

# Manage a Small Kitsap Farm

## Live/work exchange with income potential

Small family organic food growers looking for experienced farm worker or couple to manage & grow food on our land, in exchange for housing & produce. Income opportunities to market produce and/or help with The Barn with a View B&B.



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### **About the Place: 3151 NE Nine Boulder Dr. Poulsbo, WA**

- 2.5 acre 1927 farmstead, 20 acres of shared open space: fields, ponds, wetlands, forests, trails
- Located in Kitsap County, WA near Hood Canal Bridge. 5 min. to Port Gamble, 15 min. to Poulsbo, 35 min to Port Townsend or Bainbridge, 1.25 hour to Seattle. Views of Olympics & Hood Canal.
- 50 x 55' established fenced vegetable garden (2700 sq ft), 10 x 20 greenhouse, space for expansion
- Also: orchard (12 bearing trees); blueberries, raspberries; chickens; herbs; room for expansion

### **About the Opportunity:**

- Work with us to take on responsibility for food production, including planning, soil prep, propagating, planting, cultivating, weeding, trellising, irrigation, harvest and storage, composting, animal care.
- Potential income: market produce or develop your cash crop/product (jam? cider? pickles? herbs?)
- Duration of commitment: negotiable, after 1 month trial period. Min 6 months season, prefer 1 year.
- Need paid seasonal help running B&B onsite ([TheBarnWithAView.com](http://TheBarnWithAView.com)), cleaning/prepping for guests

### **Your Experience and Qualifications:**

- 1+ full growing seasons experience with row crop vegetables (Western WA or similar climate)
- Long term interest in farming & local food production; creative skills to manage all aspects of growing organic mixed vegetables, fruits, berries, herbs
- Good physical condition: able to lift up to 50 lbs, work with stamina & energy in all weather
- Be self-directed and comfortable working alone AND in collaboration, balancing shared goals
- Strong communication skills— verbal and written

### **Housing:**

- Clean 31 ft '77 Airstream: queen bed, 2 singles, shower/bath, hot water, full kitchen, composting humanure toilet, propane and electric heat. Possible larger house for good fit/long term commitment.
- Garage storage space; large shop onsite - access negotiable

To apply, see RFP QUESTIONS ON NEXT PAGE >>>>>

## MANAGE A SMALL KITSAP FARM – APPLICATION

Please send short answers to the following questions by Nov 15, 2016.

Alternatively, you could make a video to communicate your responses. Couples: please answer separately. Send along with a recent photo of you to [casbeck@comcast.net](mailto:casbeck@comcast.net).

1. My hearts' desire for my life is...
2. My experiences with farming, growing food, orchards, include... (note internships, paid work, woofing, serious gardening, living on a working farm, etc.)
3. I care about working the land with my hands, growing food, marketing, or cooking etc., because...
4. I'm ready to use these skills to take a lead role in organizing food production... (include any relevant skills, farm equipment you've used, and carpentry, plumbing, electrical abilities, etc).
5. Here's how I'd communicate with landowners around tasks and food shares...
6. I really like to grow \_\_\_\_\_, and I would love to \_\_\_\_\_...
7. I feel uncomfortable when \_\_\_\_\_, and I handle it by \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I expect to enjoy living in a rural, somewhat isolated location, because...
9. My needs & desires for housing, sharing meals, and interaction are...
10. People describe me as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
11. When I have spare time, I like to...



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Your Farm Hosts



The Barn with a View (AirBnb)

### About Us:

- We are artists, environmentalists, makers, renovators and recyclers who love this land and its bounty.
- Christine is an writer, singer and leader of workshops & retreats. [HeartsQuest.com](http://HeartsQuest.com)
- Tim is a maker, electrician, woodworker, and sculptor of found object art. [TimothyBeckstrom.com](http://TimothyBeckstrom.com)

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