



Organic
Growers
School



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REPORT

*Organic Growers School inspires,
educates, and supports people to farm,
garden, and live organically.*

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PROGRAMS

In October of 2015 Organic Growers School launched WNC Farm Beginnings® Farmer Training, a year-long comprehensive farmer-training program for a full house of 14 farms and 24 farmers.

The training is designed to offer beginning and expanding farmers the practical skills and knowledge needed to start and grow successful, long-term farm businesses. WNC Farm Beginnings® is a licensed farmer-training model from the Farm Beginnings® Collaborative, a national alliance of independent regional groups of farmers and farmer-training support organizations working together to promote farmer education that is community based, rooted in sustainable principles, and farmer led.



The 2015-16 WNC Farm Beginnings® Farmer Training students came from Buncombe, Madison and Graham counties and possessed diverse backgrounds in professions such as teaching, business ownership, and engineering. Their farm enterprise interests ranged from industrial hemp and medicinal herbs, to cut flowers, dairy, annual vegetables, and mushrooms.

 <p>23rd Annual SPRING CONFERENCE Organic Growers School</p>	<p>2,000+ farmers, home growers, urban gardeners, & conscious consumers served each year</p>	 <p>2nd Annual HARVEST CONFERENCE Organic Growers School Savor the Abundance</p>	<p>500+ Home Growers Served each year</p>
 <p>C.R.A.F.T. Organic Growers School Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training</p>	<p>700+ Farmers & Farmworkers supported in 16 counties since 2008</p>	 <p>GET GROWING Organic Gardening Series</p>	<p>185 Training Hours Annual 3 week workshop</p>
<p>Award-winning <i>Ask Ruth & Ask Tom</i> Newsletter delivered each month.</p>	<p>7000+ Recipients</p>	<p>Annual <i>Earth-Day Film & Panel Discussion</i> with a sustainable Food & Farming Focus.</p>	<p>400+ Movie Goers ('14&'15)</p>
 <p>FARM DREAMS Organic Growers School A Day of Exploration for Farm Dreamers</p>	<p>3 Full Programs per year of land & property owners</p>	 <p>FARM BEGINNINGS® Organic Growers School Year-Long Farmer Training</p>	<p>Filled 23 Farmers & 14 Farms in the 1st year training program</p>

OUR TEAM

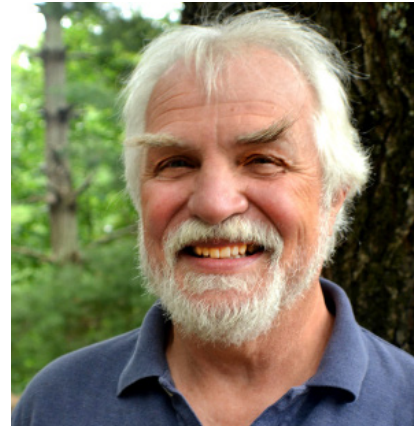
Staff



LEE WARREN
Executive Director



CAMERON FARLOW
Farmer Programs Director



RODNEY BOWLING
Conference Director



NICOLE DELCOGLIANO
Farmer Programs Coordinator



GILLIAN SCRUGGS
AmeriCorps Project Conserve
Service Member



ELLA MCCOY
Communications Coordinator

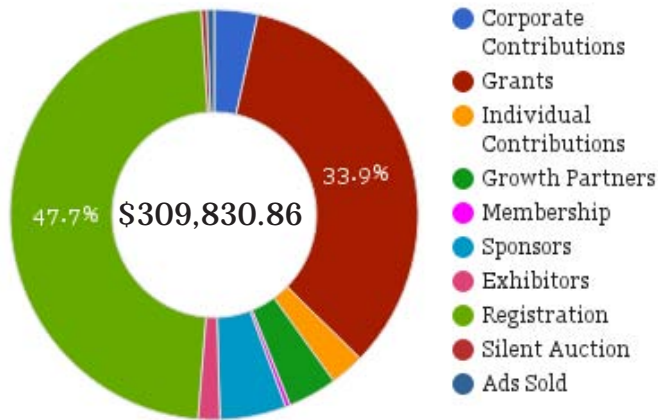
Board of Directors

Tom Elmore, President (Thatchmore Farm)
Ruth Gonzalez, Vice President (Reems Creek Nursery)
Ellen Rubenstein Chelms, Secretary
Bob Goettling, Treasurer (Ecostead Versant)

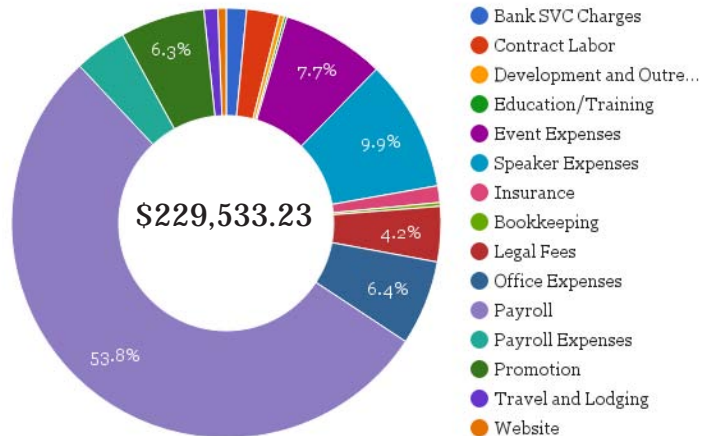
Debbie Lienhart (Useful Plants Nursery)
Vanessa Campbell (Full Sun Farm)
Jeanine Davis Ph.D (NC Specialty Crops Program)
Kelley Wilkinson (Laughing Frog Farm & Inn)

FINANCIALS

2015 Revenue



Expenses



Organic Growers School, Inc. Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2015

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Asheville Savings Bank	0.00
ASB Unrestricted	86,341.02
BFRDP Development Fund	10,974.99
CFWNC Capacity Grant	3,750.00
CFWNC for Farmer Programs 2015	4,500.00
Clif Bar Grant	0.00
OGS Matching Funds	1,000.03
UNFI Foundation	10,000.00
Total Asheville Savings Bank	\$ 116,566.04
Barter Account	0.00
Cash on hand	40.02
Square Funds	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 116,606.06
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	-23,875.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-\$ 23,875.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 92,731.06
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	85.52
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 85.52
Total Cardmember Services	\$ 1,329.38
Total Credit Cards	\$ 1,329.38
Other Current Liabilities	
Direct Deposit Payable	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	2,580.38
NC Income Tax	2,096.00
NC Unemployment Tax	0.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	\$ 4,676.38
Unearned Conference Income	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 4,676.38
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 6,091.28
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Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	24,517.02
Retained Earnings	18,795.53
Net Income	43,327.23
Total Equity	\$ 86,639.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 92,731.06

Note: Previous to 2015, Organic Growers School operated on a January to December Fiscal Year. In 2015 we shifted to a Fiscal Year of October to September. Thus our 2015 Fiscal Year was nine months instead of twelve months.

SUPPORT

Grants

To support the work of our Farmer Programs, Organic Growers School was awarded grants from the organizations below.



2015 Growth Partners

Growth Partners contribute financial support while receiving brand exposure through OGS materials and events, and gain a voice in the region's sustainable agriculture movement.



LIVING WEB FARMS

