Our CSA Program:
what it is and how it works...

CSA is an acronym for Community Supported Agriculture. CSA members pay a set price prior to the growing season and, in this way, help share the risk of farming. Members in return receive a share of the garden's harvest each week. CSAs are a great way build relationships with your produce growers: you know exactly where your food is coming from and can see how it is grown. In this case, your purchase of a share in this CSA will also support student educational opportunities and interest in local and sustainable food production.

Towne’s Harvest Garden offers a 13 week CSA program from June 24 to Sept 16. We are offering two share sizes, a large and small size. The large share will provide weekly produce for 4 people, and the small share will be sized for 2 people. There are a total of 40 memberships available. Shares will include numerous types of produce including peppers, potatoes, carrots, cilantro, basil, parsley, onions, tomatoes, green beans, peas, broccoli, salad mix squash and more!

In addition to a weekly bag of fresh produce, your CSA membership will include a reusable bag and weekly newsletter with information about the farm, nutrition facts about the vegetables in the share, and recipes. The produce will be available for pick-up at the farm Thursdays 4-6pm.

Members and others in the community are very welcome to visit Towne’s Harvest or come to volunteer events. The events will be announced in the newsletter and on our Website: www.townesharvest.montana.edu

Duration of CSA Program 2010:
June 24 — September 16
Cost for entire season:
$450 Large or $275 Small

Why Towne’s Harvest?
The name of the garden connects the history of the land to the present. Towne is the surname of one of five farmers who formerly owned land which was eventually deeded to MSU. The land where the Horticulture Farm and the Towne’s Harvest Garden is located has been nicknamed Towne’s farm for several decades.

The piece of land which became the garden actually belonged to E. Broox and the Ella Martin Farm. It was deeded to MSU in 1909.

As a student group and a part of MSU, we will continue to be good stewards of the farm so that future generations of Montanans can grow food on this land!

Who We Are

The Towne’s Harvest Garden is a project of the MSU Friends of Local Foods Student Organization.

Friends of Local Foods was formed in the fall of 2006 to bring a diverse group of students and faculty together to raise awareness about local foods and encourage sustainable lifestyles on campus and in the community.

Our vision includes the following:

- That Towne’s Harvest will be a valuable and permanent part of MSU that is enthusiastically supported by the administration.
- That production, distribution and consumption of Towne’s produce is sustainable.
- That Towne’s is integrated into MSU as a classroom, research laboratory, and source of good food for the campus community.
- That Towne’s inspires students from diverse backgrounds to become involved in sustainable food production and consumption.
- That Towne’s strengthens community food security in Bozeman and the surrounding area, increasing access to fresh nutritious produce for all.
- That Towne’s is a fiscally self-reliant operation.

Summer 2010

2010 will be our fourth season at Towne’s Harvest producing locally, sustainably, and educationally grown food for the campus and members of the surrounding community. There are two summer courses and several student interns excited to take part in the production and distribution of Towne’s Harvest Produce.

This is kohlrabi. Many of our members learned that kohlrabi chips taste great dipped in hummus!
Where is the Towne’s Harvest Garden?

Towne’s Harvest Garden is a 3-acre diversified vegetable plot located at the MSU Horticulture Farm. Look for the Montana Agriculture Experiment Station sign on West College Street between the Advanced Technology Park and the Chronicle Building. Turn south on the gravel road, and cross Garfield Street. The garden is on the east side of road across from the Miller Pavilion.

2010 CSA Shares

Produce: salad mix, onions, squash, spinach, beets, tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, green beans, cucumbers, fresh herbs, broccoli, peas, peppers, garlic and more.

Also included: reusable tote bag, recipe resource and weekly newsletter.

June 24 - September 16

13 weeks of fresh locally, sustainably and educationally grown produce:

Large Share $450
Sized to provide a weeks worth of produce for a family of four

Small Share $275
Sized to provide a weeks worth of produce for two people or families w/ small children

To become a CSA member:

Complete member agreement available at:
http://townesharvest.montana.edu/about.htm

Mail member agreement and check payable to Towne’s Harvest Garden to:

Towne’s Harvest Garden
Montana State University /HHD
121 PE Complex
Bozeman, MT 59717

For more in formation:

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