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# MEMBER NEWS



October 2008

# **Education: Organic Education Center update**

This fall, the Organic Education Center staff has been busy teaching the Organic Gardening Certificate Program in collaboration with OSU Extension. Two of the classes were held at Luscher Farm and topics included building healthy soil and plant propagation. We showcased our newly constructed compost bins and hoophouse during the classes. This popular program has over 60 participants who will plug into school and community garden projects throughout the Portland metro area after graduating from the program.

## Research: R&E Projects Manager Hired

Oregon Tilth has hired Bonnie Hoffman Cox as our new R&E Projects Manager! She will be working to provide leadership for Oregon Tilth research and education initiatives. Read more about Bonnie in the upcoming issue of *In Good Tilth*!

# **Advocacy: Supporting Advocacy**

Oregon Tilth strives to increase our advocacy efforts by supporting organizations that specialize in advocacy. Some of these groups include the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, Community Food Security Coalition and the Organic Trade Association. Visit the <a href="advocacy page">advocacy page</a> of our website to learn more about our partners.

## **Certification: Organic Fall Harvest**

How about carving an organic jack-o-lantern this Halloween? Or picking up some organic apples for your apple cider? Squash, sweet potatoes, pears and many more fall harvest treats are available from your local organic farm this time of year. Enter the crop you want into our online <u>producer search</u> and find an organic source!

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#### **Annual Member Meeting**

Attention Oregon Tilth members!
Don't forget to RSVP for the 2008
Annual Member meeting, being held
Saturday, October 25th. Come learn
what we've accomplished in 2008
and what our plans are for next year!



# **Invite a Friend**

Do you know someone who is interested in food systems that are healthy for people as well as the environment? Invite them to <a href="become a supporting">become a supporting</a> member of Oregon Tilth!

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