## Aquidneck Farm and Garden ABC Book

Gloria Schmidt



A is for Alpaca, a gentle animal in the camel family. Their thick coats makes beautiful warm sweaters and blankets.





B is for buying local food at farmers' markets, farm stands or paying for a share of a farmer's crop (community supported agriculture.)



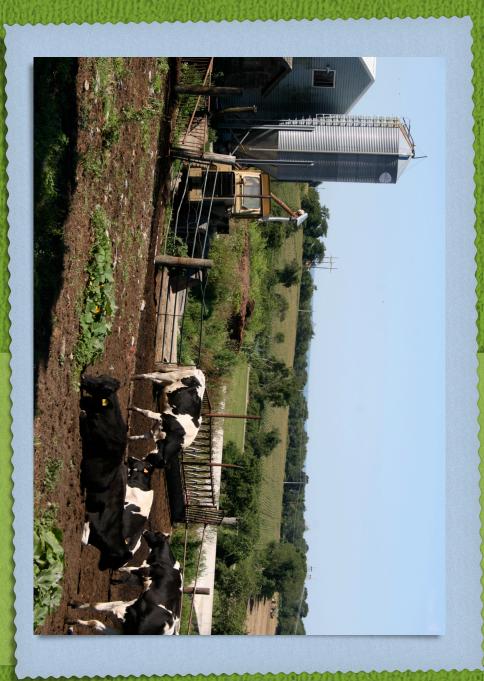


C is for the cattle that graze on the grass of Aquidneck Farms



D is for DeCastro Farm and Farm Stand where you can buy local fruits, vegetables and garden plants.





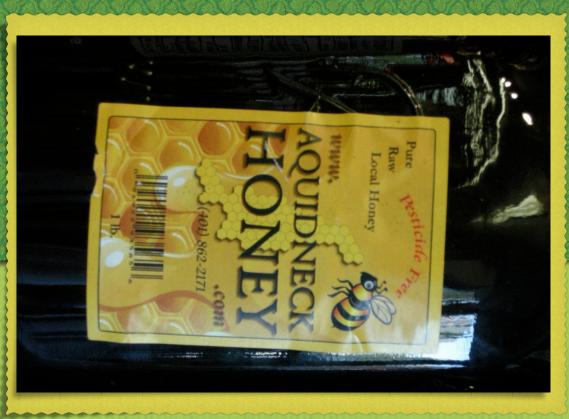
E is for Escobar's Highland Farm, a dairy farm (and more).



F is for Farming
Organically - basic
farming without using
man made chemicals.



G is for Gardens full of colorful flowers.



H is for Honey direct from the Aquidneck Honey hives.





I is for Island Corn, an Aquidneck favorite from Native American times to today.



J is for Jams and Jellies, ways to preserve fruit so we can enjoy it longer.



K is for Kids learning about farming through 4-H.





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L is for Land Trust (Aquidneck) that helps preserve farm land on our island.



M is for Maplewood Farm which grows crops through three seasons.



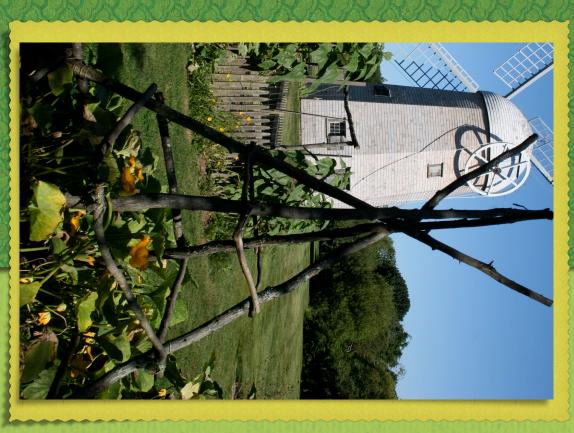


N is for Nurseries where plants are grown until they are big enough to come to be planted at our homes.





O is for Oyster Farm, a mariculture rather than agriculture. Oyster farms grow shellfish for us to eat.



P is for Prescott Farm where you can see what farming was like in Colonial Days. Farming has always been important throughout Aquidneck Island History.





Q is for Quonset View Farm growing all year round - strawberries, potatoes, pumpkins and Christmas Trees.





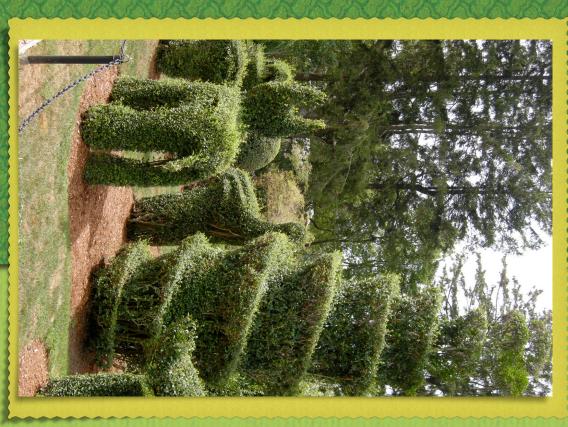
R is for Rhode Island Red, our state bird.





S is for Swiss Village, a historic farm in Newport that uses technology to preserve rare breeds of animals.





T is for Topiary gardens where plants are trained to look like shapes.





U is for URI Master Gardeners who tend the colonial herb and vegetable gardens at Prescott Farm.





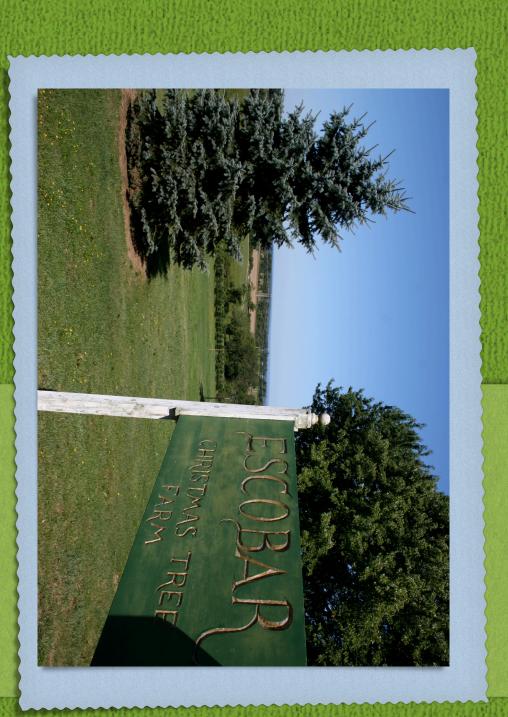
V is for Vineyards where grapes grow. Aquidneck Island has a great climate for growing grapes.





W is for Walls of stone made by colonial farmers as they cleared their land.





X is for X-Mas trees, the trees we decorate for the holidays.



Y is for "You pick them" - the opportunity to go out into the fields and pick the fruit you want to bring home.



