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## ***WNC Magazine Announces its Harvest Issue From Agriculture to Architecture in Asheville and Beyond***

September 1, 2008 – Asheville, North Carolina – Explore Asheville's storied past through the designs of local architect Douglas Ellington (in "Artist in Residence") and thriving present through the works of one grassroots community leader ("Field of Dreams") in September's *WNC* magazine. The issue includes more of Western North Carolina's finest with a profile on the fresh face of Hendersonville, a Hickory-based tobacco blender, and local restaurateur Laurey Masterton gives a tutorial on turning tailgate market finds into an informal feast with friends.

In "Homegrown," learn about how Warren Wilson College is cultivating a new generation of farmers with its alternative curriculum. The feature follows a handful of students attending the college's sustainable agriculture program. The unique structure of the curriculum, lauded by *The New York Times*, offers both technical and applied experience. Dubbed "The Triad," the Warren Wilson philosophy includes: academics (for the mind), work (for the hands), and service-learning (from the heart). Started in 1894 as the Asheville Farm School for boys, the enrollment and course offerings now boast 850 undergraduate students with highly advanced coursework in sustainable agriculture and environmental studies.

In "Field of Dreams," a vegetable garden has developed in the unlikeliest of places – the Pisgah View apartment in West Asheville. Long considered a dangerous and desperate part of town, this subsidized housing community is now home to a burgeoning business started by resident Bob White. In place of a derelict basketball court, White now grows a lovely organic garden with the help of a few volunteers and a lot of community support. "It is extraordinary," says Editor Eric Seeger, "this man has transformed a desolate city lot into a small, thriving urban farm."

Meet architect Douglas Ellington in "Artist in Residence" as *WNC* magazine chronicles the works of this local Art Deco pioneer. Responsible for the City Building, First Baptist Church and S&W Building among others, Ellington is a true example of a visionary that we are proud to call our own.

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*WNC is a local lifestyle magazine celebrating the unique people and cultures; arts, crafts and architecture; history; and foodways of Western North Carolina. Each issue includes features on current issues facing residents; profiles on intriguing locals; and regular departments with gorgeous homes, great weekend escapes, outdoor adventures, a calendar of regional events and a comprehensive dining guide. Please visit [www.wncmagazine.com](http://www.wncmagazine.com) to learn more.*

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