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Catskills CRAFT Group to Visit Stony Creek Farmstead July 16th

WALTON, NY - On Monday, July 16th, the Catskills CRAFT group will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. at [Stony Creek Farmstead](#) in Walton, NY. Catskills CRAFT, or Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training, is an educational networking group for beginning farmers. Farm interns, employees and operators of recently established or transitioning farm enterprises are welcome to attend the event.

Since 2005, Dan and Kate Marsiglio have been growing meat, eggs and vegetables at their farm in Walton. Stony Creek Farmstead's meats and eggs are pasture-raised, and their vegetables, herbs and flowers are grown organically. As their [website](#) states, "We adhere to rigorous free-range, beyond organic, pasturing practices for all of our animals and supplement their grazing diet with local organic grains."

They sell their beef, pork, lamb, eggs and broiler chickens from the farm and at the Franklin Farmers' Market and offer a seasonal CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program. The farm also hosts workshops and school group tours in addition to offering overnight farm stays.

The first portion of the Catskills CRAFT visit will provide training on raising mixed livestock. Following the training, the group will share a potluck meal.

Catskills CRAFT brings a national model aimed at developing beginning farmer networks across the country to the region. More details on the group and the monthly farm visits planned throughout 2012 can be found at www.catskillscraft.org. Contact Sonia Janiszewski at info@catskillscraft.org or 914-720-1020 for more information.

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