

Four Oaks Farm

Community Meeting

Tuesday, February 7

We will discuss meaningful ways for us to begin to work with each other, with Art Schreiner, and with the land to grow food for our families. From this discussion, we can develop reasonable, flexible plans to meet each family's needs and reach our goal to be ready for spring planting. Meetings in February, March and April will complete our preparations for spring planting season.

5pm Gathering & Greeting

5:15 Dirt! the movie

**7pm discussion & decisions
about the community farm**

Learning for Life Center

1709 SW Randolph Street, Topeka

Future Meetings: *first Tuesday every month*

**March 6, April 3, May 1, June 4, July 3, August 7,
September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4**

Gather together to enjoy Earth,
to give gratitude and joy, to celebrate the soil,
to perform rituals of growing, harvesting, eating
Open your body to pleasures of eating fresh-grown food
Open your heart to joys of growing our food together
plant, pick, harvest, gather, sing, dance, observe, participate
Our earth, our soil, our garden, our food, our bodies...
Commune with us and the Earth
participate in the life cycle
as we grow a garden, our meals, a community.

Art Schreiner

Rachel Rogers

David Yarrow

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Co-create...

fully fertile, nutrient-rich soil
nutrient-dense, carbon-negative, farm-fresh food
a spirit of fun, joy, discovery, and playful enthusiasm
a new culture of rituals to grow, harvest and eat food
sacred connections with food to nourish our bodies
meaningful relationships with the soil, the Earth,
our food, each other

In the next few weeks, as an organization, seven circles of self-organization and task management will begin to form and function. Consider which arouse your enthusiasm, challenge your growth:

Planning

Meet thru winter into spring to prepare our resources and organization for the 2012 growing season

Production

From soil preparation to seed planting, plus cultivation and extra treatments, most of our labor is in the field led by our farmer Art

Harvest

Gathering the ripening harvest to grade, clean, prepare, and package for distribution is our second major operation

Distribution

Getting food from the farm to all our members' homes is a complex routine chore that we will organize and share to show we care

Storage

Canning, freezing, drying, root cellars and all other methods to preserve and store our farm-grown foods will be explored

Education

Knowledge and experience to grow food is scarce today, so a key to our community farm is to teach newcomers the complex culture of the land's life cycles, farm production systems, food harvest times

Celebration

Quarterly, our community gathers to recognize the gifts of the Earth, the abundance of plants, and all the sources of our life.

We will include a full menu of flexible financial options, including: work exchange, barter, labor for goods, online community credit

We will research cooperative methods and organization as long-term strategy for community farm development.