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Vermont Community Works

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Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Vermont school and community garden projects

Special thanks to our volunteers from Friends of Burlington Gardens and the Community Teaching Garden who prepared and served our lunch today.



The Vermont Community Garden Network encourages its members to join the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA), which actively supports the development of community garden networks in North America.

The 27th Annual ACGA conference will be held in Los Angeles, California on August 10-13, 2006. To learn more about the annual conference and benefits of ACGA membership, visit the ACGA web site at www.communitygarden.org.

Vermont Community Garden Network

First Annual Conference

New Directions in Community Gardening

February 4, 2006

Burlington, VT

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Speakers

Jim Feinson, President, Gardener's Supply Company
Nancy Hulett, Director, UVM Extension Master Gardener Program
Rep. David Zuckerman, Chair, Vermont House Agriculture Committee
Barbara Richardson, Grants Coordinator, National Gardening Association
Betsy Johnson, Exec. Director, American Community Gardening Association
Joseph Kiefer, Education Director, Food Works Two Rivers Center

Food Contributors

Healthy Living Market, South Burlington
Great Harvest Bread Company, Burlington
City Market, Burlington
Gardener's Supply Company
Hannaford's North Avenue Supermarket, Burlington
Shaw's Supermarkets, South Burlington & Colchester
Shelburne Farms

Conference Organizers

Cathy Aikman, Gardener's Supply
Jim Flint, Friends of Burlington Gardens
Nancy Hulett, UVM Extension Master Gardeners
Liz Jaquette, Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger

Conference Sponsors

New England Grassroots Environment Fund
The Windham Foundation
Gardener's Supply Company
Friends of Burlington Gardens

Program

Registration / Exhibit Area Open
9:15—10:00

Welcome and Introductions of Speakers
10:00—10:30
Jim Flint, VCGN Coordinator

Keynote: New Directions in Community Gardening
10:30—11:00
Joseph Kiefer, Education Director, Food Works

Meet, Greet, & Seed Swap
Sponsored by The Cook's Garden and High Mowing Seeds

Panel Discussion (Seminar Room)
Starting a successful community garden: strategies for organizers
11:15— noon
Dan Cahill, Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Garden
Linda Chiasson, Meadow Terrace Community Garden
Peg Alden, Putney Central School Community Garden

Networking Lunch in the Seminar Room
noon—1:00 p.m. (Exhibit Area opens at 12:30)

Garden Documentary Videos
1:00—1:30 p.m.
Inch by Inch: Providence Youth Gardens for Education (Seminar Room)
Morristown Community Garden (Exhibit Area)

Panel Discussion (Seminar Room)
Sustaining your community garden: strategies for coordinators
1:30— 2:15 p.m.
Dawn Petrovsky, Bellows Falls Community Garden
Steve and Carol Jennings, Morristown Community Garden
Lisa Coven, Burlington Area Community Gardens

Presentation and Discussion (Seminar Room)
Resources and Opportunities for the Vermont Community Garden Network
2:15—2:45
Jim Flint, Friends of Burlington Gardens

Closing Circle (Seminar Room)
2:45—3:00
Joseph Kiefer, Food Works