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*a new kind of
farmshare for
2025*

<https://emergencegardens.com/abc-farmshare>

Thank you for taking the leap and joining the ABC farmshare!

As far as I know, this is a completely new type of farmshare that centers the participatory nature of community. As with anything new we'll be learning lessons along the way and I am grateful to you for joining me!

Please be sure to read through this member information booklet so that you can best understand how the membership is going to work and be sure to reach out if I leave any of your questions unanswered.

Because of the experimental nature of this type of membership I am keeping the size small as we learn together. The intention behind the membership is to explore other types of economy and is inspired by the idea of a gift economy. Because we are currently in a world very different from this I have created a framework to help hold us in this space, but I invite you to think outside of our current models of exchange. I try to use language to support us in this whenever possible, using words like contribution instead of payment so that we can begin to untangle our conceptions of goods, services and value. When you are participating in the membership, instead of thinking about direct exchange for something you are receiving I invite you to think of your contribution as a gift, and the experiences and goods you receive as gifts from the Earth, the elements and those who work to grow and create these moments and things.

Types of membership

- *Financial contribution: Member contributes \$123 prior to March 1st to help purchase seeds and other supplies. Members can also contribute an additional amount in increments of \$10 as a pre-pay for their PYO shares, but this is not required. All pre-season contributions are unable to be refunded.*
- *Work-trade contribution: Member agrees to work on site at the farm a minimum of 2 hours per week for 10 weeks, with work beginning in March. Work-trade memberships must be mutually agreed upon by the member and Emergence Gardens.*

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Benefits of Membership

- *As a member you are invited to our seasonal Community Nourishment Events. These are designed to bring us together in community to be inspired by the food we are growing and each other. They will be held either at the gardenstead in South Dartmouth or at the growing land in North Dartmouth. There is no cost for these events and you are invited to learn to prepare the food, enjoy the tastes or just come gather with others. Magic happens when we gather with intention and I am excited to see what becomes of these moments!*

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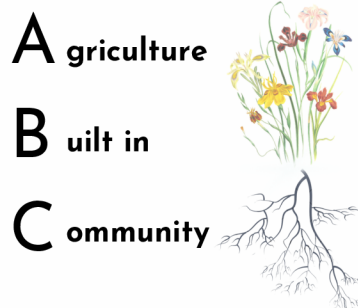
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Benefits of Membership

- *Invitations to Pick Your Own farmshare. Throughout the season there will be 12 separate pick your own farmshare “weeks”, beginning in May. These will be mostly held bi-weekly with some exceptions for holiday and environmental reasons. For each “week” I will send out the pre-determined contents of the share and you choose if you’d like to come PYO share that week. If you choose yes, you will then sign up for a day and time slot to come to the farm. You can choose to pick up to three shares per “week”, for an exchange of \$10 per share, \$20 for two shares or \$30 for three. Members are encouraged to come every “week” as this is the most participatory element of membership.*



Benefits of Membership

- *As a member you also receive a reduction of 10% on all goods and services, including plant sale, farmstand and gardening support services.*

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Other ways to get involved

- *Community effort days. Although coming to the farm is not required you are encouraged to come and participate in many aspects of the work. I will send invitations for specific projects, or feel free to reach out if you'd like to participate on a regular basis.*
- Spread the word. I hope you will be as excited as I am about what we are creating together and want to help explain what we're building and why.

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Contact me

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback please don't hesitate to reach out. The most reliable way to contact me is by emailing me at connect@emergencegardens.com,

I will also send out a phone number as we get into the season where you can reach me for any short-notice items.

I am so excited to grow this community with you.

Thanks and I'll see you soon!

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