



Greetings from the folks at Hundredfold Farm and Seven Springs Tree Farm!

Hundredfold Farm is an old-fashioned neighborhood with a green future - a rural, ecologically sustainable cohousing community located just west of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Seven Springs Tree Farm is an organic choose & cut Christmas tree farm that specializes in growing holiday traditions and creating lasting memories.

Upcoming Event: Welcoming Fall Open House

**Featuring folk & bluegrass music by the Klinger McFry Band
Saturday, September 22nd from 2 - 5 PM**



Klinger McFry performing at Hauser Estate Winery

Come and bring your friends & family to our free fall celebration with live music on Saturday, September 22nd. Playing songs that range from Hank Williams Sr. to Fleetwood Mac, the band puts their own twist on classic songs from all genres of music. The members of Klinger-McFry are: Dan Klinger on violin, mandolin and vocals; Rich McCauslin on guitar and vocals; Charlie Fry on bass, mandolin and vocals; and John Tschopp on keyboards, penny whistle, boudrain and vocals.

Schedule:

2 - 5 PM - Klinger McFry band with sing-along. *Please bring a lawn chair or beach blanket!*

5 - 7 PM - Potluck dinner

7 PM on - Campfire circle (weather permitting)

For more information and directions, visit our website at www.hundredfoldfarm.org or contact Gretchen, Outreach Coordinator, at 717-334-4587.

Adjusting to Life in the Country

Homeowners at Hundredfold Farm moved here from many different areas. Some grew up just a few miles away, some moved from the suburbs or busy cities. All shared the longing for a rural lifestyle and a deep desire to enjoy fresh air, beautiful views, and quiet, peaceful surroundings.

With a good attitude, preparation, and a desire to be more in tune not only with the environment and nature but with a community of people, it can be the most rewarding and amazing thing. Here are some tips to help you enjoy life in the country.

Do the wave. In the city, avoiding eye contact can be a survival skill. In the country, the wave is the primary social currency. When strangers wave at you on the road, wave back - it's the neighborly thing to do.

Get involved in the community. Find an organization that you care about and work with them. Subscribe to the local paper, and patronize the local businesses. When you are willing to help invest in your community, people notice, and soon you are not a complete outsider. These things do make a difference. In times of need or emergency, you will have neighbors at your side to help out.





Make time and take time for all those little conversations and chances to meet the folk around you. Instead of being just a number, you are a person.

Keep in mind that the "simple life" usually requires a lot **more physical work**. You may have some aches and pains, but they go away and leave you feeling great. If your neighbors are in their 80's and you are a healthy person in the middle years, shovel their driveway. Be willing to help your neighbors without expecting anything in return, and be willing to accept help from others!

Be a self-starter, but be willing to learn. A rural lifestyle requires the ability to tackle problems head on, as well as the ability to take advice from those who have already trod that path and have experience to offer. Add something new,

learn how to do it, then add something else. This will keep you from getting overwhelmed.

Combine your shopping trips to save on gas. It's at least 9 miles each way to go to the grocery store, so while you're out, you might as well stop at the library, the post office, the bank, the drugstore, and the hardware store. You can't walk to the corner deli when you're craving a candy bar! Even still, it teaches self-reliance, planning, and delayed gratification, which are all great attributes for anyone to have.

Make memories at home. When you cook a meal with the first offerings of your own garden, you will never taste veggies so grand and have a new appreciation for something we usually take for granted. Don't forget the fun stuff like having a big cookout with your neighbors coming over, with lots of yummy food to share, and room for the kids to play. If you crave a night out in the city, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington DC are within a two-hour drive, but it's a joy to come home to the country. The pace of life is slower, the appreciation of the little things is greater, and that's just the way we like it!



Your Christmas Trees are Shaping Up



One of the tasks that we at Seven Springs Tree farm perform for you is to trim the trees so they have their characteristic Christmas tree shape.

Christmas trees grow in a cone-like shape, but they are not normally as symmetrical as you have come to expect. To improve their appearance and to encourage the branches to fill out, we will go through the fields with long, sharp blades and trim off the

branches that detract from the ideal shape.

The process takes about two weeks to complete for our 25,000+ trees. The work is generally done between September and October, because the trees are winding down their growth for the year.

In just over 11 weeks, we will be open for business - the Friday after Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to seeing you admire the shape of this year's Christmas tree!

Newsletter Archive

We've been publishing Hundredfold Farm News for over one year! If you'd like to catch up on past issues, which cover our many green features and news about life on the farm, check out the [Newsletter Archive](#) on the Hundredfold website.

Classifieds

Solar home for sale at Hundredfold Farm

Built in 2007, this beautiful home is located in



Pennsylvania's first ecologically sustainable rural community, just 8 miles west of Gettysburg. The kitchen, dining room, and living room feature an open floor plan with south-facing windows and panoramic views. There is a large master suite, with two additional generously sized bedrooms and two full baths. Ceramic tile and hardwood floors throughout. Bonus 600 sq.ft. unfinished walk-up cape cod-style attic that can be used for storage or a workshop, studio, playroom, etc. Solar electric and solar hot water systems, combined with renewable energy credits, result in no net utility bills. Enjoy 80 acres of private secluded property with scenic mountain vistas, organic vegetable gardens, and over one mile of walking trails. Read more details here: [1134 Evergreen Way](#) or look up [MLS #21105782 on Realtor.com](#). Contact Prudential realtor David Sites at 717-487-4000 to arrange a showing.



Room for Rent

Furnished bedroom with closet, private bathroom, shared kitchen, living room, and dining area. Experience living in an intentional community on an 80-acre tree farm with walking paths, friendly neighbors and weekly common meals. Options exist for bartering some or all of rent in exchange for occasional sitting with my elderly but independent mother. \$365 plus security deposit includes all utilities, cable TV and

wireless internet. Please provide references. Call Linda Miller at (717) 385-4931.

Building Lots for Sale

Build your green dream home at Hundredfold Farm – five building lots are still available. Cohousing balances the traditional advantages of home ownership with the benefits of shared common facilities and involvement in community governance. Individual homes are arranged to preserve privacy while, at the same time, encouraging neighborly interaction. If you are interested in a pastoral, secluded location that can provide food and energy security, while sharing your living experience with a group of like-minded neighbors, you should come and take a closer look!

Community members enjoy shared meals, social events, and gardening together. Our eco-friendly designs include solar hot water and solar electric systems on each home plus an innovative living machine wastewater treatment and recycling system. Call 717-334-9426 for more information.



Overnight packages

Get a taste of the small, friendly village that is Hundredfold Farm ~ tour our ecologically sustainable homes, wastewater recycling facility, and Christmas tree farm, plus enjoy a community meal.

Hundredfold Farm is a peaceful, relaxing oasis, located 10 minutes from the historic Gettysburg Battlefield. You can also enjoy wine tasting at local wineries, a day trip to Washington DC, and hiking the Appalachian Trail. Schedule your visit to take advantage of seasonal activities and events, including the reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg and various local festivals such as the National Apple Harvest Festival, the PA Lavender Festival, and the Gettysburg Festival celebrating American art, music, and cuisine. December visitors will have the opportunity to experience a working choose & cut Christmas Tree farm. Skiing and snowboarding are also available locally at Ski Liberty and other nearby resorts.

A great getaway for individuals, couples, families and groups. Stay for a weekend or a week ~ contact us at 717-334-9426 for pricing.

Please let us know if you are interested in staying on our list and/or take the opportunity to update the information in our records. Following the "subscribe" link at the bottom will take you to a form where you can enter updated information (and there's an "unsubscribe" link at the bottom if you decide to opt out). You can also forward this message to someone who may be interested in being added to our contact list and receiving this newsletter.



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