# WOODLAND HARVEST FARM NEWSLETTER

As we approach winter, we are getting into a good place with the cabins. The Octagon has wall boards to close up the gap between the roof and the walls, which just leaves us with window installation to finish the walls. Also, the Octagon roof boards have been cut to uniform shape and roofing paper is going on to prevent moisture. The Crone's Cottage has rafters up (all put up today!!) and light straw clay insulation in most of the walls. We have made a phenomenal amount of progress on the Tiny House, having put in floor joists and sub-flooring, and cutting all the boards for our wall framing. We are relieved and happy to have roofing and walls moving forward so quickly as we are very aware of snow coming soon.

We purchased four new batteries to help store energy for stormy days, since ours no longer hold charge for very long. We also made a prototype for a wind turbine.

As a group, we're continuing to move in the direction of more organic and relaxed organization. We have become more naturally attuned to each other as a group after multiple months of existing together. In recent weeks, everyone has really been stepping up to work when we know something needs to happen (lots of dishes from cooking deer or roofing going on before a storm). We have really settled into our place as a community.

We said goodbye to two members of our community in the last week- Carlos and Bozena. We were sad to see them go, but we bid them farewell with joyful celebrations and are happy to see them move on to the next parts of their lives.









## WHAT'S NEXT?

We are going to finish roofing on the Crone's Cottage and install windows on both the Octagon and Crone's. We are also hoping to make jerky and sausages out of the deer meat. We will start constructing the walls for the Tiny House as well.







### HUNTING

A few students have taken interest in hunting here on the land. In the past two weeks, we have gotten a buck and a doe. Through these hunts, we've learned about the processing of deer hide and butchery. Hunting can connect you with nature and is a sustainable way to eat meat.



## HALLOWEEN

On the rare combination of Saturday, Halloween and a blue moon, we gathered around the bonfire. We welcomed the four elements, fire, water, earth and air, into our circle. We read passages about the holiday, Samhain, and sang songs together. We even made homemade gummies shaped in festive Halloween

rpes!

#### SALVE

We started making a salve out of a few native plants here: plantain, chickweed, lemonbalm, yellow burdock, and others We mixed the herbs in olive on over a wood stove. As we stirred the mixture, we intentionally added our own good wishes and healing thoughts.

