



Slow Food® Denver

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2008

Broadened the reach and impact of Slow Food Denver's Seed to Table school garden programs

- Led effort with Denver Public Schools (DPS) and Denver Fire Department to establish guidelines for teaching cooking classes in DPS
- Organized fire training for groups interested in cooking with kids in DPS
- Secured grant funding for cooking carts, induction burners and cooking materials for Seed-to-Table school garden programs
- Initiated meetings with DPS Food and Nutrition Services to explore possibilities for introducing local and freshly prepared foods to school cafeterias
- Added five new Seed-to-Table school garden programs
- Developed curriculum for after-school/summer Seed-to-Table program

Began efforts to facilitate greater access to local and seasonal producers

- Partnered with Edible Front Range to help distribute this new publication highlighting Colorado's local and seasonal producers
- Identified required data elements and data input form for future resource database
- Connected local producers with Denver restaurants and retailers

Sponsored social and educational events at local restaurants, cultural locations, and other venues, such as:

- Opus restaurant dinner
- Denver Art Museum Slow Food 'Soapbox'
- Open table at Osteria Marco with Erika Lesser, Slow Food USA Executive Director
- Bread baking class with Whole Foods Bakehouse
- Book review with Kimberly Lord Stewart

Increased non-grant income for Slow Food Denver by over 350%

- Established CSA fundraising project with Ela Family Farms to connect our members with Ela Farms
- Launched first annual Rocky Mountain Bushels and Bottles fundraiser event with Cook Street School of Fine Cooking highlighting our local Colorado producers
- Hosted Bison Beer and Beardsley event with Culturehaus

Improved the operational efficiency and effectiveness of Slow Food Denver

- Moved offices to new location (Colfax office) that can accommodate Board and other committee meetings
- Instituted more dependable email services to members and other interested parties
- Instituted new and renewing member welcome letters, "expiring membership" warnings, application form, etc.
- Secured website domain, finalized website requirements, and obtained services of website developer
- Began publishing enhanced member newsletter
- Published general information website contact for members and public:
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