

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (continued)

How would you like to contribute to the cooperative?

- I own a farm, land, business and/or restaurant and would be willing to open my space for educational or social events.
- I have a skill/knowledge/trade that I could share with other LGG members. Please specify:

- Add me to the volunteer contact list for future volunteer opportunities. Would you rather be notified in a way other than your listed email address? If so, please specify:

- Please send me more information about joining an LGG committee. (See inside brochure.)

- I am interested in participating in farm projects to support our local growers and producers.

- I have ideas for strengthening the local food economy. Here are some of my ideas:

Please return this form with **Local Growers Guild**
your membership dues to: P.O. Box 2553
Bloomington, IN 47402

GROW WITH US!



COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

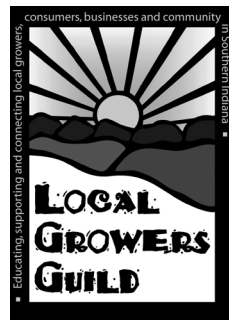
- 1st Principle:** Voluntary and Open Membership
2nd Principle: Democratic Member Control
3rd Principle: Member Economic Participation
4th Principle: Autonomy and Independence
5th Principle: Education, Training, and Information
6th Principle: Cooperation among Cooperatives
7th Principle: Concern for Community

PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS & INSTITUTIONS

Bloomingfoods Market & Deli
Bloomington Community Orchard
Bloomington Kitchen Incubator
Center for Sustainable Living
City of Bloomington Parks & Recreation
Community Kitchen of Monroe County
Harmony School
Hoosier Hills Food Bank
Indiana Cooperative Development Center
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
Indiana University Office of Sustainability
Local First Bloomington
Middle Way House Food Works
Monroe County Community School Corporation
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
Purdue University Extension Office
Slow Food Bloomington

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LOCAL GROWERS GUILD

JOIN THE LOCAL FOOD MOVEMENT!
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL GROWERS GUILD

The Local Growers Guild is a cooperative of **farms, retailers, and community members** dedicated to strengthening the local food economy in central and southern Indiana.

Your involvement will help us grow and sustain a vibrant local food economy!

EDUCATION • DIRECT SUPPORT • MARKET CONNECTIONS

The Local Growers Guild creates a local food system that:

- **provides** quality food to communities through direct markets and retailers;
- **preserves** the viability of family farms;
- **improves** the quality of life for growers;
- **makes** food issues visible;
- **promotes** practices that preserve and protect the Earth.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Winter Guild Gathering

An annual conference offering opportunities for long-time practitioners and new farmers to connect with each other and learn new growing techniques.

Bloomington Winter Farmers Market

An indoor market held on Saturdays throughout the winter.

Local Growers Guide

An annual resource explaining how and why to buy local food, and information about area growers, producers, farmers markets, restaurants and retailers supporting local food.

Dine Local Week

An annual celebration of local foods and the chefs who turn them into delicious meals. Each of our participating retailers offers special menu options or events.

Harvest Dinner

Five local chefs are paired with farmers to present this one-of-a-kind event, celebrating the abundance of Indiana's fresh, in-season food.

Backpack Buddies Program

A partnership with Community Kitchen of Monroe County and IU Dietetics students, LGG grower members supply local products distributed to school children in need.

On-Farm Internship Program

A pilot program to connect landless, beginner growers with established farmers in an apprenticeship relationship.

LGG MEMBER COMMITTEES

- Membership Development
- Community Outreach & Education
- Web-based Communication
- Friends of Bloomington Winter Farmers Market
- Fundraising/Grant Writing
- Apprenticeship/Grower Education

GROWER/PRODUCER MEMBERS

LGG grower and producer members are local producers of fresh and value-added food, flowers, or fiber.

They range from small urban homesteads to large farm operations. They are committed to producing quality products and supporting other producers

Grower and producer members benefit from promotion support as well as attendance at technical workshops, education and social events hosted by the LGG. Additionally, they connect and network with other growers and producers as well as the consumer community.

RETAILER MEMBERS

Retailer members are restaurants, food co-ops, grocery stores, and other business interested in preparing or selling locally grown and produced food, flowers, and fibers.

Retail members benefit from promotional support for their business as well as attendance at technical workshops, educational and social events hosted by LGG. Additionally, they connect with growers and community members invested in supporting the local food economy. The LGG logo, publicity, and credibility will help retailers attract customers.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Community members are committed citizens of our regional communities invested in growing and/or purchasing food that supports our local producers, economy, and environment.

Community members benefit from the outreach and education of food issues as well as where, how, and why to buy locally. They receive opportunities to actively participate in the network of leaders and key players within the local food movement.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Help support the local food economy by becoming a member of the Local Growers Guild. You will receive a copy of the Local Growers Guide, a bumper sticker, subscription to our bimonthly newsletter and reduced pricing for special events. For more information about benefits for grower and retailer members please visit www.localgrowers.org.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

COMMUNITY:

- Seeds: \$12
- Sprout: \$20
- Fruit: \$35
- Soil: \$50
- Water: \$100
- Sunlight: \$500

FARMER:

- Farmer: \$40

RETAILER:

- Retailer: \$225

SUPPORTER/SPONSOR:

- Supporter: \$500
- Sponsor: \$1000

Business Name

Contact Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Website



All memberships last for a full calendar year.
(Application continued on back.)