



## Low Tech Low Cost Season Extension

Saturday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm

### *About the Session:*

Learn how to create microclimates to manage both hot and cold temperatures to optimize plant life, germination rates, and moisture retention using low tech and affordable methods. Jenn Mueller of Yurstead Farm will share and compare effective tools for managing regional climate conditions that require no energy inputs, are easily moveable, and can be easily manipulated for dynamic effects. The effectiveness, cost and labor inputs of low and tall tunnels, mulches, shade cloths, frost blankets, wind breaks, and plastic film will be examined.

### *About the Speaker:*

Jenn Mueller is the owner and manager of the off-grid solar-powered Yurstead Farm near Montrose, Colorado. She's a newbie to market farming, with only 5 years at market but photo-documentation from the late 70s indicates that she was a bean cutter and strawberry slicer at the tender age of 5. She likes renewable energy and cheap, reusable, and recyclable material solutions to farm problems. Formally trained as a faunal archaeologist, she worked as an archaeologist for 17 years (and still sometimes does) and brings cross-over knowledge about soils and landform use and other unconventional farming ideas from that experience. She likes trying things that are "impossible" and growing out-of-season crops with simple systems.

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