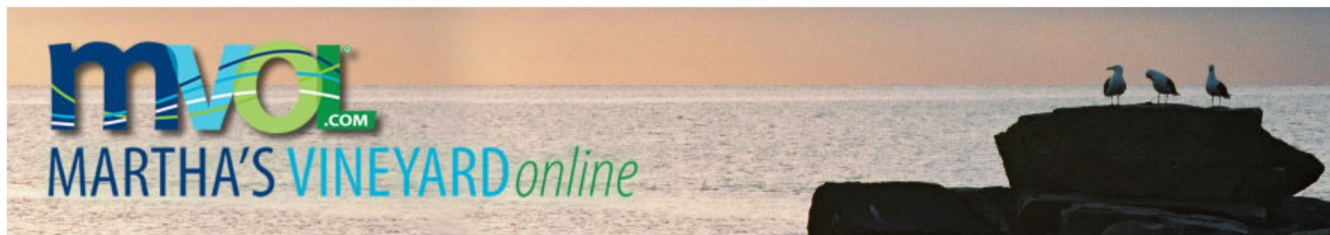




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MARTHA'S VINEYARD NEWS

Marthas Vineyard 7-Day Forecast
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Chance Of Showers 30%	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
39°F 25°F	39°F 29°F	51°F 41°F	55°F 45°F	51°F 31°F	41°F 31°F	49°F

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Lots of News Springing up at The FARM Institute

Martha's Vineyard - The Farm Institute has been notified that it will receive funding from the USDA's Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education to support Island farmers who want to experiment with innovative crops or processes. The Pilot Parcels Project will help Martha's Vineyard farmers explore new ideas in an area of extremely limited access to land and high production costs. Farmers from all backgrounds and experience to apply to use one-acre plots at The Farm Institute for either innovative crop production or innovative practices. For a downloadable application form [click here](#). Application deadline is 5 pm, March 21, 2012. Participants will be chosen by March 28 with plots assigned by March 30, 2012. For more information visit the FARM Institutes [website](#) for more information.

The FARM Institute has named Rebecca as its new Garden Manager. Rebecca first came to the Island in 1990 working at both Hillside Farm and the Solviva organic greenhouse in West Tisbury. After earning a degree in plant and soil science at UMass Amherst, she spent 7 years working as a science instructor at Hampshire Educational Collaborative in Northampton where she shared a community garden plot with her students.

Renaissance House Enters 11th Year; Seeks Applicants

Martha's Vineyard - Renaissance House, a retreat for artists and writers in Oak Bluffs, supported by the Helene Johnson and Dorothy West Foundation For Artists In Need, is currently seeking applicants for its 2012 June - October program.

Artists and writers accepted into the program may stay for one or two weeks. The residents enjoy formal sit-down dinners with artists, (including local artists Jessica Harris, Kate Feiffer, Susan Kline, Robert Hayden, Marty Nadler, Nat Benjamin, Shirley Craig, Brooks Robards as well as "imported" artists such as Robert Pinsky, Janet Hill, Elisabeth Benedict and others). On Silent Wednesdays no one speaks all day and on Thursday a professional reader comes in to read their works aloud. Fridays the residents present the work that they have done all week at the Katharine Cornell Theatre in Vineyard Haven.

The program is offered to artists who do not have the luxury of time by providing "alone" time, away from their families, jobs and everyday chores. It is one of the few retreats for issue-oriented writers, writers of color and writers of social justice. To apply, simply send a hard copy sample of your work and a letter explaining why you think you need to get away to: Renaissance House Attn: Abigail McGrath PO Box 3048 Oak Bluffs, Ma. 02557 or email Renaissancehse@aol.com.

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