



**Novato**  
**Community Garden**  
Novato Live Well Network

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Dear Resident/ Business Owner:

April 2010

The Novato Community Garden Committee, a project of *Novato Live Well Network*, has been busy working on the Novato Community Garden Project and is excited to announce we are having our second outreach, fundraising and informational event of the year. The event, titled, "Our Local Foodshed: The Hidden Bounty of Marin" will be held **7-9 PM on Thursday, April 22, 2010** at the **Novato Unified School District Offices at 1015 Seventh Street in Novato.**

The purpose of the *Novato Community Garden* is to bring the community together in an environment that will enrich lives and our community. The objectives of our upcoming event are to raise awareness about the community garden, give an exciting update of our progress on the project, share with the community information about our local foodshed and living "Locavore", and to raise funds and interest in supporting the development and operation of the Novato Community Garden. We estimate needing \$200,000 to \$250,000 to build the garden, which includes required road work, parking area, water access and fencing. To this end, our fundraising and prize drawing will help us generate "seed" money to move forward.

**We are inviting and encouraging local food producers, merchants and residents to donate their services, an item, product, tour, vacation rental, etc to our drawing, which will be held at our event in April, and at other events we are planning for 2010, and beyond. Please contact Committee Member David Selzer at (415) 895-1897, [dselzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dselzer@sbcglobal.net) to make a donation.**

**Your contributions will be acknowledged at our event, on our flyers and on our website. We are a nonprofit organization sponsored by MarinLink, ([www.MarinLink.org](http://www.MarinLink.org)), a California nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal tax under section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. *Your donations are tax deductible.***

We hope you will attend this informative, inspiring and fun event! We will learn about "foodsheds", view the award-winning 30-minute video documentary: "Hidden Bounty of Marin" written and directed by Steve Quirt and Ellie Rilla, and produced by Novato Public Access Television. This is a unique opportunity to engage in dialog and Q&A with local farmers, food educators, and Locavores, meet collaborators and find resources. We will have live music and refreshments for your enjoyment, and will wrap up the evening with our drawing for donated prizes.

**Please get involved in this community project and donate to this very important cause. For more information about the event visit [www.NovatoLiveWell.org/communitygarden](http://www.NovatoLiveWell.org/communitygarden). To support, contribute or sponsor this vital community project, please contact Committee Chair Veronica Valero at (415) 897-2302, [NovatoLiveWell@comcast.net](mailto:NovatoLiveWell@comcast.net). To make a donation to our fundraising-drawing, please contact Committee Member, David Selzer at (415) 895-1897, [dselzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dselzer@sbcglobal.net).**

Thank you for your contributions and helping us in, "Growing a healthy community from the ground up!" We look forward to seeing you at the event!

Executive Director, Novato Live Well Network  
Chair, Novato Community Garden Project

*The Novato Community Garden Project is project of the Novato Live Well Network. Our Mission is to: build and support a network of local community gardens that enable people from diverse backgrounds to grow food and foster community in a sustainable manner. We will work with and educate families, schools, and our community about the positive benefits of choosing sustainable ways of eating, gardening and living, by providing programs that support nutrition education, our local foodshed, and school and community gardens.*

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