

**Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Sustainability Exchange:**

***Sustainable Food***

Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

**Speakers for today's event:**

Kathleen Christianson, UMass Dartmouth Office of Campus and Community Sustainability

Sue Guiducci, local farmer and Dartmouth Ag. Commission member

Toni Thatcher, Wareham Public Schools

Derek Christianson, Brix Bounty Farm, <http://brixbounty.blogspot.com>

**College and University Food Systems**

**Farm to College** [www.farmtocollege.org/](http://www.farmtocollege.org/) - resources for establishing a farm to college program.

**Real Food Challenge** <http://realfoodchallenge.org/> - Network of college students committed to increasing the procurement of real food on college and university campuses

**Slow Food On Campus** <http://slowfoodoncampus.wordpress.com/> - collegiate chapters of Slow Food

**Community Gardens and Farms**

**American Community Garden Association** <http://www.communitygarden.org/> - information about starting a community garden project.

**Kitchen Gardens International** <http://www.kitchengardeners.org/> - promoting kitchen gardens worldwide; helped initiate the successful campaign for a new white house vegetable garden.

**Southcoast Community Gardens Coalition** - Contact Kathleen Christianson for more information.

**SPIN-Farming** <http://www.spinfarming.com/> - small plot intensive gardening plans.

**Farm to School and School Gardens**

**Childrens Garden Network** [www.childrensgardennetwork.org](http://www.childrensgardennetwork.org) - RI-based organization promoting school gardens. Great resource for both links and hands-on workshops.

**Discovering the Food System** <http://foodsys.cce.cornell.edu/> - Guided exploration of the food system for ages 12-18, developed at Cornell University

**Farm to School** [www.farmtoschool.org/](http://www.farmtoschool.org/) - promotes local purchasing for school lunches.

**KidsGardening!** [www.kidsgardening.org/](http://www.kidsgardening.org/) - includes list of grants for school garden projects.

**Marion Institute Seed to Table Initiative** [www.marioninstitute.org](http://www.marioninstitute.org) - A School Gardens project by The Marion Institute, currently focused in Marion, MA and Wareham, MA.

**MA Ag In the Classroom** [www.aginclassroom.org/](http://www.aginclassroom.org/) - mini grants and wealth of ag. ed. resources

**Redefining Progress** [www.rprogress.org/index.htm](http://www.rprogress.org/index.htm) - Think tank with list of ed. resources.

## **Food Systems Analysis and Activism**

**Community Food Security Coalition** [www.foodsecurity.org](http://www.foodsecurity.org) – National organization focusing on food security issues; later this year they will be publishing a Community Food Security Whole Measures Tool to assist communities in their assessment of local food security

**Michael Pollan** – author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* and *In Defense of Food*. Read his article *Farmer-in-Chief* published in Oct. 2008 [www.nytimes.com/2008/10/12/magazine/12policy-t.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/12/magazine/12policy-t.html) and his Nov. 2008 interview with Bill Moyers - [www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/11282008/profile.html](http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/11282008/profile.html)

**National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition** - <http://sustainableagriculture.net/> - National organization working on agricultural policy in D.C. and at the grassroots level.

**Sustainable Food Policy** [www.sustainablefoodpolicy.org/](http://www.sustainablefoodpolicy.org/) – Sustainable Food Policy Guide with information to help institutional purchasers make sustainable food a reality.

## **Local Agriculture**

**Agricultural Commissions** <http://www.mass.gov/agr/agcom/index.htm> - Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resource, information on organizing agricultural commissions.

**Edible South Shore** [www.ediblesouthshore.com/content/](http://www.ediblesouthshore.com/content/) - quarterly magazine that celebrates the abundance of local foods in the Plymouth and Bristol County region of Massachusetts

**Farmland Preservation** - [http://www.mass.gov/envir/smart\\_growth\\_toolkit/pages/mod-ag.html](http://www.mass.gov/envir/smart_growth_toolkit/pages/mod-ag.html) - Resources and tools for farmland preservation in Massachusetts communities.

**NOFAMass** [www.nofamass.org](http://www.nofamass.org) - Mass. chapter of the Northeast Organic Farmers Association. Great resource for both growers and consumers. Annual NOFA Summer Conference in early August.

**Northeast Regional Food Guide** <http://nefoodguide.cce.cornell.edu/> - A regional/seasonal adaptation of the 1992 USDA Food Pyramid for the Northeastern U.S.

**Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP)** [www.umassd.edu/semap/](http://www.umassd.edu/semap/) - local organization supporting local food producers. Online farm guide, event listings, and more.

## **Sustainable Agricultural Resources**

**ATTRA** <http://www.attra.ncat.org/> - National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service

**New Farm** [http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/new\\_farm](http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/new_farm) - for farmers and gardeners

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