



# Sno-Valley Tilth

## 2005 Annual Report

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### Officers

Cindy Krepyk, President, Tilth Rep.

Amy Turner, Vice-President

Andrew Stout, Treasurer, Tilth Rep.

Claire Foster, Secretary, Farmers Market Chair

Kate Halstead, Member-at-Large

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> season
- Create a higher quality Membership Directory for distribution, refine website for this purpose
- Operate and guide the 3<sup>rd</sup> Season of the Carnation Farmers Market
- Expand our membership via public meetings, opportunities for committee participation, and more classes