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THE RED HILL ROOT

Newsletter for the Members of Red Hill Farm CSA

Lazy Days of Summer

There are no “lazy days” on the farm. We are busy planting Winter Squash, and Summer Crisp Lettuce, along with successions of Summer Squash, Carrots, and Beets. In a few days we begin sowing Fall crops like Brussels Sprouts!

We welcome the consistent rainfall after a very dry month of May, but struggle to keep up with the weeding. Volunteer weeders are always welcome!!



Janet diligently weeding the fennel.

Monarch butterflies at Red Hill Farm

By Joanne Rosenbaum

One of our long time members, Jeanne Wordley suggested that we look into having a Monarch Waystation. It turns out that one of our new members Karen Bull has extensive experience with Monarchs and their habitat and has agreed to help us on our journey to bring the Monarchs to Red Hill Farm. Make sure you and your children stop by the children’s garden to see what’s going on and learn about the amazing Monarch butterflies. Here is some information to get you excited about our project!

Monarchs and their amazing annual migrations are seriously threatened by human activities, in both their summer and overwintering sites. Many of these threatening activities hinge on the destruction of good Monarch habitats. Milkweed, the plant that larvae feed on exclusively, is considered a noxious weed by some people, which means it is often destroyed. In some areas across North America, milkweed plants are also being severely damaged by ozone. Both milkweed and adult nectaring plants are also vulnerable to the herbicides used by many landscapers, farmers, and gardeners. Monarchs themselves can be killed outright by many pesticides. Please check out this great family video: *Monarchs, Journeys and Transformations*

Work Shares

Work Shares are an instrumental part of Red Hill Farm. They perform a variety of tasks including seeding, transplanting, harvesting and weeding. Their hard work and dedication is admirable. Sunny, hot days, or rainy, cool days—they are at the farm no matter what.

We could never make it happen without them.

A big thanks to all our work shares this season!!

Sorry Kathy & Karen—no photos of you yet.



Veggies to expect over the next few weeks:

Scallions

Sugar Snap Peas

Lettuce Mix

Carrots

Kohlrabi

Beets

Broccoli

Summer Squash