

Overview of 2009 MAITC Grants Funded up to \$1,000

Kat Coriell -- \$1,000

Representing the Maine School Garden Network

The Maine School Garden Network, affiliated with the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, is dedicated to supporting and promoting educational gardens for children of all ages in Maine. Grant funds will be used to update and expand the interactive website and database and create and print a brochure for publicizing the program to teachers, administrators and regional organizations.

Dottie Bell -- \$1,000

Representing Waterford Memorial School

This agricultural project will include all 120 students at this school. All students will grow, eat and sell products from this project. They will learn experientially about the goodness of food grown in their own backyard.

Connie Woods -- \$975

Representing the All Star 4-H Dairy Club and Cornish Elementary School

The 4-H Club in Cooperation with the local elementary school will provide instruction and information on agriculture in Maine both past and present. After working with students in 2009 through "Read ME Agriculture" both teachers and students were excited to learn more about agriculture. All 799 students will be involved throughout the year.

Sarah Sparks - \$1,000

Representing Cumberland Cooperative Extension

Schools and 4-H groups in Cumberland County will now have access to equipment and materials needed to do embryology units involving hatching chicks. Requests may be made to the CE office to borrow one of four incubators and equipment and materials needed to complete the process. Staff time will be provided by the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension.

Ron Howard - \$1,000

Aldermere Farm, a program of Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Funding will be used to expand the already successful poster contest for students in grades 3 - 12 to all 5 towns in the local school district. Students start by learning about locally grown nutritious food from their local farmer. The project culminates with the poster contest as a graphic organizer showing just what they have learned.

Melissa Brandt - \$1,000

York County SWCD in collaboration with SAD#57

Connecting Children to Agriculture in Southern Maine is an after school program for children in grades 2 - 4 at Waterboro Elementary School for a 6-week session. Once a week they visit a local farm. Using lessons from Project Food, Land and People, students will participate in art, reading, games and activities. Students will create a soil tunnel to share with other schools and libraries.

Lorna Fake -- \$800

Representing the Great Salt Bay School & FARMS

This project will introduce healthy snacks to a second grade classroom 4 days a week for 8 weeks and ask them to bring their own healthy snack on Fridays as an assessment. Students will learn about local farms and meet farmers. They will learn the origin, preparation and nutritional value of eating healthy.