



DIASPORA GARDENS on Madeline Island

To nourish body, spirit, earth, love of learning, & community

Garden Shares

Acts of Faith.

Onion, kale, lettuce, tomato, herb, and spinach seeds...

These seeds, and more, not only carry the dream of leaf, bulb, stem, and root; they also carry our dream for a world nourished, a planet strengthened - starting right here with our small beautiful island, our small circle of neighbors and community.

It's been an act of faith every year since 2000 to put seed and seedling into the tiny bit of clay soil we call home (which bear, squirrel, jay, and deer also call home!). It's been an act of faith to invest in building that soil year after year with the help of goats, chickens, and neighbors' sheep and horses. It's been an act of faith to build another fence or hoop house. It's been an act of faith to bring home another goat or another batch of chicks. Or to commit to the talented creative volunteers, interns, or assistants.

It's been an act of faith to believe that this island can feed itself in ways which bring health to body, soil, and community soul. And an act of faith to believe that we might be a part of this vision with our small offerings; to believe that what we learn here can be shared with a larger world in need.

It is an act of faith to invite neighbors and friends to share and participate in our DIASPORA GARDENS dreams. In winter/early spring these "sharers" make advance purchases of thirteen weekly garden boxes of summer growing season produce. Purchasing a share makes you a partner in our efforts and vision, and a part of community supported agriculture (CSA) or a community supported garden (CSG). It gets you farm-fresh eggs, seasonal greens, root vegetables, melons, squash, herbs, tomatoes and more which are hand tended and harvested in cooperation with the natural environment, with no toxic chemicals. It gets you an act of hope which nourishes your body, your taste buds, and our planet.

Sharers' advance payments allows us - the small farmer - to cover planting season expenses, which include seeds and the addition of new garden beds and hoop houses, training and mentoring for young aspiring farmers, and a variety of garden-based programs to connect youth and adults to healthy food, land, and culture.

As importantly, sharers' investment in our efforts and dreams helps us believe in connected healthy community and earth.

We are humbled by, and grateful for, the many who have acted on faith and shared in the DIASPORA GARDENS community supported garden/agriculture model for many years.

