



# ELWOOD ORCHARD

## 2007

58 Snake Hill Rd.  
N.Scituate, RI 1/2 mile on  
left after the junction of 116  
and Snake Hill Road  
Open Weekends and Holidays  
9am-5pm August 25th through  
October.  
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*Another season is upon us, aside from still planting garlic in December, when snow should have been on the frozen ground, this has been a fairly straight forward weather season ...so far.*

*One of the biggest changes this year, unfortunately, is that we had some very old and large maple trees removed from the end of the driveway. When we purchased the property 26 years ago there were several very large maple trees in the center of the property. We positioned the house and driveway with the maples as a focal point. Two of the trees died about ten years ago and the*

*remaining trees were becoming a hazard so we had them taken down. The trees were so much a part of the character of the property that they are missed.*

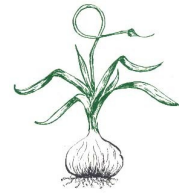
*We have been treated with sightings of a large male pheasant hanging*



*out between our farm and our neighbor's much of this summer. We first saw "the" pheasant this past January and I remember thinking it was going to have a tough time surviving all the foxes, coyotes, owls, hawks and such, let alone the winter. We started to see "him" again this spring when he was strutting looking for a mate. Then again almost every afternoon in early summer. After not seeing "him" for several days I walked over to where we last saw him and noticed a red tail hawk feather. But that afternoon there he was again...pheasant 1 hawk 0.*

*-- This year the nectarine crop is fair to good. We will be opening our season on Saturday*

August 25<sup>th</sup>.



*-- Our primary garlic supplier didn't ship our bulb order because of bad garlic bulbs. Our secondary supplier is from Canada and our order was stopped on the border for improper paper work. By the time everything was straightened out we were planting garlic in December.*

*We still had a great garlic year with five flavorful varieties plus elephant garlic which is milder and not a true garlic. We have excellent supplies of Music and German Porcelain.*

### **Music Garlic**

*White skinned with a blush of pink. Large easy to peel cloves. The taste is most often characterized as a medium hot true garlic flavor that lasts a long time.*

### **German Porcelain**

*The flavor is strong, robust and sticks around a long time*

### **Purple Italian**

*A zesty variety, with a rich spicy flavor and clean sweet aftertaste*

### **Georgian Fire**

Creamy white, rose skinned cloves. One of the hottest garlicks, full bodied and strong.

### **Spanish Rojas**

Superb classic rich flavor, easy to peel, keeps well 4-6 months... a true gourmet garlic

### **Elephant Garlic**

Large and mild, actually belong in the leek family with a real garlic flavor Huge easy to peel cloves.



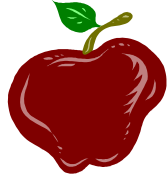
--Raspberries should be ready to be picked by the first week in September.

--The Asian pear crop is basically a failure. Hopefully we will have a crop next year.

### **WHAT'S NEW ?**

This year we planted some antique apple varieties including Wolf River, Ribston Pippin and Roxbury Russet. We are really looking forward to the first fruit of these antique varieties. Some of the apples we planted in prior years are beginning to fruit. I don't expect to have enough to be able to display them on the stand but they will be available to those who

find them when they are picking. The apple crop looks excellent this year.



### **ELWOOD ORCHARD APPLE TYPES:**

If you don't recognize the names of our apples it may be because we grow pest resistant apple varieties. This allows us to grow great tasting and looking apples that require less input than if we grew traditional varieties. These apples were created the old fashion way ....by cross-pollination.

#### **Jonafree**

a Jonathan Type  
A Jonathan type apple that has a creamy golden flesh and crisp juicy flavor. One of the choicest apples for pies, sauce, juice, dried apple chips ...or just eating fresh.

#### **Liberty**

from the McIntosh Family  
McIntosh like flavor.  
This apple is very flavorful with an intense sprightly flavor and has a nearly white, crispy, crunchy flesh. If you like McIntosh you'll love Liberty.

**NY7414**

from the McIntosh Family (soon to be named???)

It is an extremely attractive apple with its deep burgundy color and skin characteristics making it almost indistinguishable from Macoun. An excellent combination of sweet and tart flavors. In our opinion it is better flavored when compared to Macoun. This apple has placed extremely high in independent apple tasting tests and makes a great apple pie. We are very excited about this apple.

#### **Nova Spy**

This is the first pest resistant apple variety that has a flavor reminiscent of the famous Northern Spy apple.

#### **Goldrush**

a Golden Variety  
An end of the season apple. Medium course grained, very firm, crisp, especially breaking and juicy. Goldrush resists oxidation when cut making it great for baking and sauce.

Thank you, Jean and Al Fuoroli