VOGA MEMBERSHIP 2023

It’s time to renew or sign up for Valley Organic Growers Association!

We are a membership based nonprofit organization and we depend on your support in order to keep sustainable agriculture thriving in the North Fork Valley and beyond! Last year we had 200 members including farmers, ranchers, orchardists, vintners, herbalists, chefs, agricultural related businesses, value added producers, local non-profits, and community members. Thank you all for the continued support!

Your VOGA membership benefits you and your community in a number of ways - we:

- Promote members in our published Directory, website, email newsletter, Facebook and Instagram
- Provide scholarships to members to attend conferences/workshops
- Sign on to letters and participate in meetings to stem irresponsible oil and gas development
- Advocate for the protection of our water, air, land and agricultural way of life by meeting with our elected officials at the local, state and federal level
- Provide workshops, classes, and agricultural education experiences to our community - farmer to farmer
- Offer Animal Welfare Grants and Regenerative Agriculture Grants to our members
- Provide representatives to Delta County Working Groups

Year in Review - in 2022 we:

- Published & distributed 4,000 copies of our annual printed Directory & updated our online Directory: vogaco.org/directory
- Hosted over 20 classes with The Learning Council including Animal Husbandry skills, our Annual Seed Swap, and classes on growing produce, building compost, beekeeping, and so much more! We taught over 500 students throughout the season and learned so much from our local farmers
- Hosted 4 Know Your Farmer Farm Tours once per month from May through August at local members’ farms in order for our members and local community to Get to Know their Farmers!
- Organized Saturday Know Your Farmer Farm Tours with over 9 local farms for Mountain Harvest Festival weekend, as well as the Sunday Farmers’ Market and the Annual Mountain Harvest Festival Tasting Event
- Developed our Resources page on our website - vogaco.org/resources
- Setup a booth at the Tuesday evening Arbol Farmers Market in Paonia Town Park from May to October - we loved connecting with our community and helping people support local agriculture
- Participated in many Community Events this year: Big B’s Friday Night Music to benefit nonprofits, the North Fork Community Fair, the Delta County Fair, the CSU Field Day at Rogers Mesa Organic Agricultural Research Station, the Mexican Heritage Festival in Olathe celebrating Agricultural Workers, The Learning Council’s Fundraiser Puppet Event, the Hayride activity at Big B’s Cider Fest, and the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition’s Holiday Fair
- Collaborated with other nonprofits including Western Slope Conservation Center, Colorado Farm and Food Alliance, and Citizens for a Healthy Community to advocate for the importance of protecting our region from irresponsible oil & gas development
- Sponsored the 11th Annual Food Farm Forum in Montrose taking place in January 2023. This event will be merging with Delta’s Soil Health Conference for the first time this year: soilfoodfarm.org
- Distributed T-shirts, Hoodies, Hats, and Tank Tops featuring our North Fork Valley “Taste What We Grow” brand logo. We also have stickers and magnets available
- Received a grant from Colorado Farm and Food Alliance to assist us in continuing our education program for 2022
- Are active members of the Buy Local Campaign - a group that brings together local non-profits with the shared goal of promoting our local economy

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2023 AT 6PM
AT SHADESCAPES EVENT CENTER - 122 E BRIDGE ST, HOTCHKISS, CO - JOIN US!

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM: vogaco.org/join-voga
MEMBERSHIP & SPONSORSHIP FEES 2023

MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTORY LISTING MEMBERSHIP = $50
(Checks are made out to VOGA)

SPONSORSHIPS
(Checks are made out to VOGEA)
- BASIC (non-listing) = $35
- BRONZE = $100 - $249
- SILVER = $250 - $499
- GOLD = $500 - $999
- PLATINUM = $1,000 +

Basic (non-listing) members are acknowledged in the front of the Directory. North Fork Valley members with Directory listings can be included in the online map.

We must receive your membership form and fees by our Annual Meeting in order for you to vote at the meeting. Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26th, 2023 at 6pm at Shadescapes Event Center - 122 E Bridge St, Hotchkiss CO.

Either mail your form and fees to PO Box 1423, Paonia, CO 81428 or renew online at vogaco.org/join-voga

DIRECTORY ADVERTISING
Directory advertising is available for members, businesses, and organizations that support sustainable agriculture.

AD FEES & DIMENSIONS
- QUARTER PAGE = $125 (5.5”W x 1.75”H); $150 with a Directory listing
- HALF PAGE = $250 (5.5”W x 3.875”H) (directory listing included in price of ad, if desired)
- FULL PAGE = $500 (5.5”W x 8.5”H) (directory listing included in price of ad, if desired)
- BACK PAGE = $750 (5.5”W x 8.5”H) (directory listing included in price of ad, if desired)

If you are interested in placing an ad, please email VOGA at vogaco@gmail.com to reserve your space. Ad space is limited. Those providing half, full or back page ads may have a Directory listing, if desired. If possible, please email digital ads in jpg or pdf, at 300 dpi, in CMYK color mode.

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
vogaco@gmail.com | vogaco.org
PO Box 1423, Paonia, CO 81428
VOGA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2023

New Listing Members: Please fill out this form and mail it to us with your fee payment.

Renewing Listing Members: Check the 2022 Directory or go to https://vogaco.org/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: Please fill out this form if your contact information has changed. Please mail us your fee payment.

No Changes to directory listing (please check the box) □

Business Name: ________________________________

Owner Name(s): ________________________________

Physical Address: __________________________________________

Mailing Address (if different than above): ________________________________

Primary Phone: ________________________________

Email: __________________________________________

Website(s): __________________________________________

Facebook: ________________________________ Instagram: ________________________________

Certification (if applicable): __________________________________________

Inclusion on Online Map (circle one): Yes  No

Directory Description (for listing memberships only): __________________________________________

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

__ Animal Welfare Approved Certification
__ Biodynamic
__ Certified Naturally Grown
__ USDA Certified Organic
__ USDA Certified Grass Fed
__ Colorado Dept of Agriculture Certified Organic
__ Cheese
__ Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
__ Demeter Certified
__ Farmers Market Participants
__ Fruit
__ Grains & Feed
__ Grass-Fed Meat
__ Herbs & Flowers
__ Honey
__ Intern Program
__ Lodging
__ Meat, Poultry & Eggs
__ Nursery Plants
__ Organizations
__ Retailers
__ Seeds
__ Specialty Products
__ Vegetables
__ Wine, Cider & Spirits
Are you interested in conducting a farm/ranch tour as part of our Know Your Farmer Program?
Circle one:   Yes    No

Please take a moment to review these statements and give us your signed support. Thank you!

**OUR VISION**
We envision a vibrant community of prosperous, local farms that sustain and benefit the land by providing healthy agricultural products.

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

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.

**OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
- Create and support local agriculture that is aligned with our Vision and Mission.
- Maintain and improve the health of soil, air, and water, producers and community.
- Commit to working towards organic standards.

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

Signature (mandatory for directory and website listings): __________________________________________________________

*The Valley Organic Growers Educational Alliance (VOGEA) 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.*

We look forward to your continued participation in VOGA!

**MEMBERSHIP DUE BY JANUARY 26, 2023**

MAIL MEMBERSHIP FORM AND CHECK TO:

**VOGA, PO BOX 1423, PAONIA, CO 81428**