SFA News

Good Food Fundraiser - July 31, 2011 Alexis Bailly Vineyards, Hastings, MN

SFA-MN and Renewing the Countryside invite you to a beautiful evening at the Alexis Bailly Vineyards in Hastings on July 31, 2011. Just 45 minutes from the 280/94 interchange and you are turning up the gravel road to the winery, flanked on both sides by rows of grape vines heavy with fruit. Alexis Baily Vineyard is the oldest in Minnesota and has been producing some amazing wines for over 40 years.

Click Here to order your tickets.

We will be featuring some of Minnesota's best "local foods" restaurants and artisan and farmstead cheeses. Alexis Bailly Vineyards will be pouring their legendary Sangria. You will also have the opportunity to try some of their award winning red, white and dessert wines.

Music will be provided by I Like You.
Executive Director's Note

SFA's Festival of Farms last weekend was a huge success!

I attended the Crow River event at Crandall Garden Farme, and had a great time. Thanks, Bruce for a wonderful tour. Other folks in Crow River attended the event at Mike Lilja's place. More information has been posted on SFA's Facebook Page.

I've also heard from South Central Chapter, and they got some excellent pub from Mankato TV.

Cannon River had some great publicity and coverage in AgriNews.

Coteau Ridge had a well-attended event, with a good focus on farming and food!

Central Chapter's event was very well attended, and from what I've heard was fun, informative and community-building.

2011 SFA Garlic Festival

It's almost here! The 6th Annual SFA Garlic Festival! August 13th in Hutchinson. This is becoming one of Minnesota's Premier summer events. You won't want to miss it, and as a Connect subscriber, you are entitled to a 2 for 1 coupon for admissions savings. This flyer, and the website: mngarlicfest.com have all the information you need for the day. We'll see you there.

Out and About
SFA Receives McKnight Foundation Funding

At the end of June, SFA received a grant from the McKnight Foundation for the purpose of exploring SFA member interest and activity in influencing environmental policy issues.

As we move into fall, we'll be rolling out our plans and activities regarding this project. We'll be working once again with our good friends at Renewing the Countryside to administer this project, and to carryout this work.

Essentially, we'll be evaluating the capacity of SFA and its members to understand and direct environmental policy issues at the local, state and federal level. You'll be able to keep up with what we are doing in this project here in SFA Connect and on our website.