Join us for a special lecture, presented by

Tony Kleese

“Regional Food Systems: A View from the Southeast U.S.”

Thursday, November 8, 2012, 2:00 – 3:00 PM
701 Whaley Street, Suite 209

This seminar follows up on the Nutrition Center seminar presentation, given by Tim Griffin in August 2011 titled Regional Food Systems: A View from the Northeast U.S. Tony Kleese will outline the opportunities and challenges to creating a sustainable food system for the southeast and discuss a market driven, triple bottom line business approach to food security in the region.

Tony has been active in the development of local and organic food systems in the Carolinas as a farmer and a new agrarian activist since 1989. He’s managed several organic farms across North Carolina and is a founding member of Eastern Carolina Organics, a successful organic produce company. He helped develop the USDA's National Organic Standards in the late 90s and currently educates and consults on organic certification and participates in organic policy and business development. He has a long history of educating sustainable farmers with a strong focus on entrepreneurship starting with the Sustainable Farming Program at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, NC in 1997, and continuing today at community colleges across the state. Much of his 24 years of sustainable agriculture work has revolved around the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) with many roles including Executive Director (7 years). Today, Tony manages the food projects side of The Earthwise Company, www.earthwiselife.com, a community and agriculture development company that helps local governments, non-profits, and landowners plan and establish sustainable food systems.

This is a free seminar. All interested are welcome to attend.

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