



Cracker Box Palace – Newsletter

A not for profit organization helping farm animals in need

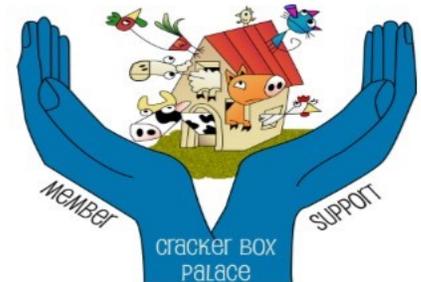
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2020 Annual Membership Appeal

Dear Friends,

We enter a new year of rescuing and caring for our resident Farm animals, our historic buildings, and our 600 acre farmlands, all under our stewardship. With the new year, we are sending this Annual Membership Appeal to you and all our other faithful friends.



Cracker Box Palace at historic Alasa Farms is unique: We rescue and rehabilitate Farm animals, of which we now have more than 230 including horses, goats, donkeys, sheep, and poultry. We continue restoring and rehabilitating the historic buildings of the Farm, slowly but surely; and we are preserving the 600 acres of woods, orchards, crop lands, streams and hiking trails, all of which comprise Alasa Farms.

All that we do is for the entire community, but we cannot do this without the financial support of friends like you. Our community has been so generous with individuals to provide volunteer work to maintain the Farm, but now we ask for your financial support.

Investment in Cracker Box Palace is an investment in the future of animals, historic preservation, and environmental protection. Our membership benefits offer a warm welcome from the animals (especially if you bring them healthy treats), a share in this remarkable Farm and all that goes on here, and the sheer joy of hiking the wonderful trails.



We continue to assist animal owners and our county with their animals, provide educational tours that feature animal care, conservation of the forests and farm land, and feature fun local history of the farm for groups young and old.



We hope you agree that your membership in the preservation work of Cracker Box Palace at Alasa Farms is well worth the investment.

Please join us and give generously to our 2020 Annual Membership Appeal. Share the memberships with your friends and family by sending a membership as a gift or sponsor an animal through Pen Pals.

If you have made a recent contribution, please *know how much we appreciate your generous support*.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Burt Madison, President, Hank Stuart, Vice President, Mary Novick, Treasurer, Janet Halasinski, Secretary, Mary Fisher, Don Lessord, Randy Bond, Beth Robinson, Debbie Hebblethwaite

Thank Ewe!

Thank you Ed “the Captain” Robinson along with Phil and Beth Robinson for the work on the Main House, fixing our water wagon and the brochures!

Thank you to all that have donated hay , Debbie and Carl Countryman and Barb Devlin!

Thank you everyone that contributed to the “Trunk or Treat” for Halloween. The kids (and we) have so much fun!

Thank you Dr. Dana Coover, DVM from The Country Vet for all the help with our chickens during the case.

Thank you Lyons Vet Clinic for the help with our rabbits and cats!

Thank Judy Tingle for your constant support with Kenny the Goat and your CBD oil!

Thank you Barb DeRoo, Mary Kay Guethner for the help with our community booths this past year.

Thank you Derek Poole for the help with tours this summer.

Thank you all the vendors and donors that helped to make our Eq-Wine Trail Challenge so much fun again this year!

Thank you to all the artists that donated their talent for our Art Exhibit and thank you Reliant Federal Credit Union for hosting our exhibit again this year at all the Wayne County branches!

Thank you to Emily Drake and her family and friends who fixed all the stalls in the Horse Barn! They also donated money for round bales and the feed store! What an amazing Holiday Gift!

Thank you Michael Zawadski and RTZ Systems for the donations of the fridge and microwave.

We’d like to send a special thanks to Pike Co., for printing our newsletter for us last quarter!

Thank you for the Grants...

Thank you to our anonymous foundation for your most generous donation through Rochester Area Community Foundation.

Thank you Lauren Frank and Annette Miller for the grant from Charitable Checking through RACF.

Thank you Mibb and Peter Browne for your donation

Thank you Marshall Family Foundation

Thank you for the amazing donation from the Canine Carnival and the Priscilla Mahar Animal Welfare Foundation

In Loving Memory of..... All of us at CBP want to send our sympathies and condolence to the friends and families that have lost someone dear to them and made a donation in their memory to CBP.

*We all want to share our prayers with the friends and family of **Katherine Elise Vollmer** and also to the family and friends of **Betty Warren**.*

*Prayers are with family and friends memory of **Kay Pope**, who helped the farm out every year with the golf tournament.*

***Doreen Kordzikowski** is remembered by her sister and friends.*

*And a special prayer for **Addie the dog**. She will be missed by her family.*

*Carol Corwin wishes to remember **Smoke the Horse**. We miss him daily.*

*We also send our sympathies and condolences to the Tack family remembering **Howie**.*

*Marion Deleo sent a memorial donation for Judy DeLorm in memory of **Zarjer***

We at the farm would like to remember our older animals that left us this year...

*The Horses— Moonshine Bucky Indy Star Pepsi Fanny The Pigs— Matatta Puff
The Rabbits— Peter Clover Shammy Bandit Our Dear Little Goat—Sturdy*

And the chicks that didn’t make it through the cruelty case.



Admissions: 101 Chicks, chickens. 11 ducks. 19 rabbits.

Cases: The shelter was called to help support a Wayne County Sheriff's investigation, Wayne County Humane Society handled the dogs and cats and we received 101 very sick chicks, chickens and 11 ducks. There were also a multitude of rabbits running loose on the property. With the help of some very dedicated rabbit lovin' volunteers, we were able to capture 11 adult rabbits. One was pregnant and had 8 adorable babies. We want to thank all the volunteers that helped to round up the animals, our LART team that responded to the initial call and worked till midnight to bring in the animals that night. Thank you Susan and Reed Ashline who tirelessly went to the property for nearly a month to check traps and capture rabbits. They also fostered the 'mom' for us and raised them till they were big enough to come to the farm.

Adoptions: Sheldon the cat, was adopted to Nancy Hoyt. 3 ducks have moved to their new home in Savannah along with another duck who has her new home in Savannah. Many of our chickens and chicks have found forever homes too with families.

We thank you all that helped spread the word and help us place some of the animals new forever homes!

Thank you all for opening up your homes!

Fosters: Olive the rabbit is living the good life with Barb DeRoo.
And Ashley bunny is with Keli Madison and family now!

Special Recognition—

Happy Birthday Gwen Hoffman who not only volunteers here at the farm weekly but gives a donation on her birthday every year to the farm! Thank you for sharing your birthday with the critters of Cracker Box Palace!



Barb DeRoo was honored with a donation of 7 bales of hay for her Christmas gift by Thomas Dawes.

Mary Fisher was also honored for all her hard work by Jeff and Suzanne Lattime.

Douglas Ross honored Mark Moore of New Jersey with a donation to the farm.

And a special thank EWE to everyone that sponsored a horse over the holidays and gave gifts to the animals. We'd also like to make a special Thank Ewe to Dan for the new feed wagon at the Cow Barn! We love it!



THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEN PALS!

Mary Fisher was gifted a Pen Pal sheep from her nephew Mark Lattime!

Sorceress the Horse got her first Pen Pal with Peggyann Joslin.

Gwen Hoffman was gifted a Rabbit Pen Pal from Kristin Peckman

The horses, Amp and Buddy have a continued sponsorship with Lorraine Bertlett

Pen Pal Rabbits were sent as gifts to Chris Shalvoy and Ruth Hamilton from Janet Cody. Enjoy!

Georgette Smith is Pen Pals with Bessie Biggins the horse.

Lisa Kaempffe sponsored the whole lot of Chicks!

Melinda VanEenwyck sponsored Glory the Chick.

Lil The Goat was sponsored by Christine Michael and Martin White

Ronald Macera is now Pen Pals with our own Super Goat, Asa



Farm News—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2019 started off with a new cow arriving at the farm and then off to Cornell Nemo Farm Animal Hospital for surgery on her foot. We're happy to report Princess the Cow is doing very well and is out with the other cows here at the shelter in 2020.

Pat Avery McGrath wrote 'The Alasa Chronicles' a fictional ghost story about Cracker Box Palace, the Shakers, ghosts and the area which raised over \$2000 for the shelter.

CBP and the LART team assisted the Wayne County Sheriff's Department with two cruelty investigations and a lost bull and cow. We're happy to report, we found the owners and the bull and cow went home in one week following their arrival. The cruelty cases were bitter sweet. Of the 3 chickens found alive in trash bags thrown on the side of a back road, 2 are still living here at CBP. The bigger case involved 101 chicks and chickens, 11 ducks and 19 rabbits. The chickens were in really bad shape, and we did lose 14 of them. But working with our vet, Dana Coover, DVM from The Country Vet in Canandaigua, all others made it. We're also happy to report that 30 of the birds have been adopted! Two of the rabbits have found new homes too. We are still taking the buns in for their spay and neuter surgeries but they will all be ready for their new homes soon.



These cases put a big strain on the budget for the farm. But as soon as we could get a letter out to our supporters, you all came through and saved the day for not only the animals in the cases, but our regular residents and staff. ASPCA awarded us a grant for the rabbit's care. Donations came flooding in and folks even helped with fostering animals for us so we could get back on our feet! We would like to thank Meg Hem, of Risky Business Stables for fostering the donkeys.. They did a fantastic job with them! Also Barb DeRoo and Keli Madison took rabbits home for fosters to alleviate some of the pressure in the Bunny Barn. Volunteers came and helped get through daily chores and assisted us with deliveries and pickups. We'd also like to shout out a special thank you to all the volunteers that helped capture loose animals at the Ontario case. Our LART team and volunteers captured 97 of the birds that night and we had other volunteers from Ontario that helped us set traps and check them everyday for the rabbits. We'd also like to thank all the other rescues and individuals that shared our posts about adopting birds. The Chicken Grapevine sent many families our way to give these birds new, loving homes. Thank you all for your help!

Improvements around the farm were amazing too. With the help from foundations and donors, and the volunteers from Day of Caring, we were able to finish the exterior repairs to the Cow Barn and get that painted. We also upgraded the pig's pasture with new fencing. That's made for much happier herds at the Cow Barn for the goats, cows and pigs, We also had the Cow Barn Foundation braced and the electric rewired downstairs making that barn good to go for another 100 years. Thank you everyone that contributed, worked on and helped bring the Cow Barn back to its impressive self!

The LART team also raised the funds for another Large Animal Rescue Training with Nicole Ehrentraut of Davinci Equine Rescue of Maryland. Alton Fire Department helped us simulate a horse trailer turnover accident with 2 horses and a person in the trailer. It was an amazing training and we'd like to thank all that participated and donated to the LART team to make that training possible.

Thank you everyone that helps Cracker Box Palace continue to help the animals, restore beautiful Alasa Farms, provide trails and wilderness for all to explore and to keep the farm and shelter available for generations to come. Plans are in the works now for even more improvements for the farm and services for the community for 2020. With the support of our members, volunteers, donors and sponsors we pledge to continue to give it our best.



Become Part Of The Herd With A Membership To CBP!

Fill out this form and return to: Cracker Box Palace PO Box 174 Alton, NY 14413
or used the enclosed envelope for your convenience!

Circle One: New Member Membership Renewal Memorial Donation Gift

\$1—25 Friend \$26—99 Supporter \$\$100—249 Patron \$250—500 \$500 + Benefactor

Pen Pal Sponsor—\$25 Farm Bird \$50 Rabbit \$100 Goat or Sheep \$150 Pig \$200 Donkey
or Alpaca \$250 Cow \$300 Horse Animal's Name _____

Program or Project Sponsor

Animal Care LART Team STEADY Work Trails and Forestry Send a Horse to School Historic Building Projects

Our 990 and Annual Report can be found on our web site or www.guidestar.org. Cracker box Palace is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. **THANK EWE!!!!**

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And They All Lived Happily Every After.....



We got a message from Jennifer Copperwheat giving us an update on some of our favorite goats, Remi, Benji and Oreo. They are loving their new home and 'assist' their new family on all the outdoor chores. They tag along when ever the family is outside working helping them as only a trio of little goats can! Thank you to the Copperwheat family for giving our boys the best new forever home! Photo left.

We also heard from the new family of Cyllus, Hershey and Hickory. The Harvey family is loving these guys too. They also have proven to be

great 'helpers' on projects and are truly loved by their new family! Photos to the right.

The Watson Family also wrote in and sent a video to our Facebook page with the 7 chicks they adopted to let us know they're 'thriving, curious and doing well'. Pepperjack, Munster, Cheddar, Gouda, Brie, Daisy and Mac are all loving their new home!



We want to thank all these families for writing in and sending us the Happily Ever After Stories! It does our hearts good to hear the updates. Thank you too for opening up your hearts and your barns and taking in our critters.



LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE TRAINING A SUCCESS!

We want to thank Alton Fire Department and Nicole Ehrentraut of Davinci Equine Rescue of Maryland for an amazing training for the Large Animal Rescue Team and the other emergency response personnel!

We will be continuing our training with Alton Fire Department this coming year too with an emergency plan for our barns and a training with them on handling a fire at the barn. We'd also like to thank the Ontario Volunteer fire department for joining our training that weekend and for

Rochester Orienteering Club hosted National Ranking Event on our trails at Cracker Box Palace

<https://roc.us.orienteeing.org/national-event>

Thank you all that came and enjoyed our trails and donated to the farm! We look forward to your return in 2020!



Farm Frenzy had a Great Day for Hiking!

The Farm Frenzy Group (pictured above) enjoyed beautiful weather to go hike our trails and raised \$810 this past fall to help care for the animals at Cracker Box Palace. Thank you all for hiking to help!

Get your copy of *Spirits of Sodus Bay Shakers* today! \$10

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The Alasa Farm Chronicles

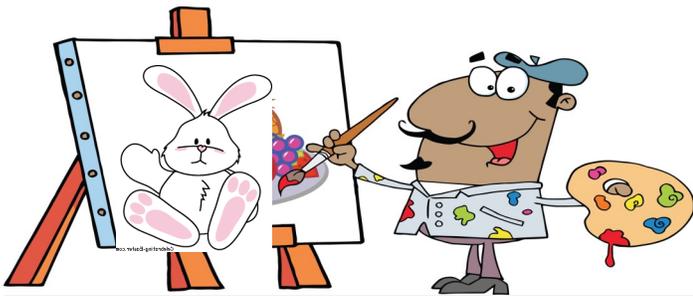
Pat McGrath-Avery

We would like to thank Pat McGrath-Avery again for writing such a great book using Cracker Box Palace and Alasa Farms as the background! Book sales have raised CBP over \$2000! Books are still available at CBP if you're looking for a good read.

Misty Says Thank Ewe From All Her Pals!

Thank you everyone that sponsored a horse or animal here at CBP for Christmas this year! Every horse got a sponsor! There was feed, treats, water buckets, pig feed, chicken feed, bedding, hay, rabbit treats, Goat and Sheep feed, and even a new feed wagon for the Cow Barn! Thank you Dan! We all here at Cracker Box Palace wish everyone a very happy, safe and prosperous New Year!





**6th Annual Cracker Box Palace
Farm Art & Photo Exhibit 2019**

At the Reliant Federal Credit Unions of Wayne County was an amazing success! We had over 38 pieces of beautiful art donated and raised \$780! We want to thank Barb DeRoo and all the Reliant Federal Credit Unions for hosting our art exhibit every year!



ROC the Day raised \$1485.39 this year!

**And our Facebook Fundraiser on #Giving Tuesday
\$1505!**

**Thank you all that included CBP in your donations
this year!**



Chef Barb and her assistant Asa the Goat were handing out treats all afternoon at our annual Halloween Truck or Treat Fest! So many kids came this year and the weather was perfect! Thank you everyone that participated, donated candy and toys for the kids and came to enjoy the day! Its so much fun

**The Harvest Hoe Down at
Cracker Box Palace**
Started off with rain but ended with many great booths and the wonderful music by Rebecca Bruno! Hay rides were running and everyone seemed to really enjoy the event and tours of the farm. Thank you Sara Buys for putting together a great day on the farm!

- Gala Ball—April 18 at The Ballroom at Carey Lake—Macedon**
- The Great Egg Hunt—April 4, Starts at Noon. (Candy donations welcome)**
- Blessing of the Farm will be in May—Watch our web site for details.**
- The Golf Tournament—June 29 at Sodus Bay Heights**
- Horse Camp—July 13—17 and August 17—21**
- The Eq-Wine Trail Challenge—July 25**
- National Orienteering Club event—September 13**
- The Harvest Hoe Down—September 26**
- Farm Frenzy—To be announced**
- The Art Exhibit—October 12—November 21**
- Trunk or Treat—October 31**

COMING EVENTS FOR 2020

Would you like to help with events for 2020? Let us know! Our Volunteers are the magic to our farm and rescue. Sign up for a Volunteer Orientation held every 2nd Saturday of the month 10am till noon and join our amazing group of Volunteers!

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Visit the farm – Shelter hours – Tuesday through Saturdays 10am till 3pm or call for an appointment

Grab a self-guide tour map at the barns and visit the farm at your leisure anytime during the week!

When visiting our trails, please do stop by the farm first and let us know you'll be hiking, sign our guest book and pick up a trail map. Horse back riders, please do check for trailer parking areas too!

For adoptions, admissions or guided tours email for an appointment at crackerbpalace@netzero.net or call 315-483-2493. Please leave a message.

We'll get back to you as soon as we can!

If you have an animal emergency, call 911 or your Veterinarian

Volunteers are always needed!

Attend a Volunteer Orientation every second Saturday of the month, 10am till noon.

Contact Krittr Kris to let her know you're interested at krittrkris@yahoo.com or email crackerbpalace@netzero.net



STAY WARM!!!