

For Immediate Release – August 16, 2012

Photo Opportunity: Sunday, September 16, 10-5. Petersen Farm, 12450 Petersen Lane NW, Silverdale



The poster is split into two vertical panels. The left panel has a light blue background with radiating lines and features the text 'PETERSEN FARM' at the top and 'FALL FAIR' at the bottom in a bold, black, serif font. In the center is a black silhouette of a windmill. The right panel has a yellow background and features a black silhouette of a radish at the top, a pumpkin in the middle, and a green bean at the bottom. The text 'Sunday, Sept. 16, 10 am - 5 pm' is centered in the upper part of the yellow panel. Below the pumpkin, it says 'Proceeds support farmland preservation and local food through Great Peninsula Conservancy and Kitsap Community Food Co-op'. At the bottom of the yellow panel is the website 'PetersenFarmFallFair.org'.

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Petersen Farm Fall Fair Celebrates Farming and Local Food

Kitsap County, WA –

This fall Petersen Farm – the historic 167-acre farm that provides trail walkers and highway commuters expansive, bucolic views of Clear Creek Valley – will be open for farm tours and a day of family fun.

Visitors to **Petersen Farm Fall Fair** on **Sunday, September 16th** will have the opportunity to support farmland preservation and the future of local food in Kitsap, while having fun with the whole family at a historic Silverdale farm! Hayrides, carnival games, live music, farm tours, vendors and more will be offered from 10 am – 5 pm. On-site parking is accessible from the SR3 Trigger Avenue exit in Silverdale. Admission is **FREE** for children (12 and under) and \$10 for teens and adults.



The Fair, co-hosted by Great Peninsula Conservancy and Kitsap Community Food Co-op, is a repeat event likely to draw 1,000 people to historic Petersen Farm to celebrate the successful community campaign to save Silverdale's signature working farm forever and the future of local food in Kitsap.

The successful fundraising campaign means 120 acres of farm fields, native forests and over 3,000 feet of Clear Creek will be protected for all time. With farmers working the land, this legacy farm will continue to provide food for our community and opportunities for kids to learn about farming.

Bring your kids and grandkids for a hay wagon ride and a chance to explore a hay bale maze. Children and adults alike will be captivated by the old farm equipment and stories from the farm's history.

Kitsap Credit Union will once again sponsor the Petersen Farm Fall Fair entertainment stage. Visitors will be treated to performances by Kitsap Konnections, Sylvie Davidson of "Jangle Wagon" and The Hometown Band. A fair market will include produce stands, arts, crafts and food vendors. Visit www.PetersenFarmFallFair.org for all the fair details.

Kitsap Community Food Co-op (www.KitsapFood.coop) now has more than 300 member-owners working hard to open a community-owned grocery store featuring local and natural food. The Co-op is actively recruiting member-owners to help make the store a reality. To become a member-owner requires a \$200 refundable investment. "We hear the call from the community for better access to local food and we intend to answer it with a full service store where everyone can shop and member-owners can share in profits," says KCFC's President Kristina Kruzan.

Great Peninsula Conservancy (www.greatpeninsula.org) – a nonprofit land trust with a 30-year track record of conserving the open spaces, rural landscapes and natural habitats of western Puget Sound – led the community effort to purchase a conservation easement on 120 acres of the farm. The easement will keep the land in agriculture, protect the Clear Creek watershed, and conserve quality cropland. Conserving the farm will also maintain scenic views of the Clear Creek Valley from State Route 3 and Clear Creek Trail, and allow an extension of Clear Creek Trail along the farm's western edge. The conserved farm will provide a source of local food, mentoring opportunities for aspiring farmers, and annual farm events for the community to learn about farming.

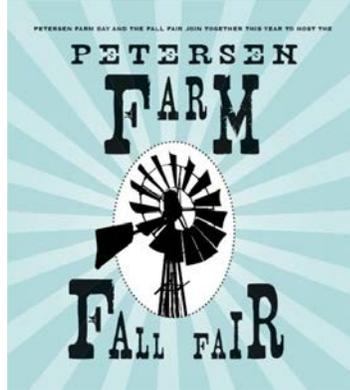


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For more information visit
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