

August 09, 2007
Lone Willow Ranch

Welcome new members! Every month we have a little change up. We add a few and lose a few. We are where we want to be as far as membership goes for this year. We are planning on stepping it up for next year. So be sure to tell your friends and family that we will have more memberships available next year if they are on the waiting list this year. For the new members we do recycle the boxes. Some have trouble breaking them down but we have found that by pulling straight up from the bottom flap and then at a slight angle works the best. Do the other side and they will collapse. Also, just a note if you are interested in reading past newsletter and recipes you can do so by going to our web site at www.organicheirlooms.com.

This Week's Box

We have tomatoes, corn, radishes, peaches, melons, beets, carrots, eggplant, onion, garlic, jalapenos, sweet peppers, herbs, and T.D. Willey's potatoes. The squash and cucumbers are starting to change and the new rows have not started producing yet. We are ready for a break from them for a while. We have heard a lot of positive remarks about the eggplant. The different colors do taste different. In the eggplant caviar recipe I put in this weeks news letter I used the black beauty and the dark purple globe called graffiti. We made two batches one with the tomatoes as directed on the recipe and we love garlic so we threw in some roasted garlic instead of the tomatoes. They were both delicious. We roasted the garlic when we were roasting the eggplant. We put everything into the food processor and done. I served it with the baked pita chip you can buy at Costco. They went very well together.

Farm Report

The mild weather has stalled the next field of tomatoes, and maybe that's why the squash and cucumber haven't started producing yet. Sarah our lonely intern has been working with Ivan and Juan our high school employees to get your boxes ready for you. Sarah has been teaching the boys as she did with Amelia and Cyndi. She is a very good teacher and has done a very good job since she has been with us on the farm.

We are still working on the menu for Tomatoes' Night. As soon as we can agree we will post it to our web page and you will be able to buy your tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com.

This weekend is the Fig Fest. The Vineyard Farmers market will be going on as well. The special guest at the Fig Fest will be Alice Waters. In today's Fresno Bee there was a nice article describing the goal and mission of Slow Food and how Alice Waters is in Fresno to promote Slow Food Nation. A very worthy idea. Check it out.

We love to hear from you,
Cheers,

Farmer John and Shelby