



SLO Permaculture

Guild Newsletter May 2016

Facebook:

Permaculture in SLO County: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/895682213790375/>

SLO Permaculture Guild: <https://www.facebook.com/SLOPermacultureGuild/>

Website: <http://slopermaculture.weebly.com/>

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Upcoming Guild Project Dates:

May 7th ~ 1:00PM-Sunset

Cayucos Sunfire Gallery - Phase 1

1/3 Acre Permaculture Plot Work Party

2991 Ocean Blvd.

Cayucos, CA 93430

(Corner of Old Creek Road & Ocean Blvd)

Mission:

Surrounding Neighbors In Supporting Locally Grown Food By Planting Edibles, Building Structures & Relationships. Being Involved In Creating Local & County Supported Governance, Of Needs & Wants Being Met Ventures...

Greetings Dear People & Greatest Of Blessings,

I am so stoked beyond words to be able to share in this great new adventure, in creating a synergistic symbiosis harmonic collaboration to freedom w/ You all and our good people of Cayucos!...

We'll be assisting with this 1/3 of the whole acre of land first, in phase one on this day...

- Removing and dismantle a couple of planter boxes.
- We will be cutting and dropping the grasses and such.
- Removing tape from the large cardboard boxes and lay out boxes.
- Make a 7 minute run to Morro Bay Mulch Pile w/ trucks & whomever has a trailer. Spread the mulch out & make cover crop seed fairy dust to spread afterwards ;)

Please Bring

Weed Whackers, Pitch Forks, Gloves, Dust Mask, Chairs, Water, Drums, Guitars, Flutes etc.,
Linner (will be provided by our collective donations) Pizza, Salad & Drinks

A Great Splash Of Love From Your Unique Light Presence ;)

"Times are a changing" & I'm so grateful We're The Healing Thriving Power Family!

All The Best & In Service,
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May 21st ~ 10AM-2PM

Greywater Installation and Swale Building & Planting

Educational Work Party

The Lavra Community in Arroyo Grande
2070 E. Deer Canyon Road
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Join us at the Lavra for a hands-on Greywater and Contour Swale Building Workshop on Sat. May 21st. Learn how to tame steep slopes on your land with on-contour swales using simple A-frame levels and hand cutting techniques. We will then be installing a laundry-to-landscape and branch drain type greywater system to irrigate a food forest on the sloped garden area. There to be lots of fun, music, and learning all in an enchanted Oak forest and we will have Coffee, Tea, breakfast snacks and Lunch for all who come to play! Park in the field and walk on the lower driveway (along the farm pens) all the way back to Paige's Yurt.

May 26th ~ 6-8:30PM

**Permaculture Guild Meeting:
Ecology of Leadership**

Presentation and Discussion with James Stark

SLO Grange Hall
2880 Broad St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

James Stark M.A., F.E.S., co-director of the Regenerative Design Institute will be coming to SLO for an intro into his upcoming Ecology of Leadership Program. Like the natural systems and patterns that guide permaculture, James' work now is focused on helping others to lead from the inside out and source their lives from deep nature connection. He believes that creating a loving, peaceful inner world provides the soil for the seeds of our visions to grow in the outer world.

From the Regenerative Design Institute Website

(<http://www.regenerativedesign.org/programs/ecology-leadership#.VytajPkrLIU>)

Since 2006, Ecology of Leadership (EOL) programs have served hundreds of non-profit leaders, community activists, eco-social entrepreneurs, and other conscious change-makers in deepening their paths of service by manifesting their gifts, visions, and passions in their lives, their organizations, their communities, and the world.

Through experiential, nature and community-based leadership development practices, the Ecology of Leadership program blends inquiry and skill development, self-awareness, and deepened nature connection with principles of systems thinking and permaculture. With the support of a powerful and dynamic circle, you will explore leadership from the inside out, envisioning and stepping into the possibilities you hold for your life and your service path.

Come out and meet our respected elder in this time of the "Great Turning"!

June 25th ~ 9-Noon
Our Global Family Farm at City Farm
Perennial Farming Community Workshop

Workshop led by Josh Carmichael on how to make farms and gardens to be more perennial and productive and resilient.

SLO County Community Events:

May 4th – 16th – USA Break Free from Fossil Fuels

Sponsored by www.350.org http://usa.breakfree2016.org/?source=350&utm_medium=email

May 7th - Outdoor Discovery Festival at Lopez Lake - <http://slocountyparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-May-WHATS-HAPPENING-at-LL.pdf>

May 7th - RACING EXTINCTION HopeDance film&conversation with Bob Banner
7:00PM at San Luis Obispo Library: \$6.00

Facebook invite: <https://www.facebook.com/events/988234484599005/1000031846752602/>

May 9th – Josh Fox at the Fremont Theater, 6-9PM – Flyer attached

May 10th - Sustainability in Retail panel discussion Cal Poly Sustainable Ag Lecture Series
http://cfs.calpoly.edu/sustainable_ag_lecture_series.html

May 10th – SLO Seed Savers Exchange at SLO Grange Hall at 6pm (2nd Tuesday)

May 18th - Climate Smart Agriculture panel discussion Cal Poly Sustainable Ag Lecture Series
<http://cfs.calpoly.edu/climate.html>

May 22nd – Nature Fest at Dana Adobe Free Community Event

12pm – 4pm, 671 S. Oakglen Ave. in Nipomo.

Live Band, Petting Zoo, Nature Walks, Scavenger Hunt, Pony Rides, Talks, Family Nature Club, Informational Booths, Raffle. www.DanaAdobe.org

June 3-16 Cob and beyond – building with sand, straw, earth, and wood near Los Olivos with Betty Seaman. See attached flyer for more details!

June 25th - SLO Grange "In Celebration of Pollination" event.

We (the SLO Grange members and friends) will be hosting a celebration of pollination party from 2-6pm. There will be information booths related to farming and food, farmers with produce for sale, activities for children, music, dancing, food, friends and FUN. If you have any ideas or info that you would like to share at this event, please respond to Sue Sunderland 1sun@sbcglobal.net

Other Permaculture Projects & Events along the Central Coast:

May 6th – Permaculture and the Climate Crisis talk at Santa Barbara City College

*Santa Barbara Permaculture Network is happy to be a co-sponsor for this event. The SBCC Environmental Horticulture Dept. also has a great plant sale coming up on **May 7 from 9 am-1pm in the Lifescape Gardens on SBCC East campus (parking lot 1B)**. The Lifescape Garden is looking spectacular right now, worth a visit to get ideas and plants for your garden.*

Environmental Horticulture Dept. & the SBCC Permaculture Design Course

Presents:

***Permaculture & the Climate Crisis:
Science, Politics, & Practice***

with Dr. Rafter Sass Ferguson of Liberation Ecology

Friday, May 6, 2016

7:30 - 9 pm, FREE

Event Location: SBCC Fe Bland Auditorium/BC Forum, West Campus



~Permaculture is a design system based on ecological principles for creating sustainable human environments ~ COP21, the UN international climate meeting convened in Paris last year, proved conclusively that our institutions are **not equipped to handle the enormous climate crisis that is facing humanity and our planet on their own**. We need grassroots movements to drive needed transformation - to both demonstrate alternatives to the status quo, and demand that governments, NGOs, and business get on board and work collaboratively as allies for the changes that are so desperately needed.

Permaculture has proven that it has a toolbox of concepts and practices that can be applied virtually anywhere. With permaculture's inception in the 1970s, it is natural that to continue to evolve and **engage the world as it is now**, permaculture may have to go through some transformations of its own, as

we work to understand its strengths and its current limitations. **This talk will address emerging perspectives and recent scientific research on permaculture, where we need to go, and how we can get there.**

Dr. Rafter Sass Ferguson received his **PhD in Crop Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2015**, and is currently a Research Fellow at the **Center for Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Change at the University of Lisbon**, where he is part of the project Bottom-up Climate Adaptation Strategies Towards a Sustainable Europe. His dissertation research produced the first papers on permaculture to appear in major scientific journals. He has been involved with permaculture as student, educator, and scholar since 2003, and in 2005 developed the Liberation Ecology workshop, a curriculum that helps participants develop strategies for integrating social justice and sustainability goals. The event will be a local celebration of the 7th International Permaculture Day - May 2016

The event takes place on **Friday, May 6, 7:30-9pm**, at the Fe Bland Auditorium/BC Forum, on the SBCC West Campus, 800 block of Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93109. The event is FREE, no reservations are required. More Info: Daniel Parra Hensel:

daparrahense@pipeline.sbcc.edu

Hosted by the SBCC Environmental Horticulture Department

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1113606562029227/>

June 18th – Tour of Santa Barbara Moringa Farm at 2pm

The Santa Barbara Moringa Farm, a part of the Dos Pueblos Permaculture Farm was started in 2013 by Fred and Jinger Dixon with support of land owner Rosario Perry as a greenhouse restoration and soil remediation project. It is located at the historic site of the former Dos Pueblos Orchid Company. It has since become a thriving 20 acre working farm with 2.5 acres of perennial food forest, indoor tropical food forest, rescue barnyard, and is home to the SB Moringa Farm, which is our signature commercial crop. Proceeds from the Moringa Farm are used to fund further development of our eco-system rehabilitation project on this beautiful piece of the Gaviota coastline.

Moringa tea will be served; \$5.00 donation to Jinger for her time. There will be Moringa products and possibly plants available for sale. Bring food to spend time and enjoy the property; private beach nearby. Car pool is encouraged leaving at Sears Upper Parking lot at 1:15 or Ride your bike or meet us there: 301 La Casa Grande Circle. Take the Dos Pueblos Canyon exit. There will be signs at the bottom of the hill directing them to the farm which is at

Register at Meetup link below:

<http://www.meetup.com/Santa-Barbara-Food-and-Farm-Adventures/events/229989236/>

To learn more about the farm, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/Santa-Barbara-Moringa-Farm-693646810735370/>

PermEzone - I wanted to share with you the news that momentum is really building for the PermEzone project in East Africa along with our team.

Welcome two new members of the [Project Board](#): Sabre Mrkva is working on supporter communications, and Vicki Halpern will be coordinating the team doing monitoring and evaluation for the pilot.

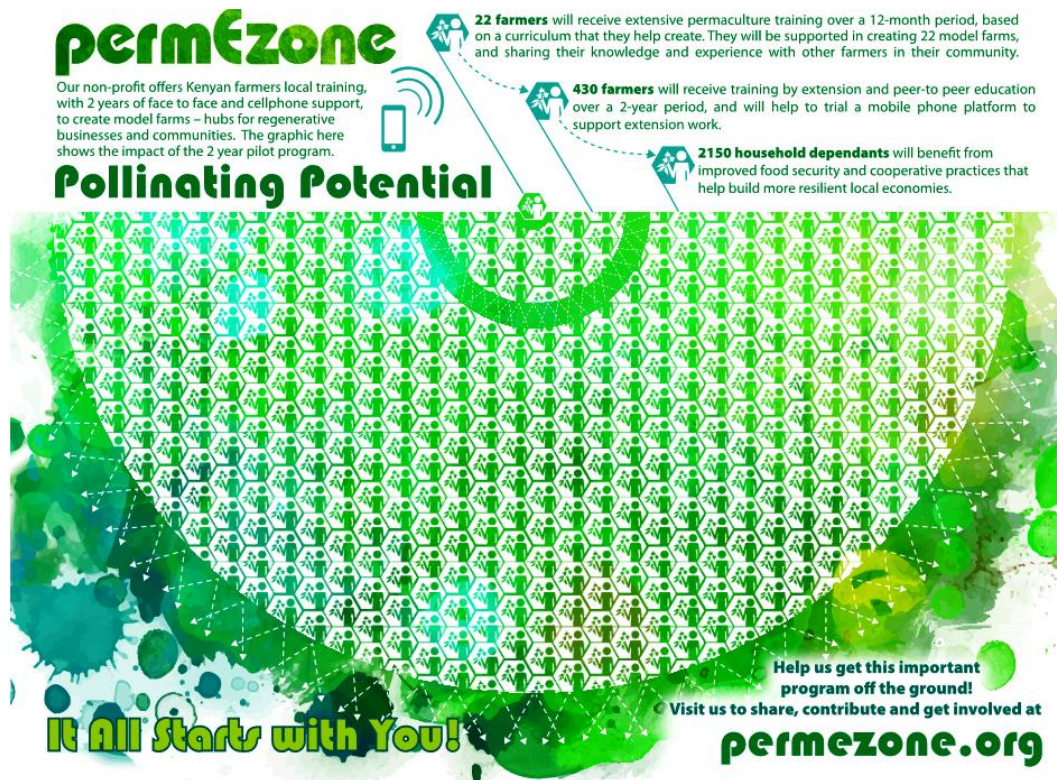
Sabre has created this info-graphic to illustrate how your support makes you a part of something much larger than yourself as one of the foundational change agents for a program that will impact the lives of thousands of farmers to change their lives from scarcely surviving to thriving.

We have gathered the potential energy - now we need YOU to give the extra push we need to begin this important work.

All the funds raised through this campaign will go to people in East Africa training and supporting farmers, developing the mobile phone platform or collecting data to evaluate the impact of the program. This is a chance to make a real difference by empowering people in impoverished rural communities to work together to build resilience and improve the lives of current and future generations.

Hugh Kelly of PermEzone

permEzone is a project of [Empowerment Works](#), a 501(c)3 non-profit, and an international project of the [Permaculture Association](#) (Britain).



Permaculture Action Network & Rising Appalachia Concerts

THANK YOU SO MUCH - WE DID IT!! The Permaculture Action Network Indie GoGo campaign has now reached and surpassed our goal! I woke up this morning and felt an overwhelming amount of joy and gratitude for such a large community that holds me and this work so well.

Now that we have exceeded our goal we will be able to host more Permaculture Action Days, allocate more funds to our existing Permaculture Action Days, support people on our campaign team and national network as well as create more visual media to share the work we are doing nationally... and maybe a carton of ice cream to celebrate! Any additional funds we raise now will be turned into urban farms, water systems, food forests and educational spaces! If you feel inspired you can donate to the campaign here: <http://JasmineFuego.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=123b44cdf8126f311fcb8f971&id=58d576eb25&e=5556551b00>

Upcoming Events

The summer is upon us and I am super excited to be hitting the old dusty road to spread our work. Here's what is cooking up for me (Rising Appalachia) and the Permaculture Action Network:

***May 7th: 'A Permaculture Action Story' Film screening followed by a presentation and Q&A with myself at UC Davis' Whole Earth Festival!

<http://JasmineFuego.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=123b44cdf8126f311fcb8f971&id=cdb3e28ee8&e=5556551b00>

*** May 21st: Denver Permaculture Action Day more info here: <http://JasmineFuego.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=123b44cdf8126f311fcb8f971&id=580ef05824&e=5556551b00>

***May 22nd: Rising Appalachia & Elephant Revival at Red Rocks!

Tickets: <http://JasmineFuego.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=123b44cdf8126f311fcb8f971&id=b83680ed85&e=5556551b00>

***Lightning in a Bottle Festival- Memorial Day Weekend in Bradley, CA The Permaculture Action HUB will be hosting an entire weekend of workshops and panels... and I will be joining a few of my favorite artists on stage with some dance!

Lightning in a Bottle is a transformational festival in the Central Coast region of California presented by The Do LaB. The Do LaB seeks to promote sustainability, social cohesion, personal health, and creative expression. <http://lightninginabottle.org/>

Nakho and Medicine for the People will be there! <http://nahko.com/>

...More summer events to come!

<http://www.permacultureaction.org/>