
Spring Festival 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 19 Winery Trivia Night

April 20 & 21 Planting Palooza
Weekend

April 20 Read & Explore
Composting 10 a.m.

April 20 Pam's Herb & Garden
Class 1 p.m.

April 21 Earth Day Children's
Story & Planting Time 1 p.m.

April 23 Read & Pick Chickens
9:30 & 11 a.m.

April 26 Sips & Painting Winery
Evening 5:30-7:30 p.m.

April 27 & 28 Green Gathering
Weekend

April 27 Arbor Day Program
10 a.m.

May 4 & May 4 Kite Day
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 7 Read & Pick: Vegetables,
9:30 & 11 a.m.

May 10 Winery Trivia Night

May 11 & 12 Mother's Day Wine
Trail Weekend, 12-6 p.m.

May 11 Mother's Day
Planting Make n' Take
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

May 17 Sips & Make your Own
Planter 5:30 p.m.

May 18 & 19 Spring (Re)fresh
Weekend

May 21 Read & Pick: Growing
a Garden of Goodies, 9:30 &
11 a.m.

June 1 & 2, 8 & 9 Strawberry
Blast Weekends

June 7 Sunset Sips & Sounds
Kicks Off Every Friday 5 p.m. -
8 p.m. (see box)

June 4 Read & Pick Program:
Strawberries, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

June 11 Read & Pick Program:
Cherries 9:30 & 11 a.m.

June 13 Winery Trivia Night

June 15 & 16 Father's Day
Weekend Special at the Winery

June 22 & 23 Cherry Burst
Weekend

June 25 Read & Pick Program:
Monarchs, Swallowtails &
Honeybees, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

June 30 Firefly Festival, 4-9 p.m.

July 13 & 14 Blueberry Bash
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

More details on all events at www.terhuneorchards.com

Farm Store, Barn Yard & Farm Trail: Open to the public daily all year 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Winery and Tasting Room: Open Fri-Sun 12-6 p.m.

School and Group Tours: April through November, by appointment

Barnyard Birthday Parties: April through November, by appointment

Private and Corporate events: Year-round, by appointment

Pick-Your-Own Schedule

April – Asparagus

May – Strawberries

June – Sweet Cherries, Sour
Cherries, Blueberries

July – Blueberries,

Blackberries, Flowers

August – Blackberries, Flowers

September and October –
Apples, Pumpkins, Flowers

Call the Farm Store

609-924-2310

for info on the availability
of specific varieties



Enjoy live music and wine tasting & light fare in our Wine Orchard, open 12-6 p.m. No cover charge, families welcome.

April 20 Michael Montemurro

April 21 Jerry Steele

April 27 Bud Belviso

April 28 Allan Willcockson

May 4 (Kite Day admission tickets)
Meghan Carey

May 5 (Kite Day admission tickets)
Tookany Creek

May 11 Brian Bortnick

May 12 Chris P

May 18 Mark Miklos

May 19 Mike & Laura

May 25 Jerry Steele

May 26 Barbara Lin Band

May 27 (Memorial Day) Jeff Penque

June 1 Brian Bortnik

June 2 Audio Pilot

June 8 On the Fly

June 9 Kara & Corey

June 15 Jerry Steele

June 16 Chris P

June 22 Kingston Ridge

June 23 Kindred Spirit

June 29 Mike & Laura



Unwind at the Winery

Terhune Orchards Vineyard and Winery invites you to celebrate spring with lively atmosphere and an excellent variety of wines.

We produce 18 varieties of wine. Reds and whites are made from our own grapes and our fruit wines are created with an apple wine base made from apples from our own orchards. Each bottling is a little different depending on the growing season. We welcome you to come back and sample the new vintages.

Sample tasting flights, by the glass or a refreshing wine slushy as you gather with friends and family. Always family-friendly, everyone can enjoy the open space of the Wine Orchard located in our historic orchard of 100-year-old apple trees for the sights and sounds of a relaxing day on the farm.

Weekend Music Series, Spring series featuring local musicians on Saturdays and Sundays (see box for musicians) Enjoy local music each week

in a variety of styles including country, bluegrass and jazz. Join family and friends for wine and light fare.

Celebrate Mom with a fun day for the whole family during our Mother's Day Wine Trail Weekend on May 11 and 12. Moms receive \$2

off our tasting flights all weekend. Choose from one of our special flights of our award-winning wines. Enjoy live music both days and families are welcome.

Friday Fun – Sips & Make Your Own Planter May 17 5:30-7:30 p.m. Spring time is the perfect time for making herb and annual planters. Over Terhune wine have fun making your very own with owners Pam Mount and Reuwai Mount Hanewald. Price includes flight of wine and all materials needed. \$50 per person register.

Trivia Nights with DJ Iron Mike – 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 19, Friday, May 10, Thursday, June 13. Test your knowledge, have fun with friends, win prizes! No cover charge.

Sips & Paint – April 26 5:30-7:30 p.m. join us in the winery for an evening of painting and wine

tasting. Art instructor guides the group through a painting session, materials provided. Channel your inner Picasso as you enjoy included wine flight. \$55 per person register.

Sips & Sounds – Our music series returns on Friday evenings from 5-8 p.m June 7 through September 6. Start summer weekends off right by gathering with neighbors and friends with a glass of wine, light fare and local music.

Toast to Dads – Father's Day weekend June 15 and 16, dads also receive \$2 off our tasting flights. Join us for a game of cornhole in the wine orchard! Live music both days. Family will enjoy the whole farm.

The wine orchard is open Saturdays–Sundays from 12-6 p.m. and beginning Memorial Day weekend Friday-Sunday 12-6 p.m. Bottles of our wine are available every day in the farm store and the Trenton Farmers Market on Thursday- Sunday.



Sunset Sips & Sounds

Fridays 5-8 p.m. June 7-Sept 6

Kick-off the weekend with live Music, no cover, light dinner fare farm fresh made with Terhune produce.

June 7 Barbara Lin Band

June 14 Laundrymen

June 21 Jerry Steele

June 28 Bill O'Neal and Andy Koontz

July 5 Catmoondaddy

