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The Newburyport Public Library is hosting a discussion of the film Food, Inc. which will be showing at The Screening Room beginning Friday, August 20.

Transition Newburyport is hosting a world premiere of the new film In Transition, a documentary which explores the origins of the transition initiative and tells the story of the generation that looked peak oil and climate change square in the face, and responded with creativity, compassion and genius.

There are stories of communities creating their own currencies, setting up their own pubs, planting trees, growing food. You’ll see local authorities getting behind their local Transition initiatives, and get a sense of the scale of this emerging movement. It is a story of hope, and a call to action.

A discussion of the film will follow the screening.

SAVE THE DATE
Details to follow in September Newsletter

Fall Harvest Event
Friday, September 24 to Sunday, September 26

Senzeni Na Fair
Thursday, October 15 to Saturday, October 17

International Day of Climate Action
Saturday, October 24

For more local Newburyport events check out the Newburyport Events Calendar maintained by Newburyport-Today.com

We are working collaboratively with The First Parish Church, The Newburyport Farmers Market, the Spencer-Perice Little Farm, Pennies for Poverty: 2 Cents 4 Change and the Green Artists League on several upcoming events.

The goal of the transition movement is to promote resilience and self-reliance in our community. This typically involves the formation of self-selected working groups focusing on issues like: energy, transportation, housing, education, the heart and soul of change. If you are involved in a group interested in these issues or would like to form one, we would like to hear from you.

Permaculture Demonstration Plot
A Living Experiment

We continue to watch and learn from our Permaculture Plot at the New Eden Community Garden. We’ve harvested strawberries, beans, turnips, tomatoes, lamb’s quarters, lettuce, kale, basil and mint for eating as well as comfrey and calendula to make salves in the fall. Check out the New Eden Community Garden website blog and schedule of food preservation workshops offerings.

Charlotte Dion, our advisor and the organizer of the North Shore Permaculture Meetup, is co-hosting a 2-day Permaculture Workshop September 12 & 13 in Cambridge. The workshop will focus on providing individuals with practical tools for creating positive social change, inner-city gardening techniques, indoor and apartment gardening, making fermented foods, whole foods, Living Machines and natural wastewater treatment, biogas generators, ecological niche market and value added business ideas, passive integrated water systems, rain gardens that alleviate flooding while addressing sewage treatment plant overflows and clean water, living roofs, rooftop gardens and regional energy systems. For more details visit Urban Permaculture Workshop with Andrew Faust.

Visit us at the Newburyport Farmers Market

We are delighted to be a part of the Newburyport Farmers’ Market. The vitality and sense of community generated at the market is a wonderful addition to our community and is an essential link in making us more resilient and self-reliant. Here’s an organization that is truly meeting its mission: “to support a viable food system that brings local farmers and the community together where we can enjoy the fruits of the earth and learn from each other” and “to promote awareness of sustainability practices and how they help preserve and protect the planet.”

Look for us at the market on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Ready to get Active?

Please join us on Monday, August 24 at 7:00 PM for an evening of creativity and good company. We are planning a number of events in the next few months and would love your participation in developing and carrying them out.

Please go to our website at http://www.transitionnewburyport.org for more details.