



You are invited to attend the 16th annual winter conference for the Massachusetts Chapter of NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association). This year the conference will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2003. It will be held again at the Quabbin Regional High School in Barre, MA. Our winter conference is usually well attended due to the variety of interesting workshops, great children's program, and excellent potluck lunch, not to mention the business exhibits and accompanying raffle. Many of our members look forward to the chance to talk directly to exhibitors and businesses about their products and services at a time of the year when they're in planning mode, rather than the farming/gardening mode. Items may be sold throughout the day. Of course, if you are unable to display literature, catalogs, etc. you may mail the items and we will display them for you.

The exhibit area is in the cafeteria at Quabbin and it is a great open space that is central to the conference. Registration and lunch take place there and most of the conference rooms are right off the cafeteria as well. So there is a lot of traffic right around the exhibits. Most exhibit tables are five foot diameter round tables. If you have special requests for your exhibit area, Please let me know as soon as possible.

We will also be doing a raffle to raise funds for various NOFA/Mass programs. WE have a variety of ongoing projects that do everything from help school children create gardens to helping farmers get the practical skills they need. Your donation can help support this valuable work. Some suggested contributions include gift certificates, product samples, books, tools, services, etc. Not only will you be helping out a good organization but you may find yourself with some new customers!

Please include the enclosed form to reserve your exhibit space. Your reservation for table space should be postmarked by January 15th. After January 15th, please add an additional \$5.00 as a late charge. Please note that conference registration and lunch are **not** included in your exhibitor registration. Exhibitors are welcome to join the delicious luncheon if they contribute a pot luck dish to serve 6-8 people.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 978-348-1723 or email me at pavonegang@NET1Plus.com.

Hope to see you at the conference!

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