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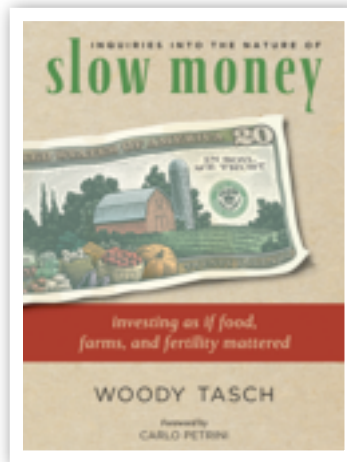
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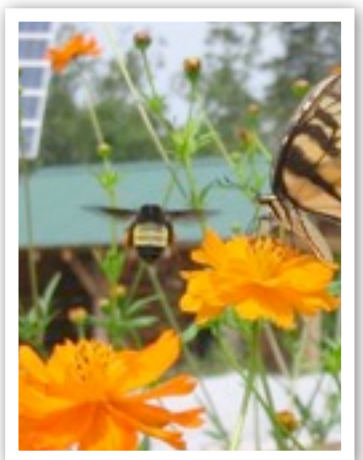
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The 3rd Amazing Pittsboro Pepper Festival



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We started working early on the Pepper Festival this year and decided to add a few features, a King and a Queen who competed for the hand made crowns. With the help of **Briar Chapel**, we came up with some very fun ideas and we had a star studded cast of local Chefs, local beers and wines and we ordered the most **beautiful weather**. Over 500 people



photo by Trace Ramsey

Doug Jones gave a talk on the varieties, nutrition value and the heartiness of the sweet peppers. Pepper beer from **Triangle Brewery**, sweet basil from **Full Steam** and also the golden ales from **Carolina Brewery** were a treat. For a full list of restaurants and sponsors, [click here](#). Get ready for next year! We've begun working on new ideas and can't wait to see what's cooked up in 2011!!



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showed up to celebrate Piedmont Biofarm's sweet peppers, the sounds of **Holy Ghost Tent Revival** and each other. Even though the lines were a bit long for food and drink (we'll work that out next year!), pepper people were polite and enjoyed the community! A good time was had by all, our Mayor Voller crowned Kristy Yule and John Battiste, and Farmer

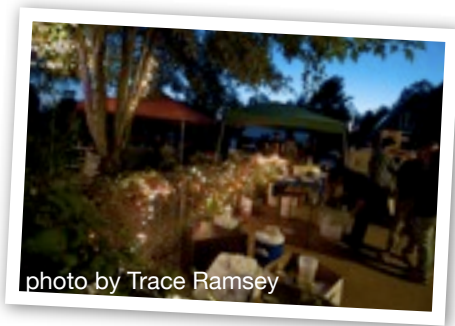


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A year of impact...

Local food, renewable energy and community are getting more attention from media and mainstream these days and that's a good thing!

2010 was another challenging year economically, politically and environmentally. Two days before Earth Day, we had the worst marine oil spill in the history of the petroleum industry. We still don't know the impact of this accident, but we do know that it was another reminder about how urgent it is that we begin switching to a post-carbon world. The sooner we replace petroleum with renewable clean energy, the sooner our oceans, air and soils will begin to heal.

It's up to us as individuals to make change now.

It's our philosophy that change comes from the ground up. We can sit around passively or we can take charge of our lives and create the change now. The Abundance Foundation reached many individuals at a deep level through the DIY Sustainability Workshop Series. The Children's Tours more than tripled in numbers and we see educators focusing on renewable energy, conservation and local food. The good news is that we can get there.

At the Abundance Foundation we believe that the world exists the way we make it. And we think that everyone is capable of getting everything they want--or something better. We are pleased to have spent the year shaping the world the way we want it. And we are deeply grateful for the support we have received along the way. Fortunately we are not the only ones who feel this way. We are thankful for our donors, for those

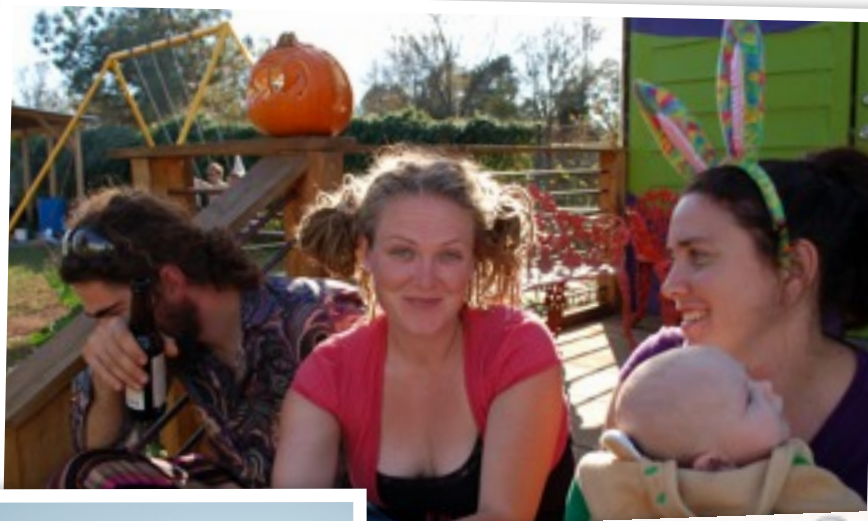
projects we sponsor, for our tour guides who show up--sometimes on short notice--to contribute to a world that is not based on scarcity, but rather, one of abundance.

Thank you to: Briar Chapel, Whole Foods, TREKKY Records, Paperhand Puppets, Larry's Beans, all the workshop Instructors and Volunteers, Nick Meyers, [Shakori Hills](#), [Pickard's Mountain](#), [The ReCYCLERY](#), [The Plenty](#), [Chatham Marketplace](#), Farmer Foodshare, Slow Money, [Piedmont Biofarm](#) and [Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance](#) and Habitat for Humanity, [Piedmont Biofuels](#), Rolander Foundation, Fearington Women, and Clif Bar and Feather Foundation. **Thank you to the many people that show up and help and give ideas and inspire us.**

Tami Schwerin, ED



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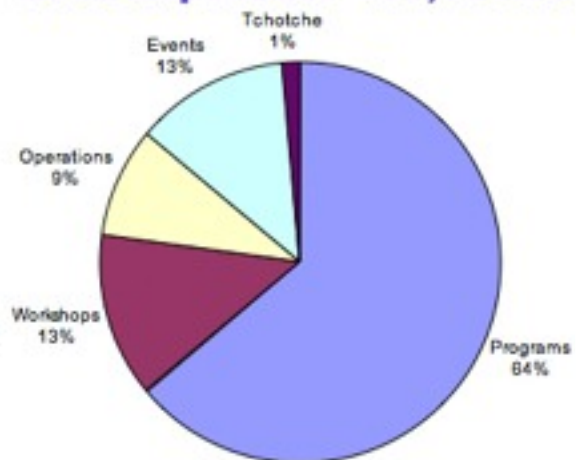
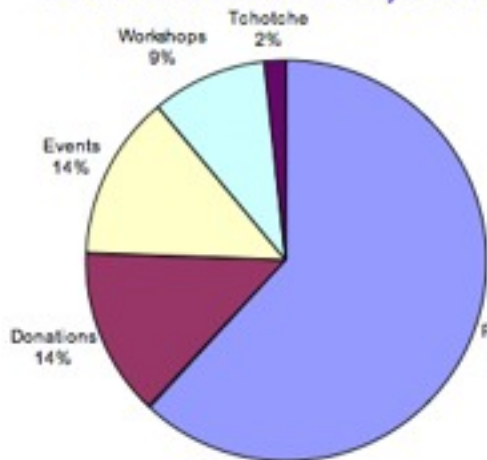


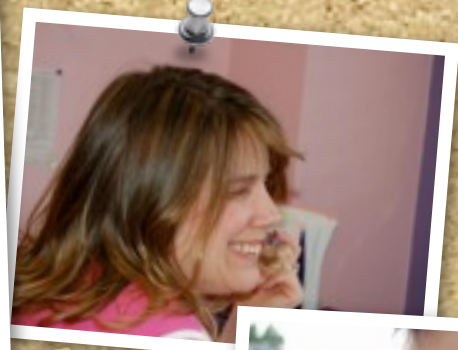
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 2009 Income \$178,806.65
 2008 Income: \$127,445.96
 2007 Income: \$95,968.00



2010 Income: 181,918.73

2010 Expenses: 187,181.06





"I feel really fortunate to live in this area and to have stumbled across the Abundance Foundation. I agree with your mission and have been very impressed by everything I've seen you becoming involved with (local food production, energy awareness, etc.) I enjoy taking your classes, attending your Festivals, and have enjoyed meeting other attendees" Jim Sahadi



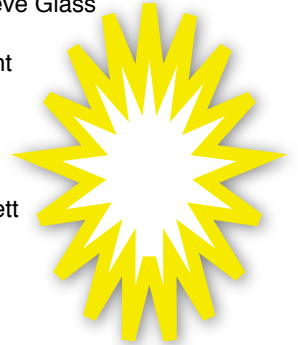
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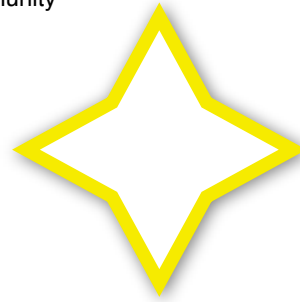
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