



Food for Thought, Part 2

Moving toward a sustainable food system

Fri., November 20, 7-9pm

Trinitarian Congregational Church, Concord

Panelists' Biographical Information

Willow Blish is a leader of Slow Food Boston, a local chapter of Slow Food USA, a grassroots movement that links the pleasure of food with a commitment to community and the environment. Slow Food envisions a world in which all people can eat food that is good for them, good for the people who grow it and good for the planet.

Jim Catterton is a member of the Concord Agriculture Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum for discussion of interest and concern to farmers in Concord and to advise the Board of Selectmen concerning how the town can help to support farming in Concord.

Jen Hashley is Director of Tufts University's New Entry Sustainable Farming project, which assists new immigrants to begin farming in Massachusetts. Her background is described at <http://nesfp.nutrition.tufts.edu/about/hashley.html>. Jen is also co-owner of Pete and Jen's Backyard Birds, small-scale local growers of pasture-raised chickens, pigs, and other animals.

Charlotte Vallaeys is a Farm & Food Policy Analyst for The Cornucopia Institute (www.cornucopia.org). She recently completed two Master's degrees: a Master of Science in Agriculture, Food and Environment from Tufts University and a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School. The focus of her academic work has been on ethical concerns with agricultural policy. She has worked with the Community Food Security Coalition on the Farm & Food Policy Project, where she helped develop a policy paper on "Making the Case for a Local Food System." As a Graduate Research Assistant, she collaborated on a USDA-funded project that seeks to strengthen the animal welfare standards of the National Organic Program. She also spent many hours between graduate classes as a farmhand on an organic vegetable CSA farm just outside Boston. Charlotte lives in Concord.