In 2008, D Acres continued evolving in our quest toward SustainAbility. The theme for the Year was Gardening for Health: Cultivating Wellness. In addition to a focused workshop calendar we hosted a weekend event in September with a diverse and holistic slate of workshops, demonstrations and therapies. We also added the 1st Friday Pizza & Movie and 3rd Saturday Seasonal Soup Nites as community food events to complement the 1st Sunday Breakfast and Full Moon Potlucks.

We continued to see staff transitions. Lauren and Bill left to join a similar project in Coastal Maine. Tyler Durham joined us as Youth Education Coordinator. Regina Rinaldo is the Kitchen & Fiber Arts Coordinator and Jessie Richardson has returned to coordinate D Acres Workshops & Events. Neil Dominecki is a consistent steward as the maple syrup and music coordinator. Joe Vachon is the resident Blacksmith and Louis Holland continues his role as Hospitality and Animal Husbandry coordinator.

Our onsite construction in 08 was focused on maintaining and improving the red barn and silo. We replaced the southern wall of the red barn and the base of the silo in order to rebuild with stone foundations. In 2009 we hope to finish...
the structural renovations necessary for the silo and the red barn. We also intend to build an outdoor kitchen, which will facilitate meal preparation and food preservation during the warmer months.

As a proponent and activist of sustainable development for over 20 years, it is easy for me to be discouraged by our cultural insistence on consumption and unlimited growth. The global economic depression & celebrity status of our federal executive catalyzed for me, the necessity to act locally as individuals and take ownership of our community. Our solutions lay beyond a dependence on an inconsistent global economic system. Our power to find and create solutions lay in the depth of our actions, and beyond our tendency to misplace hope and trust in those already in positions of power. We must take the initiative to redevelop the local economy and step up as leaders within our community.

At D Acres our goals of developing the knowledge, technique, infrastructure and culture that renewably provides essentials to humanity remain the crux of the sustainability puzzle. In 2009 there will be a renewed focus, allowing for directed work on the fundamentals: community, expanded food production, fiber for clothing, shelter and farm infrastructure, herbal medicine and wellness.

I encourage everyone to take a role as an active contributor toward a cultural shift. We must change our resource use and pollution patterns while providing for the necessities of life; community, food, water, shelter, medicine, fiber. It is our collective responsibility to pass on a legacy of sustainability. Do your part, make the change happen by your actions.

Plant seeds, Save energy, Share food, Drive less, Meet your Neighbor, Buy nothing, Make music, Join today.

~ Josh Trought

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**D ACRES ON THE WEB**

Check out our annual calendar of workshops and events at www.dacres.org

Read about recent happenings on our blog at d-acres.blogspot.com

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of D Acres is to improve the human relationship with the rural New England landscape through farm-based research, education, and demonstration of sustainable agriculture, cooperative community, and healthy living.

2009 IS THE YEAR OF TRADITIONAL ARTS & ECOLOGY

In 2009, our annual calendar of events will be based upon the theme of Traditional Arts & Ecology. Workshops will include woodworking, blacksmithing, printmaking, ceramics, painting, and fiber arts.

Save the dates for our two largest events of the year:

Farm Day
August 15, 2009
Our annual Farm Day harvest celebration, featuring live music, a pig roast, local veggies, raffles, a bonfire, and tours of the farm and gardens!

Traditional Arts Fair
September 12 & 13, 2009
Join us for two full days of educational workshops, hands-on learning, live demonstrations, and performances by artists from throughout New England!

"This is such a beautiful, peaceful place!"
~ 2008 Herbs for Women workshop participant
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I think this experience will stick with my children forever. Thank you! We had a great time.”

- 2008 Kid’s Week Participant

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- Brought the Beehive Design Collective to the Pemi-Baker Valley
- Hosted Cultivating Wellness Conference
- Gave a noontime presentation at MOFGA’s Common Ground Fair
- Presented at NOFA Winter Conference
- Expanded 2nd edition of the Pemi-Baker Local Food Guide
- Hosted a grafting & compost themed weekend with Mark Fulford