



Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens 2012 Community Supported Agriculture Program Information and Shareholder Agreement

Welcome to the 2012 CMBG CSA Program!

The impetus for our CSA comes from the notion that growing food either at home or locally has great benefits for the consumer and the natural environment. To that end, in addition to the CSA program, the Gardens is continuing its popular "Grow Your Own Food" series with numerous special topics for kitchen gardeners (see the website for details). In addition, a full schedule of other education programs help participants of all ages learn about gardening and nature, and we're forging ahead with the fourth season of our Growing Greens Youth Gardening Program.

In a community supported agriculture system (CSA) there is a direct relationship between consumers of the food, known as members or shareholders, and the farm/farmers. In our CSA program, the shareholder helps to support our organization rather than a farm or farmer, as is the typical model. This year's food will be grown and harvested through the combined efforts of participants in several of the Gardens' programs, staff, and volunteers. We use a variety of methods to grow vegetables, with the aim of producing healthful food using sustainable and practical approaches. If you wish to know about any of the specifics of how your food will be grown, please contact horticulturist Diane Walden by email at walden17@myfairpoint.net or mobile phone at 207-390-0668.

Your Share: For your \$300 investment, you will receive a weekly share designed to provide the vegetables for a typical family of four for one week. This year you might receive any of the following: arugula, basil, beans, beets, beet greens, broccoli, broccoli rabe, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, fennel, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, onions, parsley, peas, peppers, potatoes, radishes, scorzonera, shallots, spinach, squash, Swiss chard, tomatoes, turnips, various lettuces and herbs. We may include a few other surprises (vegetable or otherwise), as well. Our production space is limited, so please be sure to thoroughly wash all share vegetables. Also, due to limited space we will not be growing some of the crops that require long growing seasons and/or large growing areas, such as corn and eggplant. Keep in mind, too, that the harvest will vary depending on the growing conditions and crop successes we have. If we have a year of terrible weather, you will have less of a selection and possibly a less abundant share. So, while we will certainly strive to meet your expectations, part of the commitment to this style of agriculture is that you are supporting the enterprise through fair and foul.



Share Pick Up: A Cooler Approach: There are 14 pick-up dates from Wednesday, June 13 through September 12. Shares may be picked up each Wednesday between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Kulp Horticulture Building at the Gardens, off Barters Island Road in Boothbay. Feel free to send someone in your place to pick up your share. Unclaimed shares will be donated to those in need.

In order to simplify and better preserve the harvest, we require that you provide us with a 30 qt. or larger capacity cooler into which we will place your share. It really helps the efficiency of packing 15 shares to have these on hand; please go for the large size! We will provide any ice needed to keep it cool in hot weather. At pick-up, you may choose to unload the contents of your cooler into another container for transport home, or you might find it easier to simply rotate between two coolers. All we ask is that each time you pick up your cooler stocked with the current week's share, you leave us an empty cooler (labeled with your name please) that we can use the following week. Recycling back to us the plastic bags and/or paper containers in which we pack separate crops will also save resources.

Thank you for participating. We are looking forward to a bountiful year!

Payment and Agreement: *By submitting payment you are agreeing to the terms of this Information and Agreement Document*. For any questions regarding payment or registration, please contact Courtney Locke at 207-633-4333, ext 101, or clocke@mainegardens.org.

Make checks payable to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Please mail to:

Courtney Locke
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens
PO Box 234, Boothbay, Maine 04537

Payment by Credit Card:

If you would like to pay by credit card, please telephone during weekday business hours or fill out the information below and return to the above address:

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Expiration Date:	Name on Card:
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