



SALEM CITY CLUB

WHAT ARE WE EATING?

guest speaker-Chris Schreiner, Oregon Tilth

What are we eating? How safe is the food we are eating? How can we reduce the frequent "food scares"? How do our food choices affect the landscape of Oregon and Marion County? Friday, September 21 Chris Schreiner of Oregon Tilth will deal with such issues and answer your questions concerning the safety of our food sources.

Oregon Tilth is a nonprofit research and education membership organization dedicated to biologically sound and socially equitable agriculture. They work throughout the U.S. to certify food producers and processors as organic. Tilth's history begins in 1974, as an agricultural organization with a unique urban-rural outlook. Primarily an organization of organic farmers, gardeners and consumers, Tilth offers educational events throughout the state of Oregon, and provides organic certification services to organic growers, processors, and handlers internationally. To bear the Oregon Tilth approval, each farm or orchard must meet rigid standards and be tested regularly.

Chris Schreiner is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has been involved in agriculture throughout his life. He grew up working on his family's farm, Schreiner's Iris Gardens, a third generation 200-acre iris nursery in Oregon's Willamette Valley. He became interested and involved in sustainable agriculture during his studies at the UO. After completing his degree, Chris worked on a small organic farm which grew diverse specialty crops, selling direct to local restaurants and natural food stores. Since 1998, Chris has worked for Oregon Tilth. As the Farm Program Coordinator, he coordinated the certification process for over 400 farms participating in the Oregon Tilth Certified Organic program. Chris is currently Oregon Tilth's Quality Control Director, whose responsibilities include policy analysis, managing accreditation with the USDA National Organic Program, and overseeing Oregon Tilth's quality systems.

Please join us, Friday, September 21st, when Chris brings us a lifelong perspective of the impact of our choices in: farming types, purchasing options, and eating food. Not only is this a topic of great importance to our personal health, but also to our local economy.

For lunch reservations email nelalind@aol.com or call 503-589-2975 before noon Tuesday, September 18, 2007. The Salem City Club welcomes and encourages the community to join us! There is no charge to attend the program. Please call in your plans for lunch or attendance, so we will have adequate seating available. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, about costs for different lunch options, and directions to the event, please go to www.salemcityclub.com.

When: Friday, September 21, 2007; 11:45 lunch | Noon Program
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