

February 25th, 2008 - Stevens Point, Wisconsin



Dear Community Member,

I am writing to inform you of a networking event that the community group Central Rivers Farmshed is hosting to help food buyers connect with local growers and distributors. The event, *Food Networking for Buyers and Growers*, will be held in the Pinery Room of the **Portage County Public Library on Monday, March 3rd from 2 to 4pm**. The library is located at 1001 Main Street in downtown Stevens Point.

During the event, food buyers will have the opportunity to talk directly to a number of different growers and explore the potential for direct purchasing of products. These early meetings help farmers plan their growing season and help restaurants and retailers secure the best and freshest varieties of food. Participants will also have the opportunity to sign up to be listed in the new version of the Central Wisconsin Farm Fresh Atlas.

We hosted a similar event at this time last year that drew 40 people. We have invited 200 businesses to participate this year. With the growing awareness of the benefits of local food, we are expecting a larger turnout than last year.

Central Rivers Farmshed is a non-profit education organization that is working to build and strengthen relationships between local farms, restaurants, retailers, and consumers in Central Wisconsin. You can learn more about us and our activities by visiting our website at www.farmshed.org.

We hope to see you at the event next Monday. If you know of anyone else that may benefit from this event, please invite them as well. The event is open to the public.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Hylla'.

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