



# SLO Permaculture

## Guild Newsletter – July 2016

### Facebook:

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

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

### Website:

SLO Permaculture: <http://slopermaculture.weebly.com/>

### Email:

[slopermaculture@gmail.com](mailto:slopermaculture@gmail.com)

### Our Global Family Farm Project:

<https://cityfarmslo.org/global-family-educational-garden/>

Regular work days on Thursday afternoons 1pm – 5pm.

## 4 Permaculture Magazines to Subscribe to:

### PIP Magazine - Australian Permaculture

Permaculture and sustainable living magazine written by the community for the community.

[www.pipmagazine.com.au/](http://www.pipmagazine.com.au/)

Editor Robyn Rosenfeldt

### Permaculture Magazine U.K./24 yr

Practical solutions beyond sustainability

[www.permaculture.co.uk/](http://www.permaculture.co.uk/)

Editor Maddy Harland

### North American Permaculture Magazine

First offshoot of Permaculture Magazine UK for Canada, USA and Mexico

<https://www.permaculturemag.org>

Editors Hannah Apricot Eckberg and Cassie Langstraat

### Permaculture Design Magazine /31yr

For the Regeneration of Human Habitat

<http://permaculturedesignmagazine.com>

Editor John Wages

Special thanks to John Wages Editor of Permaculture Design Magazine for making space in the Magazine to promote all magazines modified to include Permaculture Design Magazine by Wesley Roe

**Glean SLO:** July Harvest Dates – <http://www.gleanslo.org/harvestlist.php>

## Upcoming Guild Events:

**July 16<sup>th</sup> – 10AM-2PM**

### **Natural Building: Stacked Stone Seat Wall with Adobe Mortar**

Location: 330 Cecelia Ct, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

[Facebook Event here](#)

Carmichael Environmental will be sponsoring another workparty with the SLO Permaculture Guild focusing on natural building. Learn how to make an adobe earthen mortar to set a natural stacked stone wall.

Get a walkthrough on how to create a natural, stone retaining wall from start to finish, from footing to mortar mixing to stone fitting. Leave with the experience to start your own projects for garden walls, benches, and more.

Food and drink will be provided but feel free to bring a potluck dish as well. Please invite friends and family for this free, educational work party. Thank you SLO Permaculture Guild!

**July 26<sup>th</sup> – 6PM-8:30PM**

### **Permaculture Guild Meeting: Summer Party!**

2880 Broad St, SLO

The SLO Guild formerly the SLO Grange.

[Facebook Event here](#)

We will be hosting a Summer Garden Party at the SLO Guild Hall. Join us for a potluck and potlatch, great food, bonfire, drinks, music, and more! Come along, bring friends, family, and fun, meet great people, learn more about permaculture, and enjoy a wonderful Summer evening with the SLO Permies.

## Upcoming Community Events:

**July 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **FARMGIRLS Summer Camp**

8am – 12noon (four hours)

For girls ages 8 - 16

\$125 per registration

Registration link: <http://www.permaculture.us.com/farmgirls/farmgirls-summer-camp>

Location: Our Global Family Farm at City Farm

1221 Calle Joaquin Road

Drive to cul-de-sac and turn left onto dirt road to wooden pavilion.

Our unique camp engages girls in:

- Farm Work – planting, watering, weeding, harvesting
- Playtime – singing, dancing, drama, skits, music making
- Arts &amp; Crafts – sculptures, painting, floral arranging

- Nature Connection – circle way, hikes, cooperative games
- Food Preparation – chopping veggies for salads & snacks

For more information contact Teresa “Tree” Lees at [treelees@charter.net](mailto:treelees@charter.net)

## July 7<sup>th</sup> – 5:30PM Liberating Structures

Cal Poly Orfalea College of Business (OCOB), building # 03 in room 204

Our first Liberating Structures Users Group meeting. We will be gathering in the Cal Poly Orfalea College of Business (OCOB), building # 03 in room 204 starting at 5:30 PM. Come early for refreshments and appetizers.



\*Parking is by permit on campus. Permits will be provided to those who RSVP.

Come and see first hand the benefits of using liberating structures (LS) to enhance and unleash creativity and productivity in your organizations. What are Liberating Structures? They are simple, minimal structures that enable you to find or clarify purpose, safely and positively address lingering problems or conflicts, reach agreements quickly and easily, and achieve profound change, all while having fun. Learn more at: <http://www.liberatingstructures.com/>

The purpose of the users group is to create a safe space for creativity, invention, development and community, where all participants learn Liberating Structures by using Liberating Structures – then share their newfound skills with others. Thereby developing a robust network of users and advocates, which will grow our community and broaden the positive impact of LS.

We hope you will come and see what LS is all about. Please feel free to invite a friend / colleague. Sign up for our SLOLS email list at: <http://eepurl.com/b4INsL>

See you at 5:30 on the 7th,

Matthew Roberts, Eric Olsen, Lori Serna, Samson Blackwell and Troy Weipert

## August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6PM Slow Money SLO Public Gathering

2880 Broad St, San Luis Obispo

The SLO Guild formerly the SLO Grange.

Join the Slow Money SLO public gathering, no charge to attend, but please bring a friend and some food to share! Tuesday August 2nd, 6 pm, 2880 Broad St, the SLO Guild formerly the SLO Grange.

Agenda:

6:00 Food and networking

6:30 Speakers - TreatSLO, Vert Foods, Harvest Santa Barbara

7:30 Q&A, networking

Harvest Santa Barbara is a new local organic food distributor. They are part of the combined Slow Money SLO and Central Coast Grown efforts to help small farms sell more product to local businesses and consumers.

You may recall Lan from Treat SLO providing excellent dessert treats at our Winter meeting and Virginia, Vert Foods, providing her high quality, nutritional entrees. Hear the latest on their growing food businesses.

## **Other Permaculture Projects & Events along the Central Coast and beyond:**

**Farm Manager Position at Quail Springs-  
Grow the Quail Springs Dryland Foodshed!**

<http://www.quailsprings.org/farm-manager/>

**July 7<sup>th</sup> – 7PM**

**Unbroken Ground Film and Speakers at Patagonia in Ventura**

Great Pacific Ironworks, 250 W. Santa Clara, Ventura

Our food choices are deeply connected to climate change. Food will play a critical role in the next frontier of our efforts to solve the environmental crisis. Join us to celebrate the release of Unbroken Ground, a compelling new film by Chris Malloy that explores four areas of agriculture that aim to change our relationship to the land and oceans.

Watch the film and hear from a panel of speakers – including Patagonia Founder Yvon Chouinard, Wes Jackson of The Land Institute, filmmaker Chris Malloy and Birgit Cameron, Director of Patagonia Provisions. We will also be serving our new Long Root Ale beer + Patagonia Provisions' organic food sourced from our partners featured in the film.

Visit <http://www.patagoniaprovisions.com/> to learn more about the food we offer and what makes us different or see their Facebook page

Film is at 7:00 pm at Great Pacific Ironworks 250 West Santa Clara Ventura

There will be a car pool meet at Starbucks parking lot on Casitas Pass in Carpinteria leaving at 6:20. Feel free to contact Gerri if needed [\(805\)705-8248](tel:8057058248)

**July 17<sup>th</sup> – 11AM**

**Private Tour of Casitas Valley Farm**

4620 Casitas Pass Road, Ventura, CA

<http://www.meetup.com/Santa-Barbara-Food-and-Farm-Adventures/events/229989322/>

A private tour of Casitas Valley Farm to learn about how they are creating a regenerative local food production system that is economically, socially and ecologically viable. They manage an organic orchard system with 16 acres of avocados, 3 of persimmons and 2 of apples, have have

500+ laying chickens & 30+ heritage breed pigs.. They offer courses & workshops on the farm, including Permaculture certification courses & apprenticeships, and charcuterie workshops. Through these courses students learn about earthworks, groundwater recharge, anti-erosion mitigation, nutrient cycling, healthy soil biology, plant guilds for food, fodder and forage, animal integration and harvesting, natural building and enterprise ecosystem development. They are a site for school field trips, where they discuss the importance of growing healthy, nutrient dense food using regenerative agriculture practices. They also host teams of food service professionals looking to source ingredients more responsibly. And most importantly, they grow really good food.

Come and enjoy a walk through the orchards, and snack on a farm fresh salad picked from the gardens. \$15.00 for farm tour, salad and water/tea; children 6 and younger are free; ages 7-12 half price (can be paid at the farm). Bring picnic food and beverage to share, if interested.

To learn more, go to: [www.casitasvalley.com](http://www.casitasvalley.com)

Ride your bike, car pool together or meet us there. I'm planning on riding my bicycle there from Summerland with a few friends from Goleta Valley Cycling Club; 13 mile each way.

## July 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> The Ecology of Food Systems

When it comes to food system education that is experiential, interdisciplinary, and systems-based, the SAEA conference strives to walk the talk. We, the participants, will make the conference, with a schedule and format explicitly designed to support people learning as both individuals and groups. When we meet and work together, we form an education-focused “community of practice” that helps us learn not only more about teaching food systems, but about the world in which we live and work, ourselves and each other. The SAEA champions innovative educational approaches for sustainable agriculture through the development, application, and research of teaching and learning practices. The SAEA conference is not focused on sustainable agriculture or food systems as topical areas, in and of themselves. The goal of the conference is to connect educators, teachers, students, apprentices, staff, and administrators who focus on teaching and learning at the adult level.

SAEA believes that how we teach and learn is as important as what we teach and learn, and that this is especially true when approaching the challenges and opportunities we face in creating a more just and sustainable food system

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**saea**  
sustainable agriculture  
education association

**7th National Conference**

**THE ECOLOGY OF FOOD SYSTEMS**  
Engaging  
Interdisciplinary and  
Applied Education for a  
Just and Sustainable  
Agriculture

**July 29-31, 2016**  
University  
of California  
Santa Cruz  
**CENTER FOR  
AGROECOLOGY  
AND SUSTAINABLE  
FOOD SYSTEMS  
(CASFS)**  
with field trips  
to regional sustainable  
agriculture education  
projects

The conference invites participants from across the agriculture and food system who are engaged in adult education: students, teachers and independent scholars; farmers, cooks, and community organizers; professionals in health, business, the arts, law, and the media. Participants will represent colleges, universities, farmer training organizations, and a range of professional and civil society organizations.

To encourage flexible and interactive learning, the format will be highly participant-driven, featuring Open-Space sessions, workshops, panel discussions, and diverse presentations.

This year's theme highlights the growing demand for inclusive and critical approaches to sustainable agriculture and food education at the post-secondary level. SAEA has a strong tradition of focusing on interdisciplinary and experiential learning from a systems thinking perspective.

The conference will focus on social justice and equity oriented educational programming and activities within the broader field of food systems.

For more info on conference details: [sustainableaged.org](http://sustainableaged.org)  
Have questions? contact: [saea2016conference@ucsc.edu](mailto:saea2016conference@ucsc.edu)

The conference is co-hosted by UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, University of Hawaii, West Oahu, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA), Merritt College, and Stanford University. Major support for the conference has been provided by the University of California Office of the President's Global Food Initiative.

Global Food Initiative UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CASFS UC CENTER FOR AGROECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS UC DAVIS AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE Berkeley Food Institute CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY CAL POLY UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WEST OAHU ALBA MERRITT COLLEGE CAL POLY

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**August 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Soil Not Oil  
International Conference**

Richmond, CA

<http://soilnotoilcoalition.org>

Building a Movement for a Livable Climate and Environmental Justice is only few weeks away.

The list of confirmed speakers is increasing every day and will include scientists, farmers and activists. Some of them coming from Nicaragua, Cuba, Mexico, Ecuador and other places. Volunteer opportunities are still available. More information about solidarity housing, rideshare and group rate hotel discount will be posted on the website within the next week.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-soil-not-oil-international-conference-tickets-22559715717>

**Soil Not Oil**  
Building a Movement  
For a Livable Climate and Environmental Justice

International Conference  
**August 5th & 6th**  
Richmond Memorial Civic Center  
403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, California  
**OVER 100 SPEAKERS + WORKSHOPS  
PLENARIES + NETWORKING + FILMS**  
soilnotoilcoalition.org

— SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE —

 David Montgomery Author & Prof. of Geopedology University of Washington	 Nina Sicha Siren Quallins Leader from the Kichwa Community Saraguro, Ecuadorian Amazon	 Andrew Kimbrell Executive Director Center for Food Safety	 Kristen Ohlson Journalist & Author Author of <i>The Soil Will Save Us</i>	 Paul Keller Singing Frog Farm Leader in Biological No-Till Agriculture
 Leah Atwood MESA Development Director	 Mario Luna Romero Tilant Secretary Yaqui (Yaeme) Tribe of Mexico Sonora, Mexico	 Osprey Orielle Lake Executive Director & Founder of WE CAN Women's Earth and Climate Action Network	 Alfredo Quarto Executive Director & Co-Founder Mangrove Action Project	 Bill McKibben Co-founder & former Advisor of 350.org Author, Journalist & Environmentalist

Logos at the bottom include: Capa MESA, Friends of the Earth, Center for Food Safety, Nativiva, Good Earth Natural Foods, MESA, Kiss the Ground, WE CAN, and others.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
Festival of Fruit**



**San Luis Obispo  
County in  
California's  
Central Coast  
August 26-28, 2016**



**Online registration is open now  
at [FestivalofFruit.org](http://FestivalofFruit.org)**

Are you looking forward to the 2016 Festival Fruit? We are! The Central Coast chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers has organized an educational and fun festival that will take place this summer in San Luis Obispo, California. Be sure to register by August 8 to get the early bird discount and, when you register, don't forget additional items such as meal tickets, parking passes, and logo gear.

**Register Online**

Festival registrants can opt to attend up to four (4) tours per day. Before completing your registration, ensure that you have the time to travel between your desired tour locations on Friday and Sunday. Review the festival schedule on the website to select speakers who's presentations you wish to attend on Saturday. See you soon!



**September 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**

## **The 2nd North American Permaculture Convergence**

Solar Living Institute in Hopland, California

<http://northamericanpermaculture.org>

Welcome to The 2016 Building Resilient Communities Convergence – Hosting the 2nd North American Convergence

This year we are excited to be hosting the North American Permaculture Convergence in conjunction with this gathering.

This Convergence will bring together sustainability enthusiasts, permaculture designers, social entrepreneurs, community organizers, social justice activists, people from the NorCal Bioregion, the West Coast, and all across North America for a dynamic, engaging, and celebratory gathering designed to build a powerful movement for community resilience. Whether you are a seasoned permaculturalist, green business entrepreneur festival goer, sustainability enthusiast, or just excited to enjoy a weekend of fantastic people, good music, food, campfires and opportunities to learn about new ways of living in thriving resilience with people and the planet... there is something at this Convergence for you!



**September 19<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>**

## **Permaculture Design Certification Course 2016 Los Angeles with Matthew Stephens**

Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden in Arcadia, California

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1709146826035791/>

**September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Social Permaculture Intensive With Pandora Thomas & Starhawk**

Quailsprings near Santa Barbara

<http://www.quailsprings.org/.../permacul.../social-permaculture/>

How can permaculture principles bring people together to co-create and empower one another to transform patterns of unjust power into healing, nurturing and inspirational collaborative experiences?

All groups deal with issues of power, conflict and the need to make decisions. In this five-day intensive, using approaches inspired by permaculture principles, we'll explore how to structure our groups for maximum group health, how to share power fairly, improve our communication

skills, mediate conflicts and facilitate group processes. And we'll share tools for decision making and constructive critique.

We'll balance the process work with time outdoors in nature, including hands-on work on the land, as well as walks, bird sits and wilderness awareness. Insights from permaculture, magic, and indigenous wisdom will help us learn to be more effective and joyful as we work together to regenerate our world. This course is for you if you belong to a group or organization seeking to make change; a nonprofit or NGO that seeks to work collaboratively; a spiritual circle, ritual group, or faith community; a community group, Transition Town, collective, or worker-run cooperative; an intentional community or household or hope to start one; a collaborative arts, theater, or music group; a family or a community of friends that want to improve communications and ways of handling conflict.

### Topics we will explore:

- Design beneficial relationships
- Value diversity and edge
- Stack functions
- Design the physical to support the social
- Working with diversity—race, gender, class, sexual orientation, etc.

### Instructors

Pandora Thomas is a passionate global citizen who works as a teacher, writer, designer and speaker. She studied at Columbia and Tufts University and with several permaculture and greenbuilding design programs. Her writing includes a children's book, various curricula and a manual entitled "Shades of Green" for individuals wanting to teach green building to youth. She has keynoted and lectured on topics ranging from diversity, social justice, youth and women's leadership, social entrepreneurship and sustainability. She has taught groups as diverse as Iraqi and Indonesian youth to men serving in San Quentin creating inspiring and hands on programs around permaculture design, sustainability, and outdoor and environmental education. Starhawk is an author, activist, permaculture designer and teacher, and one of the most respected voices in modern Goddess religion and earth-based spirituality. She is the author or coauthor of thirteen books, including the classics *The Spiral Dance* and *The Fifth Sacred Thing*.

**SOCIAL PERMACULTURE:**  
**NURTURING EFFECTIVE AND CREATIVE GROUPS** with  
Pandora Thomas & Starhawk



**SEPTEMBER 28th - OCTOBER 2nd**  
**COST: BEFORE AUG. 1st \$675 | FULL TUITION \$825**  
*financial aid and group discounts available*

In this five-day intensive, we will explore how to structure our groups for maximum group health, how to share power fairly, improve our communication skills, mediate conflicts and facilitate group processes.

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**Learn more at [www.quailsprings.org](http://www.quailsprings.org) or contact [permaculture@quailsprings.org](mailto:permaculture@quailsprings.org)**

**Registration Information**

Course Tuition: \$825

Course fee includes: Instruction, catered meals and camping accommodations

Discounts:

Early Bird: \$150 discount (Discount Code: SOCBIRD – Expires: August 1st)

Bring A Friend: \$50 discount (each) for couples or friends attending the course together  
(Discount Code: SOC4TWO)

Financial aid: Payment plans and limited partial scholarships (based on low income / financial need & intention to use the training) available by application. Inquire early to apply for financial aid by sending your application request via email directly to [permaculture@quailsprings.org](mailto:permaculture@quailsprings.org)