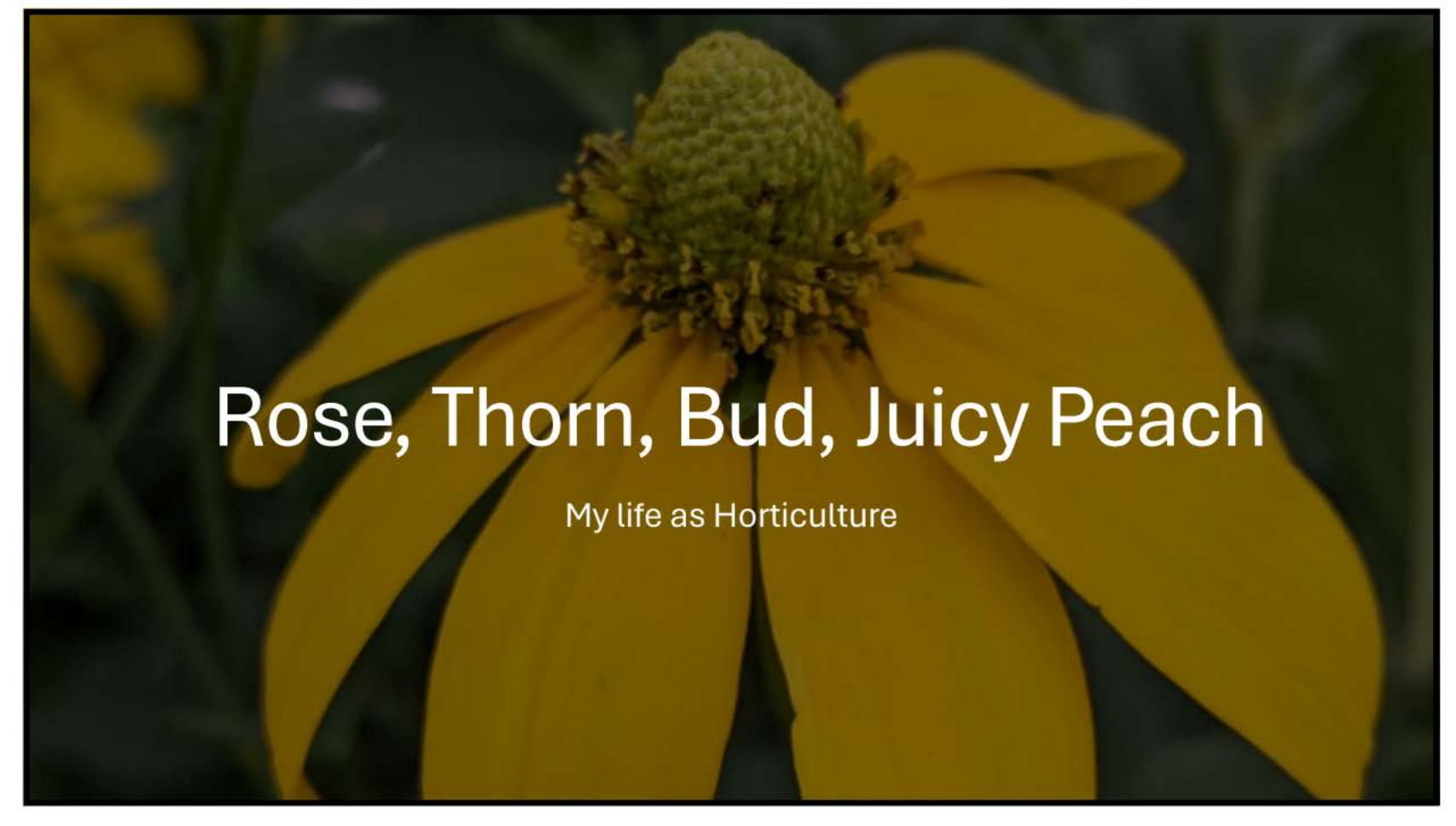


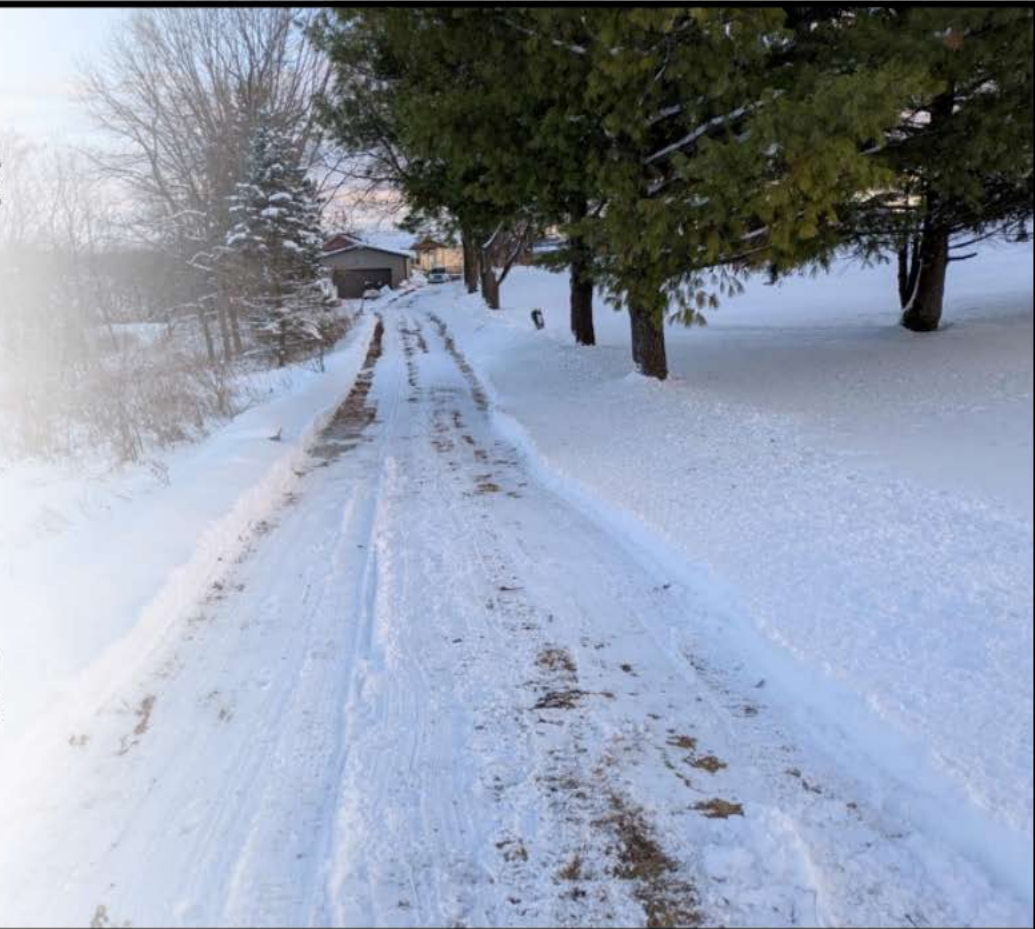


# Rose, Thorn, Bud, Juicy Peach

My life as Horticulture

# My Rose: I have the most amazing friends

- I don't make friends easily and the ones I had before I moved were the same one, well one, I had as a small child. But I am really starting to make real friends here.
- The sense of community and support is like nothing I ever experienced and it has made a tremendous difference in how I am able to face challenges and look for ways to help others with their challenges.



# My Thorn: My Health Mysteries

- I just got another disease to add to my collection of rare poorly understood diseases! Hereditary Alpha Trypsesemia!
- I am trying to channel my mother's amazing attitude. In a conversation with her oncologist she actually uttered the words "I feel like I won the lottery!" Mom, no one says that about cancer. But I think that effected her positive outcome.



# My Bud: Cheese

- I love cheese. I moved from Chicago and got goats so I could make cheese. But I wasn't getting enough milk and they weren't turning out very well.
- I feel like I am FINALLY getting the hang of it. Timing things, handling the curds and aging the cheeses. I made a GOUDA!



My Juicy  
Peach: A  
book of  
course!

