



**South of the Sound
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Farm Land Trust**

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Winter 2011 Newsletter

Greetings Members and Supporters!

If you are not already a SSCFLT member, please join! You may do so directly from our website at www.communityfarmlandtrust.org

Announcements for Two Staff Positions!

Given the success of our November 2010 Farms Forever Art Show and Dinner (see below), the Board of Directors has approved two six-month part-time contract positions to assist us in the next phase of our organizational and project development. If our fundraising and membership growth are successful, both positions can be renewed and/or transferred to staff positions after the initial six-month contracts. The two positions are:

Grantwriter and Project Development Coordinator (20/hours/week for \$1800-2000/month)

Membership and Community Outreach Coordinator
(10 hours/week for \$600/month)

Job Announcements and Descriptions are posted on our website (www.communityfarmlandtrust.org) and available from Pat Labine, Clerk, at oysterbayfarm@comcast.net. You can also call Pat at 866-9424 or contact other Executive Committee members (Ben Dryfoos-Guss, Russ Fox or Ann Vandeman) for additional information about the positions.

Olympia Food Cooperative Donation

The Board of Directors of the Olympia Food Co-op has generously awarded us \$1000 as part of their end-of-the-year donations to community and social justice organizations. This endorsement of our mission and projects helps remind us that our hard work and uphill struggles to acquire farmland so that we're assured of Local Farms Forever have broad community support. Thank you to the Olympia Food Co-op Board of Directors and to all community members who help make our local food cooperative so successful.

Farms Forever Art Show and Dinner Success!

Our first-ever major fundraising event last November 6th was successful beyond our hopes. The public art exhibit of Farm Art included over 20 art entries and was attended by dozens of community members during the day. Then about 100 members and supporters enjoyed a hearty dinner using local meat and produce donated by several of our local farms. Keri Ferguson from Chica's Catering and SSCFLT member Peter Witt prepared a menu that every attendee praised. "Farm ambassadors" from our local farms volunteered to help serve the dinner and provided background assistance to help make the event run smoothly. Local musicians donated their time and talent in providing dinner music and a post-dinner country dance.

Following a lively silent auction, MC and debut-auctioneer Russ Fox helped attendees bid on farm art, farm experiences and wine-tasting adventures in a very successful live auction. At the end of the day, the fundraising event was a fun evening that netted about \$10,000 and gave us the encouragement to undertake new initiatives in 2011. Thank you everyone who attended, donated time, auction items or food, and sent encouragement and support even if you were unable to attend. We're already gathering volunteer interest in helping organize a similar event later this year, so let us know if you're interested in helping.

SSCFLT 2011 Annual Meeting Friday March 4th

SAVE THE DATE (March 4th) for our 2011 Annual Meeting at the South Bay Grange Hall. Again this year, the event will include a community potluck dinner, updates and presentations, a short business meeting and a country dance. This family-friendly evening is free, but we hope our members and supporters will use this opportunity to join or renew your memberships. We will also elect our 2011 Board of Directors. Since our by-laws require that at 1/3 of our board be nominated and elected by our general membership, please call or e-mail Pat Labine if you are interested in being a board candidate or want to nominate another member.
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