



Garden Walk Supports FSEP



The Ann Arbor Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association is supporting FSEP through its annual Garden Walk scheduled for Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased at the Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, and Nicola's Books. For details on the walk, visit <http://www.annarborfarmandgarden.org/garden-walk.html>. Proceeds from the walk will be used to build a hoop house at the Tilian Farm Development Center in Ann Arbor Township which is assisting new farmers launch their operations. To learn more about Tilian

visit <http://www.realtimefarms.com/farm/4757056/tilian-farm-development-center> or check out the Tilian farmers blog here: <http://tilianfarmers.blogspot.com> and an article about Tilian from annarbor.com <http://www.annarbor.com/entertainment/food-drink/a-visit-to-tilian-farm-development-center-a-vision-of-our-local-food-future/>

Announcements and Events

FSEP will be at the Mayor's Green Fair in Ann Arbor on Friday, June 10 from 6-9:00 p.m. This event is free and takes place on Main Street in downtown Ann

Arbor. http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems_planning/Environment/Pages/GreenFair2009.aspx

Farmer Networking Breakfast - June 21 from 7-9:00 a.m. Calling all farmers! Join us for breakfast at the Pittsfield Grange to network, share information, resources, and conversation. There will also be a special hoop house presentation. To RSVP or questions, contact andrearidgard@gmail.com.

Wayne State University Farmers' Market is now open! The WSU Market is open on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is located at 5201 Cass Avenue in front of Prentis Hall across from the Detroit Public Library. <http://www.clas.wayne.edu/multimedia/usercontent/File/SEED/full%20page%20flyer0520611.pdf>

It's not too late to sign up for a CSA. Capella Farm is still accepting CSA members.

Visit <http://www.capellafarm.com/> to learn more. There are many other CSA options, so check out Kim Bayer's guide here <http://www.thefarmersmarketer.com/farmers-marketers-csa-guide/>

2012 Farm Bill Hearing - Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman, Senator Stabenow and Senator Pat Roberts conducted the first Farm Bill Hearing in East Lansing at MSU's Kellogg Center on Tuesday, May 31. This hearing was an opportunity to gather input from food and farming stakeholders around Michigan. As the federal budget is tightened, advocacy is needed on those programs that support local/regional food systems, food access, and conservation. Here are just a few examples of the many Farm Bill programs that affect Michiganders -- Specialty Crop Block Grant, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Community Food Projects, Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. Here's a recap of the hearing: <http://www.legalnews.com/grandrapids/1005755/>.

Growing Hope is hiring a High School Nutrition Education Summer Program Coordinator Work with Growing Hope, based in Ypsilanti, MI to help develop and facilitate programming which trains high school youth as nutrition educators for younger youth through Growing Hope's summer garden-based nutrition education programming. Work closely with up to six high school nutrition educator interns, VISTA staff and youth program manager to develop a coordinated schedule, program planning, with robust evaluation that aligns with our summer youth programming for elementary and middle school youth. To Apply: Send resume and cover letter to apply@growinghope.net or PO Box 980129 Ypsilanti / MI 48198 or call (734) 786-8401. Applications accepted on a rolling basis and open until filled.

http://www.growinghope.net/sites/default/files/downloads/HSNutritionEducationSummerProgramCoordinatorGrowingHope_Final.pdf

Selma Cafe is looking for volunteers for our 20 Hoops in 20 Days adventure! Beginning June 15th and finishing up on the 4th of July, Selma Cafe will be erecting 20 hoop houses in 20 days in our community for local farmers and needs your help. To get involved in this hoopla extravaganza, please email lisa@selmacafe.org to get more information.

Congratulations to FSEP Board Member Sharon Sheldon! Washtenaw County Public Health's Sharon Sheldon was recently awarded the Ypsilanti Kiwanis Volunteer of the Year award! Besides serving as a valuable FSEP Board Member and key committee member to our Farm to Institution program and Policy Committee, Sharon has also tirelessly volunteered for Growing Hope. Thanks for all you do, Sharon!

http://www.heritage.com/articles/2011/05/14/ypsilanti_courier/news/doc4dcade126cd8b266828988.txt

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