

MIAMI OXFORD ORGANIC NETWORK (MOON)

We Celebrate Local Farmers, Food & Sustainable Agriculture

The Miami Oxford Organic Network is a group of area consumers and growers committed to sustainable principles of agriculture and lifestyle. We work together to:

- Provide a forum for sharing ideas and information
- Support efforts to promote the purchase of locally grown and organic food
- Educate one another and the community about organic principles and practices
- Take leadership in local, state and national organic issues
- Advocate for sustainable-local family farms
- Strengthen the relationship between local consumers and growers

The MOON/OEFFA Education Committee includes local organic growers, consumers, and students. We plan educational programs for the community through the year. Some of these programs have been:

- “Why I Made the Organic Choice”: a panel of growers and consumers.
- “The Essence of Organic Gardening”: the philosophy and process of organic growing.
- “Seed Saving and On-Farm Plant Breeding.”
- “Let’s Get Growing”: annual spring workshops.
- Summer tours of local market gardens or family gardens.
- Annual Harvest MOON Festival in Oxford’s Uptown Park.

To be on our e-mail list or for more information contact a member of the MOON/OEFFA Education Committee:

President: [Harv Roehling](#)

Treasurer: Dave Christman

OEFFA State Board Representative: Brian Grubb

Publicity: [Nani Ball](#)

Committee Members: Linda Simmons, Jamie Young

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MOON/OEFFA

1997 The Miami Whitewater Chapter of OEFFA was formed. This was during the time that Harv Roehling was President of the OEFFA Board.

1998 The Oxford Organic Network was formed by three local residents who were enthusiastic about organic food and organic growing. The three met with a small group of consumers

and farmers to explore how to develop community education programs about food and farming.

2000 The Oxford Organic Network had their first public meeting. Charlie Stevens and Derek Pennington joined the group. The two parallel groups (the local chapter of OEFFA and the local chapter of the Oxford Organic Network) decided to join together. Derek and Charlie suggested the Miami Oxford Organic Network as a name which would include Miami as an element representing both the Miami Valley and Miami University which is located in Oxford.

From this group the idea of [a local food co-op](#) was born and took on a life of its own. When the Stewart School parking lot was gone and a new location was needed for the farm market, the initiative for an [Oxford Farmers Market](#) uptown was developed.