



This Bud Loves Bugs

Rosemary “Bud” Storey is all about the bugs. At 3rd Day Farm, where she works as part of the WISEWOMAN gardening team, she has become the bug expert. “I love looking for the bug’s larva or their nests or their eggs,” she said. “I plan to use my WISEWOMAN money to buy plenty of books on bugs!”

Although she worked

her parents gardens growing up near Flint, Bud, a second year gardener with the WISEWOMAN Entrepreneurial Gardening Program, didn’t pick up a trowel again until 2011 when she started volunteering at a community garden near her home. “I fell in love with it,” said Bud. That’s where she connected with the folks from

3rd Day Farm.

“I was working full time, one on one, with at risk children with autism. Then my husband was diagnosed with a serious illness. I knew it was time for a change.” When the folks at 3rd Day asked me to join their team, I knew I had found my place.”

“Each one of us brings something different to the

table. That’s what drew me there and keeps me there. The camaraderie is amazing. There’s just a lot of caring and sharing.”

Although she works at 3rd Day Farm, Bud also gardens at home. “I planted Tansy to deter the white cabbage moths and haven’t had one since. I’ve learned so much about beneficial plants. Like planting



garlic to deter June beetles.”

When asked about her favorite aspect of gardening, Bud is quick to answer.

“Weeding! I weed by hand or use a stirrup hoe. It’s so relaxing and satisfying.”

“I’m really excited about the coming year,” said Bud. In addition to expanding her home garden, Bud plans to help staff the farmers market

starting up at 3rd Day Farm.

She and other members of the WISEWOMAN team at 3rd Day will grow additional plants at their home gardens to sell at the market. “I want to start raspberries, blueberries and strawberries. I’d really like to do jams and jellies to sell.”

Her advice for new WISEWOMAN Gardeners?

“Start out small. Look

around your property and see what would work best.

And take advantage of the WISEWOMAN mentoring program. Mentoring from other WISEWOMAN gardeners is key. It’s great to know there’s someone there so you don’t get overwhelmed.”