



Monday, March 5, 2012 – New York Agri-Women- WELI Hudson Valley Agri-Tour

Leave NYC 8:30 am -- Holiday Inn Midtown - 440 West 57th Street, New York City ,
New York 10019; Tel #212-581-8100

** Please note that the bus will only hold 9 NYAW members. To RSVP please email newyorkagriwomen@gmail.com. Remaining NYAW members plan to meet at the first stop. NYAW riding in the bus should prepare to meet at the Holiday Inn at 8am.

Arrive: 9:45 am at the ***Kiernan Farm & Blueberry Inn***, 1308 Bruynswick Road, Gardiner, NY 12525 ; **Owners:** Marty & Thelma Kiernan
Farmhouse sits on 15 acres and is part of a 140 acre farm with spectacular views of the Shawangunk Mountains, nicknamed the "Gunks." This stop will include a wide variety of sampling with cheeses, yogurts, fruits, etc. from the farms around the Hudson Valley.
For more information visit www.kiernanfarms.com and www.blueberry-inn.com.

Depart 11:15 am

Sightseeing through Pine Island, NY. This hamlet is rich in a heritage rooted in "black dirt" agriculture. This black dirt region, originally called "the drowned lands", consists of the remains of a great shallow lake, which formed as the last glaciers were melting away. One half of the onions grown in New York State come from 5,500 acres of farmland. The main type of onion grown is the yellow globe. Other crops grown in the black dirt area include lettuce, radishes, cabbage, carrots, corn, pumpkin, squash as well as sod farms.

Arrive 12:15 pm at the ***W. Rogowski Farm*** located at 329 Glenwood Rd, Pine Island, NY. The farm is recognized by Orange Environment for its land stewardship & environmental practices, offers some of the most diverse & unusual produce in the region.

Depart 12:55 pm

Arrive 1:10 pm – 1:50 pm at ***Warwick Valley High School***, 89 Sanfordville Road, Warwick, NY. Attendees will tour of Agri-Department – Leadership Team & FFA

(Future Farmers of America) students tour Greenhouse and classroom – Cultural Exchange. For more information visit www.warwickvalleyschools.com.

Depart 1:55 pm

Arrive 2:00pm at the *Circle of Peace / Peace Wall Memorial* located at 144 Sanfordville Road, Warwick, NY "If we are to teach real peace in the world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children." Gandhi. Visit www.peacewallmemorial.org for more information.

Depart 2:25pm

Arrive 2:30 pm at *Generals Garden* located at 177 Sanfordville Road, Warwick, NY. Home of the "common sense" gardeners and is the retail garden center for Techni-Grower's Greenhouses, a 30 acre wholesale flowering and foliage pot producer, operating since 1976. Tour greenhouses. Family owned and operated by Michael & Deb Sweeton. Their roots run deep within the community. Michael is the town Supervisor of Warwick. Please visit www.generalsgarden.com for more information.

Depart TBA

Arrive at 3:30 pm at *Penning Orchard & Farm Market* at 161 State Rt. 94 S, Warwick, NY. For more than 20 years, Pennings Orchard & Farm Market has been the steadfast retailer in Orange County, New York of locally grown produce under the attentive proprietorship Jill & Steve. Also, home to the Greatest Pub in Town. The Harvest Grill & Apple Grader Brew Pub features microbrews, world class ciders, and boutique wines. For more information, please visit www.penningsfarmmarket.com.

Depart 5:00 pm to NYC