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Welcome back Daloz CSA members and welcome to new members!

My thanks to Marguerite Cheney who co-published the newsletter last year and whose bio of the multi-talented—and fascinating—Terry and Hugh Landis follows. I will muddle along without Marguerite this year. **Hopefully, the newsletter will provide a fun way to share information and will contribute to the Daloz CSA's growing sense of community.**

Here's the plan for this year's newsletter. (Which if I tell you now, I may have to stick to!)

- **Publish a 2 page newsletter at least once a month.** It will be sent as an attachment from Abby. If it's short and sweet, I hope you will read it! Several samples will be available at the farm to peruse and for those who don't have computer access.

Future newsletters will include...

- **Short bio of farmers, some CSA members and introduction of new members.** (Suggestions welcome. Past issues featuring Charlie Daloz and Matt Hale are already collector's items. Well, in some households. Probably.)
- **Quote corner** (your comments/quotes welcome!) May include a survey comment, or a response to a prompt. Hope you will contribute! Tell us what you're thinking.
- **Farm Manager's report.** All news all the time.
- **Member 'minders:** Reminders, tips and suggestions.
- **And finally, if you have a picture of the farm, or of members, let's see it!**

Here's to a great year! - MLO

We look forward to incorporating your survey suggestions and continuing to grow and develop Daloz CSA. With strong leadership provided by returning knowledgeable and dedicated staff and farmers — this could be our best year ever.

BE SURE TO INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN!

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To help build community and to kick off the 2008 season, we hope you will come to 2008's first potluck on Sunday, 2/10 at 4PM. To be held in the downstairs function room (park out back) at the Hancock Town Offices.

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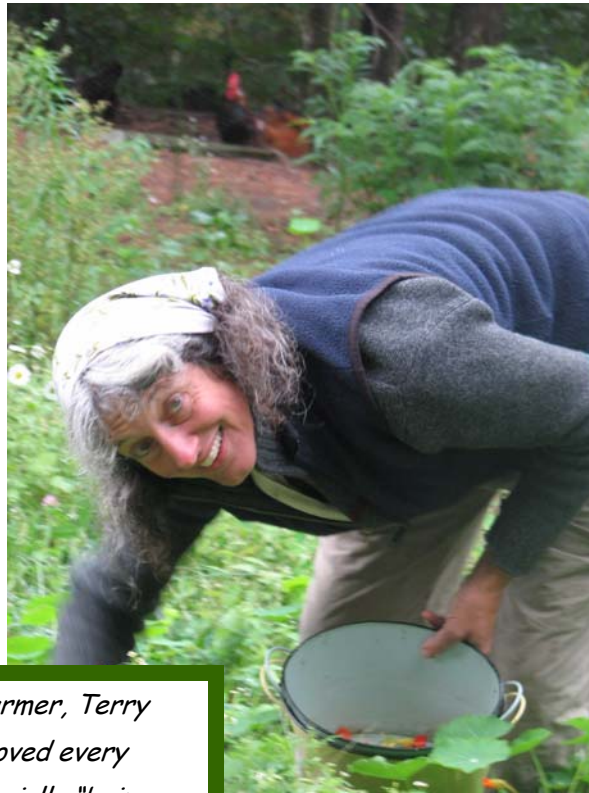
Meet: Terry and Hugh Landis

Written By Marguerite Cheney

Terry and Hugh Landis have the distinction of being core members since the planning stage of the Daloz CSA five years ago. At that time, Charlie heard of Hugh's talents as a woodworker and contacted him to help with restoring the mill. This connection led to a mutual interest in farming and community-supported agriculture. **Since then Terry and Hugh have been dedicated core members working hard to make the Daloz CSA a viable program.** They have spent many volunteer hours attending meetings and preparing the fields. This past growing season they took on the challenge of working as farmers and shared the equivalent of a full-time position.

Interestingly, neither Terry nor Hugh was raised in farm families. Terry grew up in "a typical Midwestern, suburban-type family" in Minnesota and Ohio. In high school her family moved to Concord, MA. Hugh's parents (like Terry's) were from Chicago but he is a MA native. **They met while students at North Adams (MA) State College in the mid-1970's.** Terry majored in philosophy and Hugh in physics but they shared a common involvement in The Center for Resourceful Living, a working organic homestead run by the college. In this program they learned about farming, including animal husbandry, using draft horses and blacksmithing.

In 1979 they left school to travel the U. S. before returning to MA where they married in 1980. When Terry became pregnant they started looking for a



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suitable place to raise their family. Good fortune led them to Cindy Dunleavy, a midwife from Temple, who introduced them to the Monadnock Region. Hugh found a local job and **they bought a house in Jaffrey that met their need to "live simply, leave the smallest footprint, be resourceful, and use the appropriate technology."** Before long, Terry says they "met lots of local people with similar ideas and values" at places like the Peterborough Food Coop.

The Landis family grew to include four children: Brynne (now 24), Walker (22), and twins Ezra and Owen (19). Terry and Hugh home-schooled the children for 18 years, providing them with an education that not only covered traditional academic subjects but gave them experience in organic gardening, raising poultry, preserving food, providing community service, singing and playing musical instruments, painting and enjoying wilderness adventures. In re-

cent years, Terry says the twin's community service education included working at the Daloz farm "doing field work, preparing the hoop house and rounding up the chickens that got loose!"

Hugh's primary occupation is woodworking and he works independently making fine furniture and cabinets. Terry is a musician who plays guitar and sings in a group that includes her twins Owen and Ezra. They often perform at local venues, including Del Rossi's Trattoria where Terry works part-time as a waitress.

Both Terry and Hugh are hard-working people who enjoy what they are doing. In her role as a farmer, Terry reports she has "loved every minute of it", especially "being a part of the spirit of the field." **In her opinion, the CSA has just finished a "foundational year" and is "heading in the right direction with farming methods" and "having the people we need [farm staff, members] being drawn here."**