



News From Foodshed Alliance

Awards! Awards!



Foodshed Alliance wins the **Garden State Green Award!** The award honors individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to the environment. An awards luncheon was held at Kean University in conjunction with the Garden State Greenfest. Foodshed Alliance is proud to have been selected for such an honorable award!

The same day the spring edition of Edible Jersey came out and Foodshed won the **local hero award!** So great to be recognized for this necessary work happening with the local food movement here in northern New Jersey!

Blairstown Farmers Market

Farmers Market season is right around the corner! The Blairstown Farmers Market is back for its fourth season and will open on **JUNE 4th!** The market will once again run on Saturdays from 10-2 through October. We look forward to seeing you all this season!

Check back to our website as we get closer for a complete vendor list.



Farm to Fork Dinners

Foodshed Alliance Farm to Fork dinners have been wildly successful! Check out Andre's blog for information on the last dinner <http://andreswhatscookin.blogspot.com/2011/02/farm-to-fork.html?spref=fb>.

Get ready this summer when we will bring you **THREE** outdoor dinners at Alba Vineyard, Donaldson Farms and Genesis Farms! Dates and details will be up on our website soon so check back!

Raw Milk

Foodshed Alliance has been a big supporter to the Garden State Raw Milk program and the efforts to legalize the sale of raw milk in our state. There is now both a Senate and Assembly version of

the bill that would legalize sale of unpasteurized or “raw” milk here in New Jersey.

Please email your support of raw milk to letters@pressofac.com

You may also post comments on the newspapers website:
www.pressofatlanticcity.com/opinion/editorials/legalize-the-sale-of-raw-milk-please-don-t-do/article_f4943cb8-0f03-506e-a51d-fe33c136d558.html



Sales of raw milk are legal in almost 30 states, and most notably in Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut. Pennsylvania has a thriving raw milk industry and many NJ consumers purchase raw milk there as well as in New York, sending dollars out of state that could support local dairy farmers.

Your support is needed to keep the bill moving through the legislature and ultimately making legal sales of raw milk a reality in NJ. Please contact your own legislators and let them know that you want them to support the passage of this bill. Also, contact the Senate Economic Growth Committee to ask them to vote yes to move this bill out of committee. Every voice counts!

Garden to Table Workshop



The Foodshed Alliance is pleased to announce its “**Garden to Table**” workshop series! Novice to advanced gardeners are welcome to learn how to plan, plant, and prepare nutritious and economical meals for their families fresh from the garden.

Offered one Sunday per month in Blairstown, NJ starting in March and continuing through November. Each four hour class (plus lunch!) is facilitated by a professional gardener and offers quality instruction in the art and science of natural gardening. You’ll enjoy a hands-on experience planning, composting, planting, cultivating, weeding, and harvesting a bounty of produce.

Sample teaching topics include: the importance of rich soil and its preparation for growing; how to use kitchen scraps to create hearty compost and how to build your own compost bin; how to choose the right seeds for your garden needs; how to plan ahead of each season for planting and harvesting; how and why to rotate crops from year to year. The classes will cover the nutritional and economical values of growing your own food and using locally grown farms to round out your family’s needs.

Additional classes will be offered on cooking, canning, fermenting, and storing the bounty from your garden. Check out our website to register! www.foodshedalliance.org

Foodshed Alliance Buying Clubs

Foodshed Alliance is thrilled to announce that it will begin local foods buying clubs with pilot programs in Long Valley and Morristown.



During this growing LOCAVORE movement many Americans are purchasing as much of their food as they can locally as a way of opting out of the traditional commercial foods system. Do you want fresh, locally grown food for your family, but don’t want to give up the convenience of the grocery store “one stop shopping?” Foodshed Alliance will “bring the food to you”! One of the basic values and advantages of a food buying club is convenience. We know that many of you would love to commit to buying local, farm fresh food if these foods were easier for you to acquire. Here is where we can help!

If you are interested in joining one of the clubs please email us at info@foodshedalliance.org. Details are being ironed out now and we plan to roll out the first clubs in June!

"THE FOOD SHOW" From Farm to Table an Art Exhibition

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With spring just arriving, designers can't let gardens, farms and farmers markets, Foodshed Alliance and the Ridge and Valley Conservancy (RVC) celebrate spring with a new art exhibition in their historic building in Blirstown, NJ.

THE FOOD SHOW, from Farm to Table is a beautiful display of fruits, vegetables, flowers and other still life and farm images in paintings, drawings, photos, and other mixed media.

Foodshed & RVC Center: 16 Main Street, Blirstown NJ
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 11 am - 3 pm (*and by appointment*)



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