



NEEDHAM COMMUNITY FARM

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January 2023 Newsletter

Notes From the Field

Winter is when NCF staff take a step back, reflect on the previous year, and start planning for the next season.

2022 was a busy year for programs on the Farm. We started a brand new series of free community workshops, and hosted more volunteer sessions than ever before! With our wonderful volunteer help, we were able to complete some extra projects, including adding a gravel floor to the wash station, and building five mushroom beds.

2023 programs are just about to start with our ever popular GYO Microgreens later this month, followed by Garden Planning 101 in February (sign-ups below). The February newsletter will have sign-ups for our on-site and virtual garden classes and information about our documentary screening in March. We are also dreaming up some fantastic volunteer projects for next season!

Thank you to all who participated in farm programming in 2022, and I look forward to seeing you in 2023!

See you on the farm,
Ceilidh (they/them)
Program Manager

2022 Annual Appeal: Thank You!



NCF would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of our generous and thoughtful donors who contributed to our 2022 Annual Appeal!

It is because of people like you that we can be successful into 2023 and beyond. We look forward to sharing with all of our supporters and donors the many exciting things we have planned for this year! You can stay up-to-date on our free Community Education Series offerings [here](#), or check out Instagram and Facebook for the latest!

Community Education Series #1: Grown Your Own Microgreens!



Sleeping farm on a snowy January morning

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GROW YOUR OWN MICRO-GREENS

Join Program Manager, Ceilidh Peden-Spear (they/them) to learn how to grow healthy + inexpensive micro-greens in winter. All you need is a sunny window.

1/21/23 - 11AM

Select the link below to register for this **free** community event!

Featuring: **Arugula!**



You supply soil + sun - we'll supply the rest!

Event Date + Time: January 21st - 11AM

As part of our *free* Community Education Series, you're invited to join us virtually to learn how to grow fresh, flavorful micro-greens all winter long! An inexpensive way to get your fresh veggies! Pickup location for materials will be sent via email before event date.

This class is for all ages, but children under 10 should be joined by an adult. [Sign up now!](#)



Interns - Now Hiring!

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 Program 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 [here](#).



Community Events



Needham Community Education

Intro to Sustainable Vegetable Gardening

Looking for a more in-depth how-to on starting your own garden? Join NCF Board member Joe Leghorn as he leads a detailed class on

Community Garden Beds Update



Progress on our NEW Community Garden Beds is continuing swiftly! We now have 18 rows of beds built, or just over 140 beds total. There are just a few more beds to go! These final rows will include beds that will have higher walls and are therefore more accessible. Bed construction will be completed by February. Still to come, fencing and water. We are so excited to see this project come together! See next month's Newsletter for registration info.



Community Education Series #2: Garden Planning 101

sustainable gardening, hosted by Needham Community Education.

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, how to care for and maintain common vegetables, and more. [Register now!](#)



NEEDHAM
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Join NDI Needham this Monday for a meaningful morning of music and inspiration in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

Time + Location:
Jan 16, 2023
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Needham High School

For more information, [please go here.](#)

Donations always accepted! Donations can be made by clicking on the button below, by visiting our website at NeedhamFarm.org/donate or by sending a check made payable to the Needham Community Farm and mail to P.O. Box 920877, Needham, MA 02492.

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Now!

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GARDEN PLANNING 101

Join Program Manager, Ceilidh Peden-Spear (they/them) to learn how to plan your own garden so you can harvest your favorite veggies all season.

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 15, 2023
6 PM ON ZOOM

Please register for this **free** event at www.NeedhamFarm.org/workshops.

One registration per household.



Join this FREE virtual class and learn from farmer Ceilidh how to plan your garden so you can harvest your favorite veggies all season. This class covers many techniques and is beneficial for all levels of gardeners!

[Register Now!](#)

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