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Interview with Louisa DePaiva, Purple Rain Vineyard, 2008 (audio)

Louisa DePaiva

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INTERVIEWEE: Louisa DePaiva

Interviewer: Stephenie Bitz

Date: May 10th, 2008

Location of Interview: Purplerain Vineyard

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Interview Series: SUSTAINING NORTHWEST LANDSCAPES & COMMUNITIES

Recording Equipment: DIGITAL RECORDER (WINDOWS MEDIA AUDIO FILE) WITH AN
EXTERNAL, OMNIDIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE

Time	Notes
0:00:00	Introduction
0:00:20	Short background details
0:00:25	History of the Garden
0:00:49	Amount of acreage
0:01:20	Ideas of the Garden
0:02:00	French Garden
0:02:34	When the Garden began
0:03:40	Working with nature
0:03:55	House information
0:04:05	Details of first shares
0:04:25	Who works the Garden
0:04:43	Season details
0:04:50	Time Spent on the Garden
0:05:35	Who determines what to grow
0:06:35	Member feedback
0:07:15	Delivery information
0:07:30	Delivery fees
0:07:45	What is included in a share

0:09:05	Everfresh bags
0:09:55	Harvesting
0:11:08	Tools used
0:11:20	Machines used
0:12:10	Compost
0:12:30	Creating good soil
0:13:40	Adding phosphorous and nitrogen fertilizer
0:13:58	Controlling pests
0:14:35	Row cover
0:15:04	Crop rotation
0:15:25	Options that are offered
0:16:45	Trying new vegetables
0:17:05	Heirloom foods
0:17:25	A typical share
0:19:10	Weather challenges
0:19:50	Human impact of agriculture
0:20:10	Why food costs are rising
0:20:25	Waste
0:21:40	Blemished Crops
0:22:50	Number of members
0:23:45	Delivery range
0:24:15	Farmers markets
0:24:45	Eggs
0:27:05	Recycling
0:28:16	Input costs
0:28:30	Seeds
0:28:50	China soy meal
0:29:15	Corn
0:29:27	Biofuel
0:30:19	Educating customers
0:31:30	Volunteering members

0:32:35	Reasons for owing a CSA
0:35:25	Family benefits from good food
0:36:50	Requirements for Organic Certification
0:37:00	Philosophy of Purplerain Vineyard
0:39:15	Philosophy of the Website
0:40:20	Economic Philosophy
0:45:23	Farms that don't farm sustainable
0:46:45	Farm economic inputs
0:48:37	Frustrations
0:49:50	Rewards
0:53:30	Husband's other job
0:53:50	Methods of sustainability
0:57:40	Soil Fertility Plan
0:58:08	Future of CSA
1:01:00	Challenges
1:05:40	Customer expectations
1:08:25	Where the house came from
1:11:51	Final thought