



FSEP Named "Local Food Hero"

We are thrilled to be named by the readers of *edible WOW*, a quarterly magazine which celebrates the abundance of local foods in Southeast Michigan, as this year's nonprofit organization "Local Food Hero". We were recognized along with Titus Farms who won the farmer/farm award, Brandon Johns of the Grange Kitchen & Bar who was awarded for Chef/Restaurant, Bizzy Lizzy Bakery which received the award for Food Artisan, and Sandhill Crane Vineyard, winner of the Beverage Artisan award. Thanks to the readers of *edible WOW* for recognizing our work. The spring issue of *edible WOW* can be found in select locations in our region and subscriptions can be purchased online at <http://www.ediblecommunities.com/wow/>.

Upcoming Events

The Detroit Food Policy Council will be hosting its first conference-- "Powering up the Local Food System" summit from May 19-20 at the Eastern Market. The goals of the Summit include publicly launching the Detroit Food Policy Council, raising public awareness of the city's food system and engaging Detroit citizens in creating a food system that is healthy, affordable and sustainable. The two day summit will feature the release of the first Detroit Food System Annual Report on May 19. On May 20, the program will include a keynote address by Malik Yakini, Chair, DFPC and education sessions to engage citizens in four work groups: The Healthy Food Access Work Group, The Urban Agriculture Work Group, The Community Food Justice Work Group and The Schools and Institutions Work Group. For more information, email detroitfoodpolicycouncil@gmail.com or visit <http://www.detroitfoodpolicycouncil.net/>.

Detroit Food Policy Council will host series of community forums focused on food and the food system in Detroit, starting on April 19. Have fun and learn how you can get involved! Share your thoughts about urban agriculture, healthy food access, community food justice, and schools and institutions. Light refreshments will be served. A drawing will be held for scholarships to the "Powering Up the Local Food System" Summit in May. Dates, times, and locations are listed below. Visit <http://www.detroitfoodpolicycouncil.net/> to learn more.

April 19, 6pm - 8pm, @ Gleaners Community Food Bank - 2131 Beaufait | Detroit, MI 48207

April 20, 6pm - 8pm, @ Nsoroma Institute - 20045 Joann Street | Detroit, MI 48205

April 26, 6pm - 8pm, @ Christ the King Catholic Church, Koelzer Hall - 20800 Grand River Ave. | Detroit, MI 48219

April 28, 6pm - 8pm, @ Most Holy Redeemer Church - 1721 Junction | Detroit, MI 48209

Back Forty Acres Farm will host Outstanding in the Field's 2011 tour on Saturday, August 6. Chef Brandon Johns of Grange Kitchen and Bar in Ann Arbor will be the guest chef. Tickets are selling fast. For more details,

Some of our exchange partners and our farm neighbors will be the guest chefs. Tickets are coming fast! For more details, please visit <http://outstandinginthefield.com>.

Announcements

Bending Sickle Community Farm at Tilian is now offering Heritage Meat CSA shares. Bending Sickle Community Farm at Tilian is committed to producing heirloom meat under the most ethical management system possible, with a focus on sustainability. The Farm's CSA is a biannual 30 week program, with a spring and a fall session. The spring session begins in early January and runs through June while the fall session begins in June and runs through January. Each share will include poultry (poussin, fryers, broilers), pork, lamb, chevon (goat), and special holiday meat. Shares will include whole poultry, as well as ground meat, stew meat, and specialty cuts of meat. For more information, please visit <http://www.bendingsicklecommunityfarm.com/>.

The Michigan Center for Sustainability and Detroit Eastern Market are working together to increase the southeastern Michigan market for locally grown fruits and vegetables, and you can help by participating in a grower survey. The survey is intended for growers who sell wholesale or are interested in doing so in the future, and will take 10 to 15 minutes of your time. The results will help them figure out next steps for proposed new infrastructure that will make it more convenient for growers to sell into southeastern Michigan institutions and Detroit's underserved corner store market. The new infrastructure is intended to complement and support existing local food activities.

Your time is valuable, thank you in advance for participating!! Your responses are confidential and they will send a copy of the summary data if you wish when the information is complete. Also, if you would like to possibly be a grower for these markets please leave a way for them to reach you (at the end of the survey). To make it more rewarding for at least one of you to participate, they will give away *one* Cabela's gift card with a \$60 value - that can be used in-store or online - via a random drawing. Great odds of winning! Please feel free to forward this to other growers who you feel might be interested. The Survey can be found by following this link - <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e3nlicj2gm3kj340/a00dgmgy8zc4/questions>

The Detroit Black Community Food Security Network is seeking an experienced, innovative, socially conscious farm manager to manage D-Town Farm, currently a four acre organic farm in the City of Detroit's Rouge Park. The farm is expected to expand to seven acres in the near future. The Farm Manager is responsible for coordinating and leading all aspects of farm operations including, but not limited to: planning, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, composting, hoophouse operations, pest management and supervision of paid and volunteer workers. The Farm manager must support DBCFSN's mission and social justice approach to food system change. An understanding of African-American history and culture is essential. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Malik Yakini, Interim Executive Director, 3800 Puritan, Detroit, MI 48238 or email myakini@aol.com. For more information, please call [\(313\) 345-3663](tel:(313)345-3663).

Happy Spring!

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