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**LOCAL GREEN GROUPS TO HOST LIVE WEBCAST FORUM ON
HUDSON VALLEY SUSTAINABLE FOOD MOVEMENT**

*Hundreds expected to attend major Green event at The Rhinecliff Hotel,
to feature talks with local sustainable food producers, environmental networking,
food, drinks and festivities*

Marie-Céleste Edwards, Organizer of **Hudson Valley Green Drinks**, a local environmental networking group, today announced a Live Webcast Event on The State of Local Food, to be held at 6:30 pm on May 12th at The Rhinecliff Hotel. The event, which is organized and hosted by Hudson Valley Green Drinks and sponsored by **Glynwood**, will include moderated talks with local green food producers, as well as social networking over food and drinks.

The moderator of the event will be **Diane Hatz** of *The Meatrix* and *Sustainable Table* fame, and Co-Founder and Director of the Glynwood Institute for Sustainable Food and Farming. Glynwood's President **Judith LaBelle** will give a presentation on *The State of Local Food*.

The event will feature just some of the many Hudson Valley residents who are engaged in the local food chain, from production to table, including farmers using sustainable practices, CSA operators, seed producers, land stewards and chefs. Participants include:

Ken Greene of the Hudson Valley Seed Library
Jill Rubin of the Phillis Bridge Farm Project
Mike Picinelli of Thunderhill Farm
Chris Harp, the "Bee Doctor"
Jim Hyland of Winter Sun Farms
Marcus Guiliano of Aroma Thyme Bistro

Ms. LaBelle said: "Glynwood is very eager to get the word out, not just to our neighbors in the Hudson Valley, but also to use this as an opportunity to showcase the Hudson Valley's efforts to the world. We truly believe that what is going on here in our own backyard is very, very special."

Ms. Edwards added: "I am very excited about this event. This is a true happening, and the webcast will help tell a huge audience that the Hudson Valley is full of fantastic people doing wonderful new things in sustainable food production. People will be amazed by what is happening, and, I hope, inspired to get involved."

The doors to the event will open at the Rhinecliff Hotel, 4 Grinnell Street in Rhinecliff at 6:30 pm on May 12th. The moderated discussion and live webcast will begin at 7:00 and continue until 8:30. The event will continue with food, drinks and networking until 10:00.

There is a \$5 per person fee, payable at the door, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. RSVPs are recommended and welcome, but not required.

Hudson Valley Green Drinks thanks its media co-sponsors Luminary Publishing, Inc. and ScheinMedia. Anyone interested in offering media co-sponsorship for this event should contact Ms. Edwards at mce@hvgreendrinks.org.

For more information on the program and schedule, visit the Hudson Valley Green Drinks website at:

www.hvgreendrinks.org/hvgdeventscaledar.html

Hudson Valley Green Drinks is the local chapter of Green Drinks, an international, self-organizing networking group where people in the environmental fields and the sustainably minded meet at monthly events to exchange ideas and network in an informal setting. Meetings are

held at a different location around the Hudson Valley on the second Wednesday of each month and include folks from NGOs, academia, government, green business, green builders, alternative healthcare, organic farming, authors and artists all involved either professionally or personally in the environmental field. For more information, visit their website at: www.hvgreendrinks.org.



Glynwood is based in Putnam County and is devoted to empowering communities to support farming and conserve farmland, while also working its own land to demonstrate the

economic viability of environmentally sustainable agriculture. Glynwood's vision is to shift the U.S. food supply from industrially-based agriculture to a regional, sustainable food system where healthy, nutritious food is accessible to all. For more information go to: www.glynwood.org.



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