

Niagara's Local Food Network Card



Listings are grouped by area of affiliation.

Producer					
Name	Phone and Email	Website	Area of Interest/Specialization	Current Involvement	If Not, Interested Involvement
Robert Cosby	905-957-0147	N/A	Long-term viability of agriculture in Niagara	Employed part-time to deliver the orchard/vineyard transition program	N/A
Carolyn Puddicombe	905-643-1015 info@puddicombefarms.com	www.puddicombefarms.com	Educating adults & children on agriculture & how important it is to eat local and back your ontario and local farmers through tours	Belong to Eat Local for the Hamilton Area and the Agri-Tourism Director on the Hamilton Tourism Board	N/A
Henry Bos	905-382-2268 hbbos@talkwireless.ca	N/A	Specialization = drug-free broiler (meat chicken) production, Area of Interest = local distribution network	N/A	Would like to be involved in establishing a local distribution network to link producers with end users (restaurants, chefs, individuals, etc.)
Debbie Sexsmith	905-359-3652 sexsmithfarm@sympatico.ca	www.sexsmithfarm.ca	Organic vegetables, fruit, eggs, horses (small mixed farming); grower & consumer relationships; CSA development; community partnerships development (environmental, eco-literacy apprenticeships)	Niagara Culinary Trail, Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario (Hamilton/Niagara), Own "Eco-Circles" program in partnership with the Fort Erie Native Cultural Centre	Promoting community supported agriculture
Jo Low	905-357-5121 x. 35 jo.l@projectshare.ca	www.projectshare.ca	Promoting gardens (kitchen) in day cares and elementary schools, and for food bank	Coordinate community garden for people below the poverty line in Niagara Falls, some food is grown by volunteers for the emergency food services	could help with short-term specific tasks, but not long term commitment
Lindsay Puddicombe	905-643-1015 info@puddicombefarms.com	www.puddicombefarms.com	How to make more markets for our producers, and how we can become more involved & recognized as a eat local location	Eat Local Hamilton, Wine Council, Hamilton Tourism	N/A
Pam Van Osch	905-899-9899 pvan_osch9@sympatico.ca	N/A	Grower, seller and bee keeper	N/A	food safety & quality, storage, processing, distribution, regulations
Linda Grimo	905-708-9219 momof3nuts@yahoo.ca	www.grimonut.com	Nut trees and nuts to eat, treasurer for Niagara Local Food Co-op	Niagara Local Food Co-op	N/A
Torrie Warner	905-562-5637 twarner@vaxxine.com	www.warnersfarm.ca	Fruit Producer	Local Food Plus; Niagara Local Food Co-op	Restaurants/Cafeteria/Food Service
Albert Witteveen	905-957-1438 neochicks@sympatico.ca	N/A	Poultry Producer	Chairman of the Smithville Farmers' Market Steering Committee; operate a retail poultry store; member of the Ag Task Force	Organic Food Production
Jan Campbell Luxton	905-892-3734 jan@delaterre.ca	www.delaterre.ca	My areas of interest are local food security and sustainability. My specialization is maker of hand shaped organic breads.	I am a founding member of the Niagara Local Food Co-operative, a founding member of Slow Food Pelham, and an active participant in a number of farmers markets throughout Niagara.	N/A
Michelle Seaborn	905-945-7963 mseaborn@silmaril.on.ca	www.silmarilfarms.ca	Apples, pears, free range chicken/turkey/eggs, lamb	Culinary Trail member, Market Manager with Grimsby Farmers' Market, Fleece & Fibre Fest	N/A
Peter Bosman	905-643-2205 lincolnlineorchards@mdswireless.com	www.lincolnlineorchards.com	Produce fruit crops e.g. Apples, pears, plums, cider & apple chips; interesting in selling to institutional customers e.g. schools, hospitals, day care centres & shelters	Yes, sell at Farmers' Market: sell at our own farm market. Also, sell into Foodshare in Toronto which goes into a Good Food Box and small pears to over 100 schools. Also sell apples and pears to Hamilton and Niagara schools. Also sell to Real Food for Real Kids, and 100 KM Foods, both servicing Toronto.	Some local groups would be good as long as I can deliver and deal directly with customers.
The Fruit Shack Market & Bakery	905-468-9821 thefruitshack@yahoo.com	N/A	To make sure that our local fruits & vegetables are made available to the consumer and that they know it is local. Also to emphasize truth in labelling and education of the consumer.	No	N/A
Collin Goodline, Executive Chef	905-468-8866 collin@riverbendinn.ca	www.riverbendinn.ca	Supporting local farmers by buying local produce and livestock	No, not in any program, but at the Riverbend Inn and Vineyard we have a 1 acre garden producing 85% of the produce featured on the the menu for 6 months of the year. Also a member of the Niagara Culinary Trail.	N/A
Cathy Mous	905-957-3044 c.mous@sympatico.ca	N/A	Chicken Producer, Getting Ag Education in Schools, Advocate for Farmers	Niagara Agri Education Day, Lincoln Fair, try to incorporate local food to the students	Educating youth through schools, service clubs and sports org.
Angela Redekopp	905-468-3608 angela@greavesjams.com	www.greavesjams.com	makers of jams, jellies, marmalades & condiments	Niagara Culinary Trail	N/A

Pete Muileboom	905-834-3443 wertomato1@lastmilenet.ca	www.muileboomgreenhouses.com	Hydroponic greenhouse tomatoes, Red Beef, Yellow (Low Acid)/Orange (Triple Vit A) Beef, Cheery Tomatoes, Seedless Cucumbers and Mini Seedless Cucumbers	Niagara Culinary Trail	N/A
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Social Advocate

Name	Phone and Email	Website	Area of Interest/Specialization	Current Involvement	If Not, Interested Involvement
Jennifer Story	416-960-0001 x. 306 jstory@greenbelt.ca	www.greenbelt.ca	local food procurement for schools, other publicly funded institution and food services	local food portal, database of greenbelt growers	N/A
Ivan Stephen	905-688-5270 istephen@vaxxine.com	N/A	Wine, organic and local food	Education re. local wine	N/A
Arden Vaughn	905-688-4570 lakelandmeats@bellnet.ca	www.lakelandmeats.com	livestock, meat retailer/wholesaler/on-farm sales	Niagara Culinary Trail, Niagara Local Food Co-op, OFA	N/A
Nancy Thiessen	905-938-2057 na.thiessen@hotmail.com	N/A	Urban Agriculture/community gardening and community kitchens/training children & youth in gardening/growing food	N/A	Community gardening/kitchens, possibly school gardens, processing local food
Val O'Donnell	905-468-2058	N/A	Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society	PALS fights to preserve the fruitland from urban sprawl and to support the farmers	N/A
Jackie Lynch	905-357-5522 friendsofnature@cogeco.ca	N/A	Horticultural Society and Community Garden; raising chickens as a hobby farm, 2 realize the need for growing my own food	Community gardens, project share, horticultural society and improving youth programs	N/A
Kelly Beck	905-835-5172 kelly.beck@gmail.com	N/A	Food Security	Have worked overseas improving quality and safety of local foods to compete on the local markets	Food processing, food safety and access to markets
Jane Hanlon	905-938-8882 can.info@cogeco.net	N/A	ecology/climate change/preservation of land	School scapes (landscaping and food production);Community Centennial Teaching Gardens; Eco Workshops; LandCare (urban canopy inclusion of native fruit and nuts);Water Conservation Program	Youth Education and Community Gardens
Lynn Ogryzlo	905-262-4941 lynn@niagaraculinarytrail.com	www.niagaraculinarytrail.com	Providing consumer access to local food	Networking, education and awareness	N/A
Rhonda Chopin	905-357-0322 x. 3359 rhonda.chopin@opg.com	www.buylocalniagara.ca	Public awareness, marketing and environment	Member of Buy Local Niagara, a small group of everyday Niagara residents who are dedicated to raising awareness in Niagara to buy local and support local food and local economy	N/A
Magdalena Kaiser-Smit	905-262-6309	www.ontarioculinary.com	Advancing Culinary Tourism in Ontario & Niagara. Consumer Awareness & Education about local food. Marketing.	The Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance, The Wine & Culinary Tourism Committee in Niagara. Worked with the Niagara Culinary Trail.	N/A

Distributor

Name	Phone and Email	Website	Area of Interest/Specialization	Current Involvement	If Not, Interested Involvement
Suzanne Bosanac	905-563-8719 roses.rainbows@sympatico.ca	N/A	Preserves and Gift Baskets, Wine Jellies and Pepper jelly	N/A	N/A
Bernice Booth	905-988-1884 bernice.booth@welland.ca	www.welland.ca	Distribution to residential & commercial; education on buy local	Buying Local in Welland, Initiating Good Food Box in Welland, Coordinator of Welland Farmers' Market	N/A
Marc Brule	905-735-2503 marc@wellspringchurch.ca	www.wellspringchurch.ca	Distribution of Fresh produce as part of Welland's Good Food Box program	Welland Good Food Box Program	N/A
Becky Glenney	1-866-643-1899 x. 25 bglenney@niagarafruitinstitute.ca	www.farmsharecanada.com	Distribution, education	Food share Canada; developing links between growers and foodbanks as well as school meal programs by sourcing food - contracted and surplus - repacking and shipping	N/A
Cindy Palmer	905-864-3803 cpalmer@gfscanada.com	www.gfsonario.com	Produce, Dairy	Buy from local sources when possible	N/A
Joe Turco	519-620-3402 joe.turco@loblaw.ca	N/A	Consumers perception of local grown fruit and vegetables	Yes, retailers continue to focus on consumer wants and needs and looking for ways to improve offering 52 weeks a year. At Loblaw this is a mandate and have programs and awareness initiatives in advertising and packaging to help promote.	N/A
Jerry Vanderklok	905-788-3800 jerry.openarmsmission@cogeco.net	www.openarmsmissionwelland.com	Food Bank - feeding the needy	With Open Arms Mission, we receive donuts, soup, eggs & bread from local donors. Non perishables are also donated, as well as fresh produce.	N/A

Politician					
Name	Phone and Email	Website	Area of Interest/Specialization	Current Involvement	If Not, Interested Involvement
Brian Baty	905-892-5317 brian.baty@niagararegion.ca	www.niagararegion.ca	Agricultural Task Force	N/A	Niagara brand implementation
Barbara Henderson	905-899-3463 bhenderson@township.wainfleet.on.ca	www.township.wainfleet.on.ca	N/A	Chair of Local Food Task Force	N/A

Academic & Research					
Name	Phone and Email	Website	Area of Interest/Specialization	Current Involvement	If Not, Interested Involvement
Bill Ingratta	905-562-0320 x. 756 bill.ingratta@vinelandontario.ca	www.vinelandontario.ca	Horticulture	Orchard and Vineyard Transition Program; local food programs and loyalty programs	N/A
Dr. Atsuko Hashimoto	905-866-5550 x. 4367 ahashimoto@brocku.ca	www.brocku.ca/tren	Research in rural tourism, agri-tourism	N/A	N/A
Darlene Brown	905-562-0320 x. 766 darelene.brown@vinelandontario.ca	www.vinelandontario.ca	Director of Public Relations and Communications at VRIC	OVTP project, Horticulture Research, Technology Transfer, Entrepreneurial Incubator	N/A
David Telfer	905-688-5550 x. 4100 dtelfer@brocku.ca	www.brocku.ca/tren	Agritourism	N/A	N/A
Dr. Chelsea Willness	905-688-5550 x. 4563 cwillness@brocku.ca	www.bus.brocku.ca	Organizational Research:recruitment, selection & training; Corp Social Responsibility, green business, etc.	N/A	N/A
Wayne Caldwell	519-824-4120 waynecaldwell@hurontel.on.ca	www.waynecaldwell.ca	Farmland Preservation, On-farm diversification, Municipal and provincial regulations affecting agriculture, connections with the planning profession	Research applications into the concept of local food across Ontario (i.e. thinking about local food from an Ontario-wide perspective)	N/A
Karen Landman	519-824-4120 x. 53748 klandman@uofguelph.ca	N/A	Research into local food and urban agriculture	Research into models and best practices for local food - funded by OMAFRA	N/A

Student					
Name	Phone and Email	Website	Area of Interest/Specialization	Current Involvement	If Not, Interested Involvement
Lisa Petkovsek	416-702-6866 lisapetkovsek@hotmail.com	N/A	ACE Brock (Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship)	N/A	N/A
Courtney Craig	416-710-0440 cc06ji@brocku.ca	N/A	Youth Education, 4-H Implementation, regional fair expansion, and learning opportunities to help promote local awareness	N/A	N/A
Kat Romatowski	905-933-8272 k.romatowski@gmail.com	N/A	Education & community development through agriculture; ag. Preservation	M.A. Thesis	If education (youth especially) initiatives should arise, I'd be happy to help if I am logistically able to
Jason Segiet	289-668-6290 jason.segiet@gmail.com	N/A	Business Entrepreneurship; Brock University	N/A	N/A

Other					
Name	Phone and Email	Website	Area of Interest/Specialization	Current Involvement	If Not, Interested Involvement
Jane Thompson	905-735-1700 x. 2133 jane.thompson@welland.ca	www.niagarafoodfestival.com	Marketing	"Buy Local, Think Fresh, Experience Niagara Market" @ the Niagara Food Festival, Oct. 2-4/09	N/A
Sue Corcoran	905-684-7519 sm.corcoran@sympatico.ca	N/A	Consumer - Farmer link	N/A	N/A
Kim Reep	905-562-1873 kim.reep@ontario.ca	N/A	Marketing to agricultural stakeholders and consumers	Niagara Wine and Culinary Committee, Regional Agricultural Task Force	N/A
Janet H. Hartwick	905-681-8785 janet@getcracking.ca	www.getcracking.ca	Eggs as a local, fresh and nutritious protein, general corporate communications around buying local ontario eggs	Egg farmers of Ontario province-wide municipal motion campaign which identifies buying Ontario eggs as a "local procurement"	N/A
Tom Ferguson	905-562-8484 nnt@vaxxine.com	N/A	Distribution of Local Food	N/A	Distribution

Chef Jacob Lucas	289-668-4229 personalchef@jacobsexquisitecuisine.com	www.mychefsite.com/exquisitecuisine	Working with fresh seasonal foods, staying away from chemicals and injected products	Self involvement in books, on going shopping, analyzing what food is here and what I want to do	N/A
Jayeff Partners	905-945-6791 james@jayeffpartners.ca	N/A	Making application to grant funding programs and managing projects	We provide services to: 1) Farmers' Markets Ontario, 2) Vineland Research and Innovation Inc.	N/A
Barry Walker	519-766-9292 barry.walker@ontraceagrifood.com	www.ontraceagrifood.com	Work with agri-food industry to implement a traceability system that is best for them, to meet not only emergency response requirements but to look at value add to their business.	Working with various local food program groups.	N/A
Ross Willness	N/A rwillness@hotmail.ca	N/A	Sales and Public Education	N/A	Possible networking groups
Lisa Gallant	905-688-8248 x. 7321 lisa.gallant@niagararegion.ca	www.healthylivingniagara.com	Promoting consumption of local vegetables and fruits; supporting groups in the formation of programs to make access to local vegetables and fruits easier e.g. Good Food Box	Supporting Welland in feasibility study for Good Food Box (region-wide), setting plans for 2010 and beyond regarding access to local vegetables and fruits.	N/A

Government

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Dorene Collins	514-826-3166 dorene.collins@ontario.ca	N/A	Business planning for farmers	N/A	N/A
Christopher Blake	905-941-0234 cblake@niagara.com	www.niagaraoriginal.com	Marketing Niagara products with a unique Niagara brand	Niagara Original Brand program	N/A
Gloria Morris	905-688-8248 x. 7473 gloria.morris@niagararegion.ca	www.niagararegion.ca	Involving local farmers to be at the Niagara Nutrition Partners table and participate in supporting Niagara schools with their student nutrition programs, either in the way of providing food or funds	School Health Program; involved with Niagara Nutrition Partners around student nutrition programs in Niagara schools	Maybe....I need to know what the programs or initiatives are first.
Gina Couldery	905-788-0744 gcouldery@thehopecentre.net	www.thehopecentre.net	Community Initiatives	Community garden where volunteers grow flowers and vegetables. Vegetables are consumed by volunteers as well as used in the making of meals served at the soup kitchen	N/A