Mary Lu struggled in her youth to figure out what she wanted to do in life because she was torn between her passion and others' expectations. Concerned with her future and her security, she took an office job with the EPA that was 9-5. Although she enjoyed the job for a short time, she quickly realized – in her words – that she knew she should be doing what she needed to be doing, and that was being on a farm, living out the unconventional lifestyle she dreamed about. From a young age she had an appreciation for spirituality and a love for the unconventional so instead of doing what she knew everyone else to be doing, Mary Lu followed her passions.