

GardenShare Inc. Records
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History

GardenShare traces its roots to the North Country Garden School, founded by Phillip Harnden in 1994 as a way for people to learn skills for gardening in Northern New York. Because gardeners often grow more food than they can use, Harnden began exploring ways for gardeners to share the extra food with hungry people. In 1996, Harnden produced a brochure describing North Country Garden School's new "GardenShare Project." The brochure was mailed to many local gardeners, to the Garden School workshops, to local stores and churches. After 1998, thirty gardeners were active in donating part of their harvests. Aware that charity alone can not end hunger, GardenShare began publishing a newsletter of gardening tips and insights on the root causes of hunger. In May, GardenShare incorporated as a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger.

As a follow-up to the "Hungry No More" workshop, GardenShare decided to pursue a farm-to-school project, which was getting more locally grown food into the cafeterias of St. Lawrence County schools and colleges. So each week during the harvest season, this project had the collection of locally grown produce from a dozen farmers and delivered it to SUNY Potsdam. In November 2003 and in the early year of 2004, the GardenShare received awards for helping to build the community's food security in the North Country. In 2006, GardenShare helped make the Canton Farmers' Market accessible for the first time in years to shoppers in the food stamp program. In 2008, GardenShare initiated a "Growing Local Bread" interest group with a November meeting attended by a dozen growers, gardeners, and bakers. Also on November, GardenShare sponsored a training workshop called "Growing Your Own CSA Farm." In March 2010, GardenShare co-sponsored an all-day training workshop on school and community gardens. In November 2011, GardenShare held its first Harvest Social, a free event to celebrate GardenShare at SUNY Potsdam.

Scope & Content

This collection contains selected records of the anti-hunger organization GardenShare. The records include administrative files spanning the years 1996-2012. These files include GardenShare's bylaws, incorporation papers, records of fund raising, annual dinners, awards, workshops, newsletters, finances, recruitment, food pantries the organization worked with and various other information.

Collection consists of four series:

- Series 1: Topics A-Z
- Series 2: Fundraising and Grants
- Series 3: Operations
- Series 4: Legal & Financial

Provenance:

Donation from the organization. First transfer: August 30, 2012; second transfer: Feb. 7, 2013; third transfer, July 1, 2014, 4th transfer, October 2014.

Note—Due to its confidential nature, material in boxes 7-11 is currently CLOSED to the public.

Series 1—Topics A-Z

Box 1

Annual Award [Growing Community Award]

2003 Award
2004 Award
2005 Award
2006 Award
2007 Award
2008 Award
2009 Award
2010 Award
2011 Award

Annual Dinner

2005 Dinner
2006 Dinner
2007 Dinner
2008 Dinner
2009 Dinner
2010 Picnic
2011 Harvest Social

Box 1a

CSA [Community Supported Agriculture]

2007 CSA Farms
2007 CSA Roundtable
2008 CSA Farms
2008 CSA Regional Gathering
2008 CSA Training Workshop
2008 CSA Viability Study
2009 CSA Farms
2009 CSA Farm Express
2010 CSA Farms
2010 CSA @ BMC [Blue Mountain Center]
2010 CSA Roundtable
2010 CSA Bonus Bucks
2011 CSA Farms
2011 CSA Bonus Bucks

Box 1b

Farmers' Markets

2006 Farmers' Mkts.
2006 Plaindealer Articles [promoting Canton FM]
2007 Farmers' Mkts.
2007 Farmers' Mkts. ~ Shuttle Bus [to Canton FM]
2008 Farmers' Mkts.
2008 Farmers' Mkts. ~ Market Manager Training
2008 Farmers' Mkts. ~ Fresh Checks
2009 Farmers' Mkts.

2009 Farmers' Mkts. ~ DVD for Vendors
2009 Farmers' Mkts. ~ Market Manager Training
2010 Farmers' Mkts.
2010 Farmers' Mkts. ~ Market Manager Training
2011 Farmers' Mkts.
2011 Farmers' Mkts. ~ Market Manager Training

Box 2

Food Pantries

2002 Food Pantries
2003 Food Pantries
2004 Food Pantries
2005 Food Pantries
2006 Food Pantries
2007 Food Pantries
2008 Food Pantries
2009 Food Pantries
2010 Food Pantries

Food Processing & Storage Facility [SARE Grant 2007–2009]

Advisory Committee
Conclusions
Feasibility Study
Focus Groups & Surveys
Foodlink [Rochester NY]
Food Storage Examples

Box 2a

Forum
Nelson Farms [Cazenovia NY]
Resources
Regs & Terms
SARE Grant
SARE Grant Expenses
SARE Grant Reports
GardenShare Projects
2000 "Food Baskets... and Beyond"
2001ff. Hunger Awareness Day
2001 Survey of GS List
2002 Garden Planner
2002 Farm to School Table Tents
2002 "Hungry No More" Workshop
2003 "Hungry No More" Workshop Follow-Up

Box 2b

2002 Farm to School Support Project
2003 Cecilie Garden Project
2003 Website
2004 "Eight Hands" Campaign
2004 "Eight Hands" Mini-Grant
2004 "Eight Hands" Table Tents
2004 Gouverneur Community Garden

2004ff. Local Food Fliers
2004 Mini-Gardens
2004 Slow Food Promotion
2004 Website
2005 "Eating with the Seasons" Calendar
2005 Local Food Pledge
2005 SUNY Canton Horticultural Program

Box 3

2005ff. Bumper Stickers ["Local Food: Fresh to You ~ Fair to Farmers"]
2005ff. Farm & Feast
2007 Grub Dinner [Anna Lappé and Bryant Terry @ SUNY Potsdam]
2007 Farm Bill
2008 Bion
2008 Rapid Market Assessment
2008-2010 Growing local bread
2009 Wheat & Potato Workshop
2009 "Good Food" Movie
2010 Regional Food Guide for Restaurants
2010 School Garden Grants

Box 3a

2010 School Garden Training [Dig In! conference]
2010ff. "Seasonal Kitchen" Blog
2010 Shop with a Chef
2010 FMNP Redemptions
2011 Janet Poppendieck
2011 CNY Health Bucks
2011 FMNP Redemptions
2011 Summer Intern Project
2011 School Garden Grants
2011 Temporary Farm Labor

Harvest Sharing

1996–1999 Recruitment
2000 Recruitment
2001 Recruitment

Box 3b

2002 Recruitment
2003 Recruitment
2004 Recruitment
2005 Recruitment
2006ff. Recruitment

Local Food & CFS [Community Food Security]

North Country Food & Economic Security Search Conference 1997–1998
Regional CFS Committee ~ 2005–2006

Local Food Guide

2005 LFG
2006 LFG

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2007 LFG
2008 LFG
2009 LFG
2010 LFG
2011 LFG

Newsletters

2001 Newsletters
2002 Newsletters
2003 Newsletters

Box 4a

2004 Newsletters
2005 Newsletters
2006 Newsletters
2007 Newsletters
2008 Newsletters
2008 Newsletter Promotion via CSA
2009 Newsletters
2010 Newsletters
2011 Newsletters
2012 Newsletters

Press Releases & Publicity

Awards to GardenShare
Press Releases 1996–2006

Box 4b

Press Releases 2007–2011
Publicity 1996–2006
Publicity 2007–2012

Youth Summit (Food Day)

2011 Advisory Committee
2011 Evaluations
2011 Food Action Projects

Box 5

2011 Food Fair
2011 Funding
2011 Keynote
2011 Media & Publicity
2011 Online
2011 Photo Consents
2011 Planning
2011 Pre-Registration & Scholarships

2011 Recruitment
2011 Registrations
2011 Sponsors
2011 Teams
2011 Workshops

Series 2—Fundraising and Grants

Community Food Projects [CFP]

CFP Info
CFP 2004 HANNYS
CFP 2008 Application
Comm. Food & Nutrition Program

Box 5a

Fund Appeals

2002 Fund Appeal
2003 Fund Appeal
2004 Fund Appeal for FTS [Farm-to-School project]
2004 Fund Appeal
2005 Fund Appeal
2006 Fund Appeal
2007 Fund Appeal
2008 Fund Appeal FMP [Farmers' Market Partners]
2008 Fund Appeal
2009 Spring Fund Appeal
2009 Fall Fund Appeal
2010 Spring Fund Appeal
2010 Fall Fund Appeal
2011 Spring Fund Appeal
2011 Fall Fund Appeal

Box 5b

Fundraising Campaigns

2008–2009 Capacity-Building [with sample proposal booklet]
2009 Fund-Raising Plan
2010 Closing the Food Gap [with sample proposal booklet]

Fundraising Events

2003 Barn Dance
2009ff. T-Shirts
2009 Band Jam
2009 Ivory & Gold Concert
2009 Reception @ McClellan's
2010 Benefit @ 1844 House
2011 Poppendieck Supper
2011 Table Settings

Series 3--Operations

Box 6

Board

Board Meeting Minutes 2001–2011 [duplicates for SLU archives]
Board Meeting Minutes 2012 [duplicates for SLU archives]
Board Meeting Minutes 2013 [duplicates for SLU archives]
Board Education Committee 2004–2005
2003 Board Retreat
2004 Board Retreat
2004 Board Trip to Vermont
2005 Board Planning
2007 Board Retreat
2009 Board Retreat
2010 Board Retreat
2010 Board @ BMC [Blue Mountain Center]

Budgets ~ Annual GS

2009 Budget
2010 Budget
2011 Budget
2011 Financial Stats

Legal

Bylaws 2001–2005 [duplicates for SLU archives]
Incorporation

Series 4—Financial & Legal

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Box 7

Insurance [THIS ENTIRE SECTION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]

2007 Insurance
2008 Insurance
2009 Insurance
2010 Insurance
2011 Insurance

Legal ~ IRS [THIS ENTIRE SECTION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]

2001–2007 IRS Reports
2008 IRS Reports
2009 IRS Reports
2010 IRS Reports

Legal ~ NYS Charities [THIS ENTIRE SECTION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]

2001–2005 NYS Charities Reports
2006 NYS Charities Report
2007 NYS Charities Report
2008 NYS Charities Report
2009 NYS Charities Report
2010 NYS Charities Report

Payroll [THIS ENTIRE SECTION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]

Bank: HSBC (Payroll)
2009 & 2010 Payroll Files from St. Lawrence Health Initiative
2009 Payroll
2009 IRS Payroll Taxes
2009 NYS Payroll Taxes
2010 Payroll
2010 IRS Payroll Taxes
2010 NYS Payroll Taxes

Financial Records [THIS ENTIRE SECTION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC]

2001 Financial Records [pocket folder]
2002 Financial Records [pocket folder]

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2006 Financial Records [pocket folder]
2006 Deposits [file pocket]
2006 Expenditures [file pocket]
2006 EBT Transactions [file pocket]
2007 Financial Records
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2007 Expenditures [file pocket]
2007 EBT Transactions

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2008 Financial Records
2008 Deposits [file pocket]
2008 Expenditures [file pocket]
2008 EBT Transactions
2009 Financial Records
2009 Deposits [file pocket]
2009 Expenditures [file pocket]
2009 EBT Transactions
2009 CSA Farm Express

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2010 Financial Records
2010 Deposits [file pocket]
2010 Expenditures [file pocket]
2010 EBT Transactions

Box 11

2011 Financial Records
2011 Deposits [file pocket]
2011 Expenditures [file pocket]
2011 EBT Transactions