

The Veggie Box From Quarry Farm

THIS WEEKS'S BOX

Arugula, beets, broccoli, green onions, Italian spinach, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, peas, parsley and radishes

The arugula and the radishes are fresh crop so not so spicy. The hot spring has brought many crops on early so we are overfilling the boxes particularly for this time of year. When fresh vegetables are ready, we must enjoy the plenty, but we can only wait to see how the produce is affected by such sustained heat and drought



Now I would like to introduce you to **Daria Zovi**, the mastermind and Zen mistress of Quarry Farm.

Daria comes from Italy, 30 minutes north east of Venice, and found her passion for agriculture when she was very young. By the time she was 18, she began a degree in plant science in Italy, but life brought her to Canada before she finished. She completed an undergraduate program in agriculture at UBC but ended up returning to Italy to finish the plant science degree since she couldn't transfer her credits. With two agricultural degrees, she's a very well-educated farmer.

Daria was first tempted by farmland on Gardiner Island in Ontario. She woofed and interned on several farms in Italy and here in BC to learn about farming from the ground up.

Daria and her husband, Ted, finally purchased land on Norton Road here on Salt Spring. There they established an organic vineyard and began raising their family. BC Hydro interrupted that dream with its plan to run high voltage wire across the property. Daria worked tirelessly to defeat the project, but BC Hydro would not budge. Refusing to raise their young children under the wires, Daria and Ted sold the property and moved to Victoria. However, Daria could not turn her back on farming so some



years later, she and Ted returned to the island and bought the property at 190 Jasper that is now The Quarry Farm.

Believe it or not, Daria has a day job. She is a senior organic inspector in British Columbia, contracting with several organic certification agencies and is qualified to inspect crops, livestock and processing. After a long day of planting, she often retires to her room to write reports.

Next week, Weit.

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