



SEPTEMBER 2026  
NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Almost Taste of Summer Online Auction

Opens Friday, September 11, at 9:00 AM  
Closes Sunday, September 13, at 1:00 PM

Support our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year by bidding on an amazing selection of local, unique, and handmade gifts! Many auction items are now available to preview, and we are still accepting donations through September 5. **See PAGE 2 for more details.**

### NEW! Building Brain-Healthy Habits

Tuesday, September 15  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Explore how lifestyle choices can support brain health at ANY AGE! Participants will learn the 10 Healthy Habits for Your Brain and create a personalized action plan. Join us after the program for a hands-on garden activity. This FREE class is open to the public. Please register by calling or texting Katie at (262) 497-8374.



### NEW! DIY Beeswax Lip Balm Workshop

Thursday, September 17, 6:00-7:15 PM  
Saturday, September 19, 9:30-10:45 AM

Explore the fascinating lives of honeybees and learn how to turn beeswax into natural skin care products. Each participant will take home 2 containers of lip balm. Adults and teens welcome! **Scan the QR Code to register.**



## Construction News



We are incredibly grateful for the anonymous donor who helped to fund the new path and wall along the west side of the farm. We are in the process of installing a permanent fence along the sidewalk to ensure everyone's safety.

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# Auction Sneak Peek!

Clearwater Farm's "Almost Taste of Summer" Gala Auction is just around the corner!

While we were disappointed to cancel our traditional Taste of Summer event this year due to a lack of sponsorship, our financial needs haven't gone away. So, we're getting creative—and we're excited to bring you a wonderful online auction filled with more than **100 fantastic baskets and gift certificates!**

## Auction Dates:

**Opens:** September 11 at 9:00 AM

**Closes:** September 13 at 1:00 PM sharp!

The auction isn't officially live yet, but you can sneak a peek at the items already posted by scanning the **QR Code** below. Items will continue to be added right up until the auction, so keep checking back!

Have something you'd like to donate? We would be incredibly grateful! If you were thinking about contributing a basket, gift certificate, or other auction item, please get it to us by **September 5th** so we can include it.

Thank you, as always, for loving Clearwater Farm and helping us keep this special place growing. We hope you'll have fun browsing, bidding, and maybe finding a few treasures to take home!

Let's make this "Almost Taste of Summer" a big success!

Scan QR Code to  
Preview Auction Items



★ **ONLINE AUCTION** ★

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**



LOCAL GIFT CARDS,  
QUALITY BASKETS,  
HAND CRAFTED  
ITEMS



ART, WINE, &  
UNIQUE ITEMS



SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE!



GREAT ITEMS.  
★  
GREAT CAUSE.  
★

**Don't  
Miss It!**



**FOLLOW OUR PAGE FOR PREVIEW UPDATES & AUCTION DETAILS!**

## JOIN US

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

### BUILDING BRAIN-HEALTHY HABITS



Join us for a research-based program grounded in the latest science, including findings from the U.S. POINTER study, that explores how lifestyle choices can support brain health at every age. Participants will be introduced to the 10 Healthy Habits for Your Brain and guided in creating a personalized, practical action plan built around small, sustainable steps for everyday life.

**Program includes:**

- Learn about brain-healthy habits such as physical and cognitive exercise and nutrition
- Understand why brain health matters at every stage of life

**Join us after the program for an interactive garden experience to start your own healthy habits!**

Tuesday, Sept 15  
6-7:00 pm

Clearwater Farms  
760 Green Coulee  
Road Onalaska, WI

To Register Call  
262-497-8374

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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION  
Wisconsin Chapter

## Pussy Willows For Sale



Did you know that September is an excellent time to plant pussy willow trees in your backyard? Pussy willows are non-native but also non-invasive. In fact, they can be very beneficial since their pollen is a vital first food source for hungry bumblebees and other insects waking up from Winter.

Thanks to one of our Garden Club volunteers, Chuck Schauburger, we have 12 trees available for sale. Each tree is \$12, and all proceeds go to Clearwater Farm.

If you are interested in purchasing a pussy willow tree, please send an email to [Charles.Schauburger@gmail.com](mailto:Charles.Schauburger@gmail.com).

## SPARK! In Full Bloom



Last month at SPARK! we explored the richness of our August gardens. Participants picked beautiful bouquets of flowers and used dried flowers to create coasters. Each coaster was a unique work of art! Join us again on Monday, September 21, as we celebrate the beginning of Fall and "Farmtoberfest".



  
CLEARWATER FARM  
Onalaska, WI

### JOIN US!

**WHEN:** Third Monday of every month

**TIME:** 10:30AM -12:00PM

**WHERE:** Clearwater Farm  
760 Green Coulee Rd., Onalaska



**SPARK!**

CULTURAL PROGRAMMING  
for PEOPLE WITH MEMORY LOSS

## 2026 SPARK! SCHEDULE\*

**Farmtoberfest**  
September 21

**Pumpkins and Possibilities:  
An October Harvest Fest**  
October 19

**Grateful Gatherings**  
~~November 15~~

**Date Change:**  
November 9th

**Winter's Warm Embrace**  
December 21

\*No scheduled events for January.

To register, please email or call:

**(507) 319-9156**

[info@clearwaterfarm.org](mailto:info@clearwaterfarm.org)

## AUGUST SNAPSHOTS



We partnered with the  
YMCA LIVESTRONG Alumni.



We worked together to feed  
the animals at Family Camp.



Campers built birdhouses for  
native songbirds.



We sliced cucumbers and  
made pickles at Farm Camp.

## Friends of the Farm



This month we would like to recognize the Burnstad Family Foundation. The Burnstads have been longtime supporters of the farm. Last year, they generously donated \$10,000 to Clearwater Farm through their foundation. The money was used to restore the barn windows and repair the roof on the silo room. We would like to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Burnstad Family!

## ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT



Chip and Prince are miniature horses. They were purchased in 2016 from a horse ranch in Gays Mills. Prince was a baby at the time, only six months old, and Chip was three years old. Prince has a beautiful chestnut coat and tends to be a little shy. Chip was trained to pull a cart and is very comfortable around people.

You may have noticed that Prince and Chip have a new pen in the barnyard. This is because Prince developed laminitis this Spring, which caused inflammation in his hooves. This is an ongoing condition that needs to be managed through a proper diet. Eating too much fresh, sugary grass can trigger his symptoms. Unfortunately, the minis need to be kept in a "dry lot" without grass until the grass becomes dormant in Winter.

The minis are fed hay daily. They should not eat sugary treats like grass and clover, and especially no carrots or apples. They are allowed in the pastures with grazing muzzles on, which limit the grass they can eat. So if you see them in the pasture wearing black masks, they are just out getting a little exercise!



# Beer By Bike Brigade Bingo

Thank you to Beer By Bike Brigade for inviting us to co-host BINGO at the Omni Center on August 26. Our volunteers, including Miss Onalaska, had a great time welcoming folks and promoting the farm. We want to thank BBBB for choosing to support our nonprofit by donating \$500 to Clearwater Farm.



## WORKSHOP DATES:

**Thursday  
September 17  
6:00-7:15 PM**

**OR**

**Saturday  
September 19  
9:30-10:45 AM**

## DIY LIP BALM WORKSHOP

Explore the fascinating lives of honeybees and learn how to turn beeswax into skin care products. We will explore the gardens, meet the honeybees, and learn how to make an all-natural beeswax lip balm. Enjoy this hands-on project and take home 2 containers of lip balm with you!

**Cost:** \$20 Members / \$25 Non-members

**Ages:** Adults and Teens

**Location:** Clearwater Farm  
760 Green Coulee Rd  
Onalaska, WI

**Scan the QR Code to register.**

