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Recipe of the Week

Escarole with Beans

- adapted from allrecipes.com

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided	1 (16 ounce) can cannellini beans, undrained
1 large heads escarole	2 sprigs fresh parsley, chopped
1 pinch crushed pepper flakes	Option#1: 1/2 c chicken broth, parmesan cheese
1 clove garlic, minced	Option#2: 1/2 c tomato sauce

- 1. Heat 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Toss in escarole, turning to coat with oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste, and crushed red pepper flakes. Cook, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes, or until tender.
- 2. In a separate skillet, heat remaining 1/2 tablespoon olive oil over medium heat. Stir in garlic. Pour in beans with juices, and simmer until creamy, about 10 minutes. Stir in escarole and parsley; simmer 10 minutes

Variation #1: Drain and simmer the cannellini beans in chicken broth, then mix into a baking dish with chunks of day old bread.

Variation #2: Add tomato sauce and sprinkle parmesan on top when serving.

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE. ESCPECIALLY SIMPLE ONES!

Email to the address show below.

Farmers Market season is here! Come see us

Sundays 8am-1pm (thru Mar 30) @ Gardner's Market parking lot, in Pinecrest, on SW 124th St just east of US1 Mondays 1pm-5pm @ Gardner's Market in Ocean Reef Club Thursdays 11am-3pm (thru Apr 3) @ Bayfront Park, Downtown Miami

EGG CORNER

This week-Broward, Dade except Beach & NoMia,



Tidbits Going out of town? Please let us know by email no later than Wednesday night, as we start getting things ready very early on Thursday. Send us an email (office@beeheavenfarm.com) and cc: your pickup site coordinator. If you don't notify us in time, we'll send your share as usual and you will forfeit the credit. There is a max of 2 credits per season, and 2 makeup weeks at the end to redeem your credits.

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Visit our Member blogs: www.miamidish.net; www.criticalmiami.com; tinkeringwithdinner.blogspot.com; mangoandlime.net



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Bee Heaven Farm Redland Organics

Week 15 March 8th, 2008

Farm News

Stop in for a great treat, and

you may partake of more of our

produce (often things we don't

grow enough of to give to the entire

400+ CSA members, but enough to

supply a restaurant or our farmers

market stand). I know — you're

thinking "I can't even eat every-

thing I'm already getting in my

shares — and you want me to go

pay to eat more of your stuff?" Ah,

but it's worth every penny and

more.... Yum.

On Tuesday, Marian (our own restaurant for a year, we've Photo-WWOOFer and CSA docu- finally figured out a way to get our mentary producer) and I had the farm produce to him, at least during opportunity to visit Michael's CSA season. Genuine Food & Drink in the Design District. Chef Michael Schwartz treated us to some awesome food.



Michael Schwartz with Farmer Margie

While waiting for our table, we were served an heirloom tomato salad. I recognized some of our tomatoes steeped in balsamic vinaigrette, with our lemon basil and homemade croutons. The wood stove shiitake pizza and the pulled pork sandwich both had a wonderful blend of flavors. And the desserts, prepared by his dessert chef, Hedi, were to die for.

No, I'm not a restaurant reviewer, and I've had his dishes before at some of the Dinners in Paradise, but this lunch was memorable. Michael has been a firm supporter of our farm. Now that he's had his



Zak arranging eggs for egg shares

While my prostate is small

By Zak H Stern

While my prostate is small.... I will travel the world. Take long bus trips with no ac And not stop fifty times to pee While my prostate is small.... I will sleep through the night, Drink a milkshake before bed Without a hint of fright. While my prostate is small....

> A mind looking for truth. While my prostate is small.... I will learn how to live,

I will enjoy my youth,

Smooth skin, sharp eyes,

How to love, how to listen,

How to take, how to give. While my prostate is small....

I will withdraw from school,

Go live on a farm.

and learn how to live off the fat of the land.

While my prostate is small.... I will live my life to the fullest.

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Zak is apprenticing at Bee Heaven Farm



It's rich, "organic", down-to-earth, user-friendly, and nourishing!

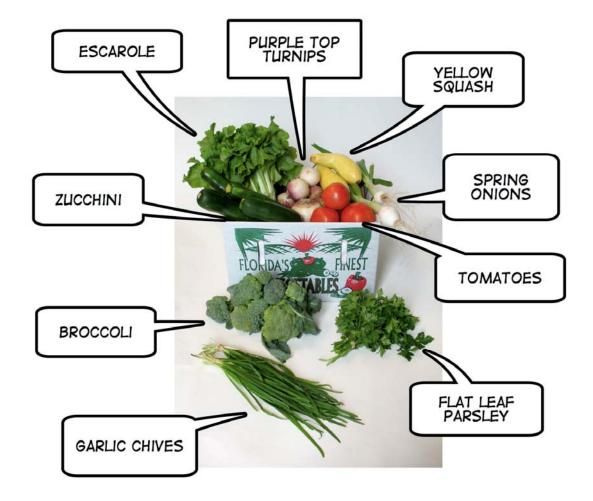


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Featured Items

Escarole: This vegetable is an Italian favorite. It comes in many variations — endive, escarole, frisee, chicory, witloof, radicchio. Its uses are just as varied — from coffee substitute (chicory root) to salad ingredient (frisee) to soups, stuffed, baked, and side dishes. It is in general a bitter green, and often served in a creamy sauce to offset the bitterness. Escarole is high in fiber and especially rich in Vitamins A & K.

<u>Summer Squash (yellow squash and green zucchini):</u> Summer squashes are tender, soft-skinned relatives of pumpkins and winter squash. They can be eaten raw or lightly cooked. They tend to fall apart if overcooked. Summer squash is low-calorie, low-fat, and high in manganese and Vitamin C.



<u>What does it look like?</u> Every week, we include pictures to help you identify everything in your shares, especially those strange things you never saw before!... pictures by CSA member Marian Wertalka

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About the shares... There are two sizes of box, corresponding to the two share sizes. And, no, **two half-share boxes does NOT equal one full-share box**. If you're sharing with someone, or if your full share box is missing (hopefully not!) please DON'T take two half-share boxes if you paid for a full share. We also have an eXTRAs box, with goodies to rummage through and exchange with others—but they go fast!

Food Miles	What's in my share box today?	
From BHF	NOTE: A full share is NOT the same as 2 half-shares!	
165	"Natacha" Escarole (WF) - All	
165	Turnip roots (WF) - Full / Half	
165	Broccoli (WF) - Full / Half	
100	Red Tomatoes (C&B) - Full:4 / Half:2	
165	Onions (WF) - Full:2 / Half:1	
120	Yellow Squash (SOF) - Full: 2 / Half: 1	
120	Zucchini Squash (SOF) - Full: 4 / Half: 2	
165	Parsley (WF) - Full / Half	
0	Garlic Chives (aka Chinese Leek) (BHF) - Full / Half	
	Xtras!! (Take it or leave it) Take a goodie from the Xtras box, or if there's something in your share that you won't use this week, donate it to the box —someone else will be happy to have it.	
0	Eggs are for EGG SHARE SUBSCRIBERS ONLY (F/H)	
	This week: BHF, Broward, Dade except Beach and NoMia, Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon	
0	HONEY SHARES SUBSCRIBERS get the last honey share on Apr 6	
	Please remember to return your gently-flattened box each week—directions can be found at www.redlandorganics.com/CSAboxes.htm. Better yet, buy one of our tote bags and transfer your share when you pick it up— then flatten your box and go!	

Which farms supplied this week's shares? -all the farms are located in the South Florida area

WF*= Worden Farm; SOF=Somerset Organic Farms;

C&B= C&B Farms (Little Cypress Organics); BHF*= Bee Heaven Farm

*Redland Organics founders & grower members; **not certified, naturally-grown