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Salon duc Tape – Toward a Sustainable, Local Food System – February 26th, 2021

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## **Learn how NoCo GLEAN plans to strengthen communication between projects and expand the local food web**

The problems of the industrial food chain are legion, and have been discussed in a number of salons over the years. **NoCo GLEAN (Garden Local Empowerment and Advocacy Network)** is a new organization that hopes to enhance our ability to produce food in a more sustainable fashion based on the model of the “smallholder/peasant web” in northern Colorado. At the salon on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, NoCo GLEAN members **Maura Velazquez-Castillo**, **Shari Due**, and **Anne Marie Merline** will touch on some of the problems of the dominant model, discuss existing local food sustainability/food justice projects, and present their vision for where we might go from here.

Maura is a semi-rural homesteader who keeps goats and chickens and has a big organic garden. In her other life, she is a professor of linguistics at CSU. Shari is an urban homesteader who also raises goats, chickens, vegetables and fruit. She makes documentary films through her video production company, Be Reel Pictures, and teaches video editing at Front Range Community College. Anne Marie is a residential gardener who has lived in Fort Collins since 1992 and has been involved in the local food movement for many years. She is an instructor in the CSU Honors Program and works in grassroots groups that focus on human and environmental sustainability.

Salon duc Tape, a public forum sponsored by the Northern Colorado Alliance for a Livable Future (NCALF), meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from **7:00 -- 9:00 p.m.** We have moved to an online format (Zoom) for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. You will need to register in advance for the salon [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information – including a new link - about joining the salon.