**Let’s Go Fly a Kite**

**By Pam Mount**

Spring is full of anticipation here at Terhune Orchards. Will our fruit trees bloom? Will the bloom equal a big crop? Will the bees be able to pollinate all our blossoms? Once the weather clears, we, and all our visitors, enjoy the beauty of our orchards, fields, and gardens. For me, it is all about color. After a gray/brown/cold winter, spring brings bright light, great colors, and warm air.

**Time of Growth for the Farm and Family**

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Spring reminds me of how fortunate we all are to be surrounded by family. Our daughters are now full-time partners in our farming business. Reuwai, husband Mike and their 3 daughters, Maya (15) and Sasha and Tess (12), Tannwen, husband Jim, their oldest son Becker (12), daughter Haddie (5) and youngest son Clayton (5). How great is this! Farming is a family affair both for our own extended family and for all the families who call Terhune Orchards “their farm.” As our family is grows, so does our third generation on and off the farm. Son Mark and his wife Vicky are in their last two years in the Army at Fort Benning, GA, with Maddison (11) and Wyatt (6). Many customers also have three generations visiting Terhune Orchards.

Blooms everywhere — declarations of a wonderful, positive future!

**Unique Summer Camp Experience**

Terhune Orchards celebrates 15 years of summer fun on the farm in 2020. Offering two unique and educational farm camps on our 200-acre preserved farm, children ages 7-12 will learn, laugh explore, make friends, and build wonderful memories. Certified by the State of New Jersey, our camps are led by our farm education director and licensed elementary science teacher.

Camper’s will explore nature on the farm, experience farm life from “behind the scenes,” and play games while also participating in learning experiences that include harvesting, cooking, S.T.E.M. activities and engaging their creativity in craft projects.

Day camp sessions run Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., over five weeks from July 6 – August 7. Information and registration forms can be found at: terhuneorchards.com/summer-camp.
Get Your Garden Ready: Herbs & Garden Class

As the warmer weather approaches and you prepare your garden for spring planting, Terhune Orchards offers the freshest herbs for healthy eating and fresh cooking.

We have over 20 varieties of culinary herbs plants for you to grow. Choose from favorites such as basil, oregano, thyme, rosemary, sage, sorrel, chives, spearmint, and parsley. We have more unusual herbs, like lovage and lemon verbena, which are difficult to find at the supermarket but are very easy to grow yourself.

As farmers, we enjoy sharing the skills of how to grow food in the home garden. Owner of Terhune Orchards, Pam Mount, will hold her Annual Herb and Garden Class on May 9 at 10 a.m. Pam’s class is a great way for home gardener to learn tips on growing and combining herb plants in the garden. Learn how to create beautiful native garden habitats — attract native pollinators! Judith Robinson will talk on April 19 at 1 p.m. about how to transform your garden to support pollinators, and into one that requires less maintenance by using perennial native flowers, bushes, ground covers, and trees.

Plants are long lasting expressions of your appreciation to be enjoyed for many weeks to come. We also have lovely hanging flower baskets and potted arrangements for you to choose from to celebrate the special mothers in your life. Unwind at our winery Mother’s Day weekend as we treat those hard-working moms to a free wine tasting. Classes are $5 per person, please register in advance. terhuneorchards.com/classes.

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Host a Unique Private and Corporate Event at Terhune Orchards

Our farm is a wonderful location for making memorable events for small and large groups of friends, families and co-workers.

When spring fever hits, large corporations and small businesses will enjoy gathering staff together to connect, engage, and learn at our 200-acre farm. Reward employees and cultivate team spirit with an outdoor adventure by holding a farm event filled with fresh air and fruit picking activities. A visit to our Wine Barn offers a relaxed atmosphere to share ideas, boost morale, and celebrate accomplishments.

Allow us to help you plan a unique bridal shower, baby shower, anniversary party, or cherished family celebration. Fundraising events featuring private wine tastings on our picturesque farm can benefit nonprofits and civic groups.

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

Spring Planting: Lettuce and other Green Vegetables

Lettuce is the color of spring and that is certainly true at Terhune Orchards. A staple for healthy eating in many local families, our greens are available all year round. With spring sunshine, our leafy vegetables are especially plentiful. Depending on the weather, our head lettuce, baby lettuce, and mixed greens are grown in the greenhouse, high tunnels, and fields to transition through the variable spring weather.

A beautiful combination of greens and reds of different leaf shapes and textures, Terhune’s mixed greens are a delectable treat. The lush mix includes a mild, sweet, and spicy variety of red mustard, green mustard, Chinese cabbage, pak choi, and tatsu to provide a fresh balanced flavor. Our delicate baby lettuce mix is grown in our greenhouse winter to spring and includes eight varieties of sweet, tender red and green butter lettuce, and oak leaf. Over many years and multiple trials, Terhune’s lettuce types have been selected carefully, taking many factors into consideration. We have chosen the best flavors in a wide range of varieties perfectly suited to our growing conditions.

While lettuce is a main green on the farm, asparagus is the first pick-your-own vegetable crop each spring signaling that spring has truly arrived. Our asparagus plants are 10-15 years old and have built an impressive root network underground. Asparagus is available as pick-your-own or freshly cut in our farm store daily. Luscious spring greens at Terhune Orchards also include spinach, kale, arugula, cilantro, Swiss chard, and radishes. We harvest crops daily, taking advantage of the wonderful weather and all the new season has to offer.

Celebrate Spring at the Bunny Chase Master Weekend wouldn’t be complete without a fun-filled treasure hunt at Terhune Orchards! There is an activity for every age to enjoy with our annual Bunny Chase event on April 11 & 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents, what better way to get a spring in your step but by hopping through a self-guided adventure with the kids? At the end of the trail, little ones can create a bunny themed craft (included in admission) and meet Terhune’s fluffy bunnies. Share this memorable family-time while following the step-by-step clues around the farm, visiting with our four-legged friends, riding a pony, and having fun in our barnyard play area. Enjoy a wagon ride around the farm and live music from noon – 4 p.m.

Nibble on spring treats in Pam’s Food Tent with a variety of home-cooked foods including chili, soup, pies, cookies, and more. We are excited to welcome the kids back to our fun festival and new to this year are lovely hanging flower baskets! A beautiful combination of greens and reds of different leaf shapes and textures, Terhune’s mixed greens are a delectable treat. The lush mix includes a mild, sweet, and spicy variety of red mustard, green mustard, Chinese cabbage, pak choi, and tatsu to provide a fresh balanced flavor. Our delicate baby lettuce mix is grown in our greenhouse winter to spring and includes eight varieties of sweet, tender red and green butter lettuce, and oak leaf. Over many years and multiple trials, Terhune’s lettuce types have been selected carefully, taking many factors into consideration. We have chosen the best flavors in a wide range of varieties perfectly suited to our growing conditions.

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Pollination by hand in China.

Then, when bloom was over the beekeeper would not be calling him in soon. Buzz.

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Over the years since 1975, I have learned more about bees. I found new beekeepers to work with and now depend on Walt Wilson — originally from Monmouth County — to bring bees to the farm. Walt’s bees are usually healthy, numerous, and hard working. Walt is also very reliable; I depend on him even though I never see him. Bees are moved at night, when they have returned to the hive, which means Walt comes and goes at night. But when I need the bees, he brings them. When bloom is over, and trees need to be sprayed, he removes the bees. There is no spraying when the bees are here because we never, ever, want to kill any bees.

I did, however, try a few other beekeepers with mixed results. One year, the bees came from Florida and arrived at Terhune after being bounced from orchard to orchard up the East Coast. By that time they had more than a hundred bees in each one. But I did not know any better and only learned later that I needed hives with 30,000 or more bees each. About 1-2 hives per acre of apples does the job. It is so important because the beautiful, showy apple blooms only can be pollinated for a few days each year. When some of those days are cold and rainy, a farmer has to have a large workforce of bees ready to pollinate when the weather turns nice. Bees do not, repeat not, leave their hives if it is cold or rainy!

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Children’s Programs: Read & Pick at Terhune Orchards

The weather is changing, and spring is in the air! Bring your little ones to experience life on the farm through a fun and educational program at Terhune Orchards.

Our Read & Pick program beginning in May, focuses on our crops and outdoor farm activities. This innovative program combines educational story-time, highlighting a fruit or farm area, with a hands-on activity. Children get to pick our latest crops such as strawberries, cherries, blueberries, and flowers or participate in a craft activity. We offer two sessions at 9:30am and 11am on Tuesday mornings.

During the cooler weather, our Read & Explore program is held Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Combining fun with learning, themes include Getting Ready for Spring; Composting; and Birds, Nesting and Birdhouses.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please see our event calendar for dates. Register online at terhuneorchards.com or call 609-924-2310.

Birthday Parties on the Farm

Our barnyard birthday parties are a unique way to celebrate with your family and friends. Your guests will enjoy a wagon ride through our scenic orchards and fields, play engaging games, and take a pedal tractor for a spin. Held in a reserved area, enjoy two hours of fun farm activities during your big day.

Birthday party packages include cupcakes from our bakery and our fresh pressed apple cider. Each child takes home happy memories and a Terhune Orchards coloring book. Pony rides are available for an additional charge.

We host discounted weekday parties, perfect for planning a preschool celebration or for homeschooled and older children after a day at school. Summertime is the perfect time of year for an outdoor party.

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Unwind at our Winery

Terhune Orchards Vineyard and Winery invites wine enthusiasts to celebrate spring with lively atmosphere and an excellent variety of wines. Sample our 14 wines with a tasting flight or by the glass as you gather with friends from near and far. Always family-friendly, everyone can join in the tasting room and courtyard for the sights and sounds of a relaxing day on the farm.

Get to know our **new arrivals** during your next visit. Our semi-dry Rosé is bright and crisp with berry notes, not too sweet and even a bit spicy. Our Cranberry will greet you with a vibrant aroma. Grape wine with a touch of luscious sweet-tart flavor, Cranberry plays well with any meal or simply on its own. Pick out a few delights from our light fare to enhance your tasting experience.

This spring, our **Winery Music Series** has expanded. Every Saturday and Sunday, enjoy local musicians each week as they play a variety of styles including country, bluegrass, and jazz from 1-4 p.m. with no cover charge. Celebrate mom with a fun day for the whole family in our tasting room during the Garden State Wine Grower Association’s **Mother’s Day** festivities with farm fresh menu for dinner and live music.

The tasting room is open Friday to Sunday from 12-5 p.m. Bottles of our wine are available every day in the farm store and the Trenton Farmers Market.

**Winery Music Series**

Enjoy live music and wine tasting in our Wine Barn and courtyard, 1-4 p.m. No cover charge, families welcome. Wine tasting is $7 per person. Wine by the glass and light fare are available.

April 4 – Matthew Runciman
April 5 – Jerry Steele
April 11 – (Bunny Chase) Jim Matlock & Jerry Monk
April 12 – (Bunny Chase) Bill Flemer Duo
April 18 – Brian Bortnick
April 19 – Lindsay Ketofsky
April 25 – Greg McGarvey
April 26 – Kara & Corey
May 2 (Kite Day) – Tookany Creek Band
May 3 (Kite Day) – Magnolia Street Band
May 9 – Jeff Penque
May 10 – Kingston Ridge
May 16 – Jerry Steele
May 17 – Acoustic Doveworl
May 23 – Carmen Marranco
May 24 – Bill O’Neal & Andy Koontz
May 30 – Mike & Laura
May 31 – Charlotte Kendrick & Dan Rowe
June 7 – Maggs & Bud
June 14 – Bill Flemer
June 21 – Jerry Steele
June 28 – Briz Conard

**Calendar of Events — Spring 2020**

**Sundays:**
- **Winery Music Series** 1-4 p.m.
- **March 31 & Apr. 4:** Read and Explore: Birds, Nesting Birdhouses 10 a.m.
- **Apr. 11 & 12:** Bunny Chase, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Apr. 21 & 29:** Read and Explore: Composting, 10 a.m.
- **Apr. 19:** Native Plant Gardening, 1 p.m.
- **May 2 & 3:** Kite Day, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- **May 5:** Read & Pick: Vegetables, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
- **May 9:** Pam’s Herb Class, 10 a.m.
- **May 9 & 10:** Mother’s Day Wine Trail Weekend, 12-5 p.m.
- **May 19:** Read & Pick: Farm Animals, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
- **May 17:** Goat Yoga, 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
- **June 5:** Sunset Sips & Sounds Begins Fridays 5-8 p.m.
- **June 9:** Read & Pick Program: Strawberries, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
- **June 12:** Sunset Sips & Sounds, 5-8 p.m.
- **June 19:** Read & Pick Program: Cherries, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
- **June 28:** Firefly Festival 4-9 p.m.

**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 12–5 p.m.

**School and Group Tours:** April through November, by appointment

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**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**

**Special Discount Days**

Enjoy 10% off purchase of Terhune produce

**Senior Day — Thursdays**

**Active Military (with ID) every day!**

*Valid at main farm (Cold Soil Road) and Trenton Farmers Market stand*