

- V - I really like drying, especially beans and peas. The only canning I do is tomatoes.
- B - Our big thing is the root cellar. (They have built a 7'x7'x9' walk-in root cellar in the side of a hill.) We live a lot on root crops.
- V - I do a lot of growing seeds for sprouting. Buckwheat and sunflower sprouts in the winter give you a lot of vitality. You just cut them for lettuce.
- K - (Brian and Veigh live about five miles out of Canton on 27 acres of land. They have two children, Hannah (age 6) and Ursala (age 2). One of their big accomplishments has been to build their own timber frame house. They have just hooked up to electricity but would like to have a windmill someday. One of their future projects is a small tofu factory operated in a room off their house. Brian says the market is definitely there.)



A "Land Access Information Center"?

Several people have seconded my proposal to set up a file of people looking for land and land looking for people in the North Country. Our area offers much to potential homesteaders, and I'd like to see more of them settle here, to develop a strong, diverse community of smallholders who will share our love the land and self-reliance. Let's not leave the settlement of our beautiful North Country up to the real estate agents and developers!

So, I'm volunteering to organize such a file, and am looking for help from our members to fill it with entries. Please send me information on property you know of that is for sale, or might be, exact location, owner, acreage, type of land, etc., and whether any real estate agents are already listing it.

Also, send me information on people who are looking for that farm of their dreams or some land to build on or a woodlot for firewood or whatever. Keeping such a file seems so simple, and could help to bring you and me some interesting new neighbors.

-- Doug Jones
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At the December General Meeting, we decided to follow the lead of Co-operative Extension in having all memberships fall due once a year. A large proportion of our memberships come up for renewal in the spring, anyway (and most of the rest of you are, alas, overdue). So great convenience for your membership secretary will not be offset by inconvenience to the members. This new system should be a boon to those of you who consistently forget to pay your dues: When Spring springs and the earth is renewed, so is your membership!

-- Jane Plastino
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