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MOA NEWS

MOA Annual Conference “Cultivating Resilience”

Thu, Jan 24 - Sat, Jan 26, 2019
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
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Join us January 24-26, 2019 for the 11th annual MOA Conference. The conference will take place at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, located at 18011 Bass Pro Drive, Independence, Missouri 64055.

There will be speakers and panel discussions from farmers, professionals, and experts on topics including organic and non-GMO row-crop farming, cover-crops, vegetable and gardening production, livestock, forage, health and sustainability. This three day conference will be full of information you won't want to miss! **Get details and register online at www.moaorganic.org or you may call the MOA office at 660-834-3067.** Special pricing on rooms if booked by January 3, 2018. There is a limited number of rooms available at a special block pricing, so be sure to purchase your room soon.

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Keynote Speaker: Mark Shepard



Mark Shepard is the CEO of Forest Agriculture Enterprises LLC and founder of Restoration Agriculture Development Inc., but is most widely known as the author of the award-winning book, *Restoration Agriculture: Real -World Permaculture for Farmers*. His inspiration largely came from New Forest Farm, the 106-acre perennial agricultural savanna considered by many to be one of the most ambitious sustainable agriculture projects in the United States.

New Forest Farm is a planned conversion of a typical row-crops grain farm into a commercial-scale, perennial agricultural ecosystem using oak savanna, successional brush-land and eastern woodlands as the ecological models. Trees, shrubs, vines, canes, perennial plants and fungi are planted in association with one another to produce food (for humans and animals), fuel, medicines, and beauty. Hazelnuts, chestnuts, walnuts and various fruits are the primary woody crops. The farm is entirely solar and wind powered.

Trained in both mechanical engineering and ecology, Mark has developed and patented equipment and processes for the cultivation, harvesting and processing of forest derived agricultural products for human foods and bio fuels production. Mark was certified as a Permaculture designer in 1993 and received his Diploma of Permaculture Design from Bill Mollison, the founder of the international Permaculture movement.



Letter From the President

Hello MOA members,

As I sit to compose this short message to our members, fast approaching is the longest day of darkness for the year, December 21, the winter solstice. I don't know about many of you but it is at this time of year when I get very contemplative as the darkness seems to encourage and slow things down a bit. Many areas of life to ponder: personal, family, community, state, national, global and spiritual. And then the next day the light begins to slowly return and the celebration of the holy days of Christmas reminds us that always out of that darkness comes the light, both are needed and necessary here on earth. Then very quickly the New Year is upon us and we are reminded that some planning might be a good idea after all that contemplation, hence the resolutions.

For many MOA members a big part of the yearly planning begins with taking in MOA's annual conference. What a great way to hear new ideas and methods from many knowledgeable and experienced farmers, producers, gardeners, researchers, educators and to experience the exciting networking that goes on with attendees, speakers and vendors throughout the 3-day conference.

Our 2019 MOA conference theme is "Cultivating Resilience" with equal focus on the two other "R's" of the team, that being "Regeneration" and "Restoration". The timing couldn't be better for the conference as across the nation and the world the need is clearly seen for saving and rebuilding living soils if the planet and mankind is to become healthy and thrive.

Please join us in Independence, MO at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center on January 24-26, 2019 for the annual Mid-America Organic Conference. It will be a time of contemplation, planning and action!!!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and the very best to everyone for a great 2019 year from the entire board of directors of MOA.

Dan Kuebler

President, Missouri Organic Association



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

♦ **2019 MOA CONFERENCE**

JANUARY 24-26, 2019

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center

Independence, MO

www.moaorganic.org



♦ **MOSES Organic Farming Conference**

Feb. 21-23, 2019

La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, Wis.

MOA is accepting **sponsorships** and **vendor** applications for the 2019 MOA Conference!! If you have not received yours, please contact us at 660-834-3067 or info@moaorganic.org. Space is limited so we encourage you to

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Organic Rice Pilaf

- 1 C Organic basmati or jasmine rice
- 2 C homemade/organic chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 Tbsp grass fed butter
- 1 small sweet onion, finely chopped
- 2 C thinly sliced carrots (can use food processor to get them super thin)
- 1/4 tsp unrefined sea salt
- 1/3 C chopped celery leaves
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme



1. Preheat large skillet with a lid over medium heat.
2. Add butter, onions, carrots and celery leaves and saute for 4 minutes or until onions start to get soft.
3. Push the onion mixture to the side of the pan and add rice and saute stirring frequently until the rice starts to turn a little brown, about 3 minutes.
4. Add stock, salt and thyme to the hot pan, stir and bring to a boil.
5. Once you have reached a boil, turn down to a slight simmer and place the lid on and simmer for 15 minutes.
6. After 15 minutes remove rice from heat and let sit for 10 more minutes.
7. Remove lid and fluff with fork. Serve immediately.

2018 Farm Bill

The Senate passed the Farm Bill conference report with an 87-13 vote and the House with a 369-49 vote and then sent to the President for signing. President Trump signed the 2018 Farm Bill on December 20, 2018.

Congress worked quickly to pass a farm bill conference report to prevent it from getting caught up in the end of the year government funding and shut down talks.

The Organic Farmers Association (OFA) priorities that were included in the final bill included:

- ♦ Organic integrity commitment by providing USDA additional authorities to track organic imports from around the world by including Organic Farmer and Consumer Protection Act in the final wording. An important change requires products to have an electronic import certificate. The current system was created when the U.S. organic market was a smaller, domestically supplied industry. USDA's system required updating so this is a win for organic farmers.
- ♦ Mandatory funding for the organic certification cost-share program, which supports farmers to enter the organic market by reimbursing a portion of the annual fees for organic certification. \$40 million will be secured from carry over and new funding for the program. A win for organic farmers.
- ♦ Permanent mandatory funding for organic research in the bill incrementally increases funding for the Organic Research and Extensive Initiative (OREI) program from its current \$20 million per year to \$50 million per year by 2023. Organic research is imperative to support farmers' ability to overcome organic production challenges and to continue to meet the growing consumer demand for organic food. Additional organic research benefits all American producers by gaining new knowledge to grow more sustainably. Another win for organic farmers.
- ♦ Organic Data Initiative (ODI) received \$5 million in funding for USDA's data collection program that provides accurate market and production information for the organic community. Accurate data is needed to better understand and predict the growing organic food and farm market. OFA looks forward to working with USDA and Congress to make sure data collection is extended across all organic commodities. Another win for organic farmers.

Source: Organic Farmers Association: Sponsored by Rodale Institute *Farm Bill conference report sent to President 12-12-18*; 2018 Farm Bill Committee on Agriculture



*****PROPOSED MOA BY-LAW CHANGES*****

Please read the proposed by-law changes and attend the membership meeting at the MOA Conference on the evening of Thursday, January 24th at 5:15 p.m. in the Wood Room (immediately after the last class of the day) for comment and voting.

Article III Section 2. Dues

Dues shall be the same for all respective members within a type of membership. Changes in membership dues are to be proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by a simple majority of the voting membership. Membership shall be valid for one calendar year membership in the Association, with a due date of February 1 of each year. (**Propose increasing dues \$75 per year, \$150 for a 3 year membership or \$495 for a lifetime membership**

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS Section 2.

Special Meetings Special meetings of the membership of the Association may be called at any time by the majority of the Board of Directors or by petition of 10% (**50%**) of the membership. A written notification of the time and place of any meeting of the Association shall be mailed by the Secretary fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the meeting. The written notification can be served by postal mail, email, or other means applicable to notify the voting membership. The notification must include the time and place of the meeting, an agenda, and the purpose of the meeting. Official business or special meetings shall be limited to the items announced in the above notification.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. Personnel The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers will be present at the Board of Directors (BOD) meetings and shall have one vote at the BOD meetings.

Section 3. Election Officers shall be elected at the Association's annual meeting by a simple majority of the voting membership. (**present.**)

Section 4. Term The Officers shall serve a two-year (2) term (**three-year (3) term**) or until their successors are elected and installed. No Officer may be elected to an office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 5. Duties

A. President The President shall be the chief executive officer of this Association, until an Executive Officer is hired by the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Association and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. The President shall, with the approval of the Board, create committees as are deemed necessary and shall assign their duties. Any expenditure over \$500 (**\$1,500**) shall

need approval of the Board of Directors. All expenditures shall be approved by the President and/or the Executive Director and sent to the Treasurer to be paid by the following methods: postal mail service, or by electronically equivalent method. If the Treasurer is not available to pay the invoices/bills, the President or Executive Director may pay the expenditures with prior approval.

Section 6. Vacancies

Vacancies among Officers shall be filled by a majority of the Board of Directors. Term will be the remaining term of the vacating Officer. **Vacancies among Officers shall be appointed by the Executive Board.**

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4. Term Terms of the Directors shall be staggered, with 1/2 of Directors being elected every two (3) years. No Director will be elected for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 5. Duties The Board of Directors shall direct the Officers in their conduct of the business affairs of the Association, meeting as often as necessary to do so, with a minimum of one annual in-house meeting. The Board of Directors shall nominate the Officers, ~~(remove: with nominations also accepted from the voting members of the Association when that nomination is submitted to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.~~ The immediate past President shall (may) serve as Chairperson of the Board.

Section 6. Vacancies Vacancies among Board members shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors **(Executive Board)**. Terms will be the remaining term of the vacating Board member.



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