



NEEDHAM COMMUNITY FARM

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January 2022 Newsletter

Thank You to Everyone
Who Contributed to Our
Success in 2021



As we close the garden gate to 2021, we are grateful for your support as we move into 2022.

A big thank you to everyone who donated in 2021! We could not do all that we do without you, our community of friends and supporters.

Notes From the Field



With our first real snow under our belts for the winter, I paid a visit to the farm for the first time in 2022. It was comforting to see all our beds tucked away under the blanket of snow. A peek in the high tunnel let me know

Intro to Sustainable
Vegetable Gardening with
Joe Leghorn



Home-grown produce is far superior to what you can buy at the market because it is fresher. However, the thought of starting your own vegetable garden can be daunting.

This class will provide you with an overview of everything you need to know--from figuring out where to put your garden, how to start your own seedlings, and how to care for and maintain common vegetables.

Join NCF Board member, Joe Leghorn, as he leads a class hosted by Needham Community Education. [Register here.](#)



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that the greens and scallions we planted in the fall are still growing strong and holding out for an early spring harvest for the Needham Food Pantry!

As I and the farm continue to grow and change in this new year, I am excited to announce that I will be stepping into the role of Program Manager. I started with NCF last March as the Assistant Manager, and was so grateful to be warmly welcomed into this community. With this shift in our staffing structure, we have a bunch of exciting new and returning programs coming this year! Keep an eye on your inboxes, our website, and our social media to keep up to date as things are announced!

See you on the Farm,
Ceilidh Peden-Spear (they/them)
Program Manager

Produce CSA Shares & Garden Class Sign-Ups Coming Soon

Look for an email announcement and information in our February newsletter for the purchase of 2022 produce CSA shares and Garden Class registration.

Virtual Workshop: Indoor Winter Micro-gardening With Ceilidh

Join Program Manager, Ceilidh Peden-Spear (they/them), on **Saturday, January 22nd at 11am** to learn how to grow fresh, flavorful micro-greens in winter. All you need is a sunny window.

Please [register here](#) for this *free* Zoom event. Info about seed pick-up will be provided - you provide soil and pot.

Contact Ceilidh at cpedenspear@needhamfarm.org with any questions.

Meatless Monday Needham Recognized for Community Efforts

DONATE NOW

It's never too late to contribute. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made on our website at NeedhamFarm.org/donate or send a check made payable to the Needham Community Farm and mail to P.O. Box 920877, Needham, MA 02492.

NCF is Hiring a Field Manager!

The Field Manager will be responsible for the management and operations of all aspects of production and will assist the Program Manager with programming including leading youth and adults in educational programming and volunteer days on the farm.

This is a seasonal position, starting part-time in March 2022 with full-time hours from April through September.

For more details, visit our website at needhamfarm.org/jobs.

Now Accepting Applications for 2022 Summer Interns

We are looking for college-aged students with a passion for learning about local food systems and food justice through hands-on participation in farm operations. They will work closely with the Programs Manager, Field Manager, and Board Members in all aspects of our work according to their skills and interests: food production, volunteer management, marketing and communications, outreach, educational programming, food deliveries and collaboration with the food pantry, food distribution via our Mobile Market and our CSA, and more.

For more details, visit our website at needhamfarm.org/jobs.

Meatless Monday Needham was recognized by the parent organization, Meatless Monday, for their community efforts. [Read about it here.](#)

The Farm is one of the coordinating groups of Meatless Monday Needham, along with Green Needham and the League of Women Voters of Needham.

Still haven't taken the pledge to cut out meat one day a week for the next 12 weeks? [Take it here.](#)



Summer 2021 Interns - Elizabeth & Maddie



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