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Cover: Mary Ellen and Austin Chadd of Green Spark Farm in Cape Elizabeth. Photo courtesy of Megan Swann Photography.
An Extraordinary Year

For more than 44 years, MOFGA has been at the forefront of promoting healthy lifestyles – by teaching organic methods to home gardeners, providing technical support to Maine’s organic farmers, operating a robust apprentice and journeyperson program, and working for public policies that support rural communities and organic agriculture.

MOFGA continues to see increases in the number of certified organic farms and food processors – now 460 strong. More than 53,000 people enjoyed the Common Ground Country Fair. We engaged more than 200 young people in our new farmer training programs.

These activities are at the core of MOFGA’s mission, yet they often rely on uncertain grant funding. In 2013 the MOFGA board embarked on an initiative to raise an endowment that would provide long-term, stable funding to our educational programs. Within months the Partridge Foundation made a generous $1 million donation to seed the endowment. This is the largest gift ever in support of our work. The foundation also pledged an additional $1 million if MOFGA can raise a matching amount. We are making excellent progress toward meeting this challenge.

While the Partridge Challenge provides an extraordinary opportunity, MOFGA continues to rely on the steadfast support of our members and friends. We want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to our shared mission of building the organic food movement in Maine. Your involvement is helping to ensure an organic farm and food future for all.

Alice Percy
MOFGA Board President

Ted Quaday
Executive Director
Educational Programs

Each year thousands of people participate in MOFGA’s educational programs, which range from training dozens of new farmers in our two-year journeyperson program to teaching how to prune an apple tree. The journeyperson program includes business planning and financial management.

In addition, MOFGA publishes a quarterly newspaper, maintains an informative website (500,000 visits a year) and distributes a weekly email bulletin (to 10,000 households). MOFGA also publishes Organic Maine!, a directory of certified organic farmers and food processors, and Eric Sideman’s popular weekly pest report.

Russell Libby Agricultural Scholar Awards

Working with Maine Media Today and Lee Auto Malls, MOFGA created the Russell Libby Agricultural Scholar Awards. Each year three $1,500 scholarships will help support students who study organic or sustainable agriculture in Maine. The scholarships will go to a student in the MOFGA journeyperson program, to a student at the Kennebec Valley Community College and to a Maine high school student who plans to study agriculture at a Maine college.

Portrait of Russell Libby by Robert Shetterly
Organic Farming: The best job ever!

In 2009, Mary Ellen and Austin Chadd broke ground in fields that had been fallow for at least 25 years. They named their 6-acre farm in Cape Elizabeth “Green Spark Farm” after the wonders of the vegetable world. They grow rare and heirloom vegetables for their rich flavors, for their history and stories and to cultivate biodiversity.

“MOFGA’s journeyperson program was important in helping us get started,” says Mary Ellen. “It allowed us to work with Mark Fulford of Teltane Farm in Monroe and Seth Kroeck of Crystal Spring Community Farm in Brunswick to hone our skills.”

The Chadds sell their vegetables at the Portland Farmers Market, through a community supported agriculture (CSA) program, at their own farm stand and to some of Portland’s finest restaurants.

“Running our farm business is the best job we’ve ever had!” says Mary Ellen. “We owe our successes to our dedicated customers, MOFGA’s journeyperson program and its farmer-mentors, and our community for demanding local, organic vegetables year-round!”
Agricultural Services
MOFGA’s agricultural services staff provides technical assistance to farmers, gardeners and agricultural businesses. Our staff coordinates dozens of workshops throughout the year, visits numerous organic farms and businesses, and answers hundreds of email and telephone questions. Each fall hundreds of people participate in our popular Farmer-to-Farmer Conference.

Safeguarding the Organic Brand
MOFGA Certification Services LLC safeguards the integrity of organic crops and products in Maine. Following strict national organic standards, MOFGA’s staff verifies practices and certifies more than 460 organic growers and processors. MOFGA certified 56 new organic farms and businesses in 2014 – a 14 percent increase.
Sensible Public Policy

Each year MOFGA works on dozens of public policy initiatives at the state, regional and federal levels. Recent successes include promoting Maine’s GMO-labeling law and modifying the national food safety rules to be more appropriate for small farms.

MOFGA also attends the Maine Board of Pesticides Control meetings, commenting regularly on important issues concerning pesticides in the state.

Preserving Our Apple Heritage

The Maine Heritage Orchard is a collection of hundreds of historic apple and pear varieties traditionally grown in Maine. Since many of these varieties are on the verge of extinction, the orchard is a repository for this important genetic material. National apple expert and MOFGA board member John Bunker spearheads this exciting project.

In 2014 more than 110 apple trees were planted along with hundreds of companion plants. The orchard will model agricultural stewardship for backyard growers, orchardists, educators and those interested in agricultural history.
Why I Love the Fair

What is my favorite time of the year? Why of course, it is the Common Ground Country Fair!

I have been going to the Fair since I can remember. With the animals, food, speakers, kids' parade, YEZ (Youth Enterprise Zone) tent, contra-dancing and the competitions, I knew that I would someday have to be a part of all the fun. I started taking my flowers and vegetables to the Exhibition Hall when I was three. I was excited when I was finally old enough to participate in the YEZ tent.

For the past two years, I have been working with my best friend, Jessica, in the YEZ tent. We grow herbs that we use for making body products and tea. We are also known for our elderberry syrup. Our little business is called “Busy Bee Apothecary.” Look for us again this year. I have always felt so welcomed by everyone working at the Fair. It has also been fun making new friends and sharing the benefits of natural living.

I appreciate all the MOFGA volunteers who work so hard so that we can have this opportunity. We look forward to many more amazing memories made at Common Ground!

By Sienna Mazone, 13
Common Ground Country Fair

Every September nearly 55,000 fairgoers flock to the Common Ground Country Fair. This is a time when young and old celebrate rural living, learn from 750 workshops and feast on organic food. The New York Times says the Fair is unlike any other and is “what has gone missing from America.”

Thousands of volunteers make this event possible – most help for a few hours during the weekend (parking cars, taking tickets, selling MOFGA T-shirts). Others dedicate a week or two to setting up and cleaning up. Dozens more volunteer throughout the year on planning committees. MOFGA is so grateful to this amazingly dedicated group of people for creating the Fair experience.
Teaching Sustainable Forestry

For 16 years, MOFGA’s Low-Impact Forestry (LIF) Program has helped people manage their forests sustainably through workshops, articles and one-on-one consultation. Each fall LIF hosts a three-day gathering at MOFGA’s Common Ground Education Center with workshops on logging techniques, chainsaw safety and working with draft animals.

El Salvador Sistering Committee

MOFGA’s El Salvador Sistering Committee maintains a relationship with two Salvadoran sustainable agriculture organizations. The committee explores issues such as organic certification, free trade, marketing, seed saving and the effects of mining on agriculture and communities. A delegation from Maine recently visited El Salvador. Each April, the committee hosts an Empty Bowl Supper in Belfast to raise funds for its ongoing collaborative work.

MOFGA’s Common Ground Education Center

MOFGA’s 297-acre campus includes buildings for its offices and the facilities for more than a dozen large, annual events, including Farm & Homestead Day, Great Maine Apple Day and the Common Ground Country Fair.
Donating Appreciated Securities

When donors want to make a significant gift to MOFGA, they often choose to transfer appreciated securities (stock and bonds).

There can be significant tax benefits. Donors may receive a deduction for the fair market value of the stock (up to 30 percent of their adjusted gross income), and they can avoid capital gains taxes.

To donate securities contact:
Eric McLeod at LPL Financial Services
1-800-585-6145 ext. 1517

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Photo by John Williams.
Member Benefits Card

MOFGA offers a special benefits card to its members and supporters. The card is loaded with generous discounts from organic farms, restaurants, inns, museums and craft vendors.

The card is available to MOFGA supporters who contribute at least $120 per year or who contribute monthly. MOFGA members may also get the card by making an additional contribution of $10 to their membership. More information is available at mofga.org.

Ways to Give

MOFGA relies on the generosity of individuals, foundations and businesses to fulfill its mission. There are many creative ways to give. All donations are tax deductible.

- Monthly donations are easy to set up at www.mofga.org.
- Cash and credit cards offer a straightforward way to donate. Checks can be sent to MOFGA, or donate at mofga.org.
- Stock and securities donations can help a donor avoid taxes. For directions, please call us at 207-568-4142.
- Tangible goods (unwanted furniture, vehicles) and real estate donations help both the donor and MOFGA.
- Bequests donated through your will can have a longer-lasting impact.
- Life insurance offers an easy way to give, by naming MOFGA as a beneficiary.

Naming MOFGA in Your Will Is Easy

Most planned gifts are made through bequests (giving through your will). You can designate cash, a percentage of your estate, or tangible personal property, with or without restrictions.

Here is suggested wording to make a bequest in your will:

I give, devise, and bequeath to Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association of Unity, Maine, the sum of $__________ (or a description of the specific asset), for the benefit of Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and its general purposes.

Additional information is available by contacting MOFGA: 207-568-4142.
Generous Members

MOFGA relies on financial contributions from its 11,000 members. Working together our community is creating fertile ground for the future of farming, gardening and the organic landscape in Maine and beyond. Thank you!

2014 MOFGA Business Members

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Forster Ricardo Farm
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Fresh Off The Farm
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PERMANENCE

By Russell Libby

Tonight I marked sixteen sugar maples with year and circumference, four nearly large enough to tap, twelve to encourage upwards by thinning.

The permanent ink is supposed to last, but so too was Francis Gordon’s farm, and two of the largest trees grow from his cellar hole.

I hope to taste syrup of the sap of these trees. Tumbled-in stones caution against permanent plans.

Russell Libby (1956 - 2012)
MOFGA’s Executive Director, 1995 - 2012