

Schreiber & Sons CSA

It's a Culinary Adventure

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In your box this week, you should expect receive:

- Bulb onions
- Bell Peppers
- Tomatoes
- Melon
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- Eggplant
- Sweet corn
- Basil
- Tomatillo
- Arugula

If it seem like the diversity of items is lower this week and last week, it is; however, if you weighed your boxes you will notice that by weight you are getting more than in the past. There is a limit on how much can go into the boxes and were are hitting the limit when it comes to weight-last week we sent three people to distribute the boxes on Thursday. As the cumulative weight of the boxes was about two tons! Just for the record we are giving you the week off from cucumbers and summer squash-if you want some, let us know and we can make arrangements to give you some in your box-but you have to let us know as soon as possible.

CSA Functions. It seems to us that the summer is coming to an end to quickly. Fair time is here, school starts in a week, Labor Day weekend will be here shortly thereafter. All of this reminds us of seasons and seasonality. On the farm we are slaves to the season, but we are also rejoice in the season as each season brings us things that we look forward to. I feel like waxing poetic about seasonality -but in the interest of time, I have to get to the point.

It is time for our second Farm Party. We are scheduled to have it the weekend after Labor Day, Saturday, September 12. The agenda will be similar to past events. We will have farm tours, then the big picnic, followed by a bonfire. Shortly we will have an invitation. We would love to you, our CSA members, come and visit the farm. It really is an amazing place out here, lots and lots going on.

The second function at the farm is what call PumpkinFest. Bear in mind that starting in October, you will be getting some kind of pumpkin(s) in your box each week-yes, each week. But there is nothing more fun than coming out and picking out your own pumpkin. Plus if you are in the Giant Pumpkin Club, you have to come get it yourself as there is NO WAY WE CAN POSSIBLY HAUL THE PUMPKINS IN TO TOWN-TOO MANY AND TOO BIG. We are planning PumpkinFest for the weekend of October 16/17, we do not have the details worked out yet. I suspect we will have a designated time in the afternoon of both days that you can come out and get your pumpkin(s). Our family will probably picnic out here, and we may have a small bonfire (as we like to burn things), you are welcome to join us for a picnic or you can just come and pick out a pumpkin.

A Note To Those in the Giant Pumpkin Club. We signed a number of you (over 50) up for the Giant Pumpkin Club. We are not sure what happened but there the number of Giant Pumpkins is not what we expected it to be. The actual number of pumpkins that a Giant (over 50 pounds) is not as high as I expected. We will wait to see happens-as we have a lot of grow time left, but we might have to ration the Giant Pumpkins-but let's not worry too much yet.

Another Note About Pumpkins, et al. I like not telling CSA members too much about what to expect as I like to surprise you but at the same time, perhaps some information may be useful to you for some fall planning purposes. Too early to be planning for Fall you think, heck, I have had to be planning what goes in your box each for for the season since December of last year, I am completely intertwined with thinking about what you are going to be getting each week-indulge me a little here while I give you a glimpse into your future. Our plan is to start October with small decorative pumpkins of various sizes and shapes. They will be hard and will last a very long time-that is why you get these first. As the weeks in October progress you will get differing kinds of pumpkins, the second week you will get a larger, but still smallish pumpkin, then you will get a normal style pumpkin and by the fourth week, you will get some kind of unusual pumpkin. By the end of October/first two weeks of November, it is time for gourds. Also, from mid October or so on into November, it will be winter squash season.

I have spent some time walking through the cucurbits (the collective name for pumpkins, gourds and squashes) this weekend and we have some tremendous vegetative growth, although on some crops (e.g. giant pumpkins), the volume of fruit is not what I would like it to be. Trust me there will be plenty of pumpkins, gourds and winter squash, however.

Tomatoes. Remember to pick up our tomatoes separate from your box. Look for the lugs that say small, medium or large that have bags of tomatoes. Pick up the size that reflects your share size. We are segregating the tomatoes to avoid them getting smushed in your box.

Extra Produce. If anyone is interested in extra produce let us know. We can arrange produce of certain items for sale at a very reasonable price. This would include different

kinds of tomatoes, different kinds of melons and watermelons, bell peppers and eggplant.

Regards

Your Farmer

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