

SPECIAL PROJECTS OF THE CSA

Given that the scope of the CSA envelops food, economics, raising consciousness and building community, it is a program that requires great participation of its members.

Thanks to the work of Elena Lumby in helping visualize and develop ideas on how the Spiritual Food CSA can capture and utilize the high spirit of its members and thanks to the change in the air everywhere with regards to high quality, locally grown food, community building and sustainability, there are opportunities now to get involved with the CSA beyond the food.

We have identified ways for members to participate in several key areas that have been of interest to the CSA for a long long time. Some can be done from home on a computer and for those who wanting to get away from computer and talk to human beings, there are several ways members can help others with the food and other aspects of the CSA.

First, the research type things that you can do from home:

The new website (also by Elena) is interactive in many ways and user friendly allowing members to contribute with a few simple instructions.

Food Fact Finder	Provide interesting background information such as history, health benefits, and storage of different foods available through the CSA. Research materials are available.	For the website in a section called: Food-A-Pedia. You will be provided with a simple template to fill out.
Food specialist	Similar to Food Fact Finding, this involves writing up fact sheets on special items that are less familiar, such as sourdough bread, fermented vegetables and flax seed.	Articles can be sent to CSA members and made available on the website.

Next is for people persons to help with member communication and support:

CSA Buddy	Prospective members often have questions regarding our CSA. To give them a better idea of how the CSA works as well as the community aspects, like volunteering, someone from each location should be available to answer questions.	Will post your contact information on the website for people to get in touch with you directly and refer calls during new season registration time.
Hosts	We would like experienced CSA members to stay at each site for a few hours during the beginning of the season to welcome members, provide information, sign up volunteers for bagging/set up, and provide a brief orientation for those new to the CSA.	If you are a people person this is a great opportunity to meet fellow CSA members and share your experience with the CSA.
Site manager	Occasional 'hosting" on pick up day throughout the season to stay in touch with members.	Great for long time members to share their knowledge and commitment.

And there is a special job for someone to further extend the community:

Member Services Exchange	To enlarge the scope of our local community and local economy, we encourage people to share their skills with each other. This is similar to bartering or local currency programs; or people can simply announce services they offer as a business.	Spread the word and collect information from those wanting to participate to post on the website. Information will be entered into a simple format for posting.
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And special jobs for one or more people who have a flair for writing:

Putting a face on the food: Meet the Farmers	Linking producers with consumers is one of the main purposes of CSA. We'd like to share information, pictures and stories of all of our suppliers.	Interview farmers in a consistent format for writing up on the website. You will be given a template to fill out to make the process easier.
...and meet other interesting people	There is much to learn from others in the community such as from CSA members who grow their own food or use food for healing, those working behind the scenes and those working on innovative projects.	Since most people are short on time, the writer and also the readers, a short interview templet will give a glimpse of who we are and what we do when we're not eating CSA food!

Finally, a special call to committed members to get on board with where this CSA is going and to help it get there

Steering the CSA	Special situations call for help in managing the CSA such as when the School of Life goes on it's much needed bi-annual retreats and in expanding to new suppliers.	For the long term health and benefit of the CSA, a few individuals are needed to keep things running while "staff" is away, (set up and driving) and to help steer the course for growth and expansion.
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*The **Spirit of Service** fuels the CSA motor (with a sustainable non-polluting energy!) from the farmers, to School of Life members, to your area hosts who offer their homes for pick up, to weekly volunteers, and to help build community and consciousness for creating a bright and peaceful future for all.*