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Cheer on Our Local Farmers



*Rebecca Bozzelli, Lantern
Farm*



Joey Smith, Let's Go Farm

Local products and the women and men who provide them are hot news not only in Sonoma County, but also across the United States. Our chapter's first goal is to "support and promote our local farmers and their products." We do this by promoting farmers markets to our members, purchasing food from local farmers for all of our events, and awarding funds to Sonoma County farmers.

Our Local Farmer Project, for example, holds an annual grants competition for a farmer or rancher who is actively farming/ranching in Sonoma County, or seeking to begin such a career here. Grant recipients may also apply for a two-year interest-free loan from the chapter.

Last fall, two farmers received grants of \$500 each: Rebecca Bozzelli for her newly-established [Lantern Farm](#) in Cloverdale and Joey Smith for expansion of his [Let's Go Farm](#) in Santa Rosa. Joey faced the additional challenge of re-establishing his farm after its destruction in the October wildfires.

We will be celebrating these two farmers—and their produce!—in May at a farm-to-table dinner at Yael and Paul Bernier's home farm (see [Sonoma County North Events](#) below). Our main course will be heritage rabbit provided by Kelly Osman's Oz Family Farm; Kelly was the first recipient of our [Beginning Farmer Scholarship](#) in 2014. We hope you will join us at this dinner—and in the future—to cheer on these farmers in their ambitious labors of love.

Sonoma County North Events



Upcoming Events

Detailed invitations will be sent approximately 4 weeks before each event.

APRIL

14 Around the Slow Table: Ad Hoc Cookbook, 6 pm, Healdsburg

19 Tour of [Gourmet Mushrooms/Mycopia](#), 10 am, Sebastopol, followed by a no-host lunch at Handline for those who wish to attend. **Register at slowfoodsonomacountynorth@gmail.com; indicate if you will be attending tour only or tour & lunch.**

MAY

9 Slow Books: *The Last Chinese Chef*, by Nicole Mones, 5:30 pm, Windsor

12 Slow Dinner on the Farm, a fundraiser for Sonoma County North's Local Farmer Project, 5 pm, Geyserville. [Register here](#)

JUNE

10 Tour of Paine squab farm, 10:30 am, Sonoma

JULY

7 Picnic at Gradek Family Farm, 3 pm, Healdsburg

13-14 Slow Food Nations, Denver, Colorado

AUGUST

26 Annual Meeting and Bodega Red Party, 3 pm, Healdsburg

Spotlight on Sonoma County North Member/Producer: Bernier Farms

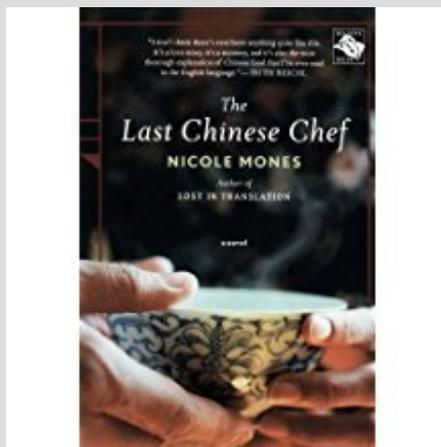


Step inside a Sonoma County restaurant, and the odds are good that **Bernier Farms** produced the garlic that's filled the dining room with its warm, welcoming aroma. Ever since 1976, Yael Bernier has pursued her keen interest in *Allium sativum* at the family's Dry Creek farm. (She started with one variety and expanded to 14!) Of course, that's not all this family farm produces on its four properties and five vineyards. "We grow lots of varieties of certified organic veggies on six acres and two acres of fruit trees—stone fruit, apples, and pears," says Zureal Bernier, Paul and Yael's son. "We also grow 35 acres of dry-farmed grapes that we sell to local wineries." You can find their produce at farmers markets and community markets in Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, and Cloverdale.

The Berniers are long-time supporters of Slow Food Sonoma County North, and family members have traveled three times to Italy's Terra Madre as our delegates. Zureal also serves as grower liaison to our Bodega Red Potato project and gives greenhouse space every year for our Ark of Taste seedlings slated for school gardens.

"I'm proud of all the healthy organic veggies and fruits we grow. They really nourish people," Zureal says. "We're a small, sustainable farm, and yet we grow a humongous amount of food. Every week of the year, we never stop. California allows for a never-ending season."

Slow Books: "The Last Chinese Chef"



On May 9, Slow Books will discuss *The Last Chinese Chef*, by Nicole Mones. Look for an invitation in April.

This alluring novel of friendship, love, and cuisine brings the best-selling author of "Lost in Translation" and "A Cup of Light" to one of the great Chinese subjects: food. As in her previous novels, Mones's captivating story also brings into focus a changing China—this time the hidden world of high culinary culture.

Snail of Approval



*Carol Diaz & Kathy Matonak present
Snail to Condra Easley & Deborah Morris
of Patisserie Angelica*

Congratulations to our newest Snail of Approval recipient **Patisserie Angelica**, our first bakery to be honored. We acknowledge them for going above and beyond in the support of good, clean, and fair food in Sonoma County.

Located at 6821 Laguna Park Way, Sebastopol.

Who's next? Let us know who you think should receive a *Snail*. Email snailofapprovalsc@gmail.com

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to members who joined Sonoma County North since Winter 2018.

Linda Apel

Jeff Conner

Roanne Olonoff

Our apologies if we forgot to list you—and please let us know!
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