

Dear Friend,

Round the Bend Farm had a Permaculture Blitz!

A Permaculture Blitz, also known as a permablitz, is an informal gathering in which a group of people come together to create or add to edible gardens, share skills related to permaculture and sustainable living, build community, and have fun while doing it!

With the help of 10 dedicated volunteers, we planted 200 row-feet of red and black raspberries, 8 Asian Pears, and 13 flowering/ fruiting shrubs. The design of the edible garden was built on a contour, complete with a swale and a berm to efficiently collect rainwater and retain runoff. Now we sit back and await the 'fruits' of our labor.

In the meantime, you can begin to enjoy local food immediately by supporting one or both of RTB's social entrepreneurs – Farmers Geoff and Ashley are still accepting CSA membership for their meat and produce for the 2014 season. See their flyers for more information. Shares are going fast and the deadlines to join are approaching. Please email the farmers directly for more details.

You are also welcome to attend our monthly Open Market Day on May 31st from 12-5PM. A tour of the farm will be held from 2-4PM by the Marion Institute Executive Director, Desa Van Laarhoven. This month, local artist Amy Thurber, will be featuring her amazing pottery.

With gratitude,

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Round the Bend Farm - A Center for Restorative Community