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With some added pluck,

we came up with this easy way to click (er, cluck) your way back to the farm in between magazine issues. As with any fertile hen, we prefer to accomplish our work with regularity, on a daily basis. That's why, if you sign up to join our chatroom, **The Farmgirl Connection**, you'll be chatting away in no time, reading about each month's Farmgirl of the Month, joining swaps, bartering and bargaining all things collectible, and celebrating things like Apple Pie Sunday and Farmgirl Jubilee. Together, we find our way back to our farmgirl roots, back to healthful eating, and starward to our dreams. A sisterly cyber hug awaits you. Subscribe, join in, and sign up today!

"I love spring
anywhere, but if I
could choose, I would
always greet it
in a garden."

– Ruth Stout

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– MaryJane Butters of MaryJanesFarm



Hello from Sister #1,
True Blue Farmgirl MaryJane.

News from the Farm

When life hands you a pandemic, feed people. So, feed people we did. Toward the end of March, our daily food sales didn't just double or triple. Or quadruple. They spiked overnight by 1000%. In can-do fashion, everyone here was assigned new jobs and two former employees showed up to help. It was the proverbial all-hands-on-deck. Eventually, we listed most of our food items as "temporarily unavailable" on our website and concentrated on filling the orders that had come in, an 8"-high stack of paper.



As I write this, it's been three days since we shipped the last of what we call our surge orders. And like everyone else who has had their lives turned upside down, I have no idea what the future holds, other than we hope to continue to feed people (which meant for me taking on several additional jobs like customer service, inventory management and procurement, on and on). Our plan right now is to get our gardens planted, do some laundry, recuperate, and then turn things back on and off, like a faucet, based on how much food we can reasonably package in a day.

So, for this issue, Cydnie volunteered to write, design, and /love our Sister Issue.

MaryJane ❤️

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P.S. I'd like to share with you a snapshot of where we were three weeks ago. Below is an e-mail I sent out to the people who'd placed orders and then never heard anything back from us, for one week, two weeks, three weeks. I've also included a select few of the *many* e-mails I received in response. Am I impressed by how gracious and patient everyone was? Absolutely! When life hands you a pandemic, get ready to experience love unfiltered, kindness that is soothfast.

I wanted to give you an update on your order(s) and some context as to our efforts and timeline.

We are slowly falling behind our projections for how much we can reasonably package and ship every day, given our inability to bring on additional help and our frustrations with the Internet, truckers gone missing, etc. But as of today, we have a rock-solid inventory and will have no problem filling all the orders we have accepted to date.

Week before last, we out-of-stocked most everything on our website so we can give filling orders our everything, and even though we have a "Notify me when this becomes available" feature for every meal, we're getting calls and e-mails now about when our food will be back in stock. Every time we need to respond to someone, we lose time. If your query is about a particular order, I have to find where your order is in our lineup; ask my son, Brian, when he thinks your order will be filled; and then either call or e-mail everyone who asked (I should add that I DO totally get needing reassurance on an order approaching four weeks old).

We're working 7 days, 16 hours each. Below is a photo of our loading dock after putting in a long day on Easter Sunday. To those boxes, we added double that again on Monday. UPS had to send an empty truck to get it all, and Cydnie, our graphics designer, took a selfie, her car packed to the ceiling during her daily run to load a cart on the dock at the back of our local post office. It truly is all-hands-on-deck, and we are doing our very best.

Thank you for your patience and your trust in us. We will ship your order, I promise.

Right now, we're shipping orders that came to us the week of March 16. Once we create a label for your order(s), you'll get a confirmation e-mail with tracking information.

P.S. Thank you for the patient and kind tone of your e-mails. It is much appreciated!



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Hello,
Thank you so much for the e-mail, and thank you and your team for your very hard work during such a difficult time. I hope all are safe and doing well. I know it will be worth the wait. Take care and wish you all the best.
- Gary

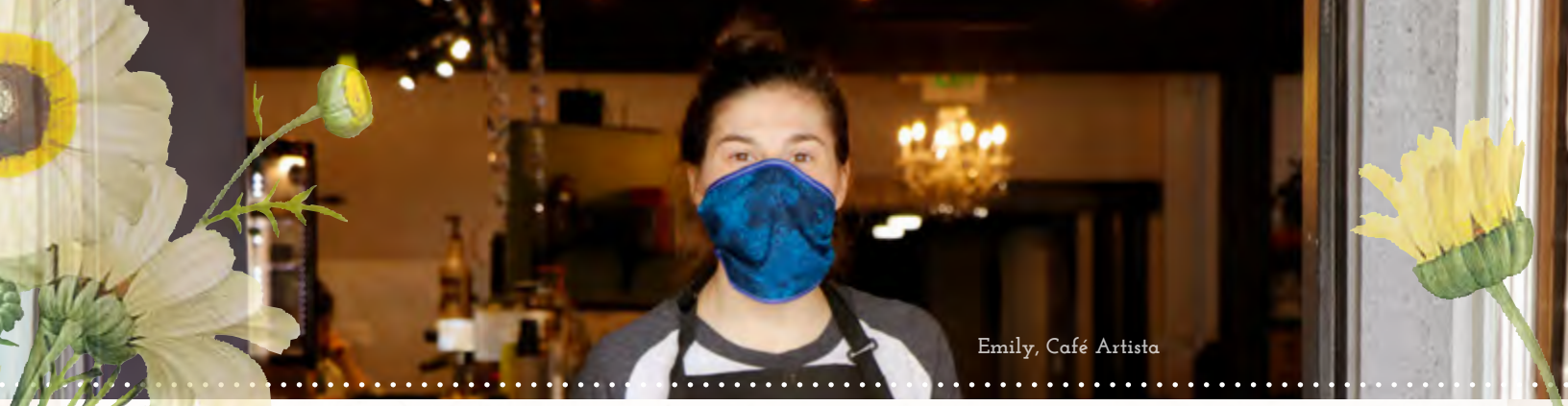
Hi MaryJane,
Thank you for the detailed update, and I am happy to hear you are all safe. Thank you very much for working so hard as well to get orders out! Knowing that someone else is out there helping my family get to a level of food security is highly comforting. Thank you again for the amazing food, amazing customer service, and providing so much comfort.
- Fadi

Love your e-mail, and not to worry, the situation is totally understandable. I knew my order would take a while, and I'm fine with waiting till it's ready.
- Ellen

Awesome job! Appreciate your efforts in this tough time. Thank you.
- Scot

No worries, we completely understand. Take care of yourselves and your employees!
- Dan





Emily, Café Artista

Small Business & Essential Employee Appreciation

Our little community in Moscow has a vibrant sense of diversity that's made up of farmers, students from all over the world, entrepreneurs starting from the ground up, and so many people that bring something special to our humble town. We may be often overlooked for our slow-paced lifestyle and simple pleasures like Saturday farmers' markets and Sunday brunch, but our greatest strength is our sense of community. Moscow is a place where strangers smile at you as they walk down the street and there is humble opportunity for those who look for it.



Cydnie Gray, Farmgirl #2396

Since moving to Moscow in the summer of 2012 to attend the University of Idaho, I've come to adopt this area as my home. I enjoy spending my time serving as a board member for a local non-profit, painting commission artwork, practicing photography, hiking, rock climbing, and finding ways to get involved in my community. After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Studio Art and Design, I excitedly joined the MaryJanesFarm team and discovered a vibrant community of organic-minded, Earth-passionate, and supportive women. I've come to realize, to live life inspired is what it means to be a part of the Sisterhood.



Indira, USPS

Integral to our town are all the small businesses that provide Moscow with its unique flavor. Small businesses are the backbone of towns like ours, because not only do they give us unique personality, but small businesses turn around and invest in the communities they are a part of. They feed us, they connect us, they share with us experiences we otherwise would not have—experiences that improve our general well-being and provide us with the simple pleasures and necessities in life.

Small businesses are made up of caring and dedicated individuals that bring with them a sense of pride and community to their work. It's times like these that we need to give credit where it is certainly due and recognize their diligent work.

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United States Postal Service

All the essential businesses that have continued operations through this pandemic deserve all of our respect, gratitude, and appropriate recognition for their services during this time. They are doing what they can to keep our citizens cared for and fed, to keep our systems running, and to provide essential services to all those in need of them. Of those essential businesses, our United States Postal Service continues to act as our most important circulatory communication system so that we may stay connected. As most small businesses are forced to shutter their doors, close their physical spaces, and adapt to online commerce, the USPS provides an essential avenue for small businesses to maintain their connection to their customers.

The team members at our local post office have taken steps to reduce potential exposure by adhering to social distancing guidelines, limiting the amount of people allowed in the lobby at any given time, observing strict hygiene and sanitation protocols before and after each customer, and installing physical barriers to help protect customers and employees alike.

Every day, I pack my car to the ceiling and take the haul of MaryJanesFarm orders to the post office. And every day, I'm greeted with a smile at the loading dock by Pat or Indira. Everyone is working tirelessly as we're seeing more traffic via USPS mail services. But if there is one thing that's certain, through rain, shine, snow, and global pandemic, the USPS continues to power through and keep our communities connected.

Tom, USPS



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Courtney & Quintin,
Revolver



Revolver Culture Co.

Ever heard of Revolver Culture Co.? They're the new kid on the block, and they've brought a lot of flavor to Moscow since opening in December of 2019. The essence of Revolver Culture is what goes around, comes back around, giving a second or third or fourth chance to quality goods that were made to last. Revolver is a breath of fresh air for those tired of fast fashion and disposable, poorly made items. The owners and curators, Courtney Sieben and Quintin Russomano, bring a sense of lasting revival to town with their vintage boutique and record store. Fierce advocates for clothing-repair trends like visible mending, they understand what it means to own your style and breathe life into vintage culture.

What Revolver offers Moscow is a thoughtful style with unapologetic personality. It's a creative hub for fashionistas and music aficionados alike. Every item has a story to it, and the record collection is a carefully curated selection offering the very best in classic and eclectic tunes. They've also been a place for creative minds to converge. Not only have they hosted local artists, but they turn their sales floor into a music-show venue and even host improv jam sessions. As they've adapted to online sales to respect stay-at-home measures, they've also taken the time to repurpose vintage fabrics from their collection to sew face masks for those who need them, a bright testament to their sense of community.



The Storm Cellar

Since its opening in 2009, the Storm Cellar has become a Moscow staple in giving a new life to previously-loved items. Owners Austin and Laura Storm have made it their goal to provide a place where people can take part in essentially a community-wide clothing exchange. Their consignment model is incredibly simple, where 50% of the sale goes back to the consigner.

The Storm Cellar isn't just a place to satisfy your retail-therapy urges, though it surely does that well, it's also a treasure trove of unique items. You might not know what you're looking for, but chances are, they've already found it and have made it available to you. Shopping at the Storm Cellar is like refilling your creative battery. Their attention to detail in creating an environment saturated with creativity is apparent when you peep at their fitting rooms. A creative person himself, Austin has taken the

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opportunity to turn the aesthetic of their establishment into an avenue to showcase his collectors items, like vintage keys and a delightful assortment of clothing tags. It's an exhibition that's certainly inspired me to take a second look at my own clothing tags and recognize the subtle artistry there.

The Storm Cellar has shifted to exclusively online sales during these times to respect the new guidelines in place. You can purchase your favorite clothing items, puzzles, posters, décor items, etc. online and have them shipped directly to your home. I think it's safe to say that the Storm Cellar has clothed or decorated a majority of the people and homes on the Palouse, and they will continue to do so for years to come.

Café Artista

Café Artista is a cozy, welcoming place where coffee and art meet. A true example for small business, Café Artista is family-run by Bev and Lisa Bafus. Not only do they serve locally-roasted coffee, they also make most of their pastries and food items in-house and with love. Their breakfast sandwiches are made from scratch and held between utterly delicious, wonderfully flaky biscuits from a recipe passed down from Lisa's great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Baer.

Café Artista is not a cut-and-dry coffee shop. This is a lively place where community members, university students, and traveling folk converge to exist in an open and creative space while enjoying a deliciously prepared cup (or two) of coffee. What makes Café Artista so special, besides their humble roots, is that they are a wonderful advocate for their community. They provide a space for local artists and craftspeople to publicly display their work and give them a place to sell their creations. Not only are they a strong source of local advocacy, they also use their platform as a small business to support causes that affect people nationwide and globally.

After a brief closure, Café Artista opened back up for walk-up and curbside take-out. They've started selling t-shirts with the promise that, during the first two months after opening their dine-in services, anyone sporting this t-shirt will get a free drip coffee. They're currently remodeling to further improve their dine-in experience and have their sights set on the future.



Emily, Café Artista



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Katie, Maialina

Maialina

A genuine vanguard for regional sourcing, dedicated to providing a dining experience infused with excellence, Maialina is the epitome of small and local. Owners and operators George Skandalos and Carly Lilly strive for excellence with whatever endeavor they take on, and Maialina is no exception. Their menu features “Neapolitan pizza and rustic Italian cuisine” using deliciously fresh ingredients supplied by local farmers, ranchers, and growers. They proudly display the names of their local purveyors and explicitly list out each ingredient they bring to the table. This sort of transparency shows how important it is for the customer to know that local really means local, and that supporting their community means a great deal to them.

At Maialina, it feels like the dining experience is an art form, and every detail has been thought through, no stone has been left unturned. Simply walking through those doors, you know that they love what they do, which allows them to do it exceptionally well. The people that make up Maialina go above and beyond what is necessary to deliver an experience worth having.

Even during this tumultuous time, the staff at Maialina continue to uphold that promise to excellence while adapting to the changing demands. The food remains just as high quality, but now they’ve adapted to the community needs to provide curbside pickup and even delivery.

If you’re looking for an example of the level of thought that goes into this small business, look to Caroline. When she heard of a couple who placed an order for their wedding that had just taken place, she decided to surprise them with a complimentary bottle of champagne entwined with clippings from the bleeding heart plant out front and a handwritten note offering congratulations to the newlywed couple. The thought and love that goes into their work shows abundantly and makes Maialina and their staff a shining gem of Moscow.



Jayson, Maialina



Lexi, Maialina

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Moscow Food Co-Op

If there is one place in town where local, organic, and community come together, it would certainly be at the Moscow Food Co-Op. As a cooperatively owned grocery store, the Co-Op is truly committed to providing our town with the resources that fuel natural and conscious lifestyles. From their locally sourced products to their community events to all of their widespread contributions, you can feel that care and quality are important.

When you see the steps they've taken to protect their customers and employees alike, that care and quality is obvious. While these days are filled with constantly changing guidelines, the Co-Op is seemingly one step ahead. Not only have they implemented strong sanitation practices, they've also taken the time to set up online ordering paired with curbside pickup for their customers. This ensures that those most vulnerable can still have access to quality food without ever needing to step foot in the store. That dedication to their customers' health and safety is exactly what makes the Co-Op such a warm presence in our community.

The wholehearted team members willing to go above and beyond make the Co-Op the warm, inviting place that we all know it as. The team members are truly a stand-up bunch and continue to do their jobs as the conditions continue to evolve. And though they're all wearing masks to protect themselves and others, you can hear the smile in their voice when they greet and assist you. Such kindness is shown humbly and without much recognition, but their diligence speaks volumes. We see you, we hear you, and we thank you.



Tracy,
Moscow Food Co-Op



Karen & Kaela,
Moscow Food Co-Op



Kait & Quin,
Moscow Food Co-Op

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It's during these times that we, as community members, might feel the urge to help. We rely on these small businesses to bring a vibrant culture to our community and fill essential needs. But it's now that they must rely on us to help them see this through.

Here are a few ways to help small businesses during this time while also being safe and responsible:

- buy local when you can
- make your purchases online and have them delivered to your door
- buy a \$5 or \$10 gift card for a friend (especially if they're having to celebrate their birthdays while social distancing ...)
- order takeout
- follow these businesses on social media and participate in fundraisers and giveaways, stay up to date
- tap into the power at your fingertips and shout out your favorite small businesses on social media, as visibility is very important right now
- buy a book of stamps to help fund the post office
- buy your soap and sanitizer from a local artisan's site
- leave a good review
- donate your expertise or services
- have patience; we're all trying our best

Now is a great time to show our family-run and locally operated entrepreneurs just how much they mean to us. Take heart, because we meet adversity with adaptation—that's what it means to be a small business. ●

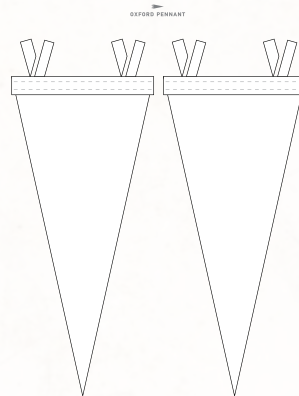
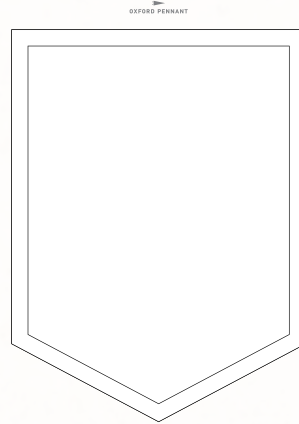
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Big welcome to our new and renewing Sisterhood members!

Sept. 1, 2019 to Jan. 1, 2020

Alexa Lougee
 Allyson Gledhill
 Amanda McCardle
 Amanda Aldridge-Schamp
 Amber Jennings
 Amie Thomas
 Amy Lupton
 Amy Berigtold
 Amy Wasko
 Angie Busby
 Angie Billington
 Anita Simpson
 Anna Galloway
 Anna Richards
 Anna Register
 Anna Doogan
 April Robinson
 April Scriven
 Ashley Montague
 Barb Shanks
 Barbara Patton
 Barbara Racer
 Barbara Gant
 Bea Campbell
 Becky Steinhauer
 Beth O'Nyon
 Beth Ballantyne
 Betty Frazier
 Camille Hurlburt
 Candace Conrad
 Carol Hill
 Carol Illiano
 Carol Sue Yensco
 Carole Prevost
 Cassie Thompson
 Char Bryslan
 Charissa Rate
 Charlene Littlewood
 Christina Williamson

Christina Via
 Christina Burnham
 Christine Wolfe
 Christine Box
 Cindy Allen
 Cindy Hargrave
 Cj Sargent
 Connie Conner
 Cynthia Stepanek
 Cynthia Cahilig
 Daizy Bailes
 Darlene Ricotta
 Dawn Lockwood
 Dawn Gusoff
 Dawn Conrad
 Debbie Cox
 Debbie Tegart
 Deborah Manuel
 Deborah Mraz
 Denise Anderson
 Diana Percy
 Diana Hileman
 Diane Van Horn
 Dianna Hauf
 Dianne Siekmann
 Dolly Sarrio
 Donna Presley
 Donna Kowicki
 Elisabeth Perkins
 Elli Metz
 Emilie Wacker
 Emily Race
 Gaynelle Rose
 Ginger Loudon
 Heidi Cavanaugh
 Helen Dobbs
 Holly Norris
 Ida Jane Rooney
 Jacinda Jenks

Jackie Brewer
 Jahnavi Lake
 Janet Coomes
 Janice Kennedy
 Jeanna Morgan
 Jenna Darling
 Jennifer Dempsey
 Jennifer Boren
 Jennifer Bennett
 Jessica Yonkovit
 Jill Ryan
 Jill Smithson
 Jill Iuliano
 Joan Piercy
 Joanne Allen
 Joy Forbes
 Joyce Hein
 Judy Curtis
 Judy L. Goodrich
 Julia Garnant
 Julie M. Vicknair
 Karen Hart
 Karen Ryan
 Kari Moody
 Karin Thomas
 Karin Weaver
 Karina Pearson
 Kaselda Mone
 Katherine Yates
 Kathie Bostwick
 Kathleen Septer
 Kathryn Girtler
 Kathryn O'Hara
 Kathryn Cartier
 Kathy Marx
 Kathy Bacon
 Kathy Hayes
 Kay Baucom
 Kim Hazelrigg

Kim Wienzierl
 Kimberley Lash
 Kristen Parkinson
 Kristie Norwood
 Krystle Townsend
 Lacy Wood
 Laura Bomberger
 Laura Baylor
 Laurel Campbell
 Laurel Padilla
 Laurie Cotter
 Lea Weaver
 Liara Braaten
 Linda Knese
 Linda Freeland
 Linda Willett
 Lisa Zalepa King
 Lois Bennett
 Loran Watkins
 Loretta Ivory
 Loretta Brown
 Loretta Barnes
 Lori Nickel
 Lori_ann Hughs
 Lynne Meyers
 Lynnette Farcone
 Maggie Smith
 Malinda Niper
 Marcia Good
 Margaret Shull
 Margo Rudder
 Marilyn Edlund
 Marsha Cavanaugh
 Marti Johnson
 Mary O'Keeffe
 Mary Trudell
 Mary Vono
 Marybeth Richardson
 Melanie Jones

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Melanie Ruesch
Melanie Henry
Melinda M. Owen
Melissa Havemann
Melissa DuBois
Melissa Goodman
Melissa Croci
Melody Hingl
Michelle Kirby
Michelle Coomes
Mikki Jo Howard
Miranda Pace
Nancy Buffington
Nancy Seymour
Nancy Couden
Nancy Dixon
Nikki Fair
Norma Jenks
Norma Santiago
Pam Schrum
Pamela Czurak

Pamela Sullivan
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Patsy Baker
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Peggy Richmond
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Sherry Buck
Stacey Mitchell
Stacia Brumfield
Stacy-Ann Chan
Stephanie Lisell
Sue Foote
Sue Daniel
Sue Carter
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Susan Stjohn
Susan Robertson
Susan Martin
Susan Wich
Susan Carter
SuZan Brown
Suzanne Holland

Sylvia Platts
Tamara O'Neil
Tamara Olay
Tammy Duletzke
Tara Felts
Terri Reynolds
Terri Goggin
Terri Burr
Theresa Hubbard
Tina Hale
Toni Hauge
Trisha Ann Haines
Valerie Lovelock
Vera E. Turner
Wanna Johnson
Zoe Siperly





“From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam ...”



Sherrilyn Carroll (Sister #1350), was our Farmgirl Sister of the Year for 2016. A native of Washington, Sherri joined the Sisterhood in 2010 and has since earned over 264 merit badges. She is a member of an active Farmgirl Chapter, The Backdoor Farmgirls, and has taught several skills to her chapter members, including carding and using a drop spindle. Sherri works in her family's recycling and trash equipment business and is the mother of two children, ages 28 and 14. She's the perfect inspirational example of a farmgirl with plenty of fortitude, stick-to-it-ness, grace, and grit. "I dig in my garden without gloves and go barefoot all summer so that I stay connected to the ground on which I walk and the planet I inhabit. I don't do anything by half measures, and sometimes I'm my own worst enemy. I love a good joke and a belly laugh."

I would love to be able to tell you that when you own your own business, you can take long luxurious vacations, but the truth is, you can't. Instead, you take a lot of mini vacations, or "stolen moments," as I like to call them. Adventure here, adventure there, adventure everywhere. Let us wander through the wilds and see where our latest mini adventures took us ...

"Mom, I want to find snow," my blessed teen opines. Hmmm, snow. Mt. Rainier, here we come. We head up to Sunrise, where we are sure to find snow, if the road has not yet closed for the season. Sure enough, there is snow. We climb into our hiking togs, grab our backpacks with water (water is just as important in the winter when you don't feel the sweat as in summer when you do), and hit the slopes. Since we had already hiked out to the old firewatch tower, we went the other direction on the trail. The clouds hover near the tops of the lower mountains, mostly obscuring the view of the peak of Mt. Rainier, but not so low that we didn't get some lovely views of the valleys. The wind coming through the saddles we crossed had created drifts that had to be traversed. Drifts can be very dangerous on unknown trails, as you do not know what lies or doesn't lie beneath them, so stick to the trail. An owl swoops across our path on nearly soundless wings. Below us, a red fox hunts for its lunch. There are signs of elk everywhere, hoof prints and tracks. They are coming to the lowlands for food. Soon, we will see them near our home.

As the day cools, the clouds start coming in at a lower elevation. Time to head back to the car. We needed this break. This will sustain us until the next adventure ...



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While my family and I live west of the mountains, my husband's family lives east of them. We had sent him across several weeks earlier to help his parents move into their new home (his father has been diagnosed with Parkinson's) and get a few projects done. Alyssa and I went over the weekend he was to return home to help carry all the tools he had taken. We planned to take our time and stop for lunch at the Wild Horses Monument near Vantage, Washington. The sun was shining, the sky was a crisp clear blue, and there was a cool wind. The rattlesnakes would not be out, perfect for a hike.

Access to the monument had not yet closed for the season, so we parked and scrambled up the steep slope to the beautiful steel horses. The Columbia River sparkled like gemstones had been scattered along her surface. The breeze cooled our sweat-covered faces and kept our hair from our eyes. We climbed aboard a couple of the horses for a photo op. My child even spoke to me as if I were another human being instead of just a mom. We eventually came back down off the hill and sat at the edge of the sidewalk to eat our lunch in the sunshine. We needed this break, this respite from a life that moves too quickly sometimes. This will sustain us until the next adventure ...



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It has been cold and wet, so much so that the ground is saturated and I can no longer get into my gardens. I feel cooped up and stir crazy. I know my gifts are not yet done for birthdays and Christmas, but I have to get out. I am craving salt air. Road trip to the beach time.

It's "Oh my goodness, it's early" in the morning. I pack food in the cooler and load the car with chairs, a change of clothes, towels, food, and warm coats. We make our way to Moclips, Washington, and north along Hwy 109 until we find a beach access. We drive out onto the beach and find a nice place to park. This beach is not soft, fluffy sand that most people think of, it is wet and hard. A cool wind is blowing and you can see the clouds moving across the shoreline. I slip off my shoes and put on my cloak.

When my feet hit the sand, I can almost feel the tension leaving my body. The ocean touches my soul, it always has. My child hits the sand and races to the water with wild abandon as I slowly walk, doing some beachcombing with every step. A wave breaks and rushes to my feet. The water is very cold, but that is normal this far up the coast. We spend some time walking along the edge of the water, letting the waves wash over our feet and legs. One wave comes up higher than expected. The tide is changing. Good thing I brought a change of clothes. Our feet and hands are numb, so we head back to the car to change and eat lunch out of the wind. My husband is already sitting in the car, watching us play and enjoy the surf.

After lunch, we head back out to the surf. The tide has definitely turned and the wind has picked up. I turn my face into the wind and let the moving air pick up my cloak and sail it out behind me. I feel as if I am flying. I close my eyes and let my mind drift. We needed this break. I needed this break. My soul is rejuvenated. This will sustain us until the next adventure ... ●







Sisterhood & Farmerette Merit Badge Awardees

Jan. 1, 2020 to May 1, 2020

Aidan Murphy: Aidanm, #4397

Intermediate badge: Make It Easy / Make It Pretty

Beginner badge: Make It Easy / Relaxation

Ann Gee: Old grey mare, # 7351

Expert badge: Stitching & Crafting / Quilting

Cassie Thompson: FungusChick, # 8020

Beginner badge: Make It Easy / In the Garden

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Bee Good to Your Mother Earth

Beginner badge: Make It Easy / Let's Get Physical

Beginner badge: Make It Easy / Relaxation

Intermediate badge: Make It Easy / Relaxation

Beginner badge: Make It Easy / Make It Pretty

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Heirlooms Forever!

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / The Secret Life of Bees

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Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Backyard Farmer

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Heirlooms Forever!

Darla Armstrong: cowgirlup@21, #4397

Beginner badge: Cleaning up / Recycling

Intermediate badge: Cleaning up / Recycling

Expert badge: Cleaning up / Recycling

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Birds

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Rootin' Tootin'

Intermediate badge: Rootin' Tootin'

Beginner badge: Each Other / Bibliophile Badging

Intermediate badge: Each Other / Bibliophile Badging

Expert badge: Each Other / Bibliophile Badging

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Heirlooms Forever!

Intermediate badge: Garden Gate / Heirlooms Forever!

Expert badge: Garden Gate / Heirlooms Forever!

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Gaining Ground

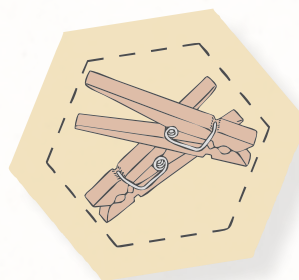
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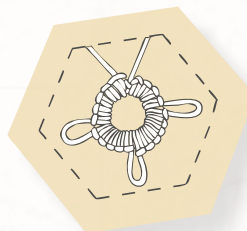
Beginner badge: Garden Gate / The Secret Life of Bees

Intermediate badge: Cleaning Up / Shopping Green

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Debbie Manuel: Debbie Manuel, #7826

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Hadassah Schaap (mentoring sister: Heidi Schaap): JustPlainHeidi, #3752

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Beginner badge: Each Other / Lend a Hand to Families

Kathryn Girtler: Mtnmamakt, #8016

Beginner badge: Make It Easy / Let's Get Physical

Loretta Brown: Loretta Brown, #4579

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Marcy Lundy: Marcy, #170

Beginner badge: Stitching & Crafting / UFOs

Beginner badge: Outpost / Stargazing Chicks

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Margaret King: Farmgirl 74, #7975

Beginner badge: Stitching & Crafting / Crochet

Meg Shull: #8040

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Georgia Fair (mentoring Sister Nikki Fair): That's_Sew_Fair, #8048

Beginner badge: Stitching & Crafting / Aprons

Beginner badge: Garden Gate / Birds

Ruth Ann Kutemeier: Ruthie218, #4072

Beginner badge: Stitching & Crafting / Homespun Christmas

Intermediate badge: Stitching & Crafting / Homespun Christmas

Sadie Terpstra-Schwab: Sadie Terpstra-Schwab, #8118

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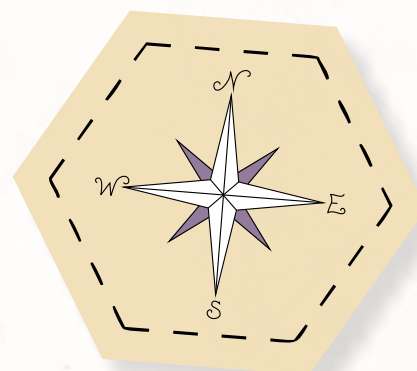
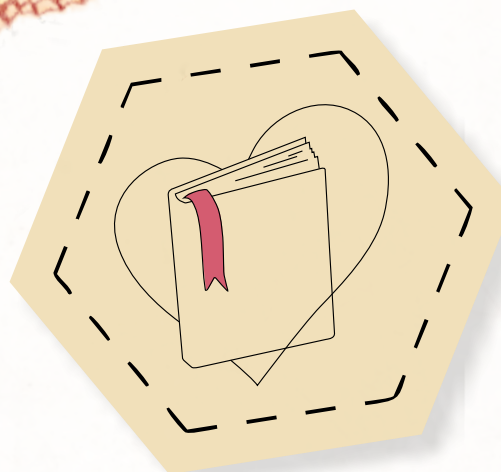
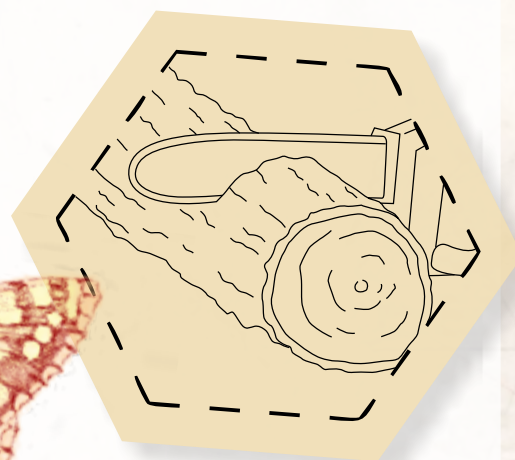
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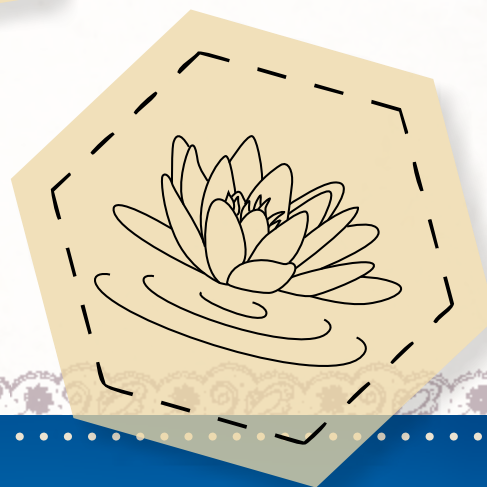
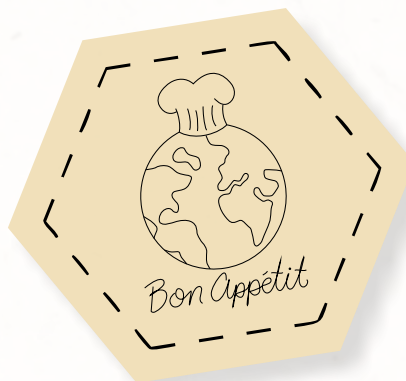
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Beginner badge: Outpost / First Aid
Intermediate badge: Outpost / First Aid
Beginner badge: Outpost / Woman-at-Arms

Sherrilyn Carroll: Sherri, #1350

Expert badge: Make It Easy / Mindfulness Meditation
Expert badge: Make It Easy / Furniture Makeover
Expert badge: Stitching & Crafting / Scrapbooking

Terri Reynolds: Terri Reynolds, #8042


Beginner badge: Each Other / Civics Challenge
Intermediate badge: Each Other / Civics Challenge



"Be like a flower
and turn your face
to the sun."

– Kahlil Gibran





"The beautiful
spring came; and
when Nature
resumes her
loveliness, the
human soul is apt to
revive also."

– Harriet Ann Jacobs



Young Cultivator Merit Badge Awardees

Jan. 1, 2020 to May 1, 2020

Ella Haines (Young Cultivator of Trisha Haines, # 8047)

Beginner badge: Make It Easy / Rethink Your Space

Beginner badge: Make It Easy / Bejeweled

Beginner badge: Stitching & Crafting / All Buttoned Up

Beginner badge: Stitching & Crafting / Toys

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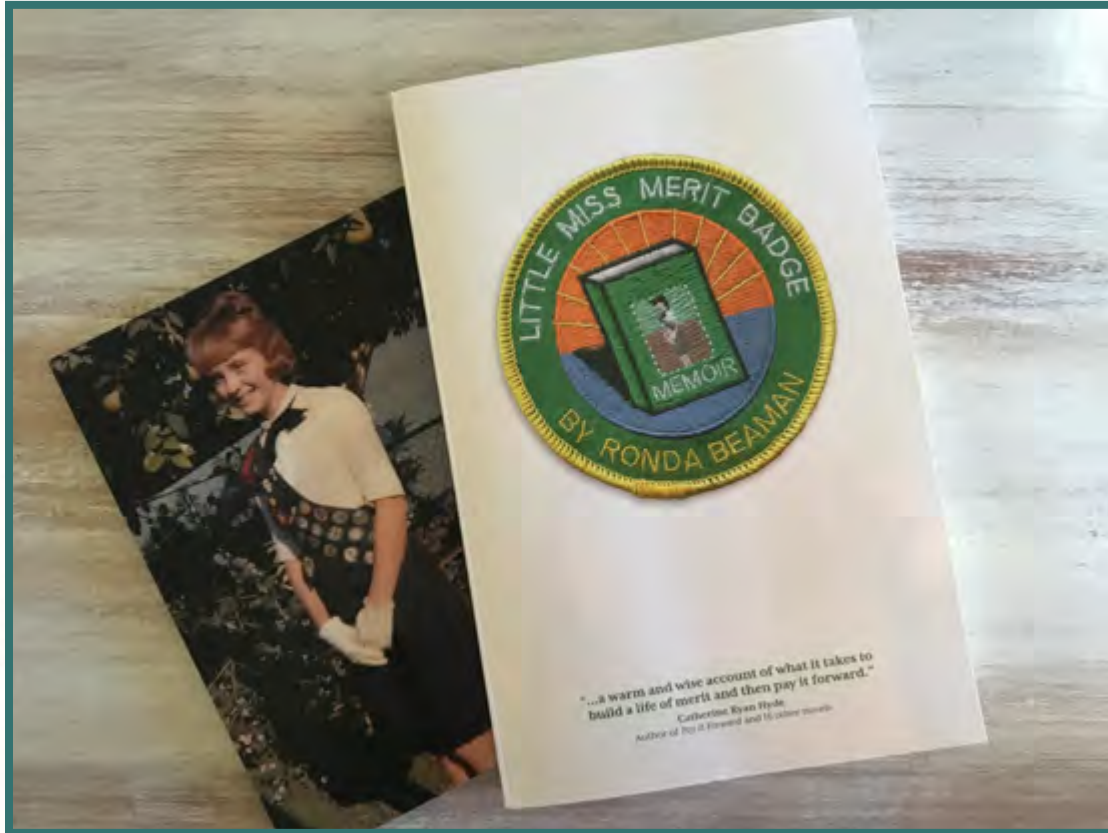


What's a Farmerette?

Farmerettes are young farmgirls-in-training between the ages 14–18. They can earn the same Merit Badges as adult Sisters, so long as there is a Farmgirl Sisterhood member nearby to work with them. **Click here to find out more.**

What's a Young Cultivator?

Young Cultivators are girls and boys between the ages 6 and 13. They can work with Farmgirl Sisterhood members to earn badges, but have their own unique program. **Click here to find out more.**



Little Miss Merit Badge Salutes You!

MaryJane,

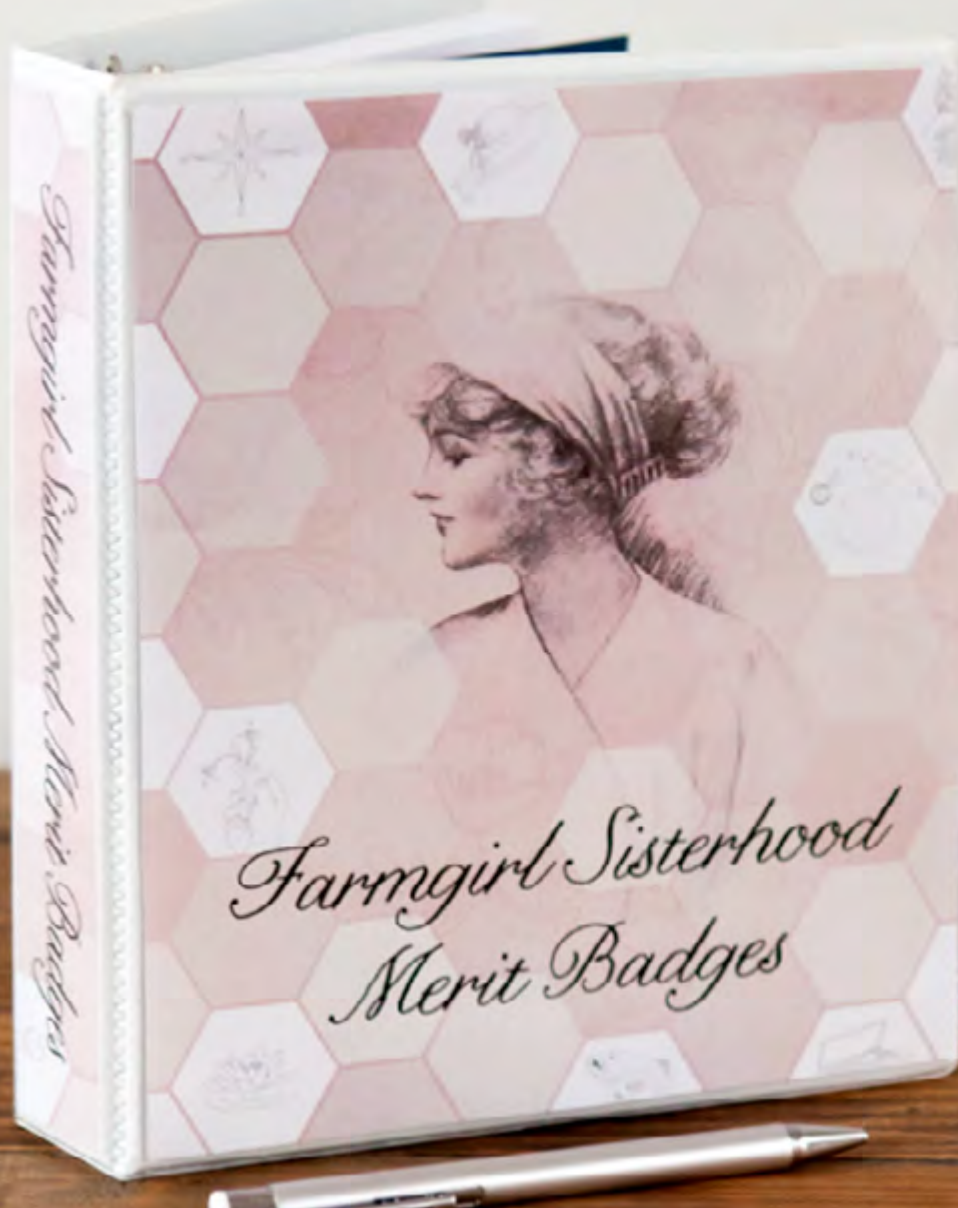
You do so much for the enjoyment and empowerment of others—thank you. I appreciate your publications, cookbooks, and outlook! Especially pleased that you started a Merit Badge program, in honor of which I would like to share my memoir with you as a token and thank you.

Badge On!
Ronda Beaman

Dr. Ronda Beaman
CCO, Peak Learning, Inc.
Founder and Executive Director, Dream Makers SLO
Clinical Professor, Orfalea College of Business
Author, *Little Miss Merit Badge* and *You're Only Young Twice*
Speaker, TEDx: *Hokey Pokey and the Meaning of Life*

TED

If you have an extra hour and could use a boost of inspiration, I recommend Rhonda's TED talk: *Hokey Pokey and the Meaning of Life*.



Merit Badge Planner

Here 'tis—perfect for life during quarantine. Our 2020 Farmgirl Sisterhood Merit Badge Planner features a descriptive page for every level of badge (all 133 of them!). Even though it contains a goals calendar, it's designed to work around your schedule. With inspirational sayings scattered throughout, it's a farmgirl must-have for keeping track of badges you've earned and badges you hope to earn. With plenty of space given to "notes," its fold-back cover makes for easy writing, especially while on-the-go. Each section is clearly labeled with cardstock tabs to make locating badges a breeze. Order yours today!

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"If I had a flower
for each time I
thought of my
Mother, I could
walk in my garden
forever."

– Anonymous

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with
Donna



I'd like to introduce you to Donna Everhart (Farmgirl Sister #7913). Donna is the *USA Today* bestselling author of Southern fiction with authenticity and grit, including the Southeastern Library Association Award-winning *The Road to Bittersweet* and her most recent novel, *The Moonshiner's Daughter*. Born and raised in Raleigh, North Carolina, she now lives just an hour away in Dunn, along with her husband and a tiny, heart-stealing Yorkshire terrier named Mister. Visit her online at DonnaEverhart.com.

Meg

Farmgirl BOOK CLUB

Reading WITH **DONNA**, JUNE/JULY 2020

Escaping into Books

I am blessed to live in a world of books, both as a reader and as an author. For me, there's something about reading in a group of real-life friends, sharing wonderful books, that makes the world of books a warmer, richer place. This comradery is why I've been a member of the Farmgirl Book Club since it started in 2018, and why I was so honored when asked to pick up where our friend Marie Bostwick left off as the Farmgirl Book Club moderator.

For anyone who's new to the Farmgirl Book Club, here's how it works ...

In each issue of *MaryJanesFarm*, we suggest several new books, usually coinciding with a different theme and always the kinds of reads that are fun to share and discuss. You pick whichever one tickles your fancy—whether that's all of them, or just one, or something that's not on the list at all! Then we all get together at [Facebook.com/groups/FarmgirlBookClub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FarmgirlBookClub) to talk about what we're reading. From time to time, an author will join us for a group chat, and there are other fun things like giveaways and surprises.

I'm excited to hear from you, so stop on by our Facebook page, say hello, and let everyone know what you've been reading lately.

Happy reading!

Farmgirl Sister #7913

Dear Farmgirls,

Do you remember that old Petula Clark song where she croons, "When you've got worries, all the noise and the hurry, you can always go ..."? Maybe you prefer the version by Dolly Parton, as she belts, "We can forget all our troubles, forget all our cares, so go ...". Either way, it's a song about escape—about taking a temporary break from daily routine and worry—and if you substitute the words "read a great book" for "downtown," it also describes one of the many reasons why I believe books are so important.

As readers, we know books are a perfect way to enjoy a respite from the demands of daily living. They're a diversion, a chance to spend quality time alone, a replenishment for our souls. Whether you're up for a feel-good story or one that presents complications and challenges, books can take you to faraway places, teach you something you never knew, or present you with a new perspective on a current experience or relationship. And as we've all come through some challenging times of late, I do feel books are more important than ever.

What would describe your perfect read when you're looking for a story you can escape into? Whatever your preference, I hope you'll find just what you're looking for in this latest selection of book-club reads. Please come visit our Farmgirl Book Club group on Facebook and let us know which books have helped you take a break from the everyday or get through a difficult time. Just go to [Facebook.com/groups/FarmgirlBookClub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FarmgirlBookClub).



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A Sprinkling of Murder

by Daryl Wood Gerber

A whimsical shop specializing in tea and fairy-garden accessories is where owner Courtney Kelly hosts book-club teas and fairy-garden crafting classes on a patio decorated with trailing vines, twinkling lights, potted strawberry plants, and an ornate waterfall. You'll meet a cast of characters ranging from kooky townspeople to a Ragdoll kitten named Pixie and a "righteous fairy" named Fiona, who all live in the magical

coastal town of Carmel, California. Quotes about fairies from different sayings and literary luminaries start each chapter and you'll find a dozen scrumptious recipes at the novel's end. There are just so many reasons to invite magic into your own life by losing yourself in this charming and lighthearted mystery!

Breakfast at the Honey Creek Café

by Jodi Thomas

Nestled in the rolling hills along the Brazos River, the small town of Honey Creek, Texas, exudes charm and verve. With its quirky inhabitants and deep sense of community, the setting of this heartwarming novel is the kind of place you want to visit again and again. If that weren't enough to inspire an afternoon of escapist reading, the story is filled with humor and romance. When scandal strikes, the mayor, Piper Mackenzie, calls on two men to help her root out the corruption: an undercover detective from Dallas named Colby McBride and Sam Cassidy, a local boy who left town at 17 intending to become a preacher before finding his calling in serving his country. As the three of them scramble to keep order, the mayor has one more problem arise ... which of these two very different but unexpectedly charming men will win her heart?



Bee People and the Bugs They Love

by Frank Mortimer

This delightfully eccentric, informative romp through the backyard gardens of suburban beekeepers may be non-fiction, but it's no dry scientific examination or how-to guide. Instead, it focuses on the wonderfully wacky personalities of different people who absolutely love bees—stingers and all. Part memoir, part comedic nature narrative, part picaresque adventure, this cheerful read provides interesting, easy-to-understand information on the lives and

importance of bees, while following the author on his path to becoming a Master Beekeeper. Along the way are stories of humorous and always-entertaining interactions between bees and the people who love them. Whether you're someone who has never given much thought to the humble bumblebee or you're someone who has your own backyard hives, this cheerful read is sure to give you a happy buzz.

A Duke, the Lady, and a Baby

by Vanessa Riley

Though set in early 19th-century England, this isn't your usual Jane Austen-style historical novel. Instead, it takes us to a Regency era infused with Jamaican flair and hints of Demerara Island as we follow the headstrong and resourceful widowed Afro-Caribbean heiress, Patience Jordan, from the West Indies to the English shore, from escaping Bedlam to infiltrating the lush drawing rooms of Hamlin Hall, with sweeping kisses and strong sisterhood along the way.



All Our Summers

by Holly Chamberlin

Set against the picturesque coastal Maine area that Holly Chamberlin is known for, this story of family bonds and new beginnings follows two sisters from Yorktide, Maine, through over four decades. One sister, Carol, leaves the small town the first chance she gets, escaping to a life of glamour in the big city, while the other sister, Bonnie, stays in Ferndean House, their 19th-century family homestead. But when they're in their 60s, Carol announces she's moving back home and Bonnie is indignant. It takes the course of one special summer in Maine to lead the sisters back to each other—and unite the family across generations.



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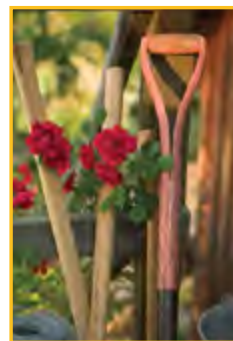
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Our June/July issue (*A Rose Is a Rose*) will hit newsstands on May 5. In it, you'll find lots of delicious recipes for a variety of original grilled-cheese sandwiches and deliciously easy slab pies. You'll see tips on how to camp out without all the fuss in your own garden, and read all about our love of denim. Don't risk missing *MaryJanesFarm* magazine on newsstands.

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MaryJanesFarm Calendar

Our 2020 calendar is now available. Each month's top page features a full-color image from our farm and each calendar page includes dates, holidays, inspirational sayings, lunar phases, and fabulous farmgirl culture. This is a Project F.A.R.M. (First-class American Rural Made) product. All 26 pages are printed here at the farm on 8 1/2" x 11" card stock and are bound with black spiral wire, unfolding to 11" x 17".

Current Holidays:

May 01 ~ Global Love Day
May 02 ~ MaryJane's Farmgirl Jubilee
May 03 ~ World Laughter Day
May 05 ~ National Teachers' Day;
Cinco De Mayo
May 10 ~ Mothers' Day
May 12 ~ International Nurses' Day
May 15 ~ National Bike to Work Day
May 16 ~ Wear Purple for Peace Day
May 25 ~ Memorial Day
May 28 ~ Amnesty International Day
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