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New Leaders For Slow Food Eugene--Jim Crane, Erin Walkenshaw, and Florence Luker (but, not necessarily in that order)

We have a great new leadership team to take over Tom Barkin's job as Slow Food Eugene leader. Tom, who is leaving the top post after 7 years on the job, is assuming a new role as Slow Food Regional Governor for Oregon and Idaho.

The new team is packed with experience and loaded with talent. As responsibilities are worked out, we will provide you all with more details about the transition.

In the meantime, if you would like to help out or have questions, contact [Jim](#), [Erin](#), or [Florence](#).

Slow Food Eugene Has Its Own Slug Queen Candidate--Our Long Time Friend Jerril Nilson

sponsor Slow Food
Eugene!
Come see us at the 5th
Street Market or the
Lane County Farmer's
Market.

[Click here](#) to learn more
about our new spring
menu.



Slugs and snails
can move
quickly when
they have to.
Photo by Annie
Frantzeskos.

We partisans of the Snail have always appreciated the efforts of the Eugene Slug Queens to enhance our community's reputation as gastropod friendly. How could we possibly discriminate against slugs, even though they lack our handsome carapace?

This year, long term member, Jerril Nilson, will be competing to be Slug Queen for 2010-2011. We hardily endorse this fine candidate for this most prestigious position.

In keeping with the Slug Queen tradition of scratching the backs of those who are in a position to influence the outcome of the election, Jerril has volunteered to hold a gala event to benefit Slow Food Eugene and our school garden partners. Our enthusiastic support will, undoubtedly, help persuade wavering judges of the merits of Jerril's candidacy.

In weeks to come, we will have more details on Jerril's event.

In the meantime, put August 13 on your calendar. That is the coronation date for the new queen.



Slow Food Eugene Needs Your Help To Lead Our Fight For Better Food In School Lunches

Soon, Congress will vote to reauthorize the School Lunch Program. Slow Food USA is leading the charge in getting real food in school lunches. We need to get out support for the final push. Contact us by clicking [here](#). Let's talk about how you can help.

Slow Food USA has amassed nearly 100,000 signatures on petitions to improve school lunches. Click [here](#) to join our effort.

Joining [Slow Food Eugene](#) and [Slow Food USA](#) is one of the best ways to promote sustainable agriculture and food production. Slow Food is a world-wide leader in the movement to insure good, clean, and fair food for everyone. Read all about us on our web sites. You can contact Slow Food Eugene by [email](#).

Over the course of the spring, summer, and fall, we will be having potlucks featuring movies, highly regarded speakers, and demonstrations. These potlucks will provide an opportunity for smaller groups to learn about food issues, discuss actions that we can take, and enjoy each other's company.

Events still in the dreaming stage include a return visit to Newport, Oregon, to enjoy crab, clamming, and the coast; an urban foraging outing; and a visit from our own Snail, oops, make that Slug Queen, from the Eugene Celebration.

The only way to make this calendar work is to get volunteers committed to good, clean, and fair food. Click right here to put your hand up and volunteer.



You'll Notice Something New In Our Newsletter

Our Slow Food Eugene newsletter is now sporting logos from sponsors. The revenues from the sponsorship program will go toward funding our school garden projects and our Terra Madre delegates.

Show your support by clicking on the ad from our first sponsor Marche and Marche Provisions. Your support is appreciated.

We want you to be the next sponsor. Send an [email](#) for details about our sponsorship program.



In Case You Missed Us--Slow Food Eugene Celebrated Earth Day

Slow Food Eugene joined efforts with the School Garden Project of Lane County to provide a presence at the Annual Earth Day Celebration held at the 5th Street Public Market, organized by Marche and Provisions. In an effort to draw attention to the promotion of gardening with children, kids got to spin a question wheel at the table testing their knowledge on gardening and won a edible plant start for their garden donated by Johnson Brothers Greenhouses in Coburg.

Slow Food Eugene was joined by several participants including local organic farms, the Willamette Farm and Food Coalition and even a display on the waste food composting program with worms that the 5th Street Public Market restaurants participate in.

Public Service Announcements

As a public service, we are listing some upcoming events we thought that you might be interested in. Listing an event in our newsletter is not an indication that we are sponsoring or endorsing the event.

Farmers Markets

[Hideaway Bakery](#)

Saturdays ongoing; 9am to 2pm

Hideaway Bakery; 3377 E. Amazon Dr., Behind Mazzi's Restaurant
More Information: www.mazzis.com or call 541.868.1982

[Lane County](#)

Saturdays: March 6, 20; 10am-2pm
8th & Oak Streets, Downtown Eugene

Main Market

Saturdays: April 3 to November 13; 9am-4pm
8th St & Oak Streets, Downtown Eugene

Tuesdays: May 4 to October 26; 10am-3pm
8th and Oak streets, Downtown Eugene

More information: info@lanecountyfarmersmarket.org or call 541.431.4923

[Winter Green Farm](#)

Wednesdays: June to September; 3pm-7pm
Emmaus Lutheran Church, 1250 W 18th Ave, Eugene

More Information: www.wintergreenfarm.com or call 541.935.1920

[Springfield Farmers' Market](#)

Fridays: Starting May 7; 3pm-7pm
Main Street, between 5th and 6th, Downtown Springfield

More information: [Springfield Farmer's Market](#)

Other Local Food Organizations

[Weston A. Price Foundation Potluck](#)

What: A monthly potluck in Eugene (and other locales) to foster discussion and understanding of traditional healing foods used by long-lived and healthy societies. Based on researched gathered by Weston A Price, DDS.

Who: [Weston A Price Foundation](#), Eugene Chapter

When: Held second Monday of each month, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: Rotates among members' homes. Email Lisa at info@krautpounder.com for current location and to get newsletters of activities.

Cost: Bring a [Weston A Price "Traditional"-style](#) dish to share.

More Information: Lisa at info@krautpounder.com

[Victory Gardens](#)

What: Ongoing edible planting events providing an opportunity to volunteer in creating new gardens, developing edible forests, caring for existing gardens, making compost and meeting like-minded gardening folks.

Who: Victory Garden Team

When: Thursdays, 10am

Where: 505 River Road, Eugene

Cost: free

More information: David Turner at victorygardensforall@gmail.com or call 541.653.0149

Other Local Events

[Huerto de la Familia](#) (The Family Garden)

What: Spring celebration and benefit with music, silent auction and presentation

Who: Huerto de la Familia

When: Saturday, May 15; 7:30-10:30pm

Where: 199 W. 8th Avenue, Eugene

Cost: suggested donation \$5-10

More Information: call 541.255.6120 or go to: [Huerto de la Familia](#)

[The 100 Mile Meal](#)

What: A locavore celebration of the farm to plate relationship with silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and buffet dinner

Who: Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management Program at Lane Community College

When: Thursday, May 27; 5-9pm

Where: Center for Meeting & Learning, Building 19 at LCC, Eugene

Cost: \$35 per person

More Information: call 541.463.3504

[Growing and Using Native Food & Medicinal Plants](#)

What: A workshop on history, botany, cultivation and use of forest and meadow plants used locally for centuries as food and medicine.

Who: [Fern Hill Nursery](#)

When: Sunday, June 13; 10am-3pm

Where: Fern Hill Nursery, 78703 Echo Hollow Lane, Cottage Grove

Cost: \$35 per person/\$10 deposit to reserve space

More information: Devon Bonady at devon@fernhillnursery.com or call 541.942.3118

[Stillpoint Farm](#) Woman's Festival

What: A day of music, food and celebration to honor the Sacred Feminine and Mother Earth.

Who: Stillpoint Farm Festival

When: August 28, 10am to 8pm

Where: 86915 Territorial Road, 2.5 miles south of Veneta

Cost: \$22-33, sliding scale. Tickets from [several sources](#)

More information: call 541.968.1999 or go to [StillPoint Farm](#)

[Bad Sugar: a Film](#)

What: Part of a Documentary film series: [Unnatural Causes](#)

Who: [Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth](#)

When: Wednesday June 2, 6-7:45pm.

Where: Eugene Public Library, Downtown

Cost: Free

More information: Call 541.682.4306 or go to: [LCHAY web site.](#)

[Northwest Youth Corps: Youth Grow](#)

What: Organic Gardening Day Camps

Who: Northwest Youth Corps and School Garden Project of Lane County

When: 3, 3-week sessions starting June 2, July 19 and August 9.

Cost: \$295

For more information or to register call 541.743.8594 or go to: [Northwest Youth Corps](#)
