Save the Date
August 18, 2007
Annual Farm Day
Community Celebration

See insert for 2007 Workshops & Events Calendar

No one will be denied access to D Acres workshops and events due to inability to pay

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2007 Year of the Northern Forest

As we begin our 10th year in 2007, I am inspired by our accomplishments and possibilities for the future. In 1997, I told a local woman that we had come here to farm. She laughed at me and told me the only thing we were going to farm was rocks. Since then, we have harvested thousands of pounds of produce, raised animals, developed forest products, and hosted hundreds of community and practical farm education events. During that period we have helped cultivate the future by hosting hundreds of onsite learners and thousands of youth for tours.

D Acres represents a philosophy of human co-existence with the ecology where culture progresses without environmental destruction. The goal is to create a localized economy where the needs are met by the skills and experience of a community through utilization of appropriate natural resources. A culture where our basic needs of food, fiber, shelter and community are met on a local sustainable level. The concept of sustainable necessities is credible because we recognize the imperatives of pollution, Peak Oil, over-population and resource depletion.

Organizationally, in 2006, the Board of D Acres began the process of development of a strategic plan to guide the organization’s future. The process revealed many areas needing improvement including: the need to expand both the Board’s numbers and diversity; the need to increase income to pay staff fair wages; and the identification of fundraising as imperative. The Board is hopeful that it can obtain a grant to support implementation of its plan including hiring a development director.

In 2007, D Acres educational focus is on the Northern Forest. This valuable resource can provide the region with food, shelter, fiber, medicine and cultural identity. Unfortunately, this resource is being squandered by shipping the wood to distant lands while importing wood products from abroad. Now there is increased pressure to exploit the forest for short term energy production. The biomass energy industry is encouraging shifts to wood as a primary energy source for the region. We do need sources of alternative energy, but reliance on wood will decimate the Northern Forest. We need to take the initiative to implement sustainable forest management strategies to utilize the forest for our needs without compromising the health of the living resource.

By developing a farm system suitable to this climate and available natural resources, we are pioneering an agricultural system. This is not only the groundwork of planting and harvesting but also the spiritual work of trust, collaboration and respect for our fellow inhabitants. This challenge is not the work of one person or family, rather this is the work of a community. Together we are not only moving stones but building community!

Everyone is invited to participate in D Acres Year of the Northern Forest, Potlucks, breakfasts and open houses are great times to share with the community. Volunteer Days, Film nights and practical workshops are super ways to gather knowledge, skills and sweat equity in collaboration. No one will be denied access to workshops and events in 2007 due to inability to pay.

Financial contributions and simply exemplifying sustainable lifestyles helps further the vision. If you have questions, comments, ideas, etc. do not hesitate to contact us. Together we create the future. We look forward to seeing you at the farm.

Joshua J. Fraught
Executive Director

'97-'07
Ten Years of
Progress Together

1997-2007 Ten Years of Progress
The Mission of D Acres is to improve the rural environment by promoting sustainable farming through education and demonstration of sustainable farming community and healthy living.

Eggs produced – 5189
Produce harvested & weighed – 2572.25 lbs

The Mission
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Ed Stats
Volunteer hours - 311.5
Visitors - 3466
Interns - 14
Workshops - 35
Community events - 34

Financials January 1 - December 31, 2006

Income
Community Support
Individual Contributions
Employee contributions
Business Contributions
Federal Grants
Inkind Gifts
Membership Dues
Fundraising Events
Total Community Support
Agricultural Programs
Workshops, Internships
On-Off Site Education
Hostel
Farm Products
Total Ag Sales
Other Income
Total Income

Expense
Personnel Cost
Animal Expense
Advertising
Anonymous
Arts & Dancing
Barbara & Charles Parle
Barry & Jon Henry
Barry Livingstone
Bill & Betty Trought
Bis & Gary Walker
Bob & Sandra Green
Bob Gregory
Brenda & Dean Hoken
Brian & Audrey Eisenhour
Brian & Sherriene Marscrover
Brian Felson
Carol Husky & Steven Miller
Carole Billings
Curtis & Fitzgerald
Carrie Byrnes
Charlie Mansel
Clare & Bob Fleitele
Clarion Mclntrick
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Dana & Mike MacDonald
David & Josh Hall
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Dustin Easter & Lauren Giford
Eddie & Jane Heath
Eric & Janet Faber
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Golden Beach
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Jim & Tom Frederick
Jennifer Mc Goldrick
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What Our Finances Mean to Us: The increase in Community Support and Agricultural Sales in 2006 will enable D Acres to hire and maintain more qualified staff in 2007 to lead educational programs and improve the working landscape. We appreciate the part you play in increasing our financial stability.

Achievements
> Paul Sachs of North Country Organics presented an informative soil health workshop sponsored by the Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) program.

> Initiated Local Foods Plymouth (LFP), an online marketplace designed to connect farmers, growers and local food buyers. Aflacorps from NNR, NPC, the BBC & the AP.

> Staff & learners attended NOFA winter, MOFGA, & NOFA Summer conferences.

> Hosted a regional Permaculture gathering providing the opportunity for over 80 people on a farm tour - 564

> Founders: Anne Slade Freely Charitable Trust; Harris & Frances Block Foundation, LAVoice Research and Education Programs

> Abloy organized the 3rd Annual Northern New England Small & Beginning Farmers Conference

> Josh presented on local food security and the D Acres model at Solarfest, Plymouth State University and as part of the Pioneers of Sustainability Lecture Series.

> Hosted a regional Permaculture gathering providing the opportunity for over 80 participants to network on developing better agricultural systems.

> Installed two distinct solar hot water systems to begin testing efficacy of the two technologies - flat panel & evacuated tube.

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Supporters
- Sustainer ($500)
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- Family (35)
- Individual (75)
- Student, Low Income ($15)
- Other Donations

Wish List
All supplies will be used with broken Old metal roofing
No non-perishable items
- Ink cartridge
- Menu
- Pet food (non-meat food waste)

Membership Categories
Patron ($1,000)
Sustainer ($500)
Supporter ($100)
Family (35)
Individual (75)
Student, Low Income ($15)
Other Donations

Membership & donations are a great way to support the educational programming at D Acres of New Hampshire.