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Subject: Ciscoe is coming to Sitka

All,

Lots of things happened at today's Sitka Local Foods meeting:

1.) Ciscoe Morris doles out garden advice on his weekly radio show "Gardening with Ciscoe" on 710 Kiro radio (in Seattle). He also appears on numerous TV shows including "**Gardening with Ciscoe**". Thanks to Sharon and Linda **he is coming to Sitka May 24th and 25th**. Linda is generously donating air miles and Sharon the B+B. We need to cover the \$500 speaking fee. Linda mentioned that he'll do an hour and half talk with questions and answers. If we get a space that charges money we'll have to add that to the tab. We could do a free space and get 100 people to pay \$5 a head and we'd be covered. Hats off to Linda. More to come on this

2.) I talked to Carolyn and she was happy to receive our donation for the **Island Institute auction this Saturday. The Sitka Local Foods Network is a contributing a two and half hour gardening work party with 4 or more people** to do: planting, consulting, weeding and whatever the gardening needs are. The highest bidder will contact Linda or me to arrange a Saturday afternoon work party sometime this this spring/early summer.

3.) Peggy is researching a **good PH tester** that will run about \$150, the group taught this would be a good purchase and we could buy it will existing money, cash from spring fund raisers and/or by putting a donation can up at the Lets Grow Sitka Event.

4.) We all need to **help promote the big Artigraw event on the 15th**. Also we need a chicken rancher to share knowledge as well as other local people to staff all the tables at the ANB hall. Please cut and paste the text below and send it to many many people. We'll have a compost demo at 1:30 and an edible flowers presentation at 2:30.

The Sitka Local Foods Network is sponsoring a special event called "Let's Grow Sitka" from noon to 3pm Sunday, March 15th at ANB Hall. This free event will feature a wide variety of booths and local experts who will share information on starting home gardens, composting, food preservation, edible flowers, soils, plus planting party sign ups, information and vendor registration for 2009 Sitka Farmers Markets, and more.

"Gardening in Sitka can be challenging, but it can also be very rewarding, especially when you can harvest your own fresh produce. The goal of the 'Let's Grow Sitka' event is to provide Sitkan's with ideas, guidance and inspiration to expand or to start their own gardens. A few folks might even consider growing food and flowers for the Sitka Famers Markets," said event coordinator Linda Wilson. This event was planned in cooperation with the organizers of Sitka Artigras.

For more information or to sign up for a table contact Linda Wilson at 747-3096 (evenings) e-mail: lawilson87@hotmail.com / or go to www.sitkahealthsummit.org