

**Update: Madrona Farm
Next Target of the Campaign**

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As of January 9, 2009, the Friends of Madrona Farm have dug deep and raised \$300,000. This first instalment is a big step towards the purchase of Madrona Farm and its eventual protection by *TLC* The Land Conservancy who will ensure local food production and ecological values forever.

The total purchase price for the farm is over \$2,500,000. A significant portion of that will be donated by the landowner, however generous community support is still needed to make this project a success!

The next target date is July 31, 2009 by which time a total of \$750,000 must be raised. If you care about the security of local food production in B.C., please consider making your donation at www.conservancy.bc.ca/donatetomadrona or call 1-877-485-2422.

JOIN US for a special dinner in support of Madrona Farm on Friday, January 30, 2009 at Blethering Place in Oak Bay. Starting at 6:30 pm, the evening will feature delicious Madrona Farm vegetables, roast beef & salmon; after-dinner entertainment by local Bluegrass musicians; and a visit from Queen Elizabeth, herself. Tickets \$40 at Madrona Farm vegetable stand and Blethering Place (598-1413).