

Diaspora Gardens

On Madeline Island

Forging connections
to nourish...

Earth

Body

Spirit

Community

Love of learning

Diaspora Gardens is the dream of Regina M. Laroche (Farmer, Artist/ Educator, Spiritual Director) and Jeff Theune (Alternative Educator, Carpenter).

In cooperation with the natural environment, creatures wild and domestic, family, friends, and community, Regina and Jeff use chemical-free permaculture methods to cultivate healthy

food, learning, community, and lifestyle on the edge of Lake Superior.



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Who We Are...

Diaspora Gardens is a micro-farm on the edge of beautiful Lake Superior. It has been an increasingly sustainable homestead for 16 years. For the past several years its production has been rising to supply healthy, organically grown food to the Madeline Island community with a small number of Community Supported Gardens (CSG) shares and a farmers market presence. We also grow creative educational programs.



The Vision...

In an effort to respond with hope-filled action to trends which diminish earth, community, health, and spirit, Diaspora Gardens is becoming a model of earth stewardship, creativity, empowerment, and small-scale food production with applications and connections to places of intense need.

The Legacy...

Regina's father, Gilbert, immigrated from the land-based culture of Haiti; her mother, Susie, migrated north from sharecropping in South Carolina. Jeff grew up on the shores of the Great Lake Michigan. These stories yield an ethic of growing good food, careful land stewardship, and building strong community.

At Diaspora Gardens, we Share!

...sharing: food
ideas
community
resources

Natural sustainable growing methods

utilize connections and partnerships between the environment, soil, myriad life forms and the human growers.



Community Supported Gardens

(CSG – friends share in our endeavors by prepaying to receive shares of DG food throughout the summer growing season) build connections between people, their food, and the land.



Internship & Volunteer Opportunities

are full immersion farm experiences, sustainable community programming, and exchange of ideas which build connections between creative new growers and the Madeline Island community.



Imagination Garden ~

Children/Youth Programs

Projects, class visits, family visits, and creative & playful garden time, build connections between young people, their environment, and its teachings.



Beyond Borders

Relationships with urban farm youth programs and other growing efforts connect us to the universality of food and our planet as well as the truth of diverse cultures.



Performances & group experiences

explore and build connections between working with seed and land, and the stories and healing of our varied cultures.



New!

*Farm Camping Stays
Garden of the Soul retreat days*

