



Locally Grown News

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Fall Membership Drive Begins; LGG Seeks Your Support

September kicks off the Fall Membership Drive—a time to renew your membership in the Local Growers Guild and help us recruit more community, grower, and retail members. Remember, the LGG is a cooperative of individuals invested in strengthening the local food system. As a member, YOU have the right and the responsibility to have a hand in this movement. The strength of the cooperative depends tremendously on the strength of our members.

In 2008, the Local Growers Guild more than tripled its community memberships. Grower members now total 52 members in 20 Indiana counties! This year the LGG aims to double its total membership, but needs YOUR help!

2nd Annual Harvest Dinner

On Thursday, October 29, join us at the Upland Brewery banquet hall for this one-of-a-kind event to savor the abundance of Indiana's fresh, in-season foods prepared and grown by Southern Indiana's finest chefs and farmers.

Enjoy a delicious five-course meal featuring locally-grown food prepared by local chefs. Listen to participating growers and chefs share their thoughts on the ingredients and preparation of each course.

Participating farms include: Harvest Moon Flower Farm, Fiedler Family Farms, Grass Harvest, Homestead Growers, The Chile Woman, Meadowlark Organic Farm, Stranger's Hill Organics, and Capriole.

The dinner will be prepared by chefs from Upland Brewery, FARMbloomington, Nick's and

One World Enterprises. Wine and beer will be generously donated by Oliver Winery and Upland Brewery.

Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner begins promptly at 6pm.

Tickets for LGG members are \$68; \$75 for non-members. Or, purchase a table for 10 for a 10% discount off the \$75 price. Tickets will be sold at all Bloomingfoods locations, Upland Brewery, and Wandering Turtle Art Gallery and Gifts.

Throughout the month of October, a community-wide silent auction will take place at various restaurants and retail stores featuring gift packages donated by local retailers. All auction items will be presented to the highest bidders at the Harvest Dinner. Please stay tuned for silent auction locations.

Be a superstar member by:

- Renewing your membership by completing the enclosed form. **Membership renewals are due October 31.**
- Attending or volunteering at the Harvest Dinner Thursday, October 29 at Upland Brewery (see below).
- Hosting a dinner party to encourage your friends to also become members of the LGG.
- Volunteering with the LGG by tabling at an event (see page 3), assisting with a mailing, or offering your handy skills (i.e. web design, photography, graphic design, database, archiving, etc).

Community Members: \$12—\$500

Grower Members: \$35

Retailer Members: \$225

Farmers' Network Website Awaits Your Profile

www.farmersnetwork.org

The Indiana Entrepreneurial Agriculture Directory originally developed in 2005 by the Southern Indiana Rural Development Policy has recently been upgraded to an interactive website that will be overseen by the Local Growers Guild. The website is a means to develop farmer-to-farmer connections and host a forum for conversation, resource sharing, and market expansion. When you join the network you create a profile that describes your business. Anyone interested in agriculture can join. We hope members start conversations about their businesses, marketing strategies and farming methods. You can use the forum to post questions or contact members directly. Our intention is to have a diverse group of users who represent the entire local food economy.

Please explore the profiles and join the network. It's free and just takes a few minutes to get started. With the Farmers' Network you can showcase your business and learn about the innovative practices of others in the agriculture community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 812-333-8287 or localgrowers@localgrowers.org.



Kim Kanney, the new LGG Director, introduces herself

You can contact Kim at localgrowers@localgrowers.org

Friends & members of the Local Growers Guild,

I am thrilled to introduce myself to you and eager to meet each of you as we collectively continue to strengthen our local food system through supporting local farmers, restaurants and retailers, building solid relationships throughout our community, and protecting our land, air, and water.

As an IU alumnus and long-time Bloomington citizen, I have a deep love and commitment to Southern Indiana, and find more reasons each day to admire the beauty around me and the people inhabited

within.

I have worked or served for a number of organizations throughout Bloomington, including two years as the Volunteer Coordinator of Hoosier Hills Food Bank. I began working with the LGG and a number of our growers and community members during this time as I helped develop the food bank's Gleaning Project.

My vision for our future is to live in a community in which we care about our health and the health of our neighbors. We focus our attention on where our food comes from, how it was grown and at what

environmental, political, and nutritional expenses did it reach our plate. And as these values blossom around us, we ensure that healthy, local, whole foods can be affordable for everyone.

Once again, I look forward to meeting you all. Now that you have seen my face, please visit the Caldwell Center in Bloomington, or stop me on the street to introduce yourself. I am always eager to chat!

Respectfully,

Kim Kanney

Go Paperless!

In an effort to reduce our environmental impact, the LGG offers a paperless newsletter option for our members.

If you would like to receive this newsletter as a pdf in the future, please contact us at localgrowersguildnews@localgrowers.org and put **paperless** in the subject line.

Please welcome our new community members:

Deborah Piston-Hatlen

V. Grace MacNeil

John T. MacCormick

And thank you to our new volunteer:

Dewey Wysong

Volunteers

LGG Affiliated Events

Help raise awareness of the Local Growers Guild and encourage others to become members by assisting with tabling events throughout the community:

- Bloomington Community Farmers' Market: Every Saturday in September and October 7:30 am-10:30 am or 10 am-1pm
- Bloomingfoods Truckload Sales: Sat., October 17 and Sun., October 18 8:30 am-12 pm, 11:30 am-2:30 pm, or 2:30-5:30 pm.
- Harmony Harvest Festival: Saturday, October 24: 12:30-4:30 pm
- Harvest Dinner: Thursday, October 29—5-10 pm

Sign up for shifts by contacting Katie at katie@localgrowers.org

Hoosier Hills Food Bank Seeks Volunteers

September is HUNGER ACTION MONTH with the Volunteer

Focus: GEAR UP TO GARDEN!

Help HHFB meet their goal of organizing ten groups (5 people or more) to help in the garden throughout the month of September. Organize your friends, family, coworkers, social group today! Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm and Fridays 4:30-6:30 pm.

Harriman Farm in Spencer, Monday mornings 7:30am to 11am. Volunteers glean excess produce in the fields (sweet corn, peppers, watermelon) or box culled tomatoes to donate to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. 9,136 pounds of cantaloupe and cabbage have been collected in just one month!

Stranger's Hill Organics in Bloomington, Weekday mornings Monday through Friday from 9:30am to ~11:30am to pick up tomatoes and peppers left in the rows for volunteers to collect. So far this season 4,630 pounds have been collected at SHO! volunteer@hhfoodbank.org

DIVIDING PERENNIALS at T.C. Steele State Historic Site

SUN SEPT 20th 2-4PM. Garden volunteers will be dividing plants that need moved for an upcoming construction project.

Feel free to bring any plants you'd like to pass-along, but it's not required. We especially welcome beginning gardeners. Everyone will leave with a plant from the Gardens of Selma Steele.

Tools and gloves provided. For more information please contact tcsteeleshs@dnr.in.gov or (812) 988-2785.

Classified ads are free to members and \$5 for non-members in 30 words or less. Entries can be sent to katie@localgrowers.org or by phone at 812-340-9400.

Upcoming Events

Going Local Week

Sun, Sept. 6-Sat, Sept. 12
It's a one week challenge to Indiana citizens to eat at least one Indiana locally grown or produced food at each meal during the seven day event. For more information about GOING LOCAL Week, please contact Victoria Wesseler at Victoria@goinglocal-info.com or 765-325-1000 or log onto www.goinglocal-info.com.

Indiana & Midwest Local Food Show

Mon, Sept. 14, noon-6 pm
Piazza Produce will host a local food show in Indianapolis. Piazza is currently developing a division, BUY FRESHER to assist local food producers with the distribution of their products throughout the Midwest. For more information, go to www.cardfreeservices.com.

National Small Farm Conference

Tues, Sept. 15-Thurs. 17
Join your colleagues in Springfield, Illinois and register for the 5th National Small Farm Conference. Hosted by the University of Illinois Extension, the conference will include five short courses, 160 oral and poster presentations, seven

tours and over 50 exhibits. The conference will provide you with an opportunity to share new ideas in research, extension and outreach and to strengthen collaboration and partnership among your colleagues that are working to support small farmers and you with an opportunity to share new ideas in research, extension and outreach and to strengthen collaboration and partnership among your colleagues that are working to support small farmers and ranchers. For more information, contact Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Conference Chair, cvnghgrn@illinois.edu, 217-968-5512.

Bloomingtons Annual Meeting

Thur, Oct. 8, 6 pm.
Daisy Hinkle-Garton Historic Farmstead. For more information, please contact Ellen Michel at ellen@bloomingtons.coop or 812-339-4442x105.

Indiana Homegrown Farm Tour

SUN, OCT. 4, 1:15-7:30 PM
Visit Olde Lane Orchard and Graber's Produce. Enjoy a simple dinner including soup made

with local ingredients. Register by 9/28 through the City of Bloomington website. Tour departs from Bloomington City Hall.

Permaculture Design Course

Begins Fri. Oct. 16
Peter Bane, publisher of the Permaculture Activist; Keith Johnson, who has been practicing permaculture for over 25 years; and Rhonda Baird, originator of the Bloomington Permaculture Guild team up with Kevin Glenn of Owl Creek Programs (www.owlcreekprograms.com) and other guests to offer a fun, fast-paced, and transformative course. Please contact Rhonda Baird at 812.323.1058 or rhonda.kb@yahoo.com for more information.

International Day of Climate Action

Saturday, October 24
A global call to action to put our world on course to reducing our CO2 emissions back under 350 parts per million. Cities all around the world are organizing events to organizing masses, raising awareness and offering resources to reduce emissions. Join Bloomington's

350 rally on the courthouse square Oct. 24. For more information on the 350 campaign, visit www.350.org.

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Simply Healthy Fair

Thursday, Nov. 12—Saturday, Nov. 14 The four annual Simply Living Fair and Wellness Expo will focus on "Living Simply Well, Community Building, Eating Local and Eating Healing Meals" and the Unitarian Universalist Church. The Simply Healthy Fair will begin Thursday, November 12 with a keynote speech from Diana Leaf Christian followed by workshops and an exposition throughout the weekend.

Growers & Vendors

Community Kitchen Partnership Seeks Local Growers & Producers

Beginning in January, the Local Growers Guild will be partnering with the Community Kitchen of Monroe County's Backpack Buddies Program in which backpacks full of food are given to nearly 100 low-income school children to take home to their families over the weekend. In collaboration with an IU Nutrition class, LGG will be adding local, seasonal pro-

ducts into each backpack along with educational activities for the children and their families about seasonal items, reasons to buy local, and other information pertaining to the product.

LGG is seeking growers of fruits and vegetables and producers (i.e. honey, dried meat, etc during the off season) interested in selling their products. The project has a budget to buy each item (to fill 100 backpacks) at \$2 per bag.

Interested growers should respond immediately to Kim Kanney at localgrowers@localgrowers.org or 812-929-8890.

Winter Farmers' Market Vendor Apps

The application deadline for the Bloomington Winter Farmers' Market has been extended to September 18. Application forms can be found at <http://localgrowers.org/wintermarket.html>. For more

information, contact Jessica Williams, Market Master, at 812-337-0734 or wintermarket@localgrowers.org.

House Enrolled Act HEA 1309 Affects Market and Roadside Vendors

The new state law affects the sale of non-potentially hazardous foods at farmers' markets and roadside stands. A summary of the law and how it may affect you as a vendor is posted on the LGG website and www.localgrowers.org.



Improving Quality of Life through Quality of Food

Local Growers Guild

The Local Growers Guild, is a cooperative of farms, retailers and community members dedicated to strengthening the local food economy in southern Indiana through education, direct support and market connections.



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August Annual Meeting at Maple Valley Farm



Thank you Larry and Tina Howard of Maple Valley Farm for hosting the Local Growers Guild Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 9. And thank you to all that joined us.

A beautiful day in the shade, great food pitched in from all attendees, and a wonderful tour of the farm made this day quite a treat!

Please share your thoughts regarding days, months of the year, times, and locations in which an annual meeting or other member event would best fit your schedule. We try our best to accommodate everyone!

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