

# Notes from Evergreen



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## Quarterly Update

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## New Living Off the Land Agricultural Museum at EHC!

In 2017-18, the EHC Foundation restored the Center's Evergreen Barn, which per historical experts was professionally built over 200 years ago. With the restoration of the upper barn complete, the EHC turned its attention to establishing an agricultural museum in the Barn's lower level stables. The museum's objective is to share the heritage and history of 200 years of rural Western MD farm life through the display of handmade tools and implements; and demonstrate construction techniques; document the farm's bounty, its farm animals and various farming processes including planting, fertilizing, weeding, harvesting, milling, preserving, baking, and cooking. To tell this story, the museum is using exhibits describing these elements and how they were used. Both the farmhouse and the barn will be available for public tours, school field trips, and bus tours once the Maryland's gathering restrictions are lifted.

This new museum was set to debut with Evergreen's Spring open house event and plant sale, however, due to gathering restrictions, the in-person event was postponed. In the meantime, Evergreen offers the public a virtual tour of the new Living Off the Land Agricultural Museum, housed in the stables of the recently restored 200 year old Evergreen Barn, via a guided video tour and photo collection that provide a brief glimpse into the Museum. These tours are available for a virtual visit on our website [www.evergreenheritagecenter](http://www.evergreenheritagecenter) and YouTube:

*Museum Tour:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WS3Dt6Yv5B8>

*Museum Vignette:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFsDUCKS1uQ>

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## Evergreen Provides “Victory Garden” Kits

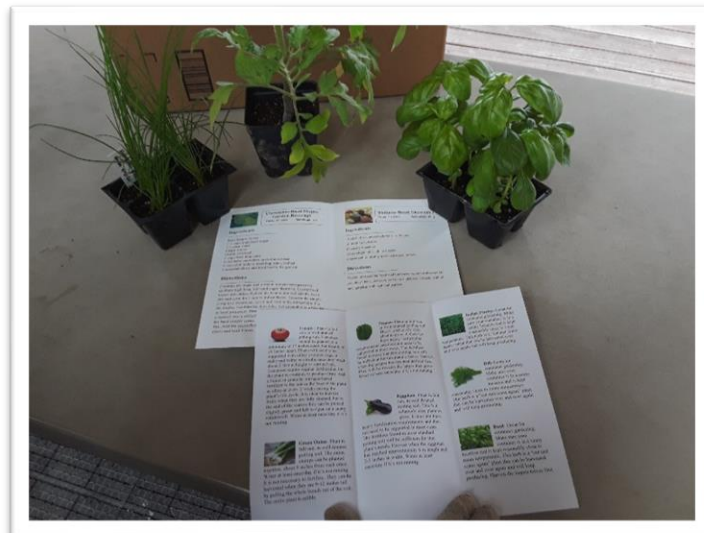
Every Spring the Evergreen Heritage Center typically hosts its Spring Plant event at which visitors may purchase native plants, herbs, flowers, and other garden favorites. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the EHC was unable to host its annual event. However, the Center still offered its plant selection to interested buyers who could purchase online or send a check with the online order form.

This year, in addition to its regular plant offerings, the EHC created **Victory Garden** packages, which could also be ordered by phone, or online. Concerns over food access, safety, and potential shortages due to the COVID-19 pandemic inspired this gardening project. Victory Gardens were introduced during WWI when families were encouraged to grow their own food. In many ways, the current pandemic situation is similar.

Victory Garden kits were available in three packages to allow families to grow food even with limited space or without an established backyard garden. The three packages, each of which contained a total of 12 plants were **Outdoor Garden** (in the ground), **Patio Garden** (in pots), and **Window Box Garden** (indoors), so no matter your gardening circumstances or level of experience, you could participate in this fun gardening activity.

The plants in the packages were vegetables and herbs that would have traditionally been grown in Victory Gardens, are easy to grow, and have many uses. Included in the packages were detailed growing instructions and easy, family-friendly recipes to help gardeners use the vegetables and herbs to cook and share meals together. This program was such a success, that we plan to offer it again next year.

Evergreen Victory Garden Kits		
In Ground Outdoor Garden	In Pots Patio Garden	Indoors Window Box Garden
Mortgage Lifter Tomato: Qty (4)	New Ace Pepper: Qty (4)	Giant of Italy Parsley: Qty (4)
Green Onion: Qty (4)	Dancer Eggplant: Qty (4)	Teddy Dill: Qty (4)
Genovese Basil: Qty (4)	Giant of Italy Parsley: Qty (4)	Genovese Basil: Qty (4)



Victory Garden Kit with Care/Planting Instructions and Recipes

## Evergreen Announces New Camp Programs



Since the EHC announced its 2020 summer camp program in May, we received input from many parents, some of whom were very excited about on-site camp and others who were interested in an at-home alternative. As a result, we decided to modify our summer camp program as follows, and we hope that you will be as excited about our new offerings as we are.

- **EVERGREEN CAMP:** This interdisciplinary camp, to be conducted at the EHC the week of **July 27-31 from 9am to 4pm**, will replace our initially offered camp series. This new camp will include modules from our **Art, Science, Grow it Cook it, and Appalachian Adventure programs**, all led by our senior instructors. Evergreen Camp will be exciting, fun, action-packed, but also safe and provided in observance of the Governor's health guidance. This year, this new camp will be available for students entering **grades 3-9** and will tailor activities to different age groups.
- **"CAMP IN A BOX":** these virtual camp kits will include five days of activities, with step-by-step instructions and supplies. In addition, campers will have access to a Google Classroom of videos and supplementary materials as well as phone time with instructors for questions and advice. Campers will also have the ability to correspond with other campers and to share their projects, comments, and questions. There are four Boxes available, all with different activities than those conducted in Evergreen Camp, so that these boxes may serve as additional weeks of a camp experience. These kits will be available by July 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Art Camp in a Box (for grades 3-7)**
  - **Science Camp in a Box (for grades 3-7)**
  - **Outdoor Recreation Camp in a Box (for grades 3-7 and their families)**
  - **Young Naturalists Camp in a Box (for grades 1-3)**

Regarding **Scholarships**, needs-based scholarships for families qualifying for USDA's Free and Reduced Meal Program are available for both *Evergreen Camp* and *Camp in a Box*.

Please feel free to contact us on 301-687-0664 or [foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org](mailto:foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org) for any questions you may have. You may also obtain more information or register for these programs at our website [www.evergreenheritagecenter.org](http://www.evergreenheritagecenter.org).

## Donations

As always, particularly during these difficult times, as we work to develop online programs for children when in-person programs may not be feasible, we appreciate your support.

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Evergreen Heritage Center can accommodate your wedding, event, or meetings of **up to 175 people**.

Nestled in the Mountains of Western Maryland, Evergreen provides a scenic setting for your special occasion. At over 2500 square feet on the main level of the Evergreen Barn, as well as other areas on the picturesque grounds available for use, Evergreen is a unique and peaceful setting for your private event. Other charming spots at Evergreen include the main pavilion which accommodates up to **75** and the picturesque pond and its wooden dock. Our green facility provides the picture-perfect location to host a variety of occasions. Let us assist in planning your next function.

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