

Eastern Native Seed Conservancy **and Moon in the Pond Farm** **Equipment Workshop**

Sheffield, MA
October 1, 2003

General Information about the Eastern Native Seed Conservancy and Moon in the Pond Farm:

The Eastern Native Seed Conservancy endeavors to preserve rare genetic stock and in so doing is able to offer the public a sampling of true rarity (www.enscseeds.org). This non-profit organization works on two main projects: the CRESS Heirloom Seed Conservation Project, and the Native Seeds Project.

The Moon in the Pond Farm is owned and operated by Dominic Palumbo. Established in 1991, Moon in the Pond Farm is a small diverse organic farm where the relationship of people to nature is constantly explored in a myriad of ways that include animals, crops, self-sufficiency, sustainability, historic conservation of seeds, livestock and farming techniques, while attempting to fill the needs of modern culture and society. In addition to raising and selling directly to families (partly through our CSA) nearly 10 thousand pounds of organically raised meats annually, we are involved in a number of projects and relationships that involve community, and education (http://www.organicvolunteers.com/farmfinder_frame.asp?FID=4565).

PSI Equipment Workshop:

The workshop began at 9:00 am and ended at 2:00 pm. There were approximately 14 people in attendance. Both wet and dry seed processing were demonstrated. Many participants brought their own seed to clean, including a teacher and 4th grade student who brought some millet that was grown in their school garden. Throughout the week this teacher brought several of her students for a field trip to the farm to help in the seed cleaning. Steven Borns, photographer and videographer, video taped the workshop from start to finish. The equipment was available to local seed producers until October 8, 2003.

Workshop Attendees

Dominic Palumbo
Lawrence Davis-Hollander
Steven Borns
Maria Deferrari
John Lippmann
Suzi Baum
Benjamin (student)
Christine Ward

Janina Sapkowski
Rachel Giracca-Louw
Tigre Lasardi
Ken Greene
Jason Perrault
Teri Ferrin
Mike Glos