

Cloud Mountain Farm Opens New Doors

Cloud Mountain Farm is opening new doors to the farm and garden community. Tom and Cheryl Thornton are working with local nonprofits to create the new Cloud Mountain Farm Center (CMFC) which will focus on providing hands-on learning opportunities for beginning and existing farmers and gardeners.

For more than three decades Tom and Cheryl have been growing, selling, researching, and teaching about plants best suited to our region. These services and activities will be enhanced through the operation of the CMFC.

"Our dream has always been to provide a place where people can learn about growing plants and experience the processes that food goes through to get from farm to table," said Tom Thornton. "Our focus has



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always been education and this new center will allow us to develop programs even further for growers as well as consumers," added Cheryl Thornton.

On the outside, Cloud Mountain Farm may look and feel the same: the retail nursery will continue to sell the varieties of plants best suited to our region, groups will gather for important classes and workshops, on-site dinners and celebrations will bring friends and families to the farm, fruits and vegetables will continue to be grown for sale, and

the Annual Fruit Festival will feature more varieties of fruit and vegetables than ever before.

New and exciting opportunities will be offered as the CMFC works with market farmers, Sustainable Connections, Kulshan Community Land Trust, WSU Cooperative Extension, and other nonprofits to build an even stronger "growing" community. They encourage everyone to come by and share your thoughts and ideas and hear about the exciting new Cloud Mountain Farm Center.

Cloud Mountain is located at 6906 Goodwin Road in Everson. For more information, see www.cloudmountainfarm.com.

