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Homegrown Minneapolis – September 6, 2014 News, Events, Jobs, Resources

News

Minneapolis Mayor, City Council Recognize the Week of September 8, 2014 as Cooperatives Week

[Read the full resolution.](#)

Minneapolis Mayor, City Council Recognize September 13 as Community Gardening Day

[Read the full resolution.](#)

Garden Study Trying Out a Better Way to Grow Food

The City of Minneapolis is partnering with five demonstration gardens to study the effectiveness of combining compost with biochar, a soil amendment similar to charcoal. The focus of this demonstration project will be increased access to locally grown food for historically underserved communities, including Native Americans. The study is part of a new [agreement](#) with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC). [Read the full article.](#)

Events

Karamu Garden Interfaith Action Volunteer Planting Event

Sept. 6, 2014 | 2-5 pm | Karamu Garden, Plymouth Ave North, Minneapolis

The Downtown Congregation to End Homelessness is joining forces with Project Sweetie Pie to bring together helping hands and hearts as they volunteer to plant “seeds of change.” Contact: Michael Chaney, 763-227-4881, mvchane@netscape.net; Amy Barker, 701-318-4156 <http://www.projectsweetiepie.org>

September Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Meeting

Sept. 10, 2014 | 5-7pm | Beez Kneez, 2204 Minnehaha Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55404 ([map](#))

*entrance: 22nd street between Spokes bike store and garden/parking lot

*Optional tour + presentation: 4:30 - 4:55 p.m.

Growing Minneapolis Co-ops: A Community & Economic Development Strategy

Sept. 10, 2014 | 7 – 8:30pm | Fair State Brewing Cooperative, 2506 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis

Join First Ward Council Member Kevin Reich and special guests for a citywide forum on how the cooperative business model can drive economic and community development. Come learn how cities around the nation are working to support new and existing cooperatives, explore how the cooperative model encompasses more than just grocery stores, and discuss ways in which co-ops can become engines for economic empowerment and community revitalization in Minneapolis. This event is free, but capacity is limited. To register for a free ticket, visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/growing-minneapolis-co-ops-a-community-economic-development-strategy-tickets-12604258677>.



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The City of Minneapolis invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event within our City. Should you require an accommodation, such as translation services, in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting Lisa Brock at 612-673-2201 or lisa.brock@minneapolismn.gov.

Annual Meeting – Twin Cities Agricultural Land Trust

Sept. 11, 2014 | 5:45 – 8pm | Finnegan's, 609 South 10th Street Suite 102, Minneapolis

Please join us -- and invite anyone you know who wants to work for more equitable access to land for food and healing of the traumas of food land dispossession -- for the Twin Cities Agricultural Land Trust's annual meeting. **Pakou Hang**, Executive Director of the Hmong American Farmers Association (HAFA), and **Ginger Cannon**, Community Outreach and Research Planner for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, will be joining us to speak about their work on food land access and to share their organizations' perspective on land access issues in the Twin Cities. We will also be electing new board members, meeting new collaborators, and planning for the future of TCALT! This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments courtesy of **Seward Co-op** will be provided. More information can be found at www.tcalt.org. Unable to attend the meeting but interested in membership or volunteering? Contact us at tcaglandtrust@gmail.com!

Twin Cities Chicken Coop Tour

Sept. 13, 2014 | 10am – 4pm | Various Twin Cities locations

View tour locations at <https://sites.google.com/site/twincitiescooptour/>

To have **your** coop on the tour, [register](#) by **September 6**.

Community Garden Day

Sept. 13, 2014 | All Day | Various Twin Cities locations

This day recognizes the contributions of community gardeners to the health, vitality and livability of their communities, and also serves as an opportunity to spread awareness about the [Multiple Benefits of Community Gardens](#) to the public. Community gardens across the state will host free public celebrations to show their [#communitygardenpride](#). <http://www.gardeningmatters.org/community-garden-day>

Leading Innovation Deep Dive: Social Innovation Lab

Sept. 15-16, 2014 | Social Innovation Lab [Learn more here](#).

Our Power National Convening Report Back

Sept. 18, 2014 | 6 – 8pm | The Living Room, 1716 Glenwood Avenue, North Minneapolis

Join local participants in discussing what was learned last August in Richmond, California and what they are bringing back to the local Twin Cities movement. There will be an introduction to the [Our Power Campaign](#) and the Climate Justice Alliance and reflections on personal take-aways and ideas from individual participants from the CEED delegation, NOC and Afro-Eco and time to discuss action and movement building for climate justice and local living economies. Light refreshments provided. Childcare available. Translation support available upon request prior to the event. Please indicate ASAP if needed and for what language! RSVP [here](#) or email sammie@ceed.org

Collective Courage – Book Discussion with Jessica Gordon Nembhard

Sept. 29, 2014 | 7:00pm | Capri Theater, 2027 West Broadway Ave, Minneapolis



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CoMinnesota is extremely excited to announce that we are bringing author Jessica Gordon Nembhard to the Twin Cities to discuss her book, *Collective Courage*. *Collective Courage* brings light to the hidden history of black Americans building power through the cooperative model. Professor Gordon Nembhard will speak on the history of black cooperatives, with specific attention to the local history here in Minnesota, at a community discussion at the Capri Theater on September 29. This event is possible thanks to support from our project partner, Nexus Community Partners. Learn more about *Collective Courage*, buy the book, and see Professor Gordon Nembhard speak here:

<http://www.psupress.org/books/titles/978-0-271-06216-7.html>

Food Access Summit 2014: Organize for Equity

October 28-30, 2014 | Duluth Entertainment Convention Center

The Food Access Summit will highlight efforts that improve access to healthy food for Minnesotans with limited financial resources and launch the Minnesota Food Charter. It will provide social policy tools, training and action-oriented ideas to educate and organize participants to support local, state and national efforts to make the food system equitable for all. Anyone working to improve access to healthy food for underserved populations should attend. Register here:

www.foodaccesssummit.com More information at www.foodaccesssummit.com or [651-214-2498](tel:651-214-2498)

2014 Urban & Small Farms Conference: "Building a Fair Food Economy to Grow Healthy People"

November 7-9, 2014 | Potawatomi Bingo Casino Hotel, Milwaukee, WI

Conference Registration, Scholarship Applications, Lodging info, etc: <http://www.growingpower.org/events.htm>

Jobs

Fall Paid Farm Position with HAFA

HAFA (Hmong American Farmers Association) is hiring an entry level Farm Hand to start immediately. The Farm Hand will report to the HAFA Farm Manager and work on the HAFA Farm, a 155 acre incubator and research vegetable farm located in Vermillion Township, Minnesota. A good candidate must be self-motivated, responsible, and hardworking. The candidate must also be willing to perform physical labor and work outside or in the fields. Please direct any questions to: Pakou Hang, Executive Director, Hmong American Farmers Association

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Resources

USDA Invites Local Food Business Owners to Create Listings in New Directory

USDA invites local food business owners in the CSA, Food Hub, and On-Farm Market categories to list their operational details in the new directories www.usdalocalfooddirectories.com. These new directories will be available online early in



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2015, giving potential customers, business partners, and community planners easy, one-stop access to the most current information about different sources of local foods.

NCR-SARE Announces 2015 Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals

The 2015 North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals is now available. Farmers and ranchers in the North Central region are invited to submit grant proposals to explore sustainable agriculture solutions to problems on the farm or ranch. Call for Proposals:

<http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Types-of-Grants/Farmer-Rancher-Grant-Program>

Proposals are due on November 20, 2014 at 4p.m. CST. Questions? Contact Joan Benjamin, Associate Regional Coordinator and Farmer Rancher Grant Program Coordinator, at benjaminj@lincolnu.edu or [573-681-5545](tel:573-681-5545) or [800-529-1342](tel:800-529-1342). Potential grant applicants can also contact Minnesota's SARE co-coordinators: Jill Sackett (Mankato) at 507-389-5541 or sacke032@umn.edu AND Kate Seager (St. Paul) at 612-625-8235 or kseager@umn.edu.

SFA Farm Skills 101 Dates Announced for Spring 2015

SFA (Sustainable Farming Association)'s [Farm Skills 101](#) is a popular, intensive skills-training course geared for the forage-based livestock farmer. The Fall 2014 semester is now completely full. Dates for the Spring 2015 semester of Farm Skills 101 have been set: April 17-18 and 24-25 as well as May 1-2. Registration is not yet open but should be soon once lodging options are nailed down; keep watching SFA Connect for updates. For more information about SFA's Sustainable Food Production Program, as well as Farm Skills 101, visit our [SFP homepage](#) or email Dr. Sue Wika at sue@sfa-mn.org.

Free Farm Finance Webinars (MOSES)

[MOSES](#) (Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service) is offering two **free** webinars on farm finances:

Financial Analysis Using Your Schedule F | Sept. 9, 2014 | 7 p.m. Central | [Register](#)

Evaluating Investments and Operational Changes | Sept. 16, 2014 | 7 p.m. Central | [Register](#)

Grow Your Farm Skills this Fall/Winter from the Comfort of Your Home!

The Cornell Small Farms Program and Cornell Cooperative Extension offer a [menu of 12 online courses](#) each Fall and Winter to help farmers develop their businesses. These 5- to 7-week online courses **cost \$200 total for up to 4 members of the same farm** to attend.

We need to grow the local food movement! Forward this newsletter to your friends or post the link to Homegrown Minneapolis on Facebook. Let us know if you have an event or resource to share with the community.

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/homegrown>

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