



SLO Permaculture

Guild Newsletter May 2016

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Upcoming Guild Project Dates:

June 25th – Perennial Farming Community Workshop at Our Global Family Farm at City Farm
9am – 12noon – Workshop led by Josh Carmichael on how to make farms and gardens to be more perennial and productive and resilient.

SLO County Community Events:

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:

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/>

Grain Growers and Dry Farmed/Regenerative Ag Collaborative Meet-Up

To engage in a conversation focused on a grain cooperative and a regional dry farmed/regenerative ag collaborative to support and nurture these efforts.

Sunday, June 5th, 10 AM - 1:30 PM SLO Grange, San Luis Obispo

Meeting Time line

10a - introduction to dry farmed/regenerative ag
10:30a - brief informal introductions by participating organizations
11-11:15a - short break.. join breakout group of interest
11:15a - 1p group meet ups
1p - 1:30p coming together to talk about next steps
Meeting adjourned - lunch

Grain Growers Cooperative

This meeting is part of California Center for Cooperative Development's (CCCD) program to create cooperative solutions to Central Coast grain farming issues. Participants in the 2016 Central Coast grain survey are highly encouraged to attend; all grain farmers welcome.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Survey results
3. Determine next steps
4. Create working groups
5. Wrap-up

Regional Dry Farm Collaborative

This will be a forum for dry farm producers and supporters looking for opportunities to collaborate through a partnership with the Ecological Farming Associations' Ecological Farmer and Rancher Alliance (EFRA).

Held in partnership with California FarmLink, California Center for Cooperative Development, Ecological Farming Association. For more information please call:

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