

## 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 2009

2009 will be our third 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.



## 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 initiative and interest in local and sustainable food.

Towne's Harvest is an educational research farm. Therefore, we greatly value member's involvement and feedback as we try to create a model for small scale producers in the state.

Towne's Harvest Garden offers a 13 week CSA program from **June 22 to Sept 16**. We are offering two share sizes, a Grande size and Venti size. The Grande Share will provide weekly produce for 4 people, and the Venti 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 reusable tote bags, a *Montana Food Guide* (\$25 value), and weekly newsletters 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 **Thursday from 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](http://www.townesharvest.montana.edu)

### Duration of CSA Program 2009:

June 25 — September 17

### Cost for entire season:

**\$450 Grande or \$275 Venti**



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## 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.

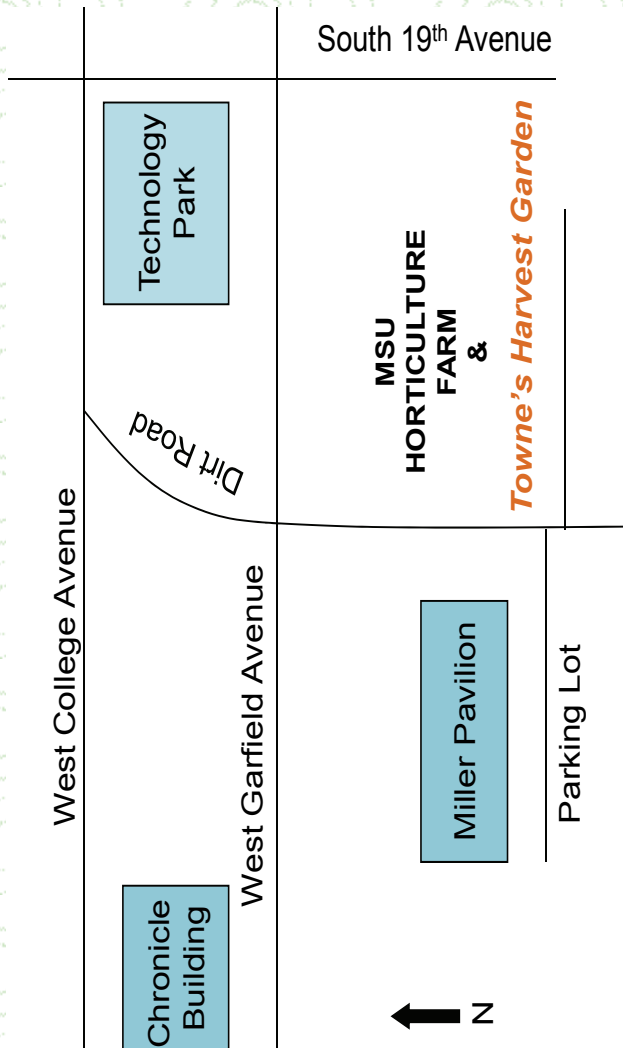
As a student group and a part of MSU, we will continue to be good stewards of the farm so that future generations of Montanans can grow food on this land!

*This is kohlrabi.  
Many of our 2008  
members learned  
that kohlrabi chips  
taste great dipped  
in hummus!*



## Where is the Towne's Harvest Garden?

The 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.



## 2009 CSA Shares

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

**Also included:** reusable tote bags, a copy of the *Montana Food Guide*, and weekly newsletters.

**June 22 - September 16**

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

**Grande Share \$450**

Sized to provide weeks worth of produce for a family of four

**Venti Share \$275**

Sized to provide a weeks worth of produce for two

**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:**

**Web-site:**

[www.townesharvest.montana.edu](http://www.townesharvest.montana.edu)

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## COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PROGRAM 2009



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