

Garden Internship Restructuring 2011

To Do's:

Create a general project timeline

- resubmit the garden/internship project by Nov 30th
- application/hiring process starting ?

Questions to answer:

- How is the hiring process going to be altered?
sooner (start advertising at the beginning of next term, have someone hired by mid-term)
One intern? or it could be two people apply in pairs?
- Can interns have other Jobs? How do we make it clear that this internship should be a priority?
- Where is the food going?
- How can the garden more concretely be a resource for students, faculty, staff and Bennington community members and serve as an educational tool used to develop knowledge of sustainable garden practices, as well as an experiential and self-guided classroom?
--> agroecology (Carl will talk w/ Valerie), and Hist. of food and farming (Brian/Karina will talk to Kerry) classes in the spring, could interested students from these classes somehow be involved in the planning and initial garden set up?

How can the daily work/activity in the garden be more structured?

- create a calendar of when things need to happen in the garden (this could be a part of a garden guide that we create based on what was done in the garden last year?)
How do we take Emi and Forest's garden notes/experience and make it usable?
- schedule specific blocks of time that the interns are working in the garden (ex: from 8am - 12pm 4 days a week, one 4 hour day is set aside for community outreach)

Volunteers

- create a structured volunteer schedule and protocol for how they can help in the garden, have a sign up/create mailing list towards the end of the spring term for students who will be here over the summer
- once there is food that is ready to be harvested, volunteers will be encouraged to take some produce from the garden, the interns will facilitate this process

Weekly community outreach

Contact:

Carol Adinolfi - Blooming Chefs (802) 377-7077

Linda - Six Bank Street (802) 442-2424

DREAM - Rachel (802) 681-3982

Compile a packet of garden activities to do with kids (Karina has some from her work with Blooming chefs)

Educational Visits:

Farms - Mighty Food, Clearbrook, Happenstance

School Gardens: Middlebury, Williams, Marlboro, MCLA