



News Release

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FARM REDESIGN UNDERWAY **New: Monthly Farmer Forum, Tool Share Program**

Austin, TX, September 6, 2013 – New Farm Institute, Green Gate Farms’ educational nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce its Fall schedule of events and opportunities.

“This season promises to be our most exciting yet as we redesign our farm to host more students, campers and events,” says Executive Director Erin Flynn. “Our goal is to establish independent, ongoing learning stations where schools and families can explore and participate in how a sustainable, organic farm works.”

Future farm stations will facilitate service learning projects as well as investigate farm biology and ecosystems. Upcoming changes include creating a Welcome Center and improving infrastructure. A fundraising campaign will be announced soon.

Volunteers are welcome to participate in all aspects of the redesign process, from conception to installation.

September Events Include:

Free Farm Tour for CSA Members, September 14 (Saturday), 12pm-1pm. Free, guests \$10 per person.

Monthly Farmer Forum: Why Does Community Supported Agriculture Matter? Gather round the firepit on the Full Moon to discuss local farming issues, September 19 (Thursday), 6pm-8pm. \$5 per person, suggested donation.

Family Farm Day, Help farmers feed the animals and do daily chores September 21 (Saturday) 10am-12pm, \$10 per person, sliding scale available.

Launch of Sustainable Agriculture Tool Share Program, September 22 (Sunday), 11am-1pm -- Choosing, Loaning, Maintaining Farmer Tools. Come learn about *Austin’s first tool lending library for new organic farmers*. Tool donations welcome. Free.

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Permaculture Design Course, Saturdays, Sept. 21 - November 30, 9am-5pm,
Instructor Dick Pierce leads classroom in Big Red Barn hayloft. See:
www.austinperm.com

Mark your calendar:

- Organic Plant Sale, Seed Swap, Fall Gardening Class**, Oct. 5
- Moontower Community Agricultural Co-op Fundraiser and Farmer Olympics**, Oct. 5
- Omnivores Dilemma Book Club for Middle/High Schoolers**, Tuesdays
October - December
- Food Day Fun with Independence Brewing and Greenling**, Oct. 24
- Beekeeping for Kids, Austin Honey**, TBD
- Slow Feast to benefit Austin Discovery School**, Nov. 2

New Farm Institute's (NFI) mission is to educate, assist and inspire a new generation of sustainable farmers in Central Texas. NFI's initiatives build upon the education and outreach efforts begun eight years ago by the founders of Green Gate Farms, a community-based, certified organic farm with locations in Austin and Bastrop, Texas.

New Farm Institute, a 501(c)3, provides farm-based education including: camps, workshops, and the first Incubator Farm in Texas. Comprised of farmers, citizens and community activists, NFI is dedicated to engaging people of all ages and abilities in healthy foods and sustainable farming. See: www.newfarminstitute.org

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