



News from Deep Roots

November Newsletter ... and the beet goes on ...

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Deep Roots Buying Club:

Heads up!

Early December is time for the next Purcell order. An announcement will be going out soon, but you might want to be thinking about what you'll need. The next order will be early March. We encourage folks

The Deep Roots Board of Directors is considering expanding from five to seven members. If you are interested in serving on our Board, please contact us at staff@deeproootsco.org. We encourage both producers and consumers to participate.

FROM THE GROUND UP

Yampatika and Deep Roots have partnered together to sponsor a four-part series of hands-on garden workshops held at Legacy Ranch. The workshop series uses a sustainable, permaculture approach to gardening; participants have been helping to build an heirloom vegetable garden on the grounds of the ranch.

The first two workshops have come and gone. In September, we covered "Making a Plan", which covered site assessment, including water and sun/shade patterns, how to place a garden, and first steps of putting in a garden

In October we discussed "Garden Gold", in which we learned about different soil types, plus composting, mulches and amendments, and the tricks to having

who participate in the buying clubs to be members of Deep Roots. Thank you!

<http://www.purcellmountainfarms.com/>



Deep Roots is a nonprofit dedicated to cultivating awareness as to the benefits of local food, educating the community about how to do it yourself and facilitates the connection between local producers and local consumers.

To become a member, please visit our website at www.deeprootscs.org

healthy, fertile soil.

The next two sessions will be this winter. On February 18 is "Get that Garden Going!" Some of us get way too many scrumptious seed catalogs. This is a way to select plants, plus some instruction on starting seeds indoors and planting techniques.

On March 18, we'll have a panel discussion with area garden experts, sharing resources and tips for spring and summer gardening in the Yampa Valley.

The cost for the workshops is \$30 per session for non-members, or \$25 for Yampatika or Deep Roots members. Call Yampatika at 970-871-9151 to register!

Fall Gathering

The second annual Routt County Agricultural Fall Gathering was held a week ago Sunday, on November 8. Multiple agricultural organizations were present, with our very own Deep Roots holding our public forum in the lobby from 3:00-3:30. Thank you again to all of you who showed up, and special thanks to Liz Wahl for her proactive background noise abatement program.

Topics of discussion included:

- the demand for a program to grow local food for our schools
- increasing our community outreach via education, social events, and networking with other agricultural organizations
- expanding the involvement of local restaurants in the farm-to-table movement
- the desire for food that is healthy, natural, and sustainable, not just local
- a booth at the Farmer's Market to act as a central clearinghouse for small-scale local producers
- more hands-on projects, like a demo farm

We also solicited specific requests for what members would like to see from Deep Roots. Suggestions included:

- a comprehensive list of local producers on our website (we're working on it!)
- an exchange forum via Google groups, email, blog, or website (we're working on that, too!)

- possibly offering cooking classes on TV-18
- maybe doing a weekly article in the Pilot about a local food and a recipe to go with it (we do have a regular column in the Local, but love the food/recipe idea!)
- the ability to find out the demand for a local product, such as raw honey

Just because the Fall Gathering is over doesn't mean we don't want to hear from you, though-we do! Suggestions and requests are always helpful and in demand, so shoot us an email at info@deeproootsco.org!

Deep Roots Membership Benefits

We are continually looking for ways to bring more value to your membership, but would like to remind you of a few of the opportunities your membership has brought to you just this last month.

We were able to give you the advantage of being the very first people to find out about ways to support local agriculture and get local produce and meat. Some of the opportunities that we gave to you were:

Local Beef from Yampa Valley Beef
Local Eggs from Herald Stout
Sweet Pea Organics winter boxes
Moonshine Homegrown Produce/Wool
Local and/or Organic Turkeys

(Please note: You can always check www.nwcproducts.com to learn about local producers)

Another advantage has been bulk buying:

Haystack Goat Cheese

As well as discounted tickets to and first notice of educational programs such as:

Ag Fall Gathering Meeting
Lecture on Biodynamics/Waldorf Schools

Please let us know if there are other opportunities that you would like to see. We value your input!

Membership and Membership Renewal

Your membership is for a 12-month period - therefore you will need to renew your membership in 2010.

The Deep Roots board voted to increase the dues in 2010 by \$5.00. The reason for the increase is to start paying our way with the Ag Alliance. They have provided us with office space, equipment, and use of their non-profit status for the time we were getting organized and started. The extra \$5.00 will be going to the Ag Alliance.

The 2010 rates are as follows:

Individual membership - \$30

Family membership - \$50

Business membership - \$80 (up to 5 memberships)