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# Organic Growers School



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## Win Tickets to the First Annual Harvest Conference!



### Organic Growers School Hosts Ticket Giveaway Photo Contest

UPLOAD YOUR BEST FARM, GARDEN, OR HOMESTEAD PICTURE TO FACEBOOK TO WIN TICKETS

We're giving away two free tickets to Saturday classes at the First Annual Harvest Conference. Let's see those fermenting crocks, wild foraging hauls, and pollinator habitats, too. Share on facebook & invite your friends to vote for the best one (yours, of course!). The top five most popular photos will be submitted to our jury, who will pick the best shot from among the finalists. This contest is open to only fans of our facebook page, so be sure to like our page to participate. Voting is open to EVERYONE, so spread the word and drum up some votes!

**VOTING ENDS WEDNESDAY 7/30 @ 5PM**

**WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED THURSDAY 7/31** just in time for those not selected to make the Early Bird  
Registration deadline on Friday 8/1 @ 5pm.

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### Farmer Orientation

On May 4th, we held our first Farmer Orientation. Full Sun Farm was a great host for the gathering, and we want to thank them for letting us come out! It was a perfect spring day, and after a quick tour of the farm to check out their new greenhouse we settled down to a potluck meal and discussion about improving apprenticeships on your farm – sharing experiences and lessons learned. From the discussion, it's clear our CRAFT farmers value their apprentices and are continually working to make sure they are adequately training future farmers...

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### Gaining Ground Farm

For our May CRAFT tour, we had our first visit to Gaining Ground Farm! Anne and Aaron Grier and their apprentice crew grow a slew of annual produce, graze a happy herd of 25+ Red Devon beef cattle, and one hundred chickens on family land in Leicester. They are in their fifth season on this land, Anne previously farmed on leased land, and Aaron worked construction...

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### Blue Ridge Food Ventures & Smoking J's

We doubled up for our June tour topic on "Value Added Products" by taking a tour of [Blue Ridge Food Ventures](#) commercial kitchen facility with a trip to [Smoking J's Fiery Foods](#) farm, both in Candler on June 14th. It was a hot day and we were all a bit relieved to start out in air conditioning at Blue Ridge Food Ventures (BRFV)...

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### Franny's Farm

Our July CRAFT tour took us to Franny's Farm in Leicester on the 12th. In just their second year farming, Frances, Jeff and their son



Zach Tacy have established diversified small scale livestock on their farm, and presented a great landscape to explore raising sheep, poultry and bees...

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Don't Miss the Early Bird Registration Deadline!

Friday, August 1st @ 5pm



**Register for the First Annual Harvest Conference Today!**

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