

Slow Food Greater Olympia Annual Report for 2011

2011 SLOW FOOD GREATER OLYMPIA BOARD
Elected at the annual meeting in November 2010



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January & February 2011

POTLUCK AND BOOK DISCUSSION

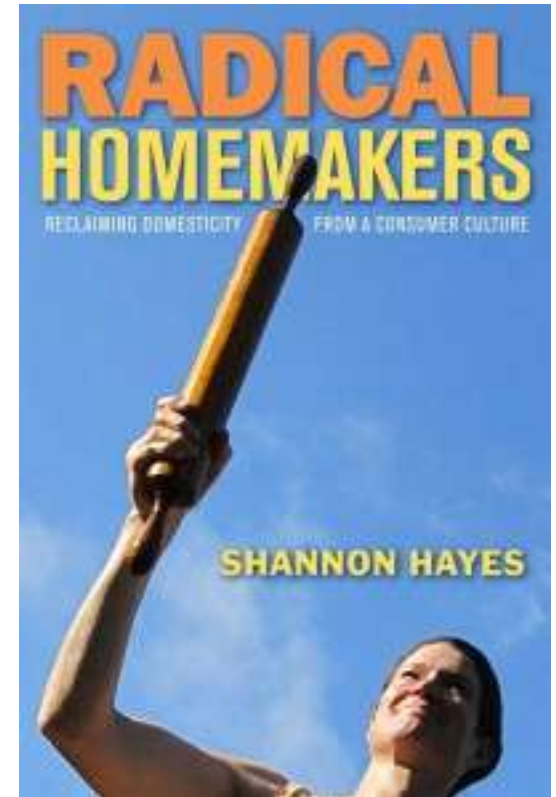
Great discussion on the book, **Radical Homemakers: Reclaiming Domesticity from a Consumer Culture**, by Shannon Hayes
Thanks to hosts Cindy and Mike Extine and planner Emily Ray



CHOCOLATE TASTING

Thanks to Martha Rosemeyer, who shared what she learned at Terra Madre in Turin, Italy about how to taste and evaluate chocolate

And thanks to Liz Douglas for arranging the tasting



January & February 2011 - Web and Facebook



New section on SFGO web for board agendas, minutes and policies including newly approved bylaws

Thanks to Kay Baxstrom

Slow Food Greater Olympia on Facebook

Thanks to Greg Nordlund for creating & maintaining our Facebook page



March & April & May 2011

LEWIS COUNTY CHEESE TOUR

Visited Willapa Hills Farmstead Cheese, Rosecrest Dairy, Black Sheep Creamery and Blue Rose Dairy



Thanks to Liz Douglas for arranging the tour
Thanks to Paula Liechty & Liz Douglas for driving



SCHOOL GARDEN SUPPORT

Slow Food members helped Meadows Elementary students plant their school garden.

Slow Food Potting Party to pot-up starts for the Roosevelt Elementary School Garden and for planting at Meadows Elementary School. Generated \$800 at sale.

Thanks to Ginny Codd, Pat Starzyk, Loretta Seppanen, Karen Bray, Kay Baxstrom, Pat McLachlan, Cindy Extine & Jeanne Passarelli

GRUB DAY OF THE BED

Our team built 3 raised beds for a local family who reported a bumper crop this summer and have big plans for next year. Members contributed \$410 plus \$90 from the treasury to cover the cost of the beds.

Thanks to Amy Boatright, Pat McLachlan
Paula and Bill Leichy and Loretta Seppanen



LENTILS COOKING CLASS

Repeat of earlier class for the Food Coop series

Thanks to Lynn Coleman & Emily Ray

SHOWING SUPPORT FOR CHANGES TO LOCAL URBAN AG CODES

- Olympia City Council's Land Use & Environment Committee - May 16
- Lacey Planning Commission - May 17
- Tumwater City Council - May 17

June & July & August 2011



PROGRAM TO STUDY THE "COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER
Potluck and information about bees. SF members across the
country wrote to urge the EPA to investigate, which they have
agreed to do. Thanks to Paula Liechty for organizing

MOROCCAN DINNER using local foods

Celebration, convivial dinner and fund raising!

Thanks to Paula and Bill Liechty for hosting; Mohammed Bentlemsani,
Sally Brownfield, Liz Douglas, Paula Liechty, Pat McLachlan, Emily Ray & Ted Steege for being our chefs

Thanks also to Barb Agee, Karen Bray, Greg Hamblin, Greg Nordlund, Loretta Seppanen, Kay and Gene Baxstrom,
and Liz Douglas for assisting in various roles

Also thanks to our local food providers: Stokesberry Farm, Heritage Meats, Spooner's, & Panerra. Thanks too to
Top Foods, Storman's Bayview and Olympia Food Co-op for financial support



MARKET PRODUCE DEMONSTRATIONS

Sundays at 10:30 am starting July 10 to mid October. Also noon to 2:30 pm on Kid's Day at the Market, Saturday July 9. At the Olympia Farmers Market.

Thanks to Rachel Britten, Becky Daniels, Ginny Codd, Tami Neilson, Pat Starzyk, Loretta Seppanen, Martha Rosemeyer, Greg Hamblin & Liz Douglas

TABLING AT THE TUMWATER FARMERS MARKET

Thanks to Pat Starzyk for representing Slow Food

THE FILM "VANISHING OF THE BEES" -Great discussion after the film + an opportunity to enjoy an outdoor dinner on the patio behind The Mark.

Thanks to Slow Food member, Lisa Owen, for hosting at The Mark

September 2011

\$5 CHALLENGE MEAL & FOOD BANK WORK PARTY

SFGO hosted 1 of 5,570 events across the country in attempt to take back the value meal. The rules were simple: Create a meal using real food for \$5 or less. Harvested 323 pounds of produce.



Thanks to Loretta Seppanen, Martha Rosemeyer, Ann Vandeman, Derek Valley, Kim Murillo & Karen Bray



SUSTAINABILITY, FARMING AND LOCAL FOODS BOOKTALKS

Thanks to Lynn Wilkinson, Halli Winstead and Kim Murillo for doing the book talk on books related to our food system that they are reading.

Thanks to Kirsop Farm for providing the veggies and Kay Baxstrom, Ginny Codd and Loretta Seppanen for preparing veggies

MUSHROOM FORAY (HUNTING) & POTLUCK LUNCH

Mushroom hunting in the Capitol Forest led by Tom Keller, president of the South Sound Mushroom Club.

Thanks to organizers Paula Liechty and Liz Douglas
Thanks to Paula and Bill Liechty for hosting

October 2011



A SPONSOR OF THE OCTOBER 14-15 FOOD SUMMIT

Table at the October 14 Food Expo & participants in the all day workshop on October 15. Sponsored free so that 2 GRuB participants could attend.

Thanks to Celeste Wade, Bill Lepman, Paula Liechty, Kay Baxstrom, Pat Starzyk and Loretta Seppanen for tabling and to the many members who attended the Food Summit

October (Continued) & November 2011

"AN EVENING OFF THE MENU"

Panel Discussion & Dinner, hosted by Chef Lisa Scott Owen of The Mark Restaurant, How to identify, eat & cook *real good* food on a budget

Thanks to Slow Food member, Lisa Owen, for organizing
Thanks to Ann Vandeman & Martha Rosemeyer for speaking on the panel and Martha for pinch hitting as moderator





RHONE VALLEY WINE TASTING AND SLOW FOOD SOCIALIZING

Members mingled & learned about and tasted wines from Vacqueyras, Beaumes-de-Venise, and Chateaneuf-du-Pape.

Thanks to Gary Franklin and Ruby Martin Franklin for hosting
Thanks to Patrick Hub, for selecting the wines and guiding us through the tasting
Thanks also to Tara Wolf and Kay Baxstrom for the planning

Year End

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership has grown significantly, from 85 members to 125 members!

This year Slow Food USA shared half the membership dues from new members in September - \$217.50.

Thanks to Kay Baxstrom for connecting with new members, members at renewal time
and thanks to all members for joining and renewing!

FINANCIAL STATUS: We spent about \$1,200 this year. We started with about \$2,000 and
will end this year with about \$3,000.

Thanks to Nancy Stevenson for keeping our books

Thanks to Anna Trombley for sending many emails to members and friends to update them on
these and other events throughout the year!

