

It's time to renew or sign up for Valley Organic Growers Association! Supporting VOGA keeps sustainable agriculture strong through marketing, education and community action on issues important to our members.

In addition to publishing the annual Directory, we:

- sponsored Know Your Farmers events, and Farm Intern get-togethers through the Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (CRAFT) program
- facilitated the transfer of Local Farms First online farmers' market to Farm Runners, a local food distribution service
- provided scholarships to members to attend conferences/workshops
- signed on to letters and participated in meetings to stem irresponsible oil and gas development
- participated in the Creative Coalition's Celebrate the Fork event
- provided a representative for the Rogers Mesa Research Center transition planning
- hosted producers to discuss agricultural issues, and
- reached out to the community by participating in events like the Farmers Market at the Harvest Mountain Festival and the Paonia Holiday Art Festival.

2017 Membership/Sponsorship Fees

- \$50 Directory Listing membership - check made out to VOGA
- These membership/sponsorships are tax deductible; checks are made out to VOGEA.

NOTE: Those providing half, full or back page ads can have a Directory listing, if desired.

- \$35 Basic (non-listing) membership
- \$100 - \$249 Bronze sponsorship
- \$250 - \$499 Silver sponsorship
- \$500 + Gold sponsorship

NOTE: Silver and Gold sponsorships can include Directory listing, if desired.

North Fork Valley members with Directory listings can be included in the printed Directory's map; non-North Fork members can have a map in their online listings. Basic (non-listing) members are acknowledged in the front of the Directory.

We need to receive your membership form and fees by our Annual Meeting (**Thursday, January 26, 2017**, 6:00PM at Paonia Library) in order for you to vote at the Meeting. Either mail your form and fees to PO Box 614, Hotchkiss, CO 81419 or bring them to the Annual Meeting.

Directory Advertising

Directory advertising is available for members or businesses/organizations that support sustainable agriculture.

Directory Advertising Fees and Dimensions (jpg/pdf format, hi-res, if possible):

- \$125 quarter page (4 7/8" W x 1 3/4" H)
- \$250 half page (4 7/8" W x 3 5/8" H); Directory listing, if desired
- \$500 full page (4 7/8" W x 7 5/8" H); Directory listing, if desired
- \$750 for back page full color (4 7/8" W x 7 5/8" H); Directory listing, if desired

Email VOGA (vogaco@gmail.com) if you are interested, ad space is limited.

Enclosures: Membership Form -- Renewing Members, please confirm or revise your information and Directory listing.

Thanks for your continued support and participation in VOGA!

Sincerely,

The VOGA Board of Directors

PO Box 614, Hotchkiss, CO 81419

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2017 VOGA MEMBERSHIP FORM

New members/listing members: Please fill out this form and mail it to us with your fee payment. Directory descriptions should be a maximum of 200 characters including spaces (about 3 short sentences).

Renewing listing members: Check the 2016-17 Directory or go to <http://www.vogaco.org/voga-directory> and check your entry. Make any changes below, sign the VOGA mission statement and mail us the form along with your fee payment.

NOTE: Directory and website listings require that we have your signed support of the VOGA mission statement.

Renewing Basic/non-listing members: You only need to fill out this form if you contact information has changed. Please mail us your fee payment.

No Changes:

Business Name:

Owner Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Physical Address

(if different than above):

Primary phone:

Email address:

Website address:

Certification:

Inclusion on Directory Map (North Fork Valley listing members will appear in the printed Directory; non-North Fork members will have a map in their online listings.) Circle one: Yes No

Directory Description (for listing memberships only):

For the listing members' Cross Referencing Guide, please check all that apply to your operation:

Biodynamic

Certified Naturally Grown

USDA Certified Organic

Cheese

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Farmers Market Participants

Fruit

Grains & Feed

Grass-Fed Meat

Herbs & Flowers

Honey

Intern Program

Lodging

Meat, Poultry & Eggs

Milk Shares

Nursery Plants

Organizations

Retailers

Specialty Products

Vegetables

Wine, Cider & Spirits

MISSION STATEMENT

Valley Organic Growers Association's membership is composed of a number of individuals whose personal belief systems support our mission, principles and vision. Although we are not a certification agency, we are committed to these principles within our producer membership. Please take a moment to review these statements and give us your signed support. Thanks.

The Mission of Valley Organic Growers Association is to promote local sustainable agriculture by supporting and educating producers and consumers.

Our guiding principles are:

Create and support viable local agriculture

Maintain and improve the health of soil, air and water

Ensure the production of nutritious food free from synthetic inputs

We envision a vibrant community of prosperous, local farms that sustain the land and provide healthy agricultural products.

As a producer member of this organization, I support this mission, principles and vision in my agricultural practices.

Signature (mandatory for Directory and website listings):

Mail membership forms and checks to: P.O. Box 614, Hotchkiss, CO 81419

The Valley Organic Growers Association is an organization for sustainable agricultural producers and their supporters in the North Fork Valley and beyond. Membership benefits include education and promotion of our producing members (annual printed directory, website with downloadable directory, email newsletter, Facebook page); social gatherings and special events that include seasonal monthly Know Your Farmer sessions, the Summer CRAFT intern training program, workshops and round tables and a scholarship program to help our members attend conferences. Last year, we had 104 members with 67 members featured in the directory and website. 4,000 VOGA directories were distributed throughout Colorado.

We look forward to your continued participation in VOGA!

The Valley Organic Growers Educational Alliance is a 501(c)(3) organization registered to solicit charitable contributions in Colorado. The federal tax identification number for the Valley Organic Growers Educational Alliance is 26-2519936. Contributions to VOGEA are tax deductible to the full extent provided by law.