



## **Message from the Board of Directors**

"Member to Member, We write with very exciting updates to our association. If you've been wondering what the SSFPA team of Directors has been working on recently, here is an update:

- The Memorandum of Understanding between the Small Scale Food Processor Association and the newly formed Local Flavours Products and Services Cooperative is completed. It provides the framework for a close working relationship to ensure that the goals of both organizations are met.
- The "Recipe For Success" Program has been launched with financial contributions from Co-operators Insurance Company, Coast Capital Savings and the Agri-Food Futures Fund Food and Beverage Initiative administered by the Investment Agricultural Foundation of BC. Candice Appleby has been contracted to implement the program and she will be touching base with all the members over the next couple of months to outline how this program can be of benefit to members of SSFPA as well as small-scale food processors throughout the province. Stay tuned for updates on this initiative.
- Our Food Safety Representative, Mr. Philip Watney has been active advocating for Small Scale Food Processors and their specific needs, as well as being a member of the adjudication committee for the Transitional Funds portion of the Agri-Food Futures Fund.
- Co-Chair Mr. Nelson Barsi is the SSFPA representative on the British Columbia Food Processor Association Board of Directors. SSFPA and the BCFPA are currently working out the final details of a Memorandum of Understanding providing the framework agreement for the success of their ongoing relationship.
- Director Ms. Kika Joy will be contacting Lower Mainland SSFPA members to display their products and services at the Annual Vancouver "Feast to Fields" Gala Event.  
Members interested in participating can contact Kika directly by email at: [rganizedorganics@telus.net](mailto:rganizedorganics@telus.net)  
Vancouver: September 11th 2005 Vista D'oro Farms, Langley, BC
- Director Ms. Pat Reichert will be contacting Vancouver Island and Islands SSFPA members to display their products at the Annual Vancouver Island "Feast To Fields" Gala Event. Members interest in participating can contact Pat directly by email at: [dogwoodlane@saltspring.com](mailto:dogwoodlane@saltspring.com), if you have further questions please give her a call 250-537-4282  
Vancouver Island: Sunday September 18th 2005 Glenora Farm, Duncan, BC
- Directors Pat Reichert and Kika Joy are taking on the task of overseeing the SSFPA "Conference 2006" - stay tuned for updates.
- Ms. Mary Murphy continues in her longstanding role as the web-site editor for the SSFPA newsletter and we are pleased for her continued commitment to the organization.
- Ms. Candice Appleby has agreed to take on the tasks required to assist a not-for-profit organization .

As business operators we can all appreciate the time and effort it takes to plan, structure and nurture our ideas into fruition. With the emphasis on creating a solid foundation, this is what the SSFPA Board and Board Support have now accomplished. With the 'mountains moved', so to speak; integral liaison's built, vision and initiatives strengthened, start-up needs met, the Small-Scale Food Processors Association is now ready to travel the really important avenue of providing tools as well as information for the membership, and feature the incredible resource of talent, ambition and salt-of-the-earth that SSFPA members have consistently demonstrated. Use it to build your network. The SSFPA is currently negotiating a number of initiatives and activities to support small scale food processors in British Columbia and as news develops we will keep you informed.

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### Small Scale Food Processor Association

## SSFPA Board Retreat—May 3 and 4th, 2005

Tamagawa Gakuen of Canada Society  
2677 Holden Corso Road  
Nanaimo, British Columbia



**Marjorie Stewart** (standing)  
Godfrey Ferguson and Kim  
Stansfield , SSFPA Directors.

### The SSFPA Board of Directors

gathered at the Tamagawa Gakuen of Canada Society facility in Nanaimo, BC on May 3rd and 4th, 2005. “Where we’ve been, where we’re at and where we’re going” was the theme of Day One of the retreat. Marjorie Stewart, President of Nanaimo Food Share, generously donated her time to facilitate the board governance workshop held on Day Two of the retreat. The retreat was a rare and much-needed planning session, something that the SSFPA hasn’t had the resources to do before. The participating board members also took two or three days away from their own businesses in order to do this work.



Enjoying a wonderful meal, prepared by Chef Ricardo of the Tamagawa Gakuen of Canada Society.



Sandra Mark    Candice Appleby    Frank Moreland

On behalf of the SSFPA Board of Directors we would like to extend our deep felt thanks to Coast Capital Savings for providing the resources for the Board Retreat and Board Development Workshop.