

ELAWA FARM FOUNDATION

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018 - *"to plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"* -Audrey Hepburn



Dear Friends of Elawa Farm,

Spring!! Everyone at Elawa Farm happily looks forward to this inspiring time of the year. The greenhouse is full of seedlings eagerly awaiting warm ground in the garden for planting, light rain and a warm breeze to cheer them on. Hooray for Spring!! Not that it hasn't been busy at Elawa Farm this winter! We have all been busy planning and organizing for this year's Garden Market and many new and exciting upcoming programs and events.

Erika has reviewed the Garden plan with careful thought to the best produce and prettiest flowers to grow for the Market and for all to enjoy during a garden stroll. Peony season is always so inspirational!

The Garden Market opens May 18, with some unique housewares, plants from the greenhouse and beautiful, flavorful bounty from the garden. (Open: Fridays & Saturdays - 8am - 1pm through October.)

This year our welcome summer party takes place on June 16th with "Elawa's 'Beer' Garden", which will feature local breweries and their craft beer for tasting, along with great food and music. Of course, any day in summer is a day to be inspired at Elawa Farm. You can find inspiration with a friendly group of garden, kitchen or market volunteers, or be inspired to try a class and learn a new cooking technique or a new gardening idea or one of the other inspiring offerings. The CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) inspires healthy and delicious cooking and eating, and the popular Elawa Summer Camp inspires young children to learn about and appreciate gardening, cooking, farm life and other activities for summer fun and learning.

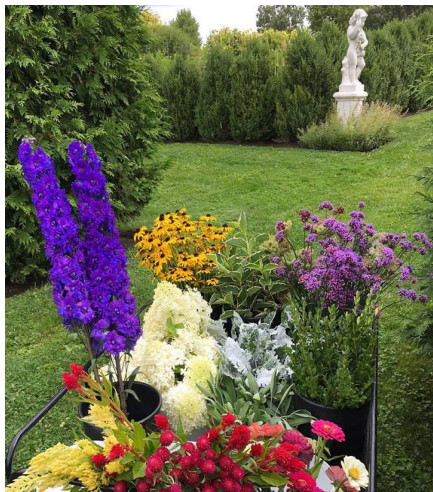
This past year, 2017, we celebrated Elawa Farm's 100th birthday, and we are grateful to all who celebrated with us. It was a happy and successful year. Since Elawa Farm Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and receives no public funds, we rely on donors and volunteers, so community support is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

This year Elawa Farm's very popular farm-to-table Harvest Dinner, our primary fundraiser, will return September 8. It is always a fabulous evening, so mark your calendars and plan to join us for delicious food—highlighting fresh produce from the Elawa garden---and delightful company in our beautiful, inspiring setting. It is a privilege and pleasure to be a part of Elawa Farm, the Board, our outstanding staff and incredible volunteers. Elawa Farm is an inspiring place. I invite you to stroll the garden with the pair of Sandhill Cranes who have made the garden their summer residence, or watch a glorious sunset from the top of the garden. It will truly inspire your soul and warm your heart.

Come, be inspired....

Dianne FitzSimons, President, Elawa Farm Foundation





The Garden Market

Our friendly Sandhill Cranes have returned to the Elawa Garden so we know spring is in the air!! We are busy planting veggies for the garden; planning tasty, fresh, delicious homemade kitchen items for our market by using as much from our garden as possible, along with lots of new gift items for your garden and home!

We continue to add more and more local artisans, our very own Elawa Honey, a variety of locally grown fruits and specialty food items. This year we have added some wonderful gluten free items from our friends at “Chia Leah and MPowering Health”! We also will be welcoming back many of our regular vendors that our community has really embraced, Sitka Salmon, Alden Farms Organics, Gretta’s Goats, River Valley Ranch, Lake Forest Farms – Specialty Microgreens, Ludwig Cheese and Eggeptional Eggs!

This year we will have more Elawa flowers than ever before so don’t forget to stop by and pick up a beautiful bouquet to brighten your day!

*Be garden ready with “Dave’s Tool Sharpening”
on site here at the Garden Market on May 18th & May 25th!*

The Garden Market at Elawa Farm

Opens May 18th | Fridays & Saturdays | 8am - 1pm | thru October

From the Garden at ELAWA FARM

As spring approaches, tiny seedlings begin to fill the greenhouse little by little - snapdragons of all colors, tasty shallots, silver-green eucalyptus and heirloom sweet peas. The greenhouse signifies the start to the growing season while the gardens outside still quietly await warmer days and more sunshine.

Last year at the farm our small but mighty vegetable garden produced over 7,500 pounds of produce from snap peas to potatoes to green beans to arugula. We welcomed our first Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) members last year, and are excited to continue that program this year. Members pick up a weekly box of fresh produce at the farm each Friday for 20 weeks from June through October. Boxes are limited, so please contact us if you are interested in more information.

This spring we will have plants for sale at the market including dahlias, herbs, tomatoes, bell peppers and more. Choose a selection of seedlings to get your home garden up and growing.

Our garden team is thrilled to provide the community with fresh produce grown right here in Lake Forest following organic practices. We look forward to seeing you at the market throughout the season.

Erika Vernon, Garden Manager



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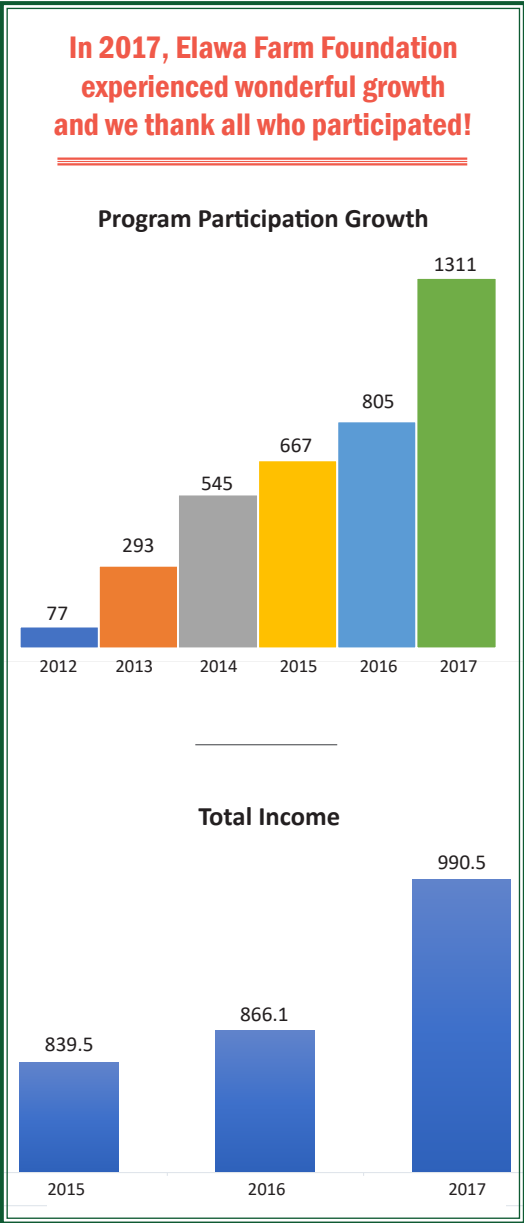
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FLOWER FÊTE *with Jody Elting*

Friday | May 11 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm
\$50/pp | \$75/couple

Grab your Babe or your Bestie and come to Elawa Farm for this “Flower Fete” – a casual chic and lively flower workshop. BYOB and we’ll provide the nibbles. This will be a real Petalpalooza

Sip, snack and socialize while Jody Elting of Designs by Jody teaches you the art of making an absolutely gorgeous flower arrangement. You’ll also learn some original and simple party decor ideas to create a party to remember! We’ll have a vote by applause to determine the best arrangement (couples will work together to make one arrangement).



FLORAL ARRANGING *with Katie Ford*

SUCCULENTS

Friday | May 25 | 11 am - 12 pm | \$60

Join Katie Ford of Flowers by Katie Ford for this floral workshop, where you will learn how to create small succulent arrangements. Your succulent design will be yours to take home and Katie will work closely with you while sharing her knowledge and skill along with her creative spirit, as she shares her love of flowers!

Katie is a local floral designer serving the Chicagoland area. She loves spreading joy through creating beautiful floral arrangements.

More dates for flowers with Katie to come.



MASTER CLASSES *with Chef Gail Gand*

Gale Gand is a James Beard Award winning Pastry Chef, founding partner at Tru, and author of 8 cookbooks.

SUMMER DESSERTS

Tuesday | June 5 | 12:00 - 2:30pm | \$85

Chef Gale Gand will teach you dessert recipes that are light and focused on fruit to celebrate the summer season. Tastes and recipes will be provided.

SICILIAN SUPPER

Tuesday | July 10 | 12:00 - 2:30pm | \$85

You’ll learn some traditional Sicilian recipes to create a delicious three-course dinner using ingredients typical of this Mediterranean island, Sicily. Tastes and recipes will be provided.



BEE-BOPPERS *with Lindsey Smithwick*

BEEs will be buzzing and bopping at a new time this summer!

Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m.
(New time on Wednesdays begins June 1)

Join Miss Lindsey and her bee-bopping music class. From original tunes to covers... from simple standards to rock-and-roll...

Bee-Boppers is a great way to incorporate music and early socialization skills into your child’s life in a fun, interactive environment.

For ages 0 - 4.
Also available for private parties!
Classes available as drop in (\$15) or 4 pack (\$50)





Summer Camp at Elawa Farm

We'll have a variety of activities with a focus on gardening, and will include scavenger hunts, gardening, farm to table cuisine, arts & crafts, and of course getting our hands dirty!

For kids entering 1st or 2nd grade.

Session 1:

Monday - Wednesday (3 days)
June 11 thru 15 | 9:00am - 11:30am
\$150/child

Session 2:

Monday - Friday (5 days) Aug 6 thru 10
9:00am - 11:30am
\$250/child



The HARVEST DINNER in the garden at ELAWA FARM -September 8th-

Save the Date for a celebration of local food, highlighting produce grown in the Garden at Elawa Farm

For more information and for sponsorship opportunities please call the Foundation Office at 847-234-1966



Saturday, June 16th

SOLD OUT

Our first-ever Elawa's "Beer" Garden tasting event is **SOLD OUT!** Ticket holders can skip the shuttle and purchase a Premier Parking space, still available in limited quantity at ElawaFarm.org



Weddings and Celebrations at Elawa Farm



Let Elawa Farm provide a breathtaking backdrop for your wedding, rehearsal dinner, or celebration. We offer a quiet, elegant setting with the unforgettable charm of a restored gentleman's farm. Your day can be as rustic or as chic as you dream it. Whether indoors or out, you'll find splendor and refinement with a warm country feel.

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Elawa Farm is a unique and picturesque getaway for your next corporate meeting, retreat, team building activity or reception.



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Elawa Farm, a restored gentleman's farm and garden, enriches our community as a unique center for hands-on learning and inspires an appreciation for gardening, healthy living and historic preservation.

As a nonprofit organization, **Elawa Farm Foundation** relies on the generosity of donors to provide the continued historic restoration of the garden, the buildings, and to grow our programs and educational opportunities. Your support makes all the difference on our progress. Please help us continue to grow.

Donate online at www.elawafarm.org or fill out the enclosed envelope and mail it in.

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By making a gift to the Elawa Farm Foundation you can honor or remember a loved one.
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THE GARDEN MARKET AT ELAWA FARM

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