The mission of Bittersweet Farm is to culturally link the work of the day and community with the life sustaining world around us through small scale, diversified agriculture. The farm has also pledged to be committed to caring locally and meeting organic principles as well as educate others about natural methods and rhythms rather than by mechanical principles.

The farm is located in Huevelton, NY in the St. Lawrence River valley.

Farmers market

Canton's local farmers market sells local produce on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 to 2 from November 6th through December 14th. It is set up inside the Presbyterian Church across the street from the center of Canton Square. The market is known for its fresh tomatoes, flowers, blueberries, handcrafts, and fresh bread and nearly all of these commodities are locally made or grown right here in North Country. Bittersweet Farms contributes bi-weekly to this market where you can find Brian and his wife Anne selling their home produced goods. They are one of the more popular booths in the market due to their high quality goods which are all 100% organic. Brian offers guaranteed certified organic chicken, barley, cinnamon, and all other produce because his farm is open to the public.

The completed high tunnel

High tunnel architecture

What they do

Brian and Anne Bennett run the farm with the help of their many volunteers. Students from the surrounding universities such as St. Lawrence, SUNY Canton and Clarkson. With the help of the students and community members, Brian runs a sustainable 100% organic farm. Vegetables, fruits, poultry, turkey, and eggs are all grown and harvested on the farm. Brian also owns several livestock which includes one horse, several cattle, a number of pigs and a piglet. These animals are raised organically and are free roaming.

Discussion

The farm was a great learning experience. As a volunteer we got the opportunity to drive a tractor, catch chickens, haul lumber, wrestle a feisty ram, chop firewood, cook bacon, collect eggs, harness a horse, pet a cat, plow fields, plant oats, garlic, and tomatoes, harvested popcorn, potatoes, and carrots, and even fed baby pigs. There are so many opportunities and possibilities when volunteering at the farm. There is always room on the farm for new volunteers! Go out this weekend, donate your time and have a blast!

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