



## **A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE GLYNWOOD NATIONAL HARVEST AWARDS, AN ANNUAL SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

***Nominate an individual or group doing outstanding and innovative work supporting regional agriculture and sustainable food systems in the United States by July 20, 2011***

*May 2011, Cold Spring, NY* -- Glynwood is calling for nominations for its annual Harvest Awards. In its ninth year, the Harvest Awards recognize farmers, entrepreneurs, organizations, and businesses across the United States that demonstrate innovation and leadership in support of regional agriculture and sustainable food systems.

***Please help us recognize outstanding work from around the country by nominating someone whose work has had a positive impact in your community.***

The categories for the 2011 Glynwood Harvest Awards include:

- The Farmer Award
- The Award for Connecting Communities, Farmers, and Food
- The Wave of the Future Award
- The Good Food Entrepreneur Award

**The Farmer Award** recognizes a leader in the farm community with cutting edge strategies for production, processing, marketing, or distribution. These may include educating the public and/or other farmers about the importance of soil health, humane livestock management and other sustainable production methods.

**The Award for Connecting Communities, Farmers and Food** recognizes outstanding work done by individuals, businesses or organizations that link farmers and their broader community. We are looking for unique grassroots efforts, creative partnerships between diverse segments of the food system including urban and rural populations, efforts that connect locally grown food with consumers who typically lack access to fresh foods, and similar endeavors to foster a robust, inclusive, and sustainable food system.

**The Wave of the Future Award** recognizes an emerging farm/food professional, business or organization that is innovatively addressing the critical challenges facing our food system. Examples include cutting edge approaches to climate change, regional food distribution and infrastructure, and creative support for beginning farmers.

**The Good Food Entrepreneur Award** is a new award in 2011 intended to showcase entrepreneurs that are getting good, healthy food to market in innovative ways. We are particularly interested in enterprises that are working to ensure fair returns for farmers and farm workers, as well as those with an innovative business structure.

**In all categories:** This year, we are especially interested in nominations that are building regional value chains, through production and distribution hubs and other supply chain developments that creatively work to connect communities with farms and increase access to locally produced food.

**How to Nominate Someone:**

Please visit [Glynwood's website](#) for nomination details, information on past winners, and to make an electronic submission. To receive nomination forms via snail mail, please contact Kim Vargo at [kvargo@glynwood.org](mailto:kvargo@glynwood.org) or (845) 265-3338. Additional information about Glynwood and past Harvest Award winners can also be found on our website.

**Nominations must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than July 20, 2010.**

**About GLYNWOOD and the HARVEST AWARDS**

The Glynwood Harvest Awards honor individuals, organizations, and businesses across the United States that demonstrate innovation and leadership supporting regional agricultural and sustainable food systems. Glynwood created the Harvest Awards program in 2003 to help to identify and disseminate “best practice” ideas and to inspire others to take action within their own communities.

Located in the Hudson Valley, Glynwood’s mission is to save farming by strengthening farm communities and regional food systems. With its deep experience and expertise in working hands-on with communities to help them develop policies and infrastructure that support their farm economies and conserve their farmland, Glynwood’s goal is for small- and mid-sized farmers to thrive on the land and in the marketplace. As a small but growing organization, Glynwood carefully invests its resources, seeking to lead the way to solutions for difficult problems and focusing energy where it will result in the greatest benefits for farmers and farm communities.

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