**Education**:

Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage School, Wichita, KS

BA in Studio Art, Painting Concentration, Cum Laude, Marietta College, OH

**Farm Experience:**

Farm work-trader, “Peace Rock Gardens” Loveland LLC, Asheville, NC July 2019-current

Responsibilites: construct and co-manage the apiary with my partner Mike (treatment free for 3 seasons, now oxalic only), manage laying hen flock, mowing with zero-turn Husqvarna, weedwhacking, chainsaw work, splitting wood, landscaping and mulching, general garden work, pruning berries, rehab work on old farmhouse, general maintenance/repair tasks. Member of Buncombe Co. Beekeepers.

Projects I initiated during this time: rotational chicken grazing with moveable coop, large milkweed and wildflower plantings, seeding/propagating perennial herbs/flowers/rhubarb/horseradish etc, planting trees, reducing mowing for naturalized/wildflower areas, converted an underused barn into seeding and harvesting area, built a small upcycled greenhouse, raised shiitakes, propagating figs/elders/willows, permaculture and farmscaping designs, record keeping systems, building my own no-till garden with sheet mulching and hugelkulter, canning and drying my own produce. Also volunteered with a local gleaners food bank for a bit, traded some farm work for veg with Small Holding Farm. Volunteered at and attended various farm conferences.

Farm worker, Snug Hill Farm, Garfield, GA Apr 2014 – Sep 2014

Organic Permaculture Farm in Emanuel County, GA, growing pecans, pomegranates, figs, kiwis, and other fruits, nuts and vegetables. Responsibilities: fence construction, irrigation repair, machinery operation, landscaping, pruning trees, weeding, watering, mulching, use of hand tools, and animal care (goats and chickens; the cows were pretty self-reliant).

Self Employed, Wee Farm, Sylvania, GA Nov 2011 – Apr 2014

Self-employed on a six acre organic farm in Screven County, GA, producing nuts, eggs, blueberries, cut flowers, vegetables, herbs, and handmade soaps. Responsibilities: seeding, planting, transplanting, weeding, mulching, irrigation, construction, plumbing, directing interns and volunteers, chicken/cow/goat care, egg candling and packing, harvesting, budgets, record-keeping, planning production and planting schedules, educational outreach with college agro-ecology students, seed saving, compost/compost tea, landscaping, tree planting, small machinery maintenance and repair, direct-to-consumer retail at markets, floral arrangement, social networking/branding/marketing/web design. Also sold through a weekly online market, eggs to a local baker, and flowers to a local restaurant. Active member of Coastal Organic Growers. Egg Candling license. Built a large solar dehydrator. I started a Ladies Homestead Gathering as a place for area women farmers to join together (we took turns presenting on skills and activities, sharing knowledge and resources, doing demos and farm tours, and held space for community).

Assistant Manager (Tues and Sat markets), Farmers Market, Statesboro, GA 2013 – 14

Connecting and hauling enclosed market trailer, loading/unloading tables/tents/outdoor café/chef demo area/signage/sound system, creating signage, engaging student volunteers, recorded a radio commercial, contacted vendors, credit/debit card machine/distributing market tokens and EBT vouchers, promoting the market, collecting vendor fees, customer service.

Farm Intern, Let Us Farm, Oakville, WA Aug through Nov 2011

Certified Organic vegetable farm near Olympia, WA. Responsibilities: delivery route to co-ops, animal care (mostly chickens, also pigs, and assist w/bees), tractor and machinery operation, cooking , vegetable wash/pack/prep, weeding, transplanting, seeding, rotating irrigation, basic plumbing, general maintenance, direct retail at fast-paced high-volume markets.

Farm Intern, Next Step Produce, Newburg, MD Sep through Nov 2009

Organic fruit and vegetable farm in Maryland serving the DC area. Responsibilities: Seeding, transplanting, weeding, mulching, harvesting, staking plants, use of prototype Row-Rider, machinery/tractor operation, use of hand tools, efficient washing/packing/sorting/weighing/grading/market prep, cooking for a group, manning a fast-paced high-volume market, working outdoors in all conditions.

Educational programmer & Gardener, Sitka Nat. Historical Park, Sitka, AK, Apr– Aug 09

Seasonal position through the Student Conservation Association for the National Park Service. Educational programmer: Designed and implemented educational curriculum based on annual programs with Kindergarten through junior high students, supervising, and educating on topics such as banana slugs, Stream Team Week, where we collaborated with local biologists and the Forest Service to collect samples, monitor water quality and wildlife, on site and in the classroom. For the Sea Week program I presented on flora and fauna of the ocean, taught intertidal ethics and studied and identified intertidal specimens with the students, and with assistance from local divers. Visited schools to speak to classes and created displays on behalf of the park.

Historic gardener: Planned and implemented a garden on park grounds of the Historic Russian Bishop's House, based on historic garden designs and records. Seed and transplant with school children. Daily upkeep of garden included composting, weeding, watering, labeling, mulching, staking and thinning, also interacting with park visitors.

Family Farm late 1980s-2008ish

160 acres of timber, pasture, and hayfields. We ran a herd of grass-fed cattle, had apple trees/berries/grapes, grew and preserved a lot of our own vegetables, fermented and did a lot of canning. I was in FFA, welding, woodworking, and soil classes in high school. We heated with wood only and cut it all ourselves, cut all our hay. Also hatched and raised chickens, had a couple horses and misc animals at different times. During my time there we constructed a timber frame barn with hay loft, and a three bay garage with living space above, developed springs, built ponds, put up miles of fencing, planted hundreds of white pine for erosion control & conservation.

**Other Work Experience:**

Designing and constructing my own 30’ long tiny house 2018-present (almost done!)

Sketch-up CAD work, then framing, roofing, siding, wiring, woodstove and chimney install, tile work, flooring, trim carpentry, window and door installs, custom cabinetry, etc.

Licensed Massage Therapist, KS and NC Oct 2016-present

Miscellaneous jobs in food service, or retail, working as a nanny. 2003-2017

I was student Recycling Coordinator at Marietta College, spearheading the barely-existing program into a partnership with a local commercial facility. During that time I also organized donation drives when students moved out, which resulted in truckloads of goods diverted from the landfill and distributed to the local domestic violence shelter, underserved school students, thrift stores, and the local food pantry.

**Other:**

Washington Tilth Conference, Yakima, WA 2011

Georgia Organics Conference, Jekyll Island, GA 2014

SoGa Growing Local and Sustainable Conference, Reidsville, GA 2013

Buncombe Co Beekeepers Beginners Bee School, Asheville, NC 2019

Master the Bloom, Thriving Farmer Flower Summit, virtual 2022

Elderberry Workshop Series, Growing Farmers, virtual 2023

ASAP Business of Farming Conference, Asheville, NC 2020, 2022, 2023

Organic Growers School Spring Conference, Mars Hill, NC 2023