

NOFA • NJ

WEEKLY



We Are Peace, We Are Power, We Are Love We Are NOFA NJ!

To our Members, Sponsors, Partners, Collaborators, Friends, and Peers,

We're humbled and stumped - how do we even begin to express our feelings for you? Sitting for a quiet moment this past Saturday, I asked Scott Morgan this. It's almost as if we need to write a sappy love letter to this community, for everything you are and everything you do... so here's an early valentine:

For always showing up, offering helping hands, big hugs and bigger smiles,

For welcoming in new faces, encouraging new voices, and doing things with style,

For having difficult conversations, exploring the unexplored, while keeping it fun,

For valuing intentions more than outcomes, and truth more than perception,

For trusting us to listen, to learn, to lead, and to make mistakes,

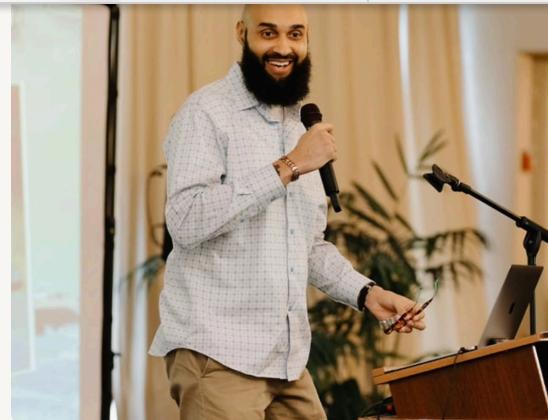
For growing this community and for making it great,

We (*that includes You*) are NOFA NJ and we are incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to serve you. Cheers to another fun Winter Conference and another year of growth!

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Devin

Mychal Mills of [Konscious Youth Development & Service](#) opens up the 2026 NOFA NJ Winter Conference with a positive message.



NOFA - NJ EVENTS

RESCHEDULED - Fundraiser at Wild Fern Brewing

This Sunday's fundraiser at Wild Fern Brewing in Frenchtown, NJ has been postponed (Date TBD). A handful of NOFA NJ staff and community members are still planning to be there this Sunday, so please do join anyway!



02/16 - Business Plan Bootcamp Virtual Course

Business Plan Bootcamp is structured to provide you with essential business planning skills to enhance your operational success and sustainability. By the end of this 6-week course, you'll have completed a detailed business plan, setting a solid foundation for your agricultural venture. Previously offered in-person in 2016 and 2017, this program garnered positive feedback for its comprehensive coverage and practical application.

[Register Today!](#)

03/20 - Food As Medicine Virtual Event

In partnership with *Eating For Your Health*, this NOFA NJ virtual event will bring together nationally respected voices to explore the connection between soil health, food quality, and human health. Featured speakers include David Montgomery and Anne Biklé, authors of *What Your Food Ate*, alongside Dr. Ron Weiss, who will discuss how whole-food diets can help prevent and treat chronic illness.

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

We're catching up on a lot of great newsletter items, so we're going to forego descriptions and just provide links this week!

2/05 - NJFDC Webinar: Organizing Your Food & Nutrition Assistance-Aligned Market

[More Info](#)

2/10 - Cornell Insurance Coverage for Farms and Ag-related Businesses Webinar

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2/11 - Extreme Weather and Climate Change: A Virtual Workshop for NJ Agricultural Technical Service Providers

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2/12 - AFT Agrivoltaics Workshop

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2/12 - Ocean County Preserved Farm Auction

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2/19 - Coyote Ridge Homestead Workshops

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3/6 - Ujamaa Seeds & Culture Conference

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3/6 - Mercer County Farmer Resource Conference

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Tell Congress to Co-Sponsor Bill Supporting Transition to Organic Agriculture

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Trees For Graziers

Agroforestry Crew Lead

Rolling Harvest Food Rescue

Nutrition Education Intern

Ethos Farm-to-Health

Field Manager

Farm Commons

Project Coordinator

Duke Farms

Community-Led Conservation Coordinator

Cherry Grove Organic Farm

Market/Field Staff

Foodshed Alliance

Farm Maintenance Coordinator

Moonshot Farm

Crew Lead/Foreman

MEVO

Farm Manager In Training

GRANTS & FUNDING

Catalyzing Agroforestry Grant Program

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Native American Community Investment
Project Funding

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Black Farmer Fund Rapid Response Grants

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PA Native Plant Society Grant Program

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Food Justice for Kids Prize

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Xerces Pollinator Habitat Kit Program

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Farmer Veteran Coalition Fellowships

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MARKET CONNECTIONS

NOFA NJ Members are encouraged to share listings of product sought, product to sell, equipment for sale and more - email nofainfo@nofanj.org!

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

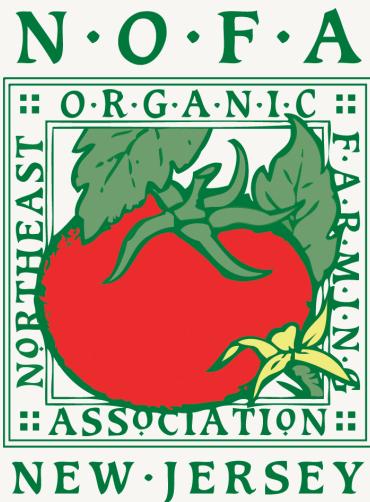


Riamede Farm

Riamede Farm was one of the first pick-your-own apple orchards in New Jersey, having first opened its orchards to the public during harvest back in 1974.

The farm comprises 68 acres, with half of the orchards still nurturing big, old seedling apple trees planted nearly a century ago by Lowry and Maria Mead in the 1930s.

Riamede Farm is owned by Ashley Asdal. After growing up in Chester, she graduated from the US Naval Academy in 2009 and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in 2011, and after spending eleven years on active-duty service in the Navy, she is now applying her leadership and problem-solving skills to growing beautiful apples and pumpkins for her you-pick customers.



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