

2011 WHIDBEY ISLAND FARM TOUR

1 A Knot In Thyme (Open 10am-4pm Saturday and from 1pm - 4pm Sunday)

Jack & Wendy Rawls - 4233 DeGraff Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
(360) 240-1216 • www.aknotinthyme.com • aknotinthyme@verizon.net

A Knot in Thyme is a farm comprised of a 75+ year old holly orchard and an ever-expanding selection of specialty gardens. The "Quilted Garden" is an intricate pattern of fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers; the "Vertical Garden" explores raising gardens in small spaces; the "Miniature Garden" delights children; the "Courtyard" connects gardens with lavender, herbs and flowers. Ride our draft-horse-drawn wagon through the farm with special music; walk the orchard. **Demonstrations:** Drip Irrigation, Mulching, Wreath-making, Holly Growing, Vertical Gardening, Edible Landscaping. **Activities for the children:** Transplant a seedling for fall/winter gardening. The gift shop features dried florals, herbs, teas, jams and treats, décor, homemade soap, plant starts, Amish furniture, and more.

Directions: Located 2.9 miles south of Deception Pass or 4.2 miles north of the Oak Harbor Navy jet display. From SR 20, turn west onto DeGraff Rd The Farm is the first place on the right.

2 Laughing Ducks & Barking Dogs Farm (Saturday Only)

Karry Brooks - 3100 Hunt Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
(360) 679-2914 • www.laughingducksbarkingdogs.com

Laughing Ducks & Barking Dogs Farm was established in 2006. Currently we have 45 laying hens, 5 breeding turkeys and the farm namesakes, 7 Call ducks. We raise pastured poultry, including Heritage Turkeys, and one of the oldest breeds of hogs - the beautiful Berkshire. In late spring through fall our hens produce 2-3 dozen eggs a day, which we sell on the farm, at the Bayleaf and Oak Harbor Public Market. We have whole chickens and turkeys for sale at the farm. Come visit the hogs, watch the silly antics of the chickens, give some carrots to the horses. Shoutoff BBQ will be here featuring our meats.

Directions: SR 20 to Fakkema Rd turn right on Hunt Rd 2nd driveway on the left. Follow drive all the way to the back, our farm is on the right.

3 Island Bliss Alpacas

Dina Blackstone - 2839 Taylor Road
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
(360) 420-7130 • www.IslandBlissAlpacas.com

Island Bliss Alpacas is located in Oak Harbor and is home to 37 alpacas and 3 llamas. We are in the business of breeding alpacas with fine, dense and crimped fleeces characteristics, coupled with gentle dispositions. We have alpacas for sale - from fine breeding stock to fiber animals to companion males. The farm store features alpaca-related clothing and products, hand-spun yarn, and fiber for hand-spinners and fiber artists. There will be spinning, weaving, felting and other fiber processing demonstrations throughout the day. Come and hand-feed animals and feel their fabulous fleeces!

Directions: From SR 20, turn East on Fakkema and go about 1 1/2 miles, then turn South on Taylor Rd for about 1 mile. Farm is on the corner of Taylor and Mounts, just South of Silverlake.

4 Case Farm

Mike and Sheila Case-Smith - 98 Case Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
(360) 675-1803

Case Farm is a very rustic 113-year old family farm. Purchased in 1898, it continues to be home to multiple generations of Case descendants. Currently we produce beef calves, hay, grain and vegetables and plants which we sell at local farmers' Markets during the Summer. In Fall, we celebrate Harvest with our U-Pick pumpkin patch, our farm animals and sales of many kinds of winter squash, onions and other produce. During the Farm Tour, people can take a self-guided walk around our growing fields. Family members will be available to discuss farm history and production methods.

Directions: The Case Farm is located just north of Oak Harbor, off SR 20 at mile marker 34 near the intersection of SR 20 and NE Regatta Dr. Go down Case Rd 1/2 mile to the farm. Parking is on the left.

5 Penn Cove Horsemanship Center (Saturday Only)

Jennifer Roberts - 27569 SR 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
(360) 969-1135 • www.pchorses.com

The Penn Cove Horsemanship Center is dedicated to horse boarding and riding lessons. Our focus for the horses is to keep as much of a natural environment as possible. Our goal for our students is that they become confident at handling and riding horses and develop a love and respect for the animal. We pride ourselves on the cleanliness of our facility which includes mud management and manure composting. Jennifer Roberts, trainer, is the only certified barefoot trimmer on Whidbey Island and also practices the MIST METHOD, a new form of equine body work that promotes emotional and physical healing in horses. Guided and self-guided tours available.

Directions: Located on SR 20, 3.5 miles South of Oak Harbor or 6.5 miles north of Coupeville. Situated between the Rolling Hills housing development and the small white church.

6 Bell's Farm (Saturday Only)

Dorothy Mueller - 892 West Beach Road, Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 678-4808 • www.farmfoody.org

This family run farm started in 1946 and has been producing fresh market strawberries since 1948. We now have fresh sustainably grown vegetables for sale at the farm and at local farmers' markets. We will have potatoes, spinach, chard, corn and other fresh vegetables available, depending on weather conditions. There is a possibility of everbearing strawberries. 3 Sister's Cattle Company will have their grass-fed beef products for sale. **Directions:** From SR 20 north of Coupeville, turn west onto Libby Rd (look for the Ebey State Park sign). Take the 2nd paved road to your right (West Beach Rd.) and go to the top of the hill. Our farm is located on your right. Watch the signs for parking.

7 Lavender Wind Farm

Sarah Richards - 2530 Darst Road, Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 678-0919 • www.lavenderwind.com • sarah@lavenderwind.com

We sell lavender in lots of forms, including dried lavender, essential oil, food items, lotions & soaps and offer nursery plants that include lavender, herbs, and flowers. Come collect tips on how to grow and use lavender, and learn how to prune plants, process dried lavender, and watch us distill lavender essential oil. Lavender snacks will be available as you view the Strait of Juan de Fuca from the lavender labyrinth. Go to www.lavenderwind.com/events.html for current event information.

Directions: About 3 miles north on SR 20 after the light at Coupeville (or about 6 miles south of Oak Harbor) turn on Libby Rd Turn right onto West Beach Rd Go 1/2 mile and take a left on Darst Rd Then you'll see the sign for Lavender Wind Farm.

8 Sherman's Pioneer Farm Produce (Saturday Only)

Dale Sherman - 172 S. Ebey Road, Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 678-4675 • shermanspioneerfarmproduce@frontier.com

Come explore the rustic relics and experience the agriculture operation; more squash and pumpkins than you can imagine. Tour with Dale and Liz to learn the history of Pioneer Farm on Ebey's Prairie. Ride the trolley, visit the cattle and enjoy the most spectacular view of the Olympics. Tours every hour from 10-4 on Saturday, September 17. Open weekends, 10-4 through October. **Directions:** From the north - Follow SR 20 south, turn right onto Ebey Rd From the south - take SR 20 north, turn left onto Ebey Rd Once on Ebey Road, the Sherman's house is the 3rd on the right, with lots of old farm equipment in the front.

9 Prairie Bottom Farm

Wilbur and Julieanna Purdue - 293 Engle Road, Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 632-5762 • www.prairiebottomfarm.com

Prairie Bottom Farm is a small, family-run, market garden located in the heart of Whidbey Island's Ebey's Reserve. We provide affordable, locally-grown, hand-crafted seasonal produce (from Artichokes to Zucchini), free from pesticides and herbicides to local farmers' markets, to our CSA members and to local restaurants. The farm store will sell seasonal produce, storage garlic, potatoes, beans, squash, pie and eggs on the Farm Tour. **Demonstrations and Activities:** "Thrashing" Rockwell and other drying beans, garlic planting, pumpkin scabbing, a tour of the garden and an opportunity to feed the chickens and geese. **Directions:** At the traffic light on SR 20, turn south at South Main Street in Coupeville and go approx. 1.15 miles. South Main Street will become Engle Road. Farm is located on the left side of the road at the gray barn.

10 Greenbank Farm & The Greenbank Farm Training Center

Sebastian Aguilar, Farm Manager - 765 Wonn Road, Greenbank, WA 98253
(360) 222-3171 www.greenbankfarm.com

The historic 1904 Greenbank Farm represents an Island community's values of conservation and preservation. Under a newly focused mission to cultivate farmers, food and community, Greenbank Farm provides a place to explore renewable energy, low impact development, and sustainable agriculture. At the Greenbank Farm Training Center, participants engage in training programs to develop skills in sustainable land stewardship, organic crop production and small business administration. The Training Center farm raises top-quality produce for a 50-member CSA program, the Sunday Greenbank Farmers' Market and other outlets around the Island. Farm volunteers and farmers will be offering tours and information about the Greenbank Farm, Training Center garden, as well as selling our produce in season.

Directions: From SR 525, turn east on Wonn Rd Turn left into the farm.

11 Pronkin' Pasture Alpaca Ranch

Ron and LeeAnna Jorgenson - 2582 North Bluff Road, Greenbank, WA 98253
(360) 678-0481 • www.pronkinpastures.com

Pronkin' Pastures is home to 25 huacaya alpacas and a rescue llama. Raised as breeding stock and fiber animals, alpacas are considered earth-friendly and an ideal small farm animal. See how alpaca fiber is harvested, sorted and processed. See how their manure is composted and used in our garden. Visit our farm store featuring alpaca products including raw fiber and roving for handspinners, commercially processed and handspun yarns, and alpaca-related clothing and products. Self-guided tours, educational displays, spinning and fiber processing demonstrations, and great photo opportunities await you!

Directions: From SR 525, turn east at Wonn Rd Turn left on North Bluff Rd and follow approximately 1 mile. Turn left up the gravel easement road just before the Pronkin' Pastures alpaca sign.

12 Strawfield House (Saturday Only)

John and Aracely Knox - 2604 North Bluff Road, Greenbank, WA 98253
(360) 678-1747 • www.strawfieldhouse.com

Strawfield House & Farm is a new farm in Greenbank on 5-1/2 acres of south-facing meadows, surrounded by woods. The previous owners built the house using a straw bale design. We purchased the property in 2006 with the plans of creating a Micro farm with a wide diversity of crops. Explore our new plantings, including a small orchard, a table grape vineyard, berries, roses, an herb garden, a small field of lavender and a field of row crops. We have laying chickens and are raising heritage Bourbon Red turkeys. We hope to feature Lavender-garlic bouquets, fresh eggs, vegetables, fresh and dried herbs, dried beans and a variety of winter squash for the farm tour market. **Directions:** From SR 525, turn east at Wonn Rd Turn left on North Bluff Rd Less than 1 mile from the Greenbank Farm.

13 M-BAR-C Horse Ranch (Scavenger Hunt for Children)

Dale Kerslake - 5264 Shore Meadow Road, Freeland, WA 98249
(360) 331-6019 • www.m-bar-c.org

Home to The Forgotten Children's Fund, this beautiful 50-acre ranch is in the business of producing smiles! We offer a Ranch Experience Program to special needs children and other qualifying groups. We also hold summer Horse Camps and give riding lessons. An old-fashioned Western Village and Children's Educational Garden provide a fun place for children to explore. We have 20 equine partners, including miniature horses, drafts, a donkey and a mule.

Directions: From Hwy. 20, head west on Bush Point Road in Freeland. Just as you go down the hill into the valley, Shore Meadows Road will be on your right. Follow the signs down and to your left.

14 Olympic Mist Farm

Lynn Sheffield and Dale Schmidt - 5105 Tuition Place, Freeland, WA 98249
(360) 331-1998 • www.alpacanation.com/olympicmistfarm.asp

Olympic Mist Farm sits high atop Goss Ridge with sweeping views of the Olympic Mountains and is home to an ever-growing herd of happy and friendly alpacas. Take a self-guided tour of our pastures, outbuildings, composting bin, and small-space kitchen garden. Our farm shop, "The Whorling Dervish," sells a variety of alpaca and other fiber animal products as well as unique gifts. Visit a fiber studio complete with loom, spinning wheel and work space for felting and fiber dyeing. Some of the Island's best fiber artists will be available to answer questions and demonstrate their craft.

Directions: From SR 525, turn north at the traffic light on Main Street in Freeland. At the stop sign near the U.S. Post Office, turn left at East Harbor Road and go approx. 2 miles. Turn right at Goodell Rd., then right at Goss Ridge Rd At the top of Goss Ridge Rd turn right at Tuition Place. We are the first home on the left. Parking is along the street - please leave room for other cars to pass.

15 Chocolate Flower Farm

Marie Lincoln - 5040 Saratoga Road, Langley, WA 98260
(360) 221-2464 • www.chocolateflowerfarm.com

Chocolate Flower Farm is a specialty nursery with an emphasis on dark colored plants. We have display gardens and a retail shed for the products that we make on the farm. We also have a candle-making shed where we make our famous chocolate candles. Products for sale will include our plants, seeds, candles and chocolate-infused body products. Our display gardens include a chocolate vanilla swirl garden, a Neapolitan garden, a chocolate-chocolate-chocolate garden, a Chocolate French Kitchen Garden with edible chocolate vegetables and flowers.

Directions: From Hwy 525, turn at Bayview Road and go approximately 3 miles to Langley. Turn left on DeBruyen (at the church) and then turn left onto Saratoga Road. Go 4/10 mile and turn left into the farm.

16 Comfort Farm & Vineyard

Carl and Rita Comfort - 4361 Witter Road, Langley, WA 98260
(360) 221-4912 • www.comfortsofwhidbey.com

Comfort Farm and Vineyard is a 22-acre farm growing 4 acres of wine grapes which we use to make our estate wines. Our wines are made from 100% local Whidbey Island grown grapes. Our winery/tasting room will be open during the farm tour and we have a picnic area so bring your lunch and enjoy. We will have cows, chickens and llamas. We also have beehives and if it's a good year for honey, we will have some for sale.

Directions: From SR 525, turn onto E Surface Rd go 1.5 miles. Turn left at Bob Galbreath Rd which will become Wilkinson Rd go 2 miles. Comfort Farm and Vineyard will be on your right between Witter Rd and View Rd.

17 Langley Vineyard Farm / Spoiled Dog Winery (Saturday Only)

Karen Krug - 5881 Maxwellton Road, Langley, WA 98260
(360) 661-6226

www.spoiledlogwinery.com

Langley Vineyard Farm is a 25-acre working family farm and home of Spoiled Dog Winery. We produce award winning wines from our Pinot Noir grape vineyard and our apple and pear heritage orchard (Pomo di Moro wine). We also raise and sell grass-fed beef, hay and chicken eggs. You will see cows, llamas, bees, chickens and horses and best management practices in use. Enjoy children's activities, sample local Whidbey Island Little Brown Farm goat cheese, purchase local produce from Whidbey Green Goods and enjoy live music. **Directions:** Hwy 525 to Maxwellton Rd Turn south on Maxwellton, go 1/4 mile to farm road entrance (marked with a rainbow flag), turn left into entrance.

18 Fern Ridge Alpacas (Scavenger Hunt for Children)

Gretchen & Hal Schlomann - 7343 Holst Road, Clinton, WA 98236
(206) 778-9619 • www.fernridgealpacas.com

Our farm is located in the historic Glendale logging camp area and features a worker's cabin from the 1900s. Pet and feed our friendly alpacas and guard llamas. See how raw fiber becomes yarn and yarn becomes cloth with carding, spinning and weaving demonstrations. Try your hand at needle felting. Experience our farm store in a yurt which is stocked with yarn, rovings, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and duvets all made from luxurious alpaca fiber. Learn about pasture management, composting techniques and practices you can use to help protect your watershed.

Directions: From SR 525 turn south on Deer Lake Rd and follow approx 1.5 miles to where it joins Holst Rd (Deer Lake turns sharply right). Continue straight on Holst Rd about 1.9 miles and turn left onto gravel road and follow through the trees to the farm.

