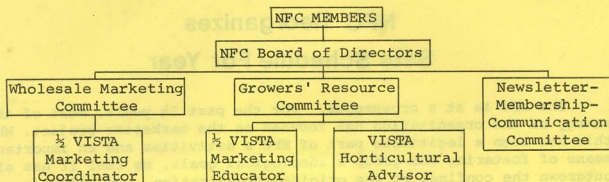


volved in the marketing and 2) a Growers' Resources Committee, co-chaired by the President of NFC (Bill Sutkus) and one or two Cooperative Extension agents, along with two or three other committee people. The Growers' Resources Committee will direct the educational aspects of the project -- the marketing education and horticultural advice.

In chart form, this is what the organization will look like. The box on the far right is basically "the homesteading group" and will be the main focus of the Board of Directors' energy.



#### Schedule for the Coming Year

The discussions we've had and the feedback we've gotten from the Homesteading Questionnaire have indicated that most people have a preference for a set schedule for the year that they can count on. They have also expressed a desire for more opportunities for social interactions and personal sharing and for newsletters that come out less often but go more into depth on subjects. Thus, we have tentatively come up with a yearly schedule, subject to discussion and approval at the Annual Meeting. We suggest five regular "General Meetings" on Sunday afternoons -- a seed variety/garden discussion meeting in January; an annual meeting in March with a film and discussion (on the Sunday nearest the Equinox, normally, but on the 7th this year); a June meeting in Rossie on the Sunday nearest the Solstice; a Harvest Feast in early October; and a meeting on the second Sunday after Thanksgiving with "The State of Homesteading" being its general theme.

At these General Meetings, the emphasis is first on getting together, and second on the topic to be discussed. Other meetings/workshops on more specific topics may happen as the need/interest arises, but we see these five meetings as a permanent schedule to look forward to each year.

As for the newsletter, we'd like to see one that would come out quarterly--in February, May, August, and November. The deadline for submission of material for each newsletter would be the 1st of the month in which it will be published. We plan to include some regular features, including 1) minutes from the last Board meeting; 2) a column carrying an article by a member family, sharing their thoughts, progress, and concerns; 3) a directory of resources available and services for sale or trade; and 4) notes on new homesteaders in the area. We will, of course, also be including other articles of interest to members. A few people have already volunteered to work on this Committee (see "Who to Contact...", p. 5) so that Jane won't have to continue to go it alone, but we're looking for a few more volunteers. Specifically, we need at least one Southern Correspondant to keep us informed of news of the Rossie end of the County.

On the next page is a chart with all the proposed dates and deadlines for 1982 and 1983. We'd like to get feedback and comments either before or at the annual meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, please give Bill Sutkus a call.

-Valerie Ingram