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You are invited to become CSA member of Oxford Gardens!

The team at Oxford Gardens invites you to work with us this season, and connect with the land and the people who grow your food. As we enter our fifth season of growing vegetables for the Boulder County community, we are excited to extend this CSA opportunity to our neighbors and friends in the area.



Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs nurture a partnership between you and our farm, and fosters a relationship between the consumption and production of our food. It is a mutually beneficial agreement, where in exchange for your commitment to buy a share in our farm's harvest, we commit to grow exceptionally high quality vegetables and provide a bountiful portion of it to you for twenty weeks during the season.

When you become a member of Oxford Gardens' CSA program you will receive a share of fresh, naturally grown, in-season produce and flowers, selected fruit and vegetables from our farmer neighbors, and invitations Oxford Gardens farm events. Members enjoy an abundance of our ever-so-sweet carrots and beets, which we are told are the best in Boulder County.



This year, Oxford Gardens will add a new parcel to our market farm operation. We will have three fields this season, including a new plot on the Diagonal, at Oxford Road, that we are leasing from Boulder County. In 2011, we will grow on four and a half acres.

Our commitment is to grow the most delicious, beautiful, high quality all-natural vegetables the earth is able to offer. All-natural, for us, does not mean simply refraining from the use of pesticides or synthetic chemicals. It is a commitment to sound, sustainable and healthy approach to our soil and the way we grow. While we are not certified organic, our soil is fed and enriched continually. We view our farm and our soil as living organisms to care for and nourish.

Season Calendar and Pick Up

In 2011, our CSA season runs for 20 weeks, from June 8th to October 22nd. Produce is picked up by members on Wednesdays between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM at our Farmers Market stand at the Boulder Farmers Market on 13th Street, between Arapahoe Ave. and Canyon Ave. There will be two Saturday pick-ups in October, as the Wednesday market ends in early October.

Our permanent space at the Boulder Farmers Market is located on the east side of the main street, just north of the Boulder County Farmers Market booth (where they sell Market Bucks and T-shirts), near the entrance to the Dushanbe Teahouse.

Included in Your Share

Every week CSA members receive a diverse mix of our fresh, in-season produce and flowers. Most of our vegetables are harvested only hours before they are packed up for delivery. So you are receiving produce that barely a few hours earlier was growing in the field. Can't get much fresher than that!

And we're close to Boulder and Longmont, so you will be eating produce that is grown within a few miles of your home. Typically the average produce in the grocery store is many days old and has traveled hundreds, sometimes thousands, of miles.

Our shares start out smaller in quantity at the beginning of the CSA season, and then increase in abundance during our peak harvest time in August and September.

Here is an example of items that you will receive in a share:

☀ *Late Spring* – Baby lettuce mix, scallions, radish, Swiss chard, kale, spinach, turnips, arugula, head lettuce

☀ *Early Summer* - beets, summer crisp lettuce, summer squash, carrots, green beans, cilantro, dill, cabbage, broccoli, fennel, collards

☀ *Late Summer* – Tomatoes (slicing and cherry), peppers, eggplant, lettuce, carrots, potatoes, beets, greens, basil

☀ *Fall* - Potatoes, winter squash, leeks, kale, greens, lettuce, carrots, beets, onions, spinach, parsley, pumpkins



Shares and Prices

We offer two share sizes: **Whole** - \$650.00 (\$32.50/week, 2-5 people) and **Partial** - \$450.00 (\$22.50/week, 1-3 people).

We will also offer several work shares at the partial share size. Members pay a reduced fee for their share, in return for four hours a week of work in our field. Check the box on the attached membership agreement if you are interested, and we will call you to discuss this option.

Please pay by check. Payment is due in full by April 1st, 2011. Checks are payable to *Oxford Gardens*.



Want to Sign Up?

As the demand for CSA's generally exceeds the supply in this area, we expect to quickly enroll our 20 CSA members this season. Many of our 2010 members will also renew for 2011. Last year we had to turn down applications later in the spring. So please don't wait to sign up!

To subscribe, please fill out the attached CSA membership forms, and mail them, along with your payment, to Peter Volz, Oxford Gardens, 3657 Hazelwood Court, Boulder, CO, 80304. Make sure you read through the agreement, as the restrictions and conditions for CSA membership are outlined in this document.

We will accept members on a first-come, first-serve basis. Membership is confirmed by your payment. Later in the spring, you will receive more information through email about the first CSA share pickup date on June 8th.



One of the most rewarding and satisfying aspects of farming is getting to know the people who eat the wonderful food we grow. We look forward to meeting and working with you during the 2011 season!

Mark your calendars: this years' Saturday Boulder Farmers Market opens on April 2nd, 2011. See you there!

For more information contact peter.volz@comcast.net, 303.817.9676. Thank you and best wishes for a fruitful and healthy season.

Best wishes for a healthy and bountiful year,

Peter S. Volz
Grower/Owner