

White Harvest Farms

A Clara White Mission Initiative

Everything Good Comes from the Earth

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HELLO FALL.

September 22nd marked the first day of Fall. While the seasons are changing on the calendar, in Florida we are still in #hurricaneseason and won't see the leaves change colors for a little while longer. [Hurricane](#) season lasts thru November.

However, things are changing at White Harvest Farms! Our building projects are making progress. You may have noticed concrete being poured, landscaping being installed and new light posts.

Here on the farm, we are welcoming Fall with thankfulness for a restful summer, and anticipation of our new Quonset Hut being complete before winter.

What do you call this season of the year?

Autumn

Select

Fall

Select

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

- Kimberly



- Alexis
- Kaely
- Taylor
- Peter
- Amanda
- Venessa
- Angel
- Marie
- MJ
- Sue
- Katie
- Monique

If you would like to spend time volunteering with our farmers sign up today.

THANK YOU!

Hurricane Ian was expected to impact Florida on Wednesday, September 28th. We needed help taking safety measures ahead of the storm. We called and you answered! Thank you doesn't fully express the level of gratitude we feel for the volunteers who showed up this week.

We spent 6 hours:

- Moving all loose items inside the Quonset hut
- Fastening tarps down with extra rocks
- Putting cardboard over all compost piles
- Moving seed trays to the farmhouse

We were lucky the impact wasn't intense, but you made the difference in how well we prepared!

VOLUNTEER AT WHF





FALL VOLUNTEER HOURS

STARTING OCTOBER 2ND

White
Harvest
Farms

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
8:30 am - 1 pm

Clara White
Mission
Veterans
Garden

Thursdays
8:30 am - 12 pm



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VETERANS GARDEN

Community Gardening.

If you live in NW Jacksonville we have a mission to start a [food sovereignty](#) movement. That means we want to grow food for ourselves and for our neighbors in the 32208 and 32209 zip codes.

When you participate in the White Harvest Farms community garden you get access to farm tools, seedlings, and cultivation space. Our staff and volunteers are there along the way to answer questions as you begin your urban homesteading journey. Even better, friends from your own community take the journey with you. This is a safe space to experiment, learn and grow so that you can live healthier lives and build a stronger community.



JOIN THE COMMUNITY

FUNNY OF THE DAY

Why couldn't the budding gardener grow anything?

They hadn't botany plants!

Monarch Conservation Project at White Harvest Farms

This spring conservation efforts at the [Jacksonville Zoo](#) planted 12,000 native milkweed plants. In September White Harvest Farms partnered with the Jax Zoo which donated more than 200 native milkweeds for us to plant on our farm in Historic Moncrief Springs.

It is actually blooming right now! There are several North American native milkweed species - common milkweed (*A. syriaca*), swamp milkweed (*A. incarnata*), and butterflyweed (*A. tuberosa*).

Monarch butterflies were recently added to the endangered species list. Monarchs make an annual 3,000-mile migration from America's northeast to Southern Mexico. Along the way, they stop in North Florida where they like to munch on our native milkweed.



Unfortunately, the popularity of Tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) native to Mexico in the nursery trade might be contributing to the decline of the monarch population. The long bloom time is disrupting the migration pattern and possibly contributing to the spread of disease in Monarch populations.

Monarch butterfly larvae (or caterpillars as we like to call them) eat exclusively milkweed plants which makes milkweed very important to the success of the monarchs. This is an incredible adaptation because the leaves of milkweed are toxic!

Help us in our efforts to save the monarchs by making a donation to White Harvest Farms. These funds will be used for programs and operations that support conservation efforts and environmental advocacy programs in Jacksonville.



BECOME A DONOR

THANK YOU!

Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape President Robert Sanford donated more than \$590 to White Harvest Farms so that we can install automated irrigation into the high tunnel.

This is part of an ongoing partnership with WHF, FNGLA, North Florida Irrigation Society, Grassroots Industries, and Sanford Irrigation to improve WHF irrigation infrastructure. We appreciate you!



Lease a Garden Bed

Support sustainable agriculture in our community.



Ask questions at

whiteharvestfarms@clarawhitemission

to get everything you need to know!

Email us to reserve a row!





SAVE THE DATE!

Our partnership with the [Herban Bee](#) has led to the first graduating class of the White Harvest Farms Beekeeping internship program. On **October 22nd** we will present 16 interns with certificates of completion. These graduates have shown proficiency in the basics of beekeeping and have successfully cared for the bee population in our area.

White Harvest Farms started a community apiary in partnership with The Herban Bee in March of 2022. The community apiary is funded through Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grant (SSARE).

Applications for the Spring 2023 cohort will be available soon!



Thank you for being part of our community!

Roll call! Let us know where you're from!
We want to show love to all our followers so that you know how much we appreciate you!

Thank you for completing the survey...it takes 6 minutes to complete. We timed it!

TAKE THE SURVEY



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