

Terre Foods Co-op Update

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This update is going to be jam-packed with great information, so let's get right to it!

The Latest News:

- **Incorporation process:** The Articles of Incorporation have been signed, and will be faxed to our lawyer on Monday. Once our incorporation is finished, we will finally be able to start the Membership process, which will bring the co-op that much closer to reality. We are optimistic that we will begin taking memberships by this summer.
- **Fundraiser:** Our fundraiser is in full swing now. We are taking donations both via mail, and via *Paypal*. Please see our website at www.terrefoods.org, or click [HERE](#) to donate online! While we hope to be taking memberships in a couple of months, we still desperately need donations. All member equity (i.e., memberships) should be held as long as possible before using, ideally only once we have selected a site and begun the build-out. Donations will be used to finish paying for the incorporation process, and to commission the feasibility study which will dictate the site search and form the basis of our entire project from here on out.
 - To support our fundraising efforts, the Steering Committee has committed to a 100% donation rate for the fundraiser! If you haven't made a donation yet, please join us and make a donation today.
 - The Fundraising committee also has some great fundraising events in the works this summer. We will be making an announcement within the next two weeks about the first one!
- **Membership Committee:** The membership committee will be holding its first meeting on **Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30pm** in Meeting Room A at the Vigo County Main Library. This meeting will be for getting acquainted and brainstorming ideas for our upcoming membership program. If you are interested in attending, please email tammy@terrefoods.org or candace@terrefoods.org.
- **Terre Foods Cookbook:** The Terre Foods Steering Committee would like to put together a cookbook of some of our favorite seasonal, local recipes, and we need your submissions! Please email us with your best recipes featuring whole (and whenever possible *local*) ingredients. The cookbook will be organized by season, rather than by dish, to emphasize shopping locally for foods that are in season in our area. Please send submissions to cookbook@terrefoods.org. If you have any pictures of your dish, so much the better! Include a brief bio (around 200 words) with your submission—space permitting, we will include it with your recipe!
- **Website Information:** We've done some upgrading to our existing website at www.terrefoods.org. We now have pages dedicated to discussing the process of opening a cooperative market, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and a

Suggested Resources page. Other pages are still in the creation stage, and we're happy to take suggestions.

- **New Website:** We have just launched our new Terre Foods Community website, which is at www.terrefoodscommunity.org. This website will be dedicated to various events and opportunities in which Terre Foods is involved, as well as anything we come across that meets our Vision and Mission statements for our cooperative market. For example, this website will feature pages dedicated to the Terre Haute Community Garden, of which we are a sponsor, as well as current sources of local foods, and other local Terre Foods-related events.

Where can I find Terre Foods this weekend?

The Spring and Summer season will begin a high time for Terre Foods to be out and about, getting the word out about our project, meeting folks, finding volunteers, taking donations and (hopefully soon!) selling memberships. Where can you find us?

- The ISU Earth Day Celebration, Apr. 19th, in the Fountain Square
- White Violet Center's 10th Annual Earth Day Celebration, April 20
- The Downtown Farmer's Market, 9th and Cherry, Saturday mornings from 8a-noon, June through October
- The Downtown Blues Fest (date/time TBA)
- Stay tuned for more venues!

Local News:

- Have you checked out Going Local, at www.going-local.com? This website features local businesses, foods, and just everything here in Indiana. It has already done several features of Terre Foods, so it's obviously a high-quality publication! ;-)
- Plots are still available for the first year of the Terre Haute Community Garden. Plots are 10'x10', and are free with a donation of produce to the Catholic Charities. Please see our Community website for complete information at www.terrefoodscommunity.org.
- The 7th Annual ISU Human Rights Day Event this year will feature speaker and author **Frances Moore Lappe**, speaking on April 15th at 9:30am in Dede I. Frances Moore Lappe is a long-time voice in the ecological food movement, writing the foundational book "Diet for a Small Planet". Her work has continued in the same vein, exploring ecological and localized food systems throughout the world. She is co-founder of the Center for Living Democracy and the Institute for Food and Development Policy. Don't miss this chance to see one of the most important people in the local food movement today!

Have you been missing fresh, local produce?

So have we! But good news—there are still shares available in the Healthy Hoosiers Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)! CSAs are subscription services, where you pay an upfront price to the farmer, and receive a weekly delivery of the freshest, just-picked produce the farm has to offer. CSAs are typically great deals, by the end of the season yielding far more (and fresher)

food for your dollar than the supermarket, while also supporting local farmers. What a deal!
Please visit www.healthyhoosierscsa.com for more information and to order a share.

Long update, eh? Have a great week!

In cooperation,

Robyn