

The Crows' Courier!

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OUR PURPOSE

*The mission of Crows' Feat Farm
is to build community through a collaborative
commitment to regenerative farming*



WHAT'S GROWING ON

RoBirdo Has Arrived!

RoBirdo the Rooster (aka Roberto, aka Big Bird) has arrived at Crows' Feat Farm! The hens have been flocking to him as their protector, and he has dedicated himself to shielding them from hawks and other predators. Robirdo is the strong, silent type—he's yet to exercise his vocal chords, which should be a relief to the neighbors ☺. He's also a gentleman with his lady birds and has quickly won their trust. This handsome rooster will bring out the mothering (aka "broody") instincts in the hens, so we may be seeing some farm-hatched chicks before the summer is over!

Seedling Sales Start May 1st!

In other news, the Crows' Feat Enterprise Farmers are gearing up for our first **on-farm seedling sale** on May 1st from 1-3 pm. In addition to eggs, we'll have a wide variety of tomato plants, peppers, kale, arugula and fennel, zucchini, eggplant, and cucumber and herb seedlings. Please check out what's available by visiting our online **FARM STAND** at the top of the [Crows' Feat Farm website](#). We'll be holding this week's sale at 178 Drinkwater, right after our working party on Saturday. This is a great time to meet the farmers and our wonderful community of volunteers!

We welcome customers to the farm every Saturday afternoon through the spring, with extended hours come summertime. If you can't make it in person, feel free to order online and we'll find a way to get it to you!

FARMER'S CORNER

I have been reflecting on motherhood as Mother's Day is right around the corner. I am mom to a mini dachshund and now thousands of seedlings. These days it can be overwhelming as we are running out of space! Yet I can't help but start more seeds — we will find a home for them. Each one is different, each one tells a story, each one provides for us.

Plant nurseries are aptly named, as starting seeds before the soil thaws requires a lot of care. Every morning for the past 6 weeks they are the first thing on my mind. As I hand water each one, I look them over for signs of ill health or stress. I check the room temperature, humidity, and amount of light they receive. And I have been forming individual soil blocks for each seedling as they outgrow their current one.

It may seem like a lot of work but I have formed an important bond with them through care. In just a few weeks, they will be out in the field (or in your gardens!) exploring new environments, growing stronger, and eventually flowering, fruiting, and creating new seeds. They will nourish and care for us as I have nourished and cared for them. It reminds me that it is good for us to need or rely on each other as it helps us form relationships that in turn are deeply gratifying. Perhaps this is why I am so close with my dachshund since she seems to have the most needs!

— Linh Aven, Dandelion Project

COME & GROW WITH US!

First Saturday Work Parties

May 1st
June 5th
July 3rd

From 9 am - noon, followed by a farm lunch

Working Together

On the first Saturday of every month, the Crows' Feat Farm team benefits from the talents of this community. This month we'll be helping Linh establish cultivation beds for the Dandelion Project's vegetables in the "Bowl." Two months ago, our volunteers helped get the hoop house ready for summer; just look how beautiful it is now! Speaking of beautiful, we are so appreciative of the talents of photographer Brian Fluharty, Linh's husband, who has produced the amazing images in this newsletter. Thank you Brian!!

