

2014 Project Highlights



- Russ Cohen Wild Edibles Lecture
- NH Permaculture Gathering
- Permaculture Teacher Training
- 6th Annual Permaculture Through the Seasons Design Certification Course
- Porcine Festival
- Kids Day
- 11 Resident Learners
- 5 International Volunteers
- Over 50 Community Food Events
- Over 4,000 Visitors and Guests
- 1,883 Volunteer Hours
- 727 Tours




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THE STREETER WOODS REPORTER D Acres of New Hampshire Annual Report



2014 Year of Developing a Community Melody

Greetings from D Acres! It is exciting to write you on our 18th year in Dorchester. As the calendar changes, it is time to reflect on our activities here at the farm and review the accomplishments we have achieved together. It is also important to inventory our priorities and goals as we move forward. 2014 was another busy year. In education we offered our 5th Permaculture Through the Seasons Design Course and expanded to include a week-long Teacher Training. At the conclusion of the Teacher Training, we hosted a day-long New Hampshire Permaculture Gathering which attracted over 300 people from across the state. Another new event this year was the Porcine Festival which was a 3-day event focused on whole animal cookery. During the Porcine Festival, we experimented with traditional pork preservation techniques and shared the culinary delights during a tasting with the public. These events epitomize the learning and community skills building occurring at D Acres. In 2015, our organization continues to adapt and evolve. When we began at D Acres in 1997, our goal was to provide an opportunity for college-age environmentalists to receive hands-on practice. Over time, we have moved to minimize our apprentice/intern program and have shifted direction to offer a more participatory residential program. Instead of day to day responsibility for mentoring college aged students, our focus has transitioned to seek more mature and experienced community participants. The goal is to create greater harmony, consistency, and long term commitment onsite, and it has been pleasant to work away from the summer camp mentality.

As another adaptation, we have recreated the standard membership program typical of standard non-profits. Instead of an exclusive membership based solely on monetary contributions, we have instituted an inclusive Many Hands program that also recognizes participation through volunteerism and attendance at workshops and events. This Many Hands program has been successful at many levels. It serves as a tool to recognize our constituency without creating a hierarchy of financial contributors. Surprising perhaps, financial contributions have increased since the program was introduced. We are hopeful that understanding of this new program will continue to increase opportunity for inclusive participation and recognition of the Many Hands who create the D Acres community.

I am also excited to announce two exciting developments in long term projects at D Acres. Edith's house is transitioning into a visitor center, gallery, residence and visitor overnight accommodation

multi-plex. This fall we began the next phase of construction on the original homestead at the farm, adding porches on the southern and eastern facades. The porches' wood and granite foundations were salvaged from a barn project in Rumney, and we are utilizing recovered sliding glass doors to enclose the addition. This winter, we plan to insulate and sheath the interior in anticipation for occupancy and utilization in 2015. This structure is an investment in our capacity to provide housing, and the additional event and retail space will enhance our economic sustainability.

Another project that we have been working on over the past seven years is the D Acres book. The Community-Scale Permaculture Farm will be published by Chelsea Green in March 2015. While I authored the manuscript, Beth and Regina have been instrumental in the process. The investment in this project has been immense, but we are optimistic that the rewards will be longstanding. In addition to the proceeds from sales of the book, which will be deposited with the organization, there will be increased interest, visibility and credibility. We aim to broker this energy into further investment for our service and educational mission.

While we celebrate the fruition of these multi-year projects, we are bittersweet to the loss of Regina as a full time resident. This spring she decided that, for now, 2014 would be the end of her tenure at D Acres. For six years, D Acres has benefited from her talent, hardwork and enthusiasm. Though we look forward to working with her into the future, we will be without her reliable onsite presence. With the help of Regina's many years of service, we have created a stream of revenue which should enable us to hire two full time personnel to help manage the hospitality and organizational administration aspects of our operations. And so it passes that the dedicated work invested in this project provides the opportunity for those that follow.

As the year 2015 moves on, I am again writing to request your support. As a non-profit service organization, our work is intrinsically connected to the community we serve. We need your participation to perpetuate the work of the organization. D Acres needs help to realize our community goals. We strive to continue to offer the workshops, tours, food events and trainings in sustainability for which we have gained national recognition. In addition, we are excited to move forward with innovative new programs and onsite infrastructures which can demonstrate the capacity of our community center.

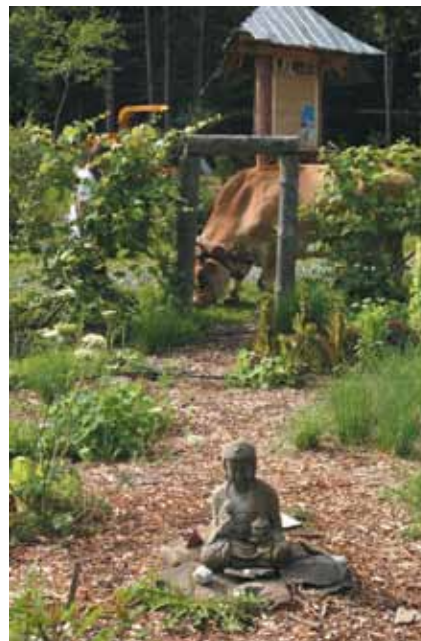
This is an invitation to work together to meet our collective goals. D Acres needs your help on all levels. We are asking for volunteer participation as well as financial contributions. We need people committed to participate in the planning and governance of D Acres as board members as well as people willing to offer classes and workshops. We invite people to volunteer with the tasks of the farm, to share food and information, and to build community resilience. If you are willing to participate at any level, please contact us and join the effort. We appreciate all contributions and are eager to continue realizing the potential of the project at D Acres. Please give as you can; the seeds we plant and nourish today will bear the fruit that sustains us into the future.



Josh Trought, "Conductor"

Board of Directors

Bryan Felice, Chairman; Martha Morrill, Secretary
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MANY HANDS PROGRAM! An Annual Appeal for Support & Participation

We recognize the various diverse contributions that build a community project, and through the Many Hands Program we have provided an inclusive portal for support and participation at D Acres. We would like the participants, partners and supporters of D Acres and community permaculture to be recognized without strict monetary commitment. Our hope is that volunteers, donors, and the participants can harmonize as we provide organizational support.

Instead of monthly renewals for memberships, we will send a once a year letter during March, asking for funds and volunteer participation for the year. Any monetary contribution is appreciated.

Volunteers are needed for committee work, administrative, construction, and gardening assistance. But there are many other projects like organizing the library, harvesting, and distributing flyers.

To all of our Many Hands participants, whether a donor, volunteer, onsite participant, or organizational collaborator/sponsor, we heartily thank you. And we hope to see Many more Hands involved in 2015!

In 2014 D Acres collaborated with, donated to, and supported these local organizations: Artistic Roots, CRUX, Friends of the Art, NH Peace Action, Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, GALA, The Waterville Valley Adaptive Sports Program, Keep the Heat On

Thank you!

We greatly appreciate your support through donations and contributions.

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*Your support and enthusiasm,
 your sharing of dishes and
 musical talents, your Many
 Hands and service and especially
 your smiling faces are what make
 this project possible!*

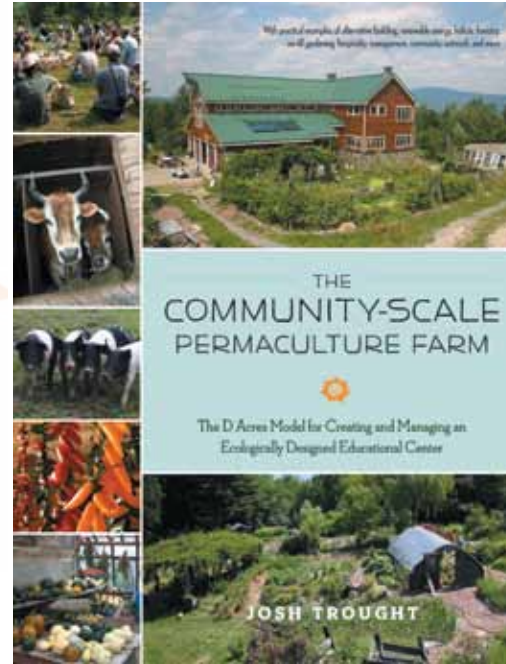
**Dedicated to the memory of our communitarian friends:
 Bob Gregoire, Peter Hughes, Bob Akerman,
 August & Henri**

The Mission

of D Acres is to improve the human relationship with the rural New England landscape through farm-based research, education, and demonstration of sustainable farming, cooperative community, and healthy living.

2015 is the
 year of the

Community Scale Permaculture Farm



We are pleased to announce the publication of **“The Community-Scale Permaculture Farm”**

The book serves as an opportunity to document the evolution of our activities here on the farm, providing an overview that will be useful to a wide audience of readers. Our intent is to provide our model of community farming to a wide range of the population. Preorder your copy today! Publishing April 2015 by Chelsea Green Publishing

Upcoming Events at the Farm

Monthly

- First Sunday - Farm Feast Breakfast & Open Trails
- Second Friday - Family Pizza and a Movie Night
- Third Thursday - Cooking with the Seasons
- Last Friday - Pot Luck & Open Mic
- Last Saturday - Volunteer Day

- Kids Day - Dates Vary, keep up to date with Facebook, our website, or our email newsletter!
- Permaculture Design Certification Course, Begins May 16th - Sign up online!
- 6th Annual NH Permaculture Gathering
- Fall Porcine Festival

Financials: Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2014

INCOME

<i>Community Support</i>	
Individual Contributions	\$19,663
Foundations	12,607
In-Kind Donations	8,358
Fundraising Events	8,884
Total Community Support.....	\$49,512

Agricultural Programs

General Education	\$52,029
Workshops & Classes	35,517
Farm Product & Ag Sales	12,960

Total Agricultural/Educational

Programs.....	\$100,506
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Total Income.....	\$150,018
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EXPENSE

Personnel	\$30,200
Animals	5,374
Advertising	1,365
Dues	1,670
Farm Ops	23,970
Insurance	10,281
Occupancy	24,080
Prof. Fees	15,991
Vehicles	14,964

Total Expense	\$127,895
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Wish List

We appreciate donations of 2nd hand goods instead of new. We try to reuse practical goods that might otherwise be landfilled, incinerated or shipped to unknown locations. Please see our Website for the comprehensive list.

VOLUNTEERS

- Computer tech help
- Data entry
- Seasonal garden help

KITCHEN/HOMESTEAD

- Butchering knives
- Canning jars
- Maple syrup equipment
- Sewing accessories
- Clothes drying racks
- Rain jackets & pants
- Bike pump
- Musical instruments
- Paint (latex, acrylic, oil)
- Sustainability-related reading material

GARDEN/ANIMALS

- Hay or straw
- Watering cans & hoses
- Wheel barrows
- Landscaping tools
- Leaves
- Non-glossy newspaper
- Brown cardboard
- Rhubarb plants
- Greenhouse
- Arts & Craft Supplies
- Excavator
- Solar panels
- Water tanks
- 12 volt water pump
- Deep cycle batteries 12v
- Wood stoves
- Carriage bolts & nuts
- Woodshop & Blacksmith Tools

BUILDING/ENERGY

- 55 gal. storage drums
- Sliding glass doors
- Metal roofing
- School bus

RECREATION and EXPLORATION

- Canoes, kayaks, oars
- Bicycles
- Snowshoes, skis

NH Permaculture in 2014



D Acres continues to be a catalyst for developing community connection and educational programs. We hosted the **5th Permaculture Through the Seasons Design Course** from April through November.

In August we hosted a **Permaculture Teacher Training Course** with instructors Steve Whitman and Lauren Chase-Rowell which culminated in a day long **NH Permaculture Gathering** with over 35 workshops and presentations and over 300 attendees.



Plans are underway for the 3rd annual NH Permaculture Gathering this summer. Location yet to be determined. Sign up for our email newsletter to stay up-to-date on this and other events throughout the year!

