



Slow Food[®]

Northern New Jersey

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Dear Snails:

The Ides of March are upon us. I hope you are enjoying the cold winter and are looking forward to the warm months to come. Unfortunately due to low response we had to cancel our “Buffet de Provence” to benefit the School Garden Project of the Newark Conservancy.

I would like to apprise you of the following events/happenings that involve Slow Food NNJ.

Eat-Drink-NJ. – On March 2 at Tre Piani Restaurant in Princeton a meeting was held for the purpose of forming a coalition of Food & Beverage businesses and organizations to promote New Jersey fresh food in restaurants and in our homes. This was the first meeting of several that will follow. I am happy to report that Slow Food NNJ is a member of this coalition. The mission statement arrived at from the meeting is: “Our mission is to create a cooperative coalition of like-minded, quality food and beverage businesses and organizations in New Jersey. We will work together to assist each other in promoting our local food and beverage products to each other and the public. We will share ideas and resources and work together on common goals via annual meetings and through our own online site.”

Jersey Fresh Restaurant Week – For the summer of 2006, participating restaurants will provide special menus highlighting local products. Information will follow.

Tour of Viking Village – Viking Village, a commercial fishing dock located in Barnegat Light, NJ will host an outing to take place on Saturday, June 3. This outing will include an open house, dock tour of Viking village, and a fresh seafood lunch. The cost will be \$40 per person. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

Our New Web Site – We are in the process of designing a web site for our convivium. The name of our site will be “SlowFoodNNJ.org”. If you have any ideas for our web site, please contact me. One of the sections of our new website will be devoted to restaurant reviews; so if you have patronized any good/bad restaurants you would like to tell us about, please send me the details.

Books for Cooks – The Food Service Training Academy located at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillsdale is gathering old or any

cookbooks in good condition to be used by their students. If you have any cookbooks laying around your house that you no longer use; please think about donating them to this good cause.

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Baum Forum on School Food – Slow Food USA is collaborating on the present movement in the US to improve food in schools. There will be a panel discussion and workshop located at the Graduate Center, CUNY at 9:30 – 6 PM on Saturday, April 1. The center is located at 365 Fifth Avenue (34th Street).

We always welcome your ideas and participation.

Slowly yours,

Penny Potenz Winship, Leader Slow Food NNJ