

WOODLAND HARVEST FARM NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEXT?

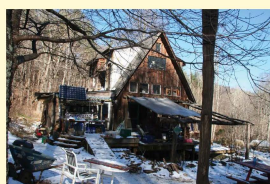
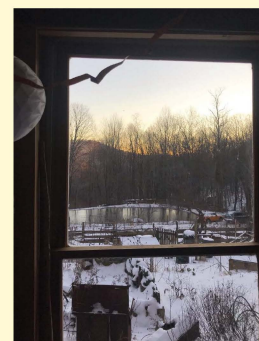
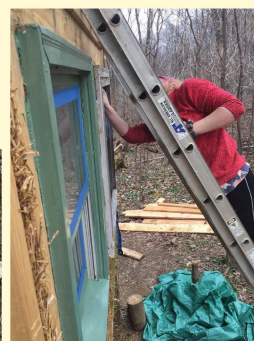
In the next few days we'll be working on building the Tiny House's bump out (for the rats), the loft, and the deck. We will also work on wrapping up buildings for the winter vacation. Finally, we will be cleaning things up and enjoying our last week together.

Working in the winter is becoming more and more difficult as snow and ice come our way. A lot of our work on the buildings are outside and being cold isn't the only challenge. Insulating and plastering walls need to happen on warm days for the materials to set. Working on roofing can be dangerous when it is slippery and windy. Despite these challenges, we have still made progress on the buildings!

On the Octagon, we've painted the windows with what we thought was red and green. It turned out to be pink and green, so now we have a watermelon themed house. We also finished building the loft and are waiting on some warm days to finish roofing in the next couple of days. For the Tiny House, we're still going full-steam ahead. We finished three out of four walls of light straw clay insulation, put in two bottle walls, finished installing roofing paper and metal, and started building the deck. Plans for the treehouse walls are set and the wood is ready for cutting and assembling. We have also taken apart the current rotting wood walls.

The wind turbine mount and shaft is setup in our new energy shed. We are waiting for one more part to construct the blades. We have a wind meter set up to monitor and predict the performance of this new source of energy.

Because we have extra time indoors, we have been spending more time preparing gift baskets for our donors. If you're feeling generous, it's not too late to donate and get a gift basket! We have lots of exciting projects planned for next semester that could use some more funding.



SNOW!

Last Tuesday we got our first big snow-day here. It was pretty exciting to have snow in the mountains. The day before, we had to stock up on groceries and chop a bunch of wood in case we couldn't leave. On that morning, students went out to find animal tracks. Then we drank hot chocolate for breakfast and bundled up for sledding. Living in the mountains means you have great hills all around, so we got in some awesome runs, and some epic crashes. Later we heated up our outdoor hot tub (an old porcelain bathtub over a fire pit) and piled in. All in all, one of the best snow days ever.



PIE DAY

On Thanksgiving, we had beautiful weather, which meant it was the perfect time to work on insulating one of our buildings. Instead of the traditional Thanksgiving celebration, we made a bunch of pies and called it Pie Day. We made tomato pies, quiches, chocolate pies, pumpkin pies, and key lime pies. On that Saturday, we had our actual Thanksgiving feast. You could say we eat pretty well here.



BIRTHDAYS

On December 1st and 2nd we had an extra special celebration for our back-to-back birthday blast. Mia turned 21 and then the next day Aydan turned 16. We celebrated with lots of cake, sledding in the snow, a slideshow of kid pictures, and games.

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