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# Whidbey Farming CONNECTIONS

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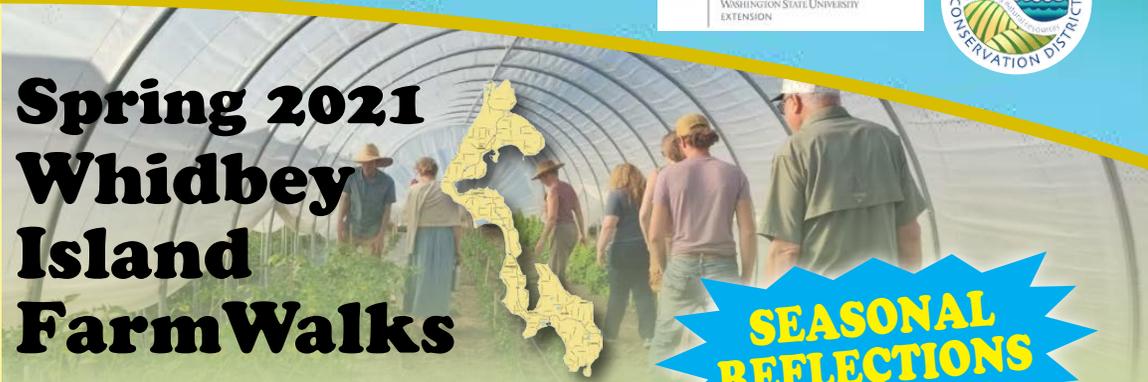
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## Farmer Words of Wisdom:

- "You have to find your flow. What is it that you do really well? Find something you can do really well."
- "Everything happens bit-by-bit."
- "Only work on the things that work."

## Spring 2021 Whidbey Island FarmWalks



SEASONAL REFLECTIONS

## Farmer-to-Farmer Collaborations & Connections

### Central Whidbey's

**Lesedi Farm, Growing Veterans, Salty Acres Farm & One Willow Farm**

*"Revitalizing Agriculture at Greenbank Farm through Multiple Strategies"*

*Lesedi Farm, Growing Veterans - Whidbey Island, Salty Acres Farm, and One Willow Farm*

teamed together to share insights on what it means to farm on leased land from the Port of Coupeville. The amazing diversity of production and business strategies on one piece of land is a great showcase to the public of how farmers can diversify their businesses by leasing land in addition to their own farms. Value-added products made from beans and kale by Dorcas, peer-to-peer support using "dirt therapy" for veterans and enlisted military with Tonneli's leadership, specialized growing of unique flowers by Kim, and pasture-raised poultry through Mark and Melissa's efforts all were interwoven into a refreshing story of agriculture returning to Greenbank Farm.



View the FarmWalk recap at: <https://bit.ly/3xTQeng>

### South Whidbey's Deep Harverst Farm

*"Diversifying Business through Seed Production"*

*Deep Harvest Farm* shared how, with over ten years of farming on Whidbey, the result is a business evolution that now includes an over 100 member CSA and a thriving seed production business. Starting their own farm "from scratch" on 10-acres was no easy task after they attended the farmer training school at Greenbank Farm. After numerous years of encountering the unknown and trying new things, Annie and Nathaniel are focused on bettering their quality of life by slowing down, focusing, and remaining proud of where they've landed.



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Our FarmWalks now have their own **YouTube Playlist** - be sure to **subscribe** to see how this calendar-year narrative of island farming unfolds.

...and if you haven't seen our first official FarmWalk, be sure to check out North Whidbey's Case Farm & Maya Farm on our FarmWalks Playlist.

## Summer FarmWalk Series

Come walk with us and . . .

(Space is limited to the first 10 sign-ups per event)

Register here

1.

● **3 Sisters Farm** - North Whidbey Summer FarmWalk

Thurs., Aug. 12 @ 5:30pm - **938 Scenic Heights Rd., Oak Harbor**

Featured Farmers - Jennifer Jones & Roshel Donwen and family, owners



3 Sisters Farm proudly operates on over 600 acres, and has been in operation since 1910. They raise beef, pork, lamb, and chicken.

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● **Prairie Bottom Farm** - Central Whidbey Summer FarmWalk

Thurs., Aug. 19 @ 5:30pm - **293 Engle Rd., Coupeville**

Featured Farmers - Wilbur, Julieanna & Henry Purdue, owners

The "Farmers Purdue" run a small market garden specializing in heritage dry beans the family has collected and grown for six generations.



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● **Foggy Hill Farm** - South Whidbey Summer FarmWalk

Thurs., Aug. 26 @ 5:30pm - **3460 French Rd., Clinton**

Featured Farmers - Alanah Lawrason, owner (with guest appearance by Ansel & Sarah Santosa, owners of Ballydidean Farm Sanctuary)



With over 7 years of experience, Alanah runs her own micro-farm in the Maxwellton Valley in partnership with Ballydidean Farm Sanctuary.

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