Sno-Valley Tilth
2005 Annual Report

Officers
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Amy Turner, Vice-President
Andrew Stout, Treasurer, Tilth Rep.
Claire Foster, Secretary, Farmers Market Chair
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2005 Activities

• Amended and approved new bylaws for the organization to be more inclusive of non-local members
• Amended and approved mission statement to include organic and sustainable growing practices in addition to local agriculture
• Opened membership meeting to the public to expand educational and membership opportunities
• Maintained and distributed grower-member directory in hard copy and website using new guidelines
• Maintained email listserv and website for membership and public education and communication
• Participated with King County in applying for grant money to hire off-season farmers to replant riparian buffers.
• Applied for “Diversifying Public Markets” Grant with aim to bring more Sammamish residents to Carnation market
• Held first annual Harvest Dinner Celebration and fundraiser, educating over 150 attendees
• Created and shaped committee working and reporting process to invite greater membership participation
• Participated in provision of a biodiesel workshop/class at Oxbow Farm
• Began a local “Farm Calendar” project as combination fundraiser and educational tool
• Adopted the Carnation Farmers Market from the City of Carnation and operated it through its 2nd year in a new and better location
• Provided community outreach and education at the Carnation Farmers Market about sustainable growing practices and the benefits of organic produce
• Collaborated with Riverview School District on starting a school gardens project to educate children about sustainable growing methods

2006 Plans for the Year

• Develop long-term goals for SVT, such as buying market property, setting up a commercial kitchen, buying farm equipment for co-op use, setting up a portable slaughter facility
• Hold meetings including topics such as education about weed identification and control, grower resource fair, co-op sourcing and equipment, showing of Farmer John movie, bio-diesel conversion- step-by-step
• Plan and implement second annual Harvest Dinner and Celebration
• Guide Carnation Farmers Market in its 3rd season
• Create a higher quality Membership Directory for distribution, refine website for this purpose
• Operate and guide the 3rd Season of the Carnation Farmers Market
• Expand our membership via public meetings, opportunities for committee participation, and more classes