



News from the Farm

September 2009

FALLING OFF SUMMER

What I Did on my Summer Vacation ...

Remember those essays we had to write when we started back to school? I feel rather like I did then as I sit down to write today. So what did I do?

I played with puppies (see below).

I revamped our website and changed the provider. Our new web address: whitewagonfarm.com and the email address is kathy@whitewagonfarm.com.

I harvested, cooked, and ate from the garden. Slow Food.

We have been interested in the Slow Food movement that is finally getting momentum here in the Mid-South. We first heard of it in Tuscany in 2004. The Italians were concerned even then that American fast food was becoming too popular with young people. Weight gain and poor nutrition followed in the wake of French fries and hamburgers.

Now Slow Food USA is sponsoring a Pot Luck Lunch on Labor Day to bring attention to the fact that our schools do not provide healthy food for our children. For more information, see the attached or go to their website: slowfoodusa.org.

I enjoyed the weather. Even with all my other activities, I was left with time to think about, talk about and marvel over the weather.

I think I finally figured it out. The year started off normally with January – April. Then we had April again, followed by July. Then May twice. Now we've hit October. God only knows what's coming next.

Bemusedly,
Kathy

Border Collie Pupdate

Raising the litter of border collie puppies this summer has been a real joy. The weather was so pleasant we were able to spend hours sitting outside with them. Of the seven puppies, two remain with us: the two blue merles shown below (Dora in the middle and Molly in the tub.)

The tri-color below left today to go to NY where he will train to be a hearing dog for Canine Companions for Independence (cci.org). CCI provides service dogs to people with physical or hearing disabilities. Lately, many veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been added to the rolls of people needing helper animals.

The other four have gone to homes in FL, SC and GA. We are very proud of all of them. (For more pictures, go to our website and click on **Border Collies.**)

Coming Soon....

Fall annuals will be arriving in about 3 weeks. We will have the usual suspects available: pansies, violas, panolas, dusty miller, snapdragons, marigolds and mums. Also the edibles: parsley, cabbage, kale and chard.

We have many small Japanese maples, both seed-grown and grafted, ready to go.

In addition, we are getting a new shipment of hostas in early October, including (I hope) the HUGE Empress Wu that grows to a height of four to five feet. It makes Sum and Substance look small! It is dark green with deeply veined leaves and reddish violet flowers.



Sage House Gallery Corner

ART IN THE GARDEN --
October 24-25, featuring art and gardening demonstrations, pottery clothesline sale of paintings and drawings, refreshments, etc.

This year will have a decidedly Floral focus since many of the artists of Sage House have been painting still-lives this summer. White Wagon's flowers are featured on paper and canvas as well as in potting soil.

Plan to join us!



Nursery & Gallery Hours

Sept 14 – Nov 14

Monday – Saturday

9:00 – 5:00

(Other times by appointment)