

Calliope's Table CSA Summer/Fall 2010 Share Subscriptions

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Here's some info about Calliope's Table 2010 Summer/Fall CSA. It will be a 20-week season starting early June 2010 with weekly distributions until late October 2010.

The pick-up location this season will be in the Sellwood neighborhood in SE Portland. Produce distribution will happen on Fridays this season from late afternoon until dusk. We'll also make Wednesdays an alternate pick-up day for returning subscribers that have gotten used to Wednesdays, and will likely be able to offer Sundays at the Hawthorne Urban Farmers Market for share distribution as well.

We're also offering delivery this season to other addresses in SE Portland and parts of Milwaukie. Delivery boundaries are SE Harrison St/SE King Rd on the south, I-205 on the east, the Willamette River on the west, and Burnside Ave on the north. Call if you're just outside the boundaries to see if we can still accommodate you.

This 2010 season we plan to deliver an even wider variety of produce each week according to the season that will include the following:

Artichoke	Hot peppers
Arugula	Kale
Asian greens	Kohlrabi
Basil	Leeks
Beets	Lettuce
Broccoli	Mesclun Salad Mix
Brussels sprouts	Mustard Greens
Cabbage	Onions
Carrots	Parsnips
Cauliflower	Peas
Celery	Pumpkins
Collards	Radicchio
Cucumbers	Radishes
Daikon	Rutabagas
Dry beans	Spinach
Edamame soybeans	Sprouts
Eggplant	Summer squash
Fennel, bulbing	Sunchokes
Garlic	Sweet peppers
Green beans	Swiss chard
Green onions	Tomatillos

Tomatoes	Winter Squash
Turnips	Zucchini
Fresh herbs	Cut flowers
Dried herbs	Edible flowers
Strawberries	Raspberries
Plums	Grapes
Vegetable starts	Herb starts

And for each of these items on the list we'll be planting up to ten varieties to keep your cooking and eating interesting. We also plan to trade with other CSA's where possible to increase the diversity in your basket.

Speaking of baskets, we're offering a market-style pickup option so you can put together your own basket from what's available every week if you'd like. If you'd prefer for us to put together your basket for you, we can do that too. Just let us know at the start of the season, and give us a few days notice if you decide to switch. Some folks like the market-style option which allows you to get more of your favorites and not have to take too much of things you've decided aren't your favorites. That being said, in addition to the familiar things you see on the list, I intend to grow some varieties that will introduce you to new taste experiences and expand your veggie consciousness so I hope you will take the opportunity to try some new things.

As is the case with most all CSA's, it's not possible to guarantee amounts and weights for each week or when certain things will show up in your basket during the season, but you can expect a good variety each week that is good value for your money. We're also planting numerous high-value crops such as snow peas, mesclun, peppers, and herbs in order to give you the most value in your share.

We'll also start to make food such as pesto, salsa, and marinara with some of the bounty from the garden when all the right ingredients start showing up, and when this happens you'll see these things too as a gift from the farm.

We consider our shareholders to be partners, investors, friends of the farm, and some of the nicest folks around. We'll do our best for you throughout the season, and if there is something we can do to help that, we'd be most happy if you'd let us know. We love your suggestions and contributions.

Communication

There will be a CSA newsletter each week with news from the farm, recipes, and storage tips. If you've got recipes or tips you'd like to pass on to the other subscribers just let us know and we'll include it in the newsletter.

Pricing

Shares for the 2010 Summer/Fall 20-week season are priced at \$500.00 with pickup in Sellwood. We're offering weekly delivery this season to other locations in Southeast Portland and parts of Milwaukie for an additional \$7.00 per week. That's \$640.00 total for the season for produce delivered to your door.

Payment Arrangements

Payment is due in full when you reserve your share. Please contact Calliope to arrange for payment.

Thank you for your interest in Calliope's Table CSA. Please contact me at calliope@calliopes-table.com or (203) 962-2741 if you have any questions. I look forward to being your farmer!

Peace and peas,
Calliope Sullivan