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# TERHUNE ORCHARDS NEWS

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## Let's Go Fly a Kite May 3 & May 4

**K**ite 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 3 & May 4 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, diamonds and more. Or bring your favorite kite from home. There will be a rainbow of colors in every shape and size floating through the air above our orchards.

Listen to the sounds of Joah Blume on Saturday and Barbara Lin Band on Sunday as your kite dances in the wind; music will play from 12-4 p.m.

Have a great time playing on the farm. Special for this weekend, take a wagon ride around the farm 1-4 p.m. 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 spin on the pedal tractor track. Our sheep shearer will visit our sheep in the barnyard on Sunday for their annual trim.

Hungry kite fliers will find farm fresh lunch and snacks at the Farm Food Pavilion. Sample our spring menu items, country style chili, 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 own 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 all beauty the season has to offer.

Admission is required for 3 years and older. Special packages available and discounts, purchase online [terhuneorchards.com](http://terhuneorchards.com). For winery entry, admission tickets must be purchased.



## Pick-Your-Own Fun!

**I**n 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 a sign that Spring is truly here to stay.

Strawberry picking begins in late May and usually lasts 2-3 weeks depending on the weather. 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 down the rows for easy walking.

In June, cherry lovers rejoice because it is time for Terhune Orchards sweet and tart cherries to

be picked. Cherry season is very short. Don't be late!

Sign up at [terhuneorchards.com](http://terhuneorchards.com) for e-mail notifications and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates from the farm. Experience the fun of harvesting yourself!

Fifty years ago, the Mount Family began the journey of building and growing Terhune Orchards.  
This milestone wouldn't be possible without YOU!

**Thank You**

**SAVE-THE-DATE**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Community Celebration

**08.16.2025**

## 50 Years of Selling Apples

By Pam Mount



**T**o celebrate our 50th anniversary, I thought I would write about the story of selling apples. Gary and I bought Terhune Orchards 55-acre main farm in 1975. We didn't know much about apple farming. It has been an adventure.

Central to the farmstead is our apple barn (still painted red), built 5 feet above the surrounding land. The basement was apple storage, with a stream running through it and out to a ground-level pond. The stream kept the basement cool for the apples. This construction made sense 150 years ago, but not in 1975, so George and his brothers, who worked for Carrie Air Conditioning, upgraded to cold storage. The basement had stored a fair number of apple boxes, but not enough once we started planting more trees. New varieties and new types of trees turned out to be much more productive than the huge "old fashioned" trees that Mr. Terhune had planted. You can see some of these "antique" trees to the right of the driveway as you enter the farm.



Gary Mount making cider.

Once the apples were hand-stacked in the basement and cooled, a huge door would open in the floor "upstairs" in the store and boxes of apples were pushed up and out. Then we sorted small, medium, and large of each variety and lined them up on the floor. We started with a cigar box to hold the money after selling some apples. Soon Gary's brother Tim found an old cash register with a crank on the side. After a few years, we bought a neat (modern) cash register that actually added and subtracted for you.

Another thing we had to learn quickly was making apple cider. It seemed people loved Terhune Orchards' cider, but we had no idea how to make it. It didn't take Gary, his brother and friend long to arrange a renewed cider press and we were in business. Now we had more apples and cider to sell in our store and more customers. So, in 1985, we bought 27 acres of open land on Van Kirk Road, which we planted with new apple

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# Hop Over to Bunny Trail Spring Festival

Celebrate the arrival of spring at Bunny Trail Spring Festival: April 19 & 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

During this non-competitive event, children love to participate in our self-guided treasure hunt. Follow hand drawn clues around the farm for a spring adventure. Little ones can have fun participating in bunny themed craft activities and get to meet Terhune's own fluffy bunny rabbits.

Have a great time playing on the farm. Tons of children's games and activities. Enjoy live music. NJ Bubble Parties will have two



interactive shows each day. After following the bunny prints around the farm, hop over to the Farm Food Pavilion. It will be filled with farm goodies. Adults can visit the Terhune Orchards Vineyard and Winery.

Help us celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of spring on the farm.

Purchase tickets online [terhuneorchards.com](http://terhuneorchards.com). Special packages available for extra fun and discounts. Winery for weekend entry, admission tickets must be purchased. (Tickets required ages 3 and older.)



## Celebrate Summer at Strawberry Festival, June 7 & 8

Kick off Summer with strawberry season on the farm. Join us on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 & 8 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - a weekend party to celebrate these plump and juicy berries. Treat your family to a berry fun day!

Children will enjoy fun all around the farm. Special for this weekend take a wagon ride around the farm 1-4 p.m. Play on our tractors and playhouses. Say hello to our barnyard animal friends. Enjoy children's games and activities. Don't miss the hippity hop corral, rubber ducky race, hop scotch, apple basket bean bag toss and much more. Take a pony ride around the pasture. Have fun exploring the farm with our scavenger hunt. A day full of activities on Strawberry Festival!



Special Craft Activity - Celebrate summer with hands-on fun children's craft activities. (Available for an extra charge.)

NJ Bubble Parties will also have two shows each day. Be dazzled by bubbles of all shapes and sizes! Listen to live music by favorite local bands as you enjoy your lunch or farm fresh snacks. Bands play 1pm-4pm each day.

Pam's Strawberry Buffet features farm fresh treats for lunch, refreshing snacks or dessert.



Hamburgers, pork sandwiches along with traditional hot dogs and mac & cheese are on the menu. Try our hand scooped strawberry

ice cream, strawberry slush and strawberry rhubarb pie. The Wine Orchard under our historic apple trees will be pouring our award winning red, white and fruit-based wines by the glass.

Admission to Strawberry Festival is required (Ages 3 and older). Discounted in advance online. [www.terhuneorchards.com](http://www.terhuneorchards.com) Does not include Pick-Your-Own. Winery: for weekend entry, admission tickets must be purchased.



## Get Your Garden Ready

It is time for spring planting. Grown from seed and plugs in our greenhouse, choose from wide array of organic herb and vegetable plants along with colorful annuals. We have over 20 varieties of culinary herb plants. Hanging baskets will bring instant 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 Tannwen Mount will hold this free annual Herb and Garden Class on Saturday April 26, 10 a.m. This class is a great way to learn tips on growing and combining herb plants in the garden. Register at [terhuneorchards.com](http://terhuneorchards.com)

Our youngest gardeners join us on the farm May 10 - Mother's Day Planting Make n' Take 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: have hands-on fun making your very own planted gift. \$10 per child. [terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/mothersday](http://terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/mothersday).



2025

ANNUAL PASS

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KITE DAY

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

BLUEBERRY BASH

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Firefly Festival: June 29 4-9 p.m.

Flickering fun, food, crafts & activities

Lolly Hopwood interactive music and fun!

Free admission

## 50 Years of Selling Apples (continued from page 1)

varieties, hoping to sell the fruit as "Pick Your Own." Which was a way also to convince people to come and buy apples.

So now after 50 years, we are still innovating and trying new things. The apple barn - Farm Store as we call it now, is open year-round, with over 60 different crops more than the 3 we began with in 1975. Our daughters Tannwen and Reuwai have joined us here on the farm. The Mount Family continues to welcome the community to share in this adventure of farming.

[www.terhuneorchards.com/50th-anniversary](http://www.terhuneorchards.com/50th-anniversary)



## Plan an Educational (and fun) Farm Tour

Terhune Orchards offers a variety of educational programs for students 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 use of play area, visit animal barn yard, children's garden and snack. 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 booking at [terhuneorchards.com/school-trips](http://terhuneorchards.com/school-trips). Come and see what family farming is all about!



## Farm Friends Program

Save money and 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, 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](http://www.terhuneorchards.com/product-category/specials).

# Ladders

By Gary Mount



Not long ago, at the beginning of winter, I had time to reflect on our winter work here at Terhune Orchards. It was also the time we were getting ready to celebrate our 50th anniversary at the farm which we started here in 1975. And things are now sure different than they were. Nearly 100 percent of our original purchase had been planted in apples. Big trees, about 24 feet tall. And by the way, the trees where Terhune visitors now park are about 18 to 20 feet tall. These trees were planted at 30 trees per acre. Over the past years, trees have been removed and been replaced by other crops such as cherry, pear, peach, asparagus, blueberry, strawberry, flowers, blackberry, as well as by newer, more compact plantings of apples.

Finding the right types of ladders for pruning, thinning, and picking was difficult, 22 feet long was needed, strong but light enough to be carried from tree to tree. I had a favorite type of ladder made in New York, expensive, hard to find. And often damaged by trucking companies during delivery. Despite the negatives, these ladders were what we had to have. Pruning starts in December and finishes in April. Hard work — not so safe. In fact, once a curious driver ran off Cold Soil Road and knocked a worker from his ladder. Fortunately, no injury. But an unusual safety problem. I have replaced trees over the years, but my wife Pam asked that I remove no more big trees, save them for romance. Luckily, I have listened. The remaining big trees make a nice area for wine sales. We call it our Wine Orchard.

This winter has been a cold one. Fortunately, apple trees can withstand the near 0 temperatures that we have had. Blueberries, grapes, peach and blackberries are in the category of “maybe.” We will wait and see. Too low winter temperatures can kill the fruit buds on these crops that are awaiting spring. Our pruning of these crops will be guided by careful analysis of possible bud damage. Fortunately, daughter Reuwai and her group of sharp-eyed helpers will assume this task. The past five to eight years damage was not so bad. Other times were severe. One winter, for example, ended our growing of Merlot grapes. All of the Merlot plants were killed. Such is farming.

## Host a Unique Private or Corporate Event at Terhune Orchards

Our farm is a wonderful location for making memorable events for groups of friends, families, and co-workers. Reward employees and cultivate team spirit by holding a farm event filled with activities and farm fresh fare. 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. For more information on

Fortunately, we grow a great variety of crops with a great variety of winter hardiness. I’m often asked about winter damage to our crops. I answer as above.

Even though the big trees are mostly gone, there are still medium heights to be pruned. We have recently purchased a four-wheel drive self-propelled platform made by the ORSI company. From Italy, so great. We have found that Italian manufacturers are the most-clever in the whole world. Durability, not so much. We have had our problems. But all together, we get a lot of use out of our ORSI. The ladder and platform story is not, however, over. We have found new uses. Cherry, blueberry, blackberry and grape need to have bird netting stretched over the rows every year. As the crops ripen, bird damage becomes unacceptable. Cherries also need a plastic cover to keep rain from cracking the skins of the cherries as they ripen. The wooden ladders are not suitable. We cover 2 acres of blueberry, 3 acres of cherries and 9 acres of grapes every year using our ORSI!



## What’s Growing at Terhune Orchards

When we say we have fresh vegetables all year long, we really mean it. We pick fresh crops daily all year. We overwinter crops in low tunnels, grow crops in high tunnels and grow crops in our greenhouses. To keep ourselves organized and our faithful customers supplied with fresh vegetables, we have over 700 separate entries in our planting plan so we can have sequential and properly planned plantings.

Over the years, we find that a variety of growing styles and range of different crop varieties helps ensure longer growing seasons and more reliable supply. While we are harvesting all year around, we get especially excited to see the early spring crops such as asparagus.



creating a one-of-a-kind event for your group, email [tmount@terhuneorchards.com](mailto:tmount@terhuneorchards.com) or call 609-924-2310.



## Birthday Parties on the Farm

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.



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, taking the pedal tractors for a spin. Pony rides, and wagon rides are available for an additional charge.

Spring and summer are the perfect time of year for an outdoor party on the farm. Make lasting memories here on the farm.

To reserve your date for a birthday party or for more information, visit [www.terhuneorchards.com/birthday](http://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 crops such as strawberries, cherries, blueberries, and flowers or participate in a craft activity. We offer two sessions at 9:30am and 11am on Tuesday mornings, late April – early October. Full schedule and registration [www.terhuneorchards.com/read-pick-program/](http://www.terhuneorchards.com/read-pick-program/).



**Season Pass available!** Purchase online only. Enjoy a season full of fun. Pass must be purchased by date of first session April 22.



## Antique Car Show

Antique Automobile Club of America  
Mid-Jersey Region | June 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Running Boards, Rumble Seats, Three-on-the-Tree, Hand Crank Start, Spoke Wheels and Flat Windshields. This group of cars and trucks will take you back to a time before seat belts and cup holders were invented!



# Calendar of Events 2025

## Farm Store & Barn Yard Open Daily All Year

<b>Saturdays &amp; Sundays</b> Winery Weekend Music Series (see box)	<b>May 3 &amp; May 4:</b> Kite Day, 10 a.m. -5 p.m.	<b>June 6:</b> Sunset Sips & Sounds Kicks Off Every Friday 5-8 p.m. (see box)
<b>April 19 &amp; 20:</b> Bunny Trail Spring Festival 10 a.m. -4 p.m.	<b>May 6:</b> Read & Pick: Vegetables, 9:30 & 11 a.m.	<b>June 7 &amp; 8:</b> Strawberry Festival Weekend 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
<b>April 22:</b> Read & Pick: Growing a Garden of Goodies 9:30 & 11 a.m.	<b>May 8:</b> Sips & Flower Bouquet 5:30 p.m.	<b>June 10:</b> Read & Pick Program: Cherries, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
<b>April 24:</b> Sips & Make your Own Planter 5:30 p.m.	<b>May 10 &amp; 11:</b> Mother's Day Wine Trail Weekend, 12-6 p.m.	<b>June 12:</b> Trivia in the Winery 5 -8 p.m.
<b>April 26:</b> Herb & Garden Class 10 a.m.	<b>May 10:</b> Mother's Day Planting Make n' Take , 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>June 14 &amp; 15:</b> Father's Day Weekend Special at the Winery
<b>April 26:</b> Opening of Photography Show: "50 Years of Terhune Orchards" Princeton Garden Club. Through May 26.	<b>May 15:</b> Trivia in the Winery 5 -8 p.m.	<b>June 21:</b> Antique Car Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
<b>April 29:</b> Read & Pick Program: Chickens, 9:30 & 11 a.m.	<b>May 20:</b> Read & Pick Program: Farm Animals, 9:30 & 11 a.m.	<b>June 24:</b> Read & Pick Program: Green beans, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
	<b>May 29:</b> Sips & Succulent Gardens 5:30 p.m.	<b>June 29:</b> Firefly Festival, 4-9 p.m.
	<b>June 3:</b> Read & Pick Program: Strawberries, 9:30 & 11 a.m.	<b>July 12 &amp; 13:</b> Blueberry Bash 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**More details on all events at [www.terhuneorchards.com](http://www.terhuneorchards.com)**

**Farm Store, Bakery, 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, wine tasting, and light fare in our Wine Orchard, open 12-6 p.m. No cover charge (May 3 & 4, June 7 & 8 are admission festival days), families welcome.

**April 26 – Chris P**

**April 27 – Michael Montemurro**

**May 10 – Kingston Ridge**

**May 11 – Ragtime Relics**

**May 17 – Brian Bortnick**

**May 18 – Jerry Steele**

**May 24 – Michael Montemurro**

**May 25 – Barbara Lin Band**

**May 26 – Sarah Teti**

**May 31 – Audio Pilot**

**June 1 – Kindred Spirit**

**June 14 – Brian Bortnick**

**June 15 – Jerry Steele**

**June 21 – Chris P**

**June 22 – Michael Montemurro**

**June 28 – Audio Pilot**

**June 29 – Bill O'Neal & Andy Koontz**



Chris P

## Unwind at the Winery

**T**erhune 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 10 and 11. 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.



Trivia Nights in the Winery – May 15 & June 12, 5-8 p.m. Test your knowledge, have fun and win prizes with D.J. Iron Mike in the Terhune winery. Rounds will include categories such as General Knowledge, Entertainment, History & Geography, Sports, Name that Tune. Grab your team and come out for a fun evening! No cover charge, trivia kicks off at 6 p.m.

**Wine & Design** Join us for winery events this spring. Register in advance. Prices include wine flight and all materials needed. Additional wine and light bites are available.

*Sips & Make Your Own Planter April 24 5:30-7:30 p.m.:* Spring time is the perfect time for making herb and annual planters. Our herbs and annuals are grown in our very own greenhouse. Have fun making your very own with owner Reuwai Mount Hanewald. \$55 per person [terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/sipsplanter](http://terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/sipsplanter)

*Sips & Bouquet May 8 5:30-7:30 p.m.:* make flower arrangements in the winery. Perfect for the mother, grandmother or table centerpiece for Mother's Day Weekend. Includes mason jar, range of flowers, wine flight as you enjoy making spring arrangements. [terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/sipsflower](http://terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/sipsflower).

*Sips & Succulent May 29 5:30-7:30 p.m.:* In the winery, join owner of Bountiful Gardens Lisa Miccolis as she leads the class on make your own succulent gardens. Enjoy wine as you plant your own gardens. Register in advance. [terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/sipsucculent](http://terhuneorchards.ticketspice.com/sipsucculent).

**Sips & Sounds** – Our music series returns on Friday evenings from 5-8 p.m June 6th through September 5th. Start summer weekends off right by gathering with neighbors and friends with a glass of wine, light fare and local music. No music on July 4th!

**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.

After wine tasting, take a stroll on our farm trail, visit the barnyard, experience the fun of Pick-Your-Own or stop in the farm store for our farm fresh produce, baked goods and locally made gourmet items.

The wine orchard is open Saturdays – Sundays from 12- 6 p.m. and beginning Memorial Day weekend Friday-Sunday 12-6pm. 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 6–Sept 5**

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

**June 6 – ALBO**

**June 13 - Laundrymen**

**June 20 – Kindred Spirit Duo**

**June 27 – Ragtime Relics**



ALBO