Greetings from D Acres! It is exciting to write you on our 18th year in Dorchester. As the calendar changes, it is time to reflect on our activities here at the farm and review the accomplishments we have achieved together. It is also important to inventory our priorities and goals as we move forward. 2014 was another busy year. In education we offered our 5th Permaculture Through the Seasons Design Course and expanded to include a week-long Teacher Training. At the conclusion of the Teacher Training, we hosted a day-long New Hampshire Permaculture Gathering which attracted over 300 people from across the state. Another new event this year was the Porcine Festival which was a 3-day event focused on whole animal cookery. During the Porcine Festival, we experimented with traditional pork preservation techniques and shared the culinary delights during a tasting with the public. These events epitomize the learning and community skills building occurring at D Acres.

In 2015, our organization continues to adapt and evolve. When we began at D Acres in 1997, our goal was to provide an opportunity for college-age environmentalists to receive hands-on practice. Over time, we have moved to minimize our apprentice/intern program and have shifted direction to offer a more participatory residential program. Instead of day to day responsibility for mentoring college aged students, our focus has transitioned to seek more mature and experienced community participants. The goal is to create greater harmony, consistency, and long term commitment onsite, and it has been pleasant to work away from the summer camp mentality.

As another adaptation, we have recreated the standard membership program typical of standard non-profits. Instead of an exclusive membership based solely on monetary contributions, we have instituted an inclusive Many Hands program that also recognizes participation through volunteerism and attendance at workshops and events. This Many Hands program has been successful at many levels. It serves as a tool to recognize our constituency without creating a hierarchy of financial contributors. Surprising perhaps, financial contributions have increased since the program was introduced. We are hopeful that understanding of this new program will continue to increase opportunity for inclusive participation and recognition of the Many Hands who create the D Acres community.

I am also excited to announce two exciting developments in long term projects at D Acres. Edith’s house is transitioning into a visitor center, gallery, residence and visitor overnight accommodation.

2014 Project Highlights

- Russ Cohen Wild Edibles Lecture
- NH Permaculture Gathering
- Permaculture Teacher Training
- 6th Annual Permaculture Through the Seasons Design Certification Course
- Porcine Festival
- Kids Day
- 11 Resident Learners
- 5 International Volunteers
- Over 50 Community Food Events
- Over 4,000 Visitors and Guests
- 1,883 Volunteer Hours
- 727 Tours
We recognize the various diverse contributions that build a community project, and through the Many Hands Program we have provided an inclusive portal for support and participation at D Acres. We would like the participants, partners and supporters of D Acres and community permaculture to be recognized without strict monetary commitment. Our hope is that volunteers, donors, and the participants can harmonize as we provide organizational support.

Instead of monthly renewals for memberships, we will send a once a year letter during March, asking for funds and volunteer participation for the year. Any monetary contribution is appreciated.

Volunteers are needed for committee work, administrative, construction, and gardening assistance. But there are many other projects like organizing the library, harvesting, and distributing flyers.

To all of our Many Hands participants, whether a donor, volunteer, onsite participant, or organizational collaborator/sponsor, we heartily thank you. And we hope to see Many more Hands involved in 2015!

In 2014 D Acres collaborated with, donated to, and supported these local organizations: Artistic Roots, CRUX, Friends of the Art, NH Peace Action, Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, GALA, The Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports Program, Keep the Heat On

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Thank you!

We greatly appreciate your support through donations and contributions.

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

2015 is the year of the Community Scale Permaculture Farm

We are pleased to announce the publication of “The Community-Scale Permaculture Farm” The book serves as an opportunity to document the evolution of our activities here on the farm, providing an overview that will be useful to a wide audience of readers. Our intent is to provide our model of community farming to a wide range of the population. Preorder your copy today! Publishing April 2015 by Chelsea Green Publishing

Your support and enthusiasm, your sharing of dishes and musical talents, your Many Hands and service and especially your smiling faces are what make this project possible!

D D Acres is a Community Supported Non-Profit.

Dedicated to the memory of our communitarian friends:
Bob Gregoire, Peter Hughes, Bob Akerman, August & Henri

Upcoming Events at the Farm

Monthly
First Sunday - Farm Feast Breakfast & Open Trails
Second Friday - Family Pizza and a Movie Night
Third Thursday - Cooking with the Seasons
Last Friday - Pot Luck & Open Mic
Last Saturday - Volunteer Day

• Kids Day - Dates Vary, keep up to date with Facebook, our website, or our email newsletter!
• Permaculture Design Certification Course, Begins May 16th - Sign up online!
• 6th Annual NH Permaculture Gathering
• Fall Porcine Festival
**Financials: Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2014**

### INCOME
- **Community Support**
  - Individual Contributions $19,663
  - Foundations $12,607
  - In-Kind Donations $8,358
  - Fundraising Events $8,884
  - **Total Community Support** $49,512

- **Agricultural Programs**
  - General Education $52,029
  - Workshops & Classes $35,517
  - Farm Product & Ag Sales $12,960
  - **Total Agricultural/Educational Programs** $100,506

- **Total Income** $150,018

### EXPENSE
- **Personnel** $30,200
- **Animals** $5,374
- **Advertising** $1,365
- **Dues** $1,670
- **Farm Ops** $23,970
- **Insurance** $10,281
- **Prof. Fees** $24,080
- **Vehicles** $14,964
- **Total Expense** $127,895

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**Wish List**

*We appreciate donations of 2nd hand goods instead of new. We try to reuse practical goods that might otherwise be landfilled, incinerated or shipped to unknown locations. Please see our Website for the comprehensive list.*

### VOLUNTEERS
- Computer tech help
- Data entry
- Seasonal garden help

### KITCHEN/HOMESTEAD
- Butchering knives
- Canning jars
- Maple syrup equipment
- Sewing accessories
- Clothes drying racks
- Rain jackets & pants
- Bike pump
- Musical instruments
- Paint (latex, acrylic, oil)
- Sustainability-related reading material

### GARDEN/ANIMALS
- Hay or straw
- Watering cans & hoses
- Wheel barrows
- Landscaping tools
- Leaves
- Non-glossy newspaper
- Brown cardboard
- Rhubarb plants
- Greenhouse
- Arts & Craft Supplies

### BUILDING/ENERGY
- 55 gal. storage drums
- Sliding glass doors
- Metal roofing
- School bus
- Excavator
- Solar panels
- Water tanks
- 12 volt water pump
- Deep cycle batteries 12v
- Wood stoves
- Carriage bolts & nuts
- Woodshop & Blacksmith Tools

### RECREATION and EXPLORATION
- Canoes, kayaks, oars
- Bicycles
- Snowshoes, skis

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**NH Permaculture in 2014**

D Acres continues to be a catalyst for developing community connection and educational programs. We hosted the 5th Permaculture Through the Seasons Design Course from April through November. In August we hosted a Permaculture Teacher Training Course with instructors Steve Whitman and Lauren Chase-Rowell which culminated in a day long NH Permaculture Gathering with over 35 workshops and presentations and over 300 attendees.

Plans are underway for the 3rd annual NH Permaculture Gathering this summer. Location yet to be determined. Sign up for our email newsletter to stay up-to-date on this and other events throughout the year!