JANUARY 2013
"There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues." - Hal Borland

FRESH.

Winter Farmers Markets
Yup, it's officially winter, but that doesn't mean you can't get local products. Here's a few places providing fruits, vegetables, meats and more!

Miller Farms Farm Market: Open daily. Check their website for hours, farm history, and what's available.
P.A. Bowen Farmstead Market: Thursdays-Saturdays, or by appointment. Farm tours also available. Details here.
Riverdale Park Winter Market: Thursdays, 3:00pm-7:00pm. Dates, location (new location this year!) and more information at their website.

LOCAL EVENTS

Farming for Profit & Stewardship
Future Harvest CASA's 14th Annual Conference
National Conference Ctr, Lansdowne, VA
January 18-19, 2013

Interested in learning more about smaller scale agriculture and food issues in our region? Join farmers, ranchers, local food activists and organizations at this always-energizing conference! View the exciting conference program, featuring six pre-conference workshops, six specialized tracks and informative general sessions. Thanks to all our conference sponsors!

Registration open: rates and info here. Early bird registration ends December 15th!

Annie's Project: Farm Management Classes for Women
January 23rd-March 20th, 2013
6:00pm-9:00pm

The University of Maryland Extension will again conduct Annie's Project, which focuses on the many aspects of farm management and is designed to empower women in overall farm decision making and to build local networks throughout the
**FUN.**

**Romano Vineyards Open House**

Romano Vineyard & Winery will be serving warm, mulled wine - along with their regular wines - during their open houses on Saturday, January 12th and 19th, 12:00pm-5:00pm. It's cold outside and gray, so chase the post-holiday blues away!

**When it's Cold Outside, Think Alpacas**

The temperature drops and thoughts turn to warm, toasty sweaters and scarves. Satisfy that knitting urge with gorgeous yarn from alpacas! Can't knit or crochet? No problem. These local farms offer scarves, shawls, hats and more, ready to keep you warm as you stroll outside, inhaling the crisp air.

**Pax River Alpacas**: By appointment, Thurs-Sat. 301-627-4924. Upper Marlboro

**Villa de Alpacas**: By appointment only. 301-888-CRIA. Aquasco

**LOOOVE Maryland Wine?**

Winter Wine at Evergreen Museum & Library is the place for wine lovers to experience the best that Maryland has to offer in a small, exclusive and beautiful setting. Wines will be organized by variety, and poured by winery staff (many winemakers will be in attendance), to provide details about particular varietals, blends and vintages.

Attendees will enjoy stationary and butler-passed delicious, unique, locally-sourced hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening, provided by Chef's Expressions. Prices and ticket purchase can be found [here](#).

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**Sheridan Street Garden Winter Potluck**

**Save the Date!**

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

If you’re interested in getting a community garden plot at the Sheridan Street Community Garden in Riverdale, mark your calendars for a winter potluck on Tuesday, January 29 at 7 pm at the Center for Educational Partnership at 6200 Sheridan Street, Riverdale, MD.

We will provide garden applications; interested gardeners can fill them out and pay for their plots while enjoying our potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass. For more information on the Sheridan Street Community Garden, visit our website [here](#).

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