SOME OF WHAT YOU'VE MADE POSSIBLE IN 2012

Dear Friends,

Last spring, as responses to our first-ever member survey poured in, I was struck by how deeply so many of you care about Shelburne Farms. Your reflections and stories marked our 40th anniversary as a nonprofit in a wonderful way. It re-energized us and left me, the board, and the staff feeling grateful, humbled and recommitted to our core work. As we educate and inspire young people, take care of and share this beautiful agricultural campus, and collaborate with others, your support keeps us moving forward.

Together we are cultivating change for a better world and a more hopeful future.

Thankyou! Alar

Alec Webb, President

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What's the most important work we do?

Here are your survey answers. (Words mentioned the most are largest).

• Cultivating Change in Education

t Shelburne Farms, we're not just transforming kids; we're transforming education. To the three "e"'s of sustainability: economy, environment, and equity, we add a fourth: education. At the center of this project are educators, and we support them and their practice with the programs they need to educate for a sustainable future. Here's how:

Sustainability Academy preschool

ogether with the Burlington School District and Head Start, we launched a preschool classroom at the Sustainability Academy in Burlington last fall. The preschool extends the programming at the Sustainability Academy, with a focus on school-readiness, literacy, food, nutrition and the natural world.



All outdoors, all the time

We launched a new Adventures Camp: 5- and 6-year-olds spent each day *entirely* outdoors for the whole week! It's a model to inspire early childhood educators about the benefits of play-based, outdoor education.

NEXT UP for 2013: We'll be publishing a new adaptation of

Project Seasons for early childhood educators, based on our experiences with these two programs and others.

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• Cultivating Change through Collaboration



King Street Youth Center

 ${f E}$ very Friday, King Street's red bus rolls into the Farm Barn courtyard and preschoolers tumble out for a morning of Adventures. Most days, they're greeted by our educator Linda Wellings ("Facilitator of Wonder"). Older King Street kids are offered spaces in our summer camps. Our partnership with King Street began nearly 20 years ago and has endured because of a shared commitment to getting kids outdoors-especially those without ready access to it.

Vermont FEED

▼n 2012. VT FEED was the local host for the **National Farm** to Cafeteria conference, and has been instrumental in building the Vermont Farm to School Network. Since 2000, this 3-way partnership (Shelburne Farms,

Vermont FEED

NOFA-VT, and Food Works) has helped bring local, healthy foods to Vermont schoolchildren, and been a model for many outside the state. It all adds up to healthier kids and stronger communities. **NEXT UP for 2013:**

NEXT UP for 2013: The 6th annual Junior Iron Chef, February 2, 2013. More information at: www.jrironchefvt.org.

A Park for Every Classroom

Te're collaborating with the National Park Service on a new program to make Parks more relevant to school classrooms. Modeled on the successful Forest for Every Classroom partnership, the program

worked with teams from eight Parks in the northeast in its first full year in 2012. Workshops, meetings, and online exchanges helped teams develop strategies to integrate parks into school curricula.

We'll be expand-

ing the program

to eight more parks,

who will be mentored

Participating Parks

- · Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine
- **Gateway National Recreation**
- Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park
- New England National Scenic Trail Salem Maritime National
- Historic Site
- Valley Forge National Historical Park

What's a Team?

 A teacher Park Service staff person Community Partner



 Cultivating Change through Caring for Place

In 2012, we continued to work on improving Lour food and energy systems.

Composting Our new Market Garden composting system — up and running for its first full season — recycled 100% of the Inn's food scraps, or nearly 18 tons!

Market Garden Produce

1,215 lbs. • potatoes 1,112 lbs. • swiss chard 685 lbs. • cucumbers 679 lbs. • eggplant 570 lbs. • pie pumpkins & much more!

Pastures This summer, we joined Butterworks Farm of Westfield, VT in hosting field trials supervised by Heather Darby of UVM Extension Service. She's investigating whether organic soil conditioners and micronutrients can improve soil health and produce more nutrient-dense forage as a way to cut back on feeding grain to cows.

Water Quality We became one of six farms collaborating with the VT Agency of Agriculture in a multi-year water quality research project comparing different strategies for reducing water run-off.

> NEXT UP for 2013: We're developing a water quality plan that looks at land use impacts within each of the Farm's subwatersheds.

Nearly 72% of food served at Shelburne Farms was **Grown or** produced in Vermont. (That's

> by value. It includes the Inn. Farm Cart, and of course, all the produce from our Market Garden)

> > all the solar panels at the Farm have produced 42% of our electricity.

NEXT UP for 2013:

Wood-chip heated hot water for summer cheesemaking.

We'll produce about 156,000 lbs. That'll be a new record! It took



The team celebrates the 100,000 lb. milestone in late August.



• and Sharing Place

ur landscape and buildings are uniquely inspiring. By sharing them, we can support other organizations committed to building better communities and a

more sustainable world. **Vermont Natural Resources Council** celebrated their 50th anniversary with 2009 White House Green Jobs

> The Vermont Community Foundation announced their Farm to School Initiative at their 25th anniversary at the Coach Barn.

Czar Van Jones at the Coach Barn.

VNRC's Elizabeth Courtney with Van Jones at the Coach Barn

All Souls Interfaith Gathering held its 10th Choral Celebration for World Peace & Healing in the Breeding Barn, with speaker John Elder.

Brown Swiss Breeders National Sale in the Breeding Barn.

Vermont Cheesemakers Festival 3rd annual sold out event!

Shelburne Town Concerts played to their largest audiences ever in the Farm Barn courtyard.



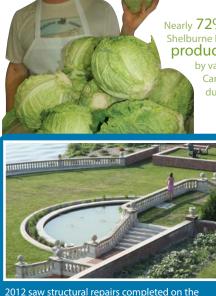
Burlington Ensemble

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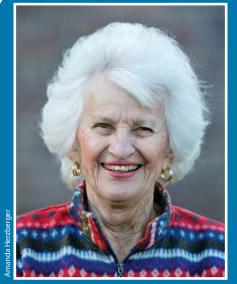
NEXT UP for 2013: BE will perform **three concerts** at the Farm next summer to benefit Vermont FEED.



2012 saw structural repairs completed on the Lily Pool as part of the ongoing Formal Gardens Restoration Project.



• Cultivating Change for the Future



"Shelburne Farms is such a treasure. It gives me tremendous joy to make this gift, which I hope will inspire others to join in assuring the Farm's vision and financial sustainability."

— LOIS MCCLURE, HONORARY STEWARD

McClure Challenge!

We are proud to mark our 40th year as an education organization with an exciting half million dollar challenge from Lois McClure. With this extraordinary gift, Lois shared her hope that other friends of the Farm join her in committing the support needed to ensure that Shelburne Farms continues to grow and flourish — to realize our vision for a sustainable world. A long-term goal is to grow our Stewardship Circle — people making planned gifts to benefit the Farm — to 500 members by our 50th

anniversary in 2022.
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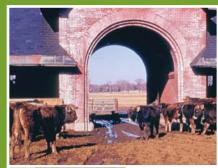
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Check it out at: www.shelburnefarms.org
Find our 40th anniversary video there, too!

Survey Says!...

In our first-ever member survey in 2012, we asked you why you support the Farm. Here's how you answered (the most frequently mentioned words display the largest!)

Look how far we've come





The Coach Barn, 1972 & today

In the 1970s, the Coach Barn housed heifers (top). Today, it is a gathering and learning space for many area nonprofits, like the Vermont Fresh Network. At their annual Forum in 2010, chefs gathered with Senator Patrick Leahy.





The Farm Barn, c. 1975 & today

Crumpled copper roofing and a manure spreader in the northwest corner of the Farm Barn courtyard (top). In 2011 the corner was filled with students from Moretown, VT—some of the nearly 10,000 children who participate in our on-site youth programs each year.





The Inn at Shelburne Farms, 1986 & today

The construction team had already begun tearing off old roof shingles on the back end of Shelburne House (top). It reopened in 1987 as The Inn at Shelburne Farms.

You can find more "before and after" images on our new website: www.shelburnefarms.org/about_us/40th