



TERHUNE ORCHARDS NEWS

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FALL 2025

Fall Family Fun Weekends - 50 Years of Fun! Our 30+ fall festival activities & attractions Saturday & Sundays, Sept 6-Nov 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Experience the joy of fall on our family farm. We invite you to discover fun for everyone! Fall Family Fun Weekends are old-fashioned fun for folks of all ages. The festivals have served as a gathering place for family, friends, and neighbors for generations for 50 years. A full day of fun on the farm awaits the entire family.

Sept. 13 & 14 — 50th Apple Day — join us as we celebrate with activities and specials throughout the weekend.

Enjoy our 30+ fall festival activities and attractions every fall weekend: including Bubble Zone, rubber duck races, pumpkin painting, scavenger hunt and many more ways to have fun here on the farm. Be sure to stop by the barnyard to visit the animals and play area. Explore our fabulous mazes created with corn stalks and hay bales. Have fun playing on the pedal tractors and play area. Take a stop at the hippity-hop corral, hopscotch and old-fashioned games. Explore the hands-on fun in our discovery barn, little tots farm store and junior mechanics' shop.



Don't miss our Barn filled with Barnyard Ball Games, Football Toss, Barnyard Baseball, Pumpkin Bowling, Backlot Basketball. Kids can take a pony ride, too. Come early for wagon rides 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and stay for the fun, live music 12-4 p.m. each day.

Stroll the farm and enjoy fall. Pick Your Own Flower Patch is in bloom and enjoy our Pollinator

Trail, find out about all our beneficial pollinators that help us in farming.

Tasty farm treats: Pam's Food Pavilion has seasonal delights to the lunch menu. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, vegetarian chili, and other country fare. Don't miss our favorites: cider donuts, pies, and apple cider. Stop at our outdoor market for apple cider slush and hand scooped ice cream.

In our historic apple orchard, enjoy a tasting flight or a glass of red, white or fruit-based wine made from Terhune's own grapes and fruit. Our Apple Wine, made from Terhune apple cider, is absolutely perfect for the season.

Pick Your Own pumpkins are fall favorites at the farm. Choosing just the right pumpkin for your jack-o'-lanterns or decorations can be a family affair.

Have fun decorating your own pumpkin at the pumpkin painting station. Painting is included in fall admission with the purchase of a pumpkin.

The farmyard is filled with vibrant displays of colorful mums and pumpkins. The Terhune Orchards Farm Store and Outdoor Farm Market are filled with farm-fresh produce, baked goods, Terhune Orchards wine, pies and cider. Be sure to bring fall home!

Tickets required for entry to Family Fun Weekends and Winery, all guests 3 year & older. Purchase tickets online in advance for discounts and guarantee admission. Parking is free. Walk-up tickets available as capacity allows.

Continuing Traditions

By Pam Mount



The Mount family, 2025.

This year we celebrate our 50th Apple Day. Apple Day was a great idea that was the beginning of all the fall fun. We were new on the farm but anxious about selling everything we grew. Cold Soil Road was a really rural road. I got a call from the manager of Nassau Inn which was trying to get people to visit the Inn and asked if I would donate apples. It was a good idea so I tried it at the farm. One Sunday in September, we gave away apples to everyone who came. It was a good idea — Apple Day!

Once families discovered us, we had to figure out fun things for everyone to do. We had a few sheep so we added chickens, and more barnyard friends. Farm wagon rides around the orchards. I love cooking, so it was natural to offer food. Gary's mother made many pans of apple crisp with our neighbors, peeling apples by hand. The Dutch couple, Ado and Donnica living in Princeton, offered to make fried apple rings. I remember borrowing half a dozen electric frying pans from the neighbors to heat the oil — they were delicious. Kathy and Lisa Richards took over the apple ring station for many years. Make your own scarecrows became an Apple Day tradition.

Parking was at ETS with shuttle buses — great fun for young ones to ride on a Rick bus! Our family and neighbors all pitched in with Gary's brothers in charge of admissions and pick your own apples, Pam's sister & brother-in-law and cousins here every year pitching in, Carlana and Doug Sargent running the Weavers Guild show and craft fair. Apple Day began as Terhune Orchards began with our family and friends supporting our efforts here on the farm.

We now have two months of fun weekends and the traditions continue. We hope you can join us for the 50th Apple Day and all the fall weekends. Thank you for your support over the last 50 years and we hope you continue to make Terhune Orchards your family's tradition.

With Gratitude, The Mount Family

Fall Family Fun Weekends Music Schedule

- September 6: Meghan Cary
- September 7: Mark Miklos
- September 13: Stone Hearth
- September 14: Daisy Jug Band
- September 20: The Last Whippoorwill Bluegrass Band
- September 21: Mark Miklos
- September 27: Sourland Mountain String Band
- September 28: Mike & Laura Band
- October 4: Heavy Traffic Blue Grass Band

- October 5: Cold Soil Drifters
- October 11: Three to Get Ready with Bill Flemer
- October 12: ALBO
- October 18: Mike & Laura Band
- October 19: Meghan Cary
- October 25: Cold Soil Drifters
- October 26: Magnolia Street String Band
- November 1: Bakersfield
- November 2: Tookany Creek



Bill Flemer

Fall Family Fun Weekends:
Buy tickets in advance and save!
Special admission packages online!
Annual Pass:
Save Big – Come All Fall!
www.terhuneorchards.com

Pick Your Own Apples

Apple season officially begins at Terhune Orchards on Labor Day weekend with the opening of our Pick Your Own apple orchard at 13 Van Kirk Road. While it is the unofficial end of summer — we celebrate the beginning of apple season.

Our trees are dwarf varieties which make them the perfect height to pick for all ages. Apple varieties ripen at different times during the season, so try a different type each time you visit. No matter the variety, you'll love our fresh, juicy apples.



Throughout the season you can pick:

- Crimson Crisp:** crisp and so tasty
- Early Fuji:** eat this sweet, crisp apple right out of hand
- Empire:** juicy, medium tart
- Fuji:** very sweet, crisp, fresh eating, long storage life
- Gala:** crisp and sweet
- Golden Delicious:** sweet and crunchy
- Granny Smith:** tart, great for baking
- Honey Crisp:** juicy, sweet with a touch of tart, very crisp
- Jonathan:** crisp, mildly tart, great for pie
- McIntosh:** aromatic, cooks quickly, classic apple sauce apple
- Macoun:** very crunchy, fresh eating, salads and sauces
- Red Delicious:** sweet, juicy, low acidity
- Stayman Winesap:** our most popular apple, flavorful, tart, keeps well

Be sure to check our website www.terhuneorchards.com or call the farm store at 609-924-2310 to find out which varieties are available on the day you plan to visit. Pick your own apples are by the bag — everyone (4 years and older) must pre-pay for a bag at check in, small, medium, large size to choose from! Apple Picking 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weather permitting.



Pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins!



Find the perfect pumpkin in our pick-your-own pumpkin patch or choose one from the fall display in our farmyard. We have pumpkins in all sizes! During Family Fun Fall Weekends, paint your own pumpkin for free (with the purchase of a pumpkin) using kid friendly, washable paint. In the farm store, we have cheese pumpkins that are perfect for making your own pumpkin pies.



Gobble Up Local & Fresh Thanksgiving Dishes from Terhune Orchards!

Surround your Thanksgiving turkey with a cornucopia of side dishes and desserts made from vegetables and fruit grown right here at Terhune Orchards. Our own array of colorful squashes — acorn, sweet dumpling, delicata, butternut make wonderful festival dishes. Greens are abundant for sides and salads — kale, broccoli, spinach, lettuces and brussel sprouts.

Our freshly pressed apple cider and Terhune's own wines are the perfect drinks for a locally sourced Thanksgiving dinner.

For the main event-dessert! We have over 15 varieties of pies including your holiday favorites — pumpkin and apple. Mount family recipe — our deep-dish apple crisps, fruit breads, and cookies. Pre-order your Thanksgiving pies and crisps from Nov. 4-26.

The farm store is open late until 7 p.m. on Wed. Nov. 26. for your Thanksgiving shopping. On Thanksgiving Day the store is open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



From left, grandchildren Clay, Becket, and Haddie with a bunny.

Farm Girl

By Haddie Mount Washburn

Growing up at Terhune Orchards is super fun! There's always lots of things to do around the farm. One thing that's fun is the animals. Around the end of May, we got baby ducklings (in the mail!). You can see them in the old dog yard. In just about a month, maybe a little more, these ducklings have grown into big ducks that need a lot of space. Around the time we got the ducks, we also got super cute bunnies! My twin brother Clay was very excited because he's always wanted a bunny to play with, and now he has three! I got to name the bunnies, and we get to play with them, and cuddle them!

Another thing that's great about the farm is all the festivals, and all the fun activities at the festivals. Every festival is different and has different things to do. At the Kite Day Festival in early May, I get to fly my kite in a big open space. At the Firefly Festival in late June, I can make my firefly wings, and antenna. There's so much more to do at the other festivals, but it would take a while to write it all!

The last things that I like about the farm that I'm going to write down — is the food — and seeing the farm get bigger. There is super good food at the farm like the homemade cornbread and cookies, and farm-fresh produce! When I was younger, the farm store didn't have the big porch that it has now. Instead, there was a smaller porch. I remember that some of the farm cats, particularly Ginger Snap, would hide under the old porch! Now we have a big porch with a sitting area and a wheelchair ramp. Also, this year is the 50th Anniversary!



Always Learning

By Gary Mount

I have written before about the effects of weather on farmers' crops and their efforts to combat and control the effects of weather. However, there's an additional story to be told about farmers efforts to successfully grow crops, particularly in using advice and technology in farm assistance. I had not seen so much information about the agricultural extension program but long ago I remember being informed by my father that there was a "young man working in the orchard." This was my father's farm, Mount Farms orchard, on Route 1, where I grew up. The young man was Charlie Holmes. My father's orchard was unusual because it was a farm with one crop — apples. Charlie was an apple specialist. He was the "young man in the Orchard". He went on to be my mentor and my first agricultural extension agent here at Terhune Orchards.



People might not know about our extension system. It's a government sponsored system of advice for farmers. When Pam and I started farming in 1975, I knew that I needed to work hard at the farm but I needed help. Charlie was the Mercer County agricultural agent. He was paid by a combination of funding from Rutgers University and Mercer County, and he became the saving of our farm on Cold Soil Road. I remember the first few years that we farmed here. He would visit the farm several times a week.



He not only specialized in apples, but many other crops. I remember writing to him for pamphlets and advice about



growing pigs when I was an agricultural agent in the Peace Corps. I offered advice to Pacific Islanders in 1968. I was not a very skilled agent, but extension agents always have had my admiration. Having the suggestions that I offered become more accepted by the Islanders, because in part due to my pig experience. One idea that came to be accepted was coconut planting — that having plantings too close to each other lowers productivity overall. Giving advice on raising successful pigs led to general acceptance of my other ideas. For instance, having a general thinning of coconut planting became obvious when I went visited there about 20 years later and I got questions like "Why did the island have coconuts more plentiful and of better size?" The question was how did the Islanders know how to get to have such good coconuts. The answer is that it has something to do with agriculture extension 20 to 30 years before and to our success with Charles Holmes.

The extension on Satawal Island — and the extension on Terhune Orchards for more than 50 years — the advice of agents have helped our crops prosper.

Skip the Ordinary and Host an Extraordinary Corporate or Family Event at the Farm

Whether you're gathering employees for training or having an outing to build team camaraderie or gathering family and friends to celebrate a life event or milestone, Terhune Orchards is the perfect venue. Businesses, nonprofits and family groups looking for a unique setting to meet and connect enjoy spending the day at our picturesque family-owned farm.

We can accommodate small and large groups with a variety of activities and fare including apple and pumpkin picking, farm fresh treats, wine tasting, guided tours and team building activities.



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

Plan a Fall Farm Tour

Autumn is a wonderful time for groups of all ages to visit our outdoor classroom — a working family farm on preserved farmland. Our knowledgeable tour guides tailor each tour to group age and interest. From pre-school to school groups to homeschool groups and senior groups — we welcome all ages to enjoy learning about farming.

Fall tours focus on our favorite crop - apples! We explore our orchard and learn about how apple trees grow. Then we visit the pumpkin patch to learn about the differences between these two important fall crops.



All groups must make an appointment. Tours and Self-Guided visits are available by appointment, fall, spring and summer! Add pumpkin or apple picking to your tour for more fall fun. www.terhuneorchards.com/school-trips to schedule a visit.



Pie Fundraiser Program

Our pies are a unique fundraising opportunity. We bake them, you sell them — for a tasty profit that benefits your school groups, churches, charities and clubs.

With over 15 varieties to choose from, your fundraising campaign is sure to be a success!

Order a minimum of 25 pies and receive a discount. Call 609-924-2310 or email info@terhuneorchards.com for details.



Calendar of Events – Fall 2025

Farm Store & Barn Yard Open Daily All Year

Sept. 6 & 7: Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sept. 6 – Dec. 7: Annual Art Show “50 Years of Terhune Orchards”

Sept. 7: Art Show Opening Meet the Artist 1 p.m.

Sept. 9: Read & Pick: Tractors, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Sept. 13 & 14: 50th Apple Day Celebration Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sept. 20 & 21: Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sept. 23: Read & Pick: Scarecrows, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sept. 25: Winery Trivia 5-8 p.m.

Sept. 27 & 28: Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Oct. 7: Read & Pick: Pumpkins, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Oct. 4 & 5: Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Oct. 11 & 12: Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Oct. 18 & 19: Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Oct. 23: Personality Pumpkin Contest Entries Due

Oct. 25 & 26: Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Oct. 30: Winery Trivia 5-8 p.m.

Nov. 1 & 2: Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Nov. 4-26: Order your Thanksgiving pies & crisps

Nov. 20: Winery Trivia 5-8 p.m.

Nov. 26: Farm store open late until 7 p.m. for Thanksgiving shopping

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day, store open 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Nov. 28-30: Holiday Wine Trail Weekend, 12 – 5 p.m.



Personality Pumpkin Contest

Join in the fall fun. No-carve pumpkin contest. Decorate, paint, create. Submissions due by Oct 23 at the farm store. Voting takes place Oct. 25 & 26. Winners announced Oct. 30. Pumpkins on display through Nov 2. Winner receives \$75 gift card to Terhune Orchards.



Fall Art Show: “50 Years of Terhune Orchards”

The Annual Fall Art Show celebrates the farm’s 50th anniversary with a special themed exhibit: “50 Years of Terhune Orchards.” Held in Terhune’s historic 250-year-old barn, the show features original works by local artists inspired by the farm’s rich history and natural beauty.

On display from September 6 through December 7, this show includes a variety of visual art mediums. Don’t miss the Meet the Artists



Open House on Sunday, September 7 at 1 p.m. Free and open to the public.



More details on all events at www.terhuneorchards.com

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

Wine Orchard: Open Fri-Sun 12 – 6 p.m.

(admission tickets required during fall festival weekends)

Corporate and Private Events: By appointment, year round

School and Group Tours: By appointment, April through October

Barnyard Birthday Parties: By appointment, April through early November



Pick-Your-Own

September & October – Apples, Pumpkins, Flowers
Check website for info on the availability of specific varieties.

Two Terhune Locations

Main Farm (*farm store, winery, festivals, barnyard*) on 330 Cold Soil Road
Pick Your Own Apple Orchard on 13 Van Kirk Road

Find us at the Farmers Markets

Trenton Farmers Market, 960 Spruce St., Lawrenceville
Princeton Farmers Market, Hinds Plaza, Witherspoon St.
West Windsor Farmers Market, Princeton Junction Train Station



Estate Wines from Terhune Orchards Vineyard and Winery

September and October are busy months here in the vineyards and winery. The vines are heavy with grapes ready to harvest. After hand harvesting, the grapes are de-stemmed before being pressed. Next the juice moves to the large stainless steel fermentation tanks and closely monitored. Finally they are bottled and labeled, all right here on the farm.



Our estate-grown grapes produce 18 red and white wines that will please every palate. From full-bodied reds, to dry whites, to semi-sweet and fruit wines Terhune offers varieties everyone is sure to enjoy.

Enjoy our wines by the glass or tasting flights, located in the warmer season in our 100-year-old apple orchard and in cooler weather in our wine barn among our wine tanks. Seasonally choose refreshing wine slushy or a cup of hot mulled wine

(beginning mid-November). Light fare of cheese plates and homemade salsa and chips are available in the winery.

Winery Trivia nights continue, test your knowledge Thursdays 5-8 p.m., Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 20, Dec. 11. Please visit us November 28, 29, and 30 as part of the Garden State Wine Growers Association Holiday Wine Trail Weekend! The winery is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Our wines are available every day in the farm store, at the Trenton Farmers Market and online at terhuneorchards.com.

Admission tickets are required to access the winery on Fall Family Fun Weekends, no tickets required on Fridays or after our festival season.



Share a Taste of Terhune with Our Gift Boxes and Baskets

Share the local flavors you love by giving a gift box or basket from Terhune Orchards.

Filled with our own crisp, flavorful apples, our most popular baked goods and other delectable gourmet foods. We have an array of delicious options that make it easy to treat family, friends, co-workers and clients across the country or right here in town.

Available all year — view our gift basket and box selection in our online store at www.shop.terhuneorchards.com. Place your orders online, in the farm store or call (609) 924-2310.

