



From the Garden

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Greetings from the Farm!

Hello Whole Village CSA Members. We hope you had a wonderful winter and that you are getting excited about another growing season. We are writing to you to say that the Whole Village CSA is alive with activity, preparing for the this year's garden.

We have already seeded onions, leeks and celeriac in a sunlit corner of the Great Room in the old Farmhouse and we are running temperature tests on the outdoor greenhouse in hopes of moving our seedlings out to the greenhouse by the end of the week.

It's also time to begin the process of confirming our Membership for 2009. This newsletter will give you all the information you need to complete the Membership process for the 2009 season.

Please review page two for information about news and events. Get the details about share payments and the membership process on page three and complete the Membership Application on page four.

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the growing season!

2009 CSA Dates

Guranteed Membership Renewal

April 14, 2009

Orientation Sessions for New CSA Members

Tuesday May 12 6:30 – 8pm
 Sunday May 17 10:00 – 11:30 am

CSA Garden Work Bees

10 – 4 p.m.

Saturday April 11th

Saturday May 9th

Sunday June 14th

Saturday July 11th

Sunday August 9th

Sunday Oct 11th

Saturday Sept 12th

First Farm Pick-up

Tuesday, June 16th

First Market Pick-up

Thursday, June 18th in Bolton
 Saturday, June 20th in Orangeville

Last Farm Pickup

Tuesday, October 27th

Last Market Pickup

Thursday October 29 in Bolton
 Saturday, October 31st in Orangeville



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News From the Farmers Past and Present

From Aerron ...

After two amazing and eventful years as a Whole Village garden manager, I will be returning to my home farm, Devon Acres, to continue working with my father, for our CSA near Brantford. It has been a rich experience living in the WV community and I was honoured to have had the opportunity to work with Graham and Adrienne last season. I will miss the WV members, and many CSA members that I have begun a relationship with these past two years, as well as the beautiful soil and awesome farm that has so much potential. I wish this year's CSA a year of good growing and bountiful harvest.

Thank you all, Aerron Kirby

From Adrienne...

Greetings to all the Whole Village CSA members. It was a pleasure getting to know many of you this past season both at the farm and at the Orangeville Farmer's Market. Thank you for supporting a small scale CSA and for buying your produce locally. Your encouragement and dedication to local food is invaluable! I enjoyed my time working at Whole Village Farm in 2008 but, after much reflection, I have decided not to return to Whole Village this coming growing season. In February and March 2009 I will be walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain and next growing season I will be working at Saugeen River CSA near Durham, Ontario. With the team assembled to manage the CSA at Whole Village, your vegetables are in good and capable hands! Enjoy the bounty from the gardens and I wish you all the best for the 2009 season.

Adrienne LaChapelle

From Graham ...

Greetings. I have just moved back to the farm from Toronto where I over-wintered. While sad that Adrienne and Aerron will not be returning this season, I wish them all the best at their respective farms and gardens and thank them for all of the shared learning and most importantly, for their friendship throughout last season. I am excited to be returning to Whole Village to continue the work of the CSA and to welcome Yehuda Nestel to the community and the farm. Yehuda and I will be managing this year's CSA... please read his introduction below. I am excited to further diversify the farm and include Yehuda's draft horses into the operation. We will be experimenting with small grain crops, dry beans and more sweet corn. We have taken your suggestions from the 2008 survey into consideration during our crop planning, and hope to offer more onions, carrots, beans and peas. In hopes of reducing our individual workload and to provide a rich learning environment for more young and aspiring farmers, we have decided to hire a couple of interns for the season, Maurizio Sebastiani and Shannon Moran, as well as my partner, Amy Ouchterlony, who will be on the farm in July when she finishes teaching in Toronto. This will make a team of five plus occasional volunteers. It should be a fun and productive season! Thanks for your support last season, I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Cheers, Graham Corbett

From Yehuda ...

Hey there CSA members! Allow me to introduce myself: My name is Yehuda Nestel, and I'll be helping to manage the garden this season. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to be providing you all with fresh, nutritious, delicious, chemical-free produce this season, and I can't wait to get my hands dirty. I've spent the last 5 years studying sustainable and organic agriculture, first at the University of Waterloo, and then at the University of Guelph's Organic Agriculture program. The last three years of my training has been through the CRAFT apprenticeship program, where I learned first hand how to grow top quality fruits and vegetables. Sustainability is a big deal for me, which is why I will be bringing my team of Suffolk workhorses, Sam and Sally, to help out around the farm.

We'll still be needing our tractor for some jobs, but I'm hoping this will be an important step towards decreasing our fossil fuel consumption. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming months!

Yehuda Nestel

2009 Whole Village CSA Sign-Up Information

*****Shares will be accepted on a first come, first served basis*****

How the Whole Village CSA Works

Our CSA will run for approximately 20 weeks, beginning on the 3rd week in June and ending the last week in October. These dates are approximate, depending on the weather and the season.

Pick-Up or Delivery

We offer three different pick-up locations:

- 1) Farm Pick-Up at the Whole Village Farm on Tuesdays between anytime after 4 pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the farm, talk to the farmers, and share recipes with other CSA members.
- 2) The Orangeville Farmer's Market on Saturdays, between 8 am and 1 pm. Please include a \$25.00 delivery fee to your membership fees.
- 3) The new Bolton Farmer's Market on Thursdays, between 3 and 8 pm. Please include a \$25.00 delivery fee to your membership fees.

Newsletters and Communication

We will be in touch with CSA members throughout the season via regular newsletters to give you information about CSA pick-ups, volunteering, harvests, special recipes and events. If you know that you will be away or on vacation, please arrange with family or friends to pick up your share.

Guaranteed Membership Renewal Deadline

Spaces will be reserved for returning members until April 14th 2009. Please send your completed application form and payment by this date in order to **guarantee your membership**. After this date, we will begin accepting new members from our waiting list on a first come first served basis.

New Member Orientation Sessions

We will be requiring all **new members** to participate in one of two orientation sessions that will be hosted at the farm. The time will be spent getting to know the farm, the gardens, the farmers and the CSA pick up routine. Orientation Sessions will be held on Tuesday, May 12 between 6:30 and 8:00 and Sunday, May 17 between 2:30 and 4:00 pm. Returning members are welcome but are not required to attend these sessions. Returning members are not required to attend these sessions.

Summer Shares

Our shares come in two sizes: **large (\$700)** and **small (\$500)**. The large share can feed a family of four or two vegetarians. The small share provides a bit more than half of the regular share and is suitable for a small family, a couple or a single vegetarian. Consider buying more than one share if your family eats a lot of vegetables, or if you would like to preserve vegetables for the winter.

Work-Share Option

We are excited to offer a work-share this season. This is an opportunity for CSA members to volunteer at the farm, primarily on harvest days, in exchange for a lower share cost. Working shares will be expected to come to the farm for a total of 5 hours throughout the season, which can be divided into two visits of 2.5 hours. Children are more than welcome to come with their parents. Members who participate can subtract \$25 from their total membership fees. This is by no means mandatory, simply an option for those CSA members to develop a closer connection to the

farmers and the farm that is producing their food. We feel this is an important way to continue the get-know-you process and tighten the gap between producers and consumers.

Winter Share

We hope to be able to offer a winter share that will consist of storage and root vegetables. Sign up sheets will be sent out at the end of the summer season. Crops could include potatoes, shallots, carrots, parsnips, beets, turnips, rutabagas, onions, celeriac, leeks, garlic and cabbage. Winter Share details will be provided throughout the season. Please indicate on your application form whether this is something you are interested in.

Payment Details

CSAs incur most of their costs at the beginning of the season. The CSA model was developed to help alleviate financial pressure to farmers by sharing their costs at the beginning of the growing season when money is needed the most. An installment option is provided to break up your costs if necessary, however we encourage you to pay the full amount as soon as possible. Payment can either be made annually by cash or cheque or through post-dated cheques of three separate payments according to the payment schedule outlined below. If you require an alternative payment schedule, please contact us so we can accommodate you.

*****Please make all cheques payable to Graham Corbett *****

Schedule of Payments

If you are making payments in installments, please date your cheques according to the following payment schedule.

Payment Method	Small Share	Large Share
Deposit	\$100 – On Sign Up	\$100 – On Sign Up
2 nd Payment	\$200 – due May 15 th	\$300 – due May 15 th
3 rd Payment	\$Remaining balance – due June 15 th	Remaining Balance – due June 15 th

Whole Village Events

The CSA model is about connecting eaters with the farmers that grow their food and the land where that food is grown. With this goal in mind, we are happy to offer CSA Members the opportunity to come out and work in the garden during the Whole Village work bees that take place each month between 10:00 and 4:00 on the following dates:

<p>CSA Garden Work Bees Saturday, May 10th Sunday June 8th Saturday, July 12th Sunday, August 10th Saturday, September 13th Sunday, October 12th</p>	
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Whole Village 2009 CSA Registration Form

(shares are provided on a first come, first served basis)

Name:
Address:
.....Postal Code:.....
Phone: (.....).....Bus: (.....).....
Email:.....
Family Size:members

For Office Use Only
Date Received:_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Received
Payment Details:_____

May we contact you about farm events & news via email?

Yes No

Would you like to be contacted about Volunteer Opportunities?

Yes No

Please select the day you prefer to pick up your share:

- Tuesdays at Whole Village (after 4 pm)
- Thursdays at Bolton Farmer's Market (3 pm – 8 pm) \$+.....
Add \$25 delivery fee
- Saturdays at Orangeville Farmer's Market (8 am – 1 pm) \$+.....
Add \$25 delivery fee

Please select your share size:

- Small \$500 \$+.....
- Large \$700 \$+.....

Do you want to participate in the Work-Share Option?

- yes \$25 discount \$-.....
- no

Total \$.....

Are you interested in a Winter Share? (no obligation)

Yes No

If you are a new member, please select the Orientation Session you will attend:

- Tuesday May 12th 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Sunday May 17th 10:00 – 11:30 pm

Please check one:

- I have enclosed full payment Cash Cheque
- I have enclosed post-dated cheques according to the schedule of payments

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