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NETWORKED FOOD ORGANIZATIONS **OF LANE COUNTY**

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LISTED ORGANIZATIONS:

Eugene Permaculture Guild
EWEB (Healthy Farms Program)
FOOD for Lane County (Gardens Program)
Lane County Extension Service
Lane County Food Policy Council
Lost Valley Educational Center
School Garden Project of Lane County
Slow Food – Eugene
Weston A Price Foundation, Eugene Chapter
Willamette Farm and Food Coalition
Willamette Valley Sustainable Foods Alliance

Eugene Permaculture Guild

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Website, with all-volunteer Steering Committee

GENERAL INFO:

www.eugenepermacultureguild.org

CONTACT:

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Eugene Permaculture Guild seeks to educate the community and ourselves in the principles of sustainable living. We offer presentations, potlucks, an annual Plant and Seed Swap and Bio-Regional Gathering. Another goal is to create and maintain living examples of permaculture designs which incorporate efficient and productive integration of plants, animals, structures, and people.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

Online postings, events, newsletter

EWEB (Healthy Farms Program)

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Customer-owned utility, with Board of Commissioners

GENERAL INFO:

500 East 4th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401

www.eweb.org

CONTACT:

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To be an outstanding provider of energy and water products that meet customer needs and benefit the citizens of Eugene. EWEB and its partners have launched a number of initiatives and innovative programs aimed at helping growers in the McKenzie watershed transition to sustainable practices as well as gain access to local markets.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

Environmental programs, educational programs

FOOD for Lane County (Gardens Program)

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Food Bank, NPO with Board

GENERAL INFO:

770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402

541-343-2822 (phone)

541-343-5019 (fax)

www.foodforlanecounty.org

info@foodforlanecounty.org

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Denise Griewisch

CONTACTS:

Jen Anonia (Gardens Program Director)

gardens@foodforlanecounty.org

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of FOOD for Lane County is to eliminate hunger by creating access to food. We accomplish this by soliciting, collecting, rescuing, growing, preparing and packaging food for distribution through a network of social service agencies and programs; and through public awareness, education and community advocacy.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

Churchill Community Garden, GrassRoots Garden, Youth Farm

Lane County Extension Service

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Program, OSU

GENERAL INFO:

541-682-4243 / 541-682-7318 (phone)

541-682-2377 (fax)

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/>

LaneCounty.Extension@oregonstate.edu

OPERATIONS MANAGER:

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CONTACT:

Denise Ashley (Food Preservation/Food Safety Office Specialist)

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Oregon State University Extension Service engages the people of Oregon with research-based knowledge and education that focus on strengthening communities and economies, sustaining natural resources, and promoting healthy families and individuals.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

4-H Youth Development, Forestry, Nutrition, Food Safety, Family and Community Development

Lane County Food Policy Council

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Advisory Council

GENERAL INFO:

<http://www.fpclanecounty.org>

CONTACTS:

Deb Johnson-Shelton, Ph.D., Co-Chair

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Geraldine Moreno-Black, Ph.D. C.N.S., Co-Chair

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The council was formed in January 2006 as a joint citizen and government advisory body to review and recommend policies that strengthen the local food economy and improve access to healthy and nutritious food. Council members represent the diversity of stakeholders involved in the food system, including farmers, processors, retailers, anti-hunger organizations, nutritionists, governments and citizens. We are currently working towards coordinating relationships with our community that will yield ongoing food system assessments and related policy change capable of promoting a locally self-reliant and health promoting food system for all citizens of Lane County.

Lost Valley Educational Center

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Intentional Community, Non-Profit Education Center, Conference Center.

GENERAL INFO:

81868 Lost Valley Lane, Dexter, Oregon 97431

541-937-3351

www.lostvalley.org

info@lostvalley.org

CONTACTS:

Penelope Petropoulos (Events Staff)

OFFICE: 541-937-3351 x112

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Lost Valley Educational Center is to create and foster mutually beneficial relations between humans and all parts of the web of existence. We believe that these relationships provide a means to well-being as well as survival. Lost Valley Educational Center is an intentional community and nonprofit educational center dedicated to learning, living, and teaching sustainable, ecologically based culture. We run a variety of workshops and courses, host conferences, and welcome visitors on selected days. In feeding our own community as well as our guests, we maintain a strong focus on local foods, eating from our own gardens as well as our farmer neighbors, and choosing the most locally-sourced products we can purchase from our distributors in Eugene.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

Conference Center, Nature Center, Ecovillage and Permaculture Certificate Programs, True Colors Teen Empowerment Seminar, internship opportunities, visitor days and overnights.

School Garden Project of Lane County

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: NPO with Board

GENERAL INFO:

P.O. Box 30072, Eugene, OR 97403

541-284-1001

www.efn.org/~sgp

sgp@efn.org

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CONTACT:

Jared Pruch

MISSION STATEMENT:

The School Garden Project of Lane County is a grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to fostering hands-on, schoolyard-based learning experiences for children by creating vibrant and sustainable school gardens and habitats.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

School gardens

Slow Food – Eugene

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Convivium of Slow Food USA, w/ Leadership Board

GENERAL INFO:

541-343-2619

www.slowfoodeugene.org

Eugene@slowfoodusa.org

CONTACT:

Tom Barkin

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Slow Food USA envisions a future food system that is based on the principles of high quality and taste, environmental sustainability, and social justice – in essence, a food system that is good, clean and fair. We seek to catalyze a broad cultural shift away from the destructive effects of an industrial food system and fast life; toward the regenerative cultural, social and economic benefits of a sustainable food system, regional food traditions, the pleasures of the table, and a slower and more harmonious rhythm of life.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

Potlucks, newsletters

Weston A Price Foundation, Eugene Chapter

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: International NPO with local chapters.

GENERAL INFO: www.westonaprice.org; Eugene chapter web site: www.krautpounder.com

CONTACT:

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Lisa Bianco-Davis, chapter leader

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Weston A. Price Foundation was founded in 1999 to disseminate the research of nutrition pioneer Dr. Weston Price, whose studies of isolated non-industrialized peoples established the parameters of human health and determined the optimum characteristics of human diets. The Foundation is dedicated to restoring nutrient-dense foods to the human diet through *education, research and activism*. It supports a number of movements that contribute to this objective including *accurate nutrition instruction, organic and biodynamic farming, pasture-feeding of livestock, and community-supported farms*. GOAL: To restore nutrient-dense traditional foods to the human diet through education, research, and activism. Specific goals include establishment of universal access to clean, certified raw milk and a ban on the use of soy formula for infants.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

Quarterly journal, *Wise Traditions in Food, Farming, and the Healing Arts*. Cooking classes, local luncheons, and educational DVD showings. Provide information to connect communities with local farmers to obtain raw milk, fruits, vegetables, pastured-raised meat and eggs.

Willamette Farm and Food Coalition

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: NPO with Board

GENERAL INFO:

PO Box 41672, Eugene, OR 97404-0389

541-341-1216

www.lanefood.org

info@lanefood.org

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CONTACT:

Lynn Fessenden

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Willamette Farm and Food Coalition facilitates and supports the development of a secure and sustainable food system in Lane County – one in which our farms are economically viable and all members of our community have access to fresh local foods. The Coalition promotes the purchase of locally grown foods to keep valuable agricultural land in production, to ensure the economic viability of farms, to strengthen the local economy, and to benefit public and environmental health.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES:

Farm to School, Buy Local Campaign, Locally Grown Directory, Farmland Preservation

Willamette Valley Sustainable Foods Alliance

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: NPO with Board

GENERAL INFO:

www.wvsfalliance.org

CONTACT:

Jason Lafferty

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jasonlafferty@eugenefreezing.com

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Willamette Valley Sustainable Foods Alliance is a regional association of businesses located in Lane County that promotes natural food businesses through relationships, education and sustainable business practices. Goals include working with the City and County on issues affecting the viability of local natural foods businesses, educating the community about health benefits of natural and organic foods, developing a regional brand of local natural foods, and networking local organizations with aligned goals.
