

# THE FOOD FOR THOUGHT BOARD WELCOMES TWO NEW DIRECTORS

**MARY MARANVILLE** grew up on an active dairy farm in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York. It is there she gained a true appreciation for the outdoors, agriculture, gardening and the natural world. From 2007 to 2011 she worked as the Environmental Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Resource Conservation District of Ventura County, where she taught the next generation the importance of being future agricultural managers and stewards of the land. In addition to working for the RCD she is Region 8 Co-Coordinator of CREEC (CA Regional Environmental Education Community Network) where her main focus is educating school administrators and teachers about the state-mandated Environmental Education Initiative Curriculum Units. In 2010 she graduated from the 2041 Leadership on the Edge Program and Expedition to Antarctica, the last pristine wilderness on earth. We are thrilled that she will be bringing her educational and fundraising expertise and enthusiasm to the *Food for Thought* Board.



Mary Maranville



photo by Timothy Teague

Katherine Zackham

**KATHERINE ZACKHAM** moved to Ojai in the summer of 2010 with her husband, Justin, and their toddler, Finn. Prior to becoming a mom, Katherine worked as a vice president at a real estate development and consulting company in Los Angeles. She received her Bachelors degree in Architecture at Columbia University in NYC and went on to get a Masters degree in City Planning and Real Estate at PENN in Philadelphia. Katherine grew up outside of Philadelphia, and she and her husband wanted a similar small town upbringing for her son. They stumbled across Ojai in 2009 and immediately fell in love with the town and people. Feeding her son healthy, unprocessed food has long been a priority for Katherine and her husband. With her son starting preschool this coming fall, Katherine was drawn to *Food For Thought* in an effort to help promote healthy food in schools and throughout the community.

## the DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

from Executive Director,  
Lori Hamor

It has been a busy spring for *Food for Thought* beginning with a terrific round of our annual 4th grade farm field trips to **Gozo Farm** here in Ojai. We were delighted to see so many community members come by our booths at **Youthfest** and **Earth Play** to talk about where our food comes from, recycling and food processing. We planned and cohosted Topa Topa Elementary School's first ever Wellness Night. I also hope you had a chance to take part in Restaurant Week with the Good for Kids menu offerings. What a fantastic partnership between First 5 Ventura County and Nordhoff Health Science Academy students!

This summer will find our board planning and fundraising. Join us for a family Pixie Harvest on June 18 (see page 1), and watch for a **Films for Thought** movie or two along with a big fundraising drive come September.

I would like to express my thanks to the *Food for Thought* Board of Directors and the volunteers at each school who assist with all aspects of our programs. Simply said, we can't do what we do without you:

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## ADIOS STEVE FIELDS *we'll miss you*

**F**ood For Thought is sad to say goodbye to Ojai Unified School Board Member **Steve Fields**, who has left Ojai for further adventures in the Pacific Northwest. Steve's passion for food - his insistence that it can and should be good - is extraordinary, his garden enormous and productive. He started volunteering at the Juanamaria Elementary School Salad Bar in Ventura in 2001. Subsequently he cofounded *Food for Thought*. Then, looking for a bigger platform, he ran for School Board, where he brought an informed eye to budget discussions, was a passionate advocate for serving fresh food in school meals, and never missed a Nordhoff football game. Plus he and his partner Sims Brannon always hosted our volunteer appreciation meals in Steve's wonderful garden. Goodbye Steve, and good luck in your newest chapter. We'll miss you.

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