



SLO Permaculture

Guild Newsletter – September 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

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/

Editor Robyn Rosenfeldt

Permaculture Magazine U.K./24 yr

Practical solutions beyond sustainability

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:

September 24th – 10AM-2PM

Branch Mill Harvest Party Event Prep & Party

Location: Branch Mill Organic Farm. 2815 Branch Mill Rd, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

[Facebook Event here](#)

Branch Mill Organic Farm is having their annual Harvest Party and you are invited! The party is from 2 until dusk for those who have helped the farm anytime throughout the year. We are going to help prepare for the event and any who come to the prep event can stay for the party.

October 25 – 6PM-8:30PM

SLO Permaculture Guild Quarterly Program – Water Catchment Techniques for the Central Coast

More details on our next newsletter!

Upcoming Community Events:

September 14th – October 5th

Introduction to Holistic Management At Cuesta College

Our quality of life depends upon a complex set of relationships both above and below the soil surface. This class, comprised of 4 classroom sessions and one field session, will help to enable participants to make more effective decisions when dealing with complexity in their lives. Emphasis will be on effective ecosystem process function which translates to flourishing communities.

Class will meet for a 4-hour field session on Saturday, Oct 1, from 8am-12pm. Location TBD

[Register Online](#)

DATES: 4 Wed., Sep 14-Oct 5, 2016

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00pm

FEE: \$100

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LOCATION: San Luis Obispo Campus Room 4730

INSTRUCTOR: Robert Rutherford

QUESTIONS:

Contact instructor at robtrutherford@gmail.com or (805) 550-4858.

http://www.cuesta.edu/communityprograms/community-education/nature_science/holistic_management.html

September 15th – 5PM-7PM
A Community First! Village Presentation
by Hope's Village

FROM AUSTIN TO SLO:
A Community First! Village presentation
hosted by Hope's Village



Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016
5:00 - 7:00PM
SLO Library
995 Palm Street
San Luis Obispo, CA

RSVP by 9-10-16 to b.jorgeson@hopesvillageofslo.com

Tiny Living

Leaders of an internationally recognized community village will talk about creating a thriving oasis of affordable housing, gardens and micro-enterprises for people who were homeless in Austin.

September 2nd-4th
Permaculture as Spiritual Practice at Sunburst Sanctuary in
Buellton

<http://sunburstonline.org/earth-stewardship/>

September 10 – 11AM

Heirloom Tomato Tasting at Jack Creek Farms in Templeton

<http://www.jackcreekfarms.com/specialevents.html#heirloom>

September 17 – 11am – 2pm

Salmon Enhancement Open House

<http://www.centralcoastsalmon.com/new-events>

September 17

Coastal Clean Up Day – Sign up with EcoSLO

<http://ecoslo.org/>

September 25

La Entrada City Repair Neighborhood Party

Check City Repair SLO Facebook group for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/335729389952533/>

September 29

Green Ribbon School Training at Oceano Elementary

<http://www.usgbcc4.org/gatewaytogreenschools>

October 22 – 9AM-Noon

Harvest Party at Our Global Family at City Farm

October 6th & 7th

Slow Money SLO & The Center for Sustainability Present:



Growing Small Food & Farm Businesses

Hear local food and farm owners divulge their secrets of success

Keynote Speaker: Woody Tasch

THURSDAY OCT. 6

Panel Discussion + Q&A

5:30 - 8:00 pm

FREE | Donations Appreciated | Food Available for Purchase

@ The SLO Guild Hall

- Formerly The Grange -

2880 Broad St, SLO

WOODY TASCH

Founder & Chairman of Slow Money

Returns to SLO County

NINER & Chef Maegen Loring
WINE ESTATES

2400 Highway 46 West
Paso Robles

Welcome You
To:

Celebrating SLO County
Sustainable Food
Entrepreneurs

For More Info:

www.slowmoneyslo.org | 805-300-2805



FRIDAY OCT. 7

Eat + Drink + Celebrate

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Meet Local Food & Farm Owners

Hear Woody Tasch Speak

Enjoy Local Food & Wine

Tour the Garden

\$60 pp / \$100 for two

Seating is Limited. To Purchase Tickets Go To:

slofoodcelebration.eventbrite.com

October 15th – Noon-1:30PM

Chocolate Making Class

(right in time for the holidays!)
SLO Guild Hall

Cost Benefits SLO GUILD HALL
Taught by Virginia Marum of Vert Foods
www.vertfoods.com

Ancient Tradition Chocolate Making

\$25, 1.5 hours, includes full sampling
Learn the ancient tradition of true chocolate making
with cacao.

Is Chocolate really healthy for you?
Yes, if you know how to make the real thing!
Chocolate Ice Cream, Chocolate Custard, Truffles,
and Almond Butter Cups.
Learn how to make it along with a workshop on
cacao.



October 21st – 5PM-9PM
8th Annual Community Seed Exchange

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2016

SLO Seed Exchange
presents



**8th Annual
Community
Seed Exchange**

*Ethnoecologist/Scientist
Daniela Soleri
talk
"Seed Libraries"
5:30-6:30*

vitality, unique
expression of
life force, energy
quickening through
action—open, aware—
divine dissatisfaction,
a blessed unrest

Martha Graham

Community Seed Exchange 7-8pm

LOCATION: 5-9pm SLO City/County Library Community Room

Come Help Green the Desert in Carrizo Plains

Apolonia Paulusse has a good intention to green the desert and has land in the Carrizo Plains. All it takes is native trees, shrubs, edibles that can be planted to favorably effect climate and water. Apolonia already has planted more than one hundred young trees in a permaculture way so they need much less water. Now she is working on an earth protected greenhouse to have a for her very young nursery plants here. There is so much barren land in SLO County that could use help. You could learn and camp here (in California valley) and Apolonia would provide nice meals. One tree at a time, one acre at a time, one valley at a time, one week at a time. If interested in helping Apolonia please email apple.acupuncture@yahoo.com.

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

September 14th-18th

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!

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 Geomorphology
University of Washington
- Nina Sicha Siren Gualinga
Leader from the Achuar Community
Sarayaku, Ecuadorian Amazon
- Andrew Kimbrell
Executive Director
Center for Food Safety
- Kristin Olson
Journalist & Author
Author of *The Soil Will Save Us*
- Paul Kaiser
Bringing Food Forth
Leader in Ecological No-Till Agriculture
- Leah Allwood
MESA Development Director
- Maria Luna Romero
Tribal Secretary
Yaqul (Yosma) Tribe of Yucatan
Sonora, Mexico
- Opprey Orielle Lake
Executive Director & Founder of WECAN
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network
- Alfredo Quirte
Executive Director & Co-founder
Mangrove Action Project
- Bill McKibben
Co-founder & Senior Advisor of 350.org
Author, Journalist & Environmentalist

SOLAR LIVING INSTITUTE • HOPLAND, CA
northamericanpermaculture.org | permacultureconvergence.com

September 19th – October 4th
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 24th – October 7th
Permaculture Design Certificate
2-week residential course at the Occidental Arts & Ecology Center

Permaculture Design Certification (PDC) courses at the Occidental Arts & Ecology Center will immerse you in information, ideas and inspiration on how to design sustainable, regenerative systems in balance with your home ecosystem.

Learn more about our [Permaculture Design Program](#).

September 28th-October 2nd
Social Permaculture Intensive
With Pandora Thomas & Starhawk

Quail Springs 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,



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.

This course is for those working with:

- 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 family or a community of friends that want to improve communications and ways of handling conflict

Learn more at www.quailsprings.org or contact permaculture@quailsprings.org

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*.

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

Sept 29th – Oct 10th, 2016 The Sustainable Living Tour



[Apply Now](#)

An 11 Day traveling retreat on a biofuel bus practicing methods of community building while learning from leading sustainable living centers.

Engage with over a dozen sustainable living experts who live what they teach!

Immersive education in our 8 foundations:

COMMUNITY BUILDING & COLLABORATION

Through traveling in community you will learn how to create nourishing relationships by living the practice of open heart communication. You will learn community living structures, emotional intelligence from our experts at the sustainable living centers.

SELF SUFFICIENCY

Our modern society has lost emphasis on hard skills that empower us to take control of our environment and become resilient and self-sufficient human beings. Learn hard skills from natural building, farming and wilderness skills to take back our power and create the world we want to live in.

REVERSING DROUGHT

Learn why drought is a choice, and how we can use responsible water management to minimize damage to life and the land, while maximizing the availability of this precious natural resource.

ORGANIC SOIL BUILDING

Healthy soil is the key to all of life! Rebuilding our planet's soils in the task of this generation. We will learn why regenerating soil is key to securing a future of healthy food production and a healthy environment.

EMPOWERMENT & LEADERSHIP

How will you integrate the wealth of knowledge and experience gained on this experience into your life and step into your personal power to be the change in the world. You will be empowered with leadership skills and supported to create an action plan to ignite your dreams!

PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION

Let's cultivate positive life habits, release our fears, open our hearts and gain deeper access to our intuition. Through powerfully facilitated transformative work, you will begin to master leading with authenticity and integrity. We acknowledge that in order to transform the planet, we must start by transforming ourselves.

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AND REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

Learn how we can secure our access to healthy and clean food produced while simultaneously regenerating the local ecology. Explore the permaculture principles and the basics of whole system design.

NATURE AWARENESS

When you consciously connect with nature, you also connect with your essence—your true self. Living from essence is the key to making choices that will increase your sense of aliveness and joy, while allowing you to tap into your own natural power to create and call forth what you truly desire.

[I'm In!](#)

Here's What You Can Expect...

- Gain a deep understanding of how to thrive in community through a temporary mobile village experience.
- Be inspired and empowered through immersions at leading sustainability and community living demonstration centers.
- Reconnect with your intrinsic talents to discover how they can be applied to living a regenerative life.
- Take introductory hands-on workshops from leading experts on regenerative living systems to expand your knowledge and apply techniques to your daily life.
- Learn how to tend meaningful relationships that support our personal growth and discover the magic of team synergy and collaboration.
- Participate in an unforgettable educational adventure that will create life-long friendships and set you on a path of clarity to who you are and what role you play in the world.
- Understand our interconnection with all living beings through guided nature connection experiences.
- Create an ACTION PLAN for your calling or project after the tour and present it to the team.
- Participate in on-going support calls and gatherings to keep your momentum going- for a whole year.

October 11th – 13th

**Portal To The New Earth and Tribal Reconnection present:
PTNE Village Building Immersion October 11-13th**

Thirty selected applicants will join world class instructors on the land for 3 beautiful days to study integral permaculture practices, co-design a village, attend workshops on social artistry and living within intentional community, build composting toilets and share in ceremony and song circles.

Fully catered with delicious vegan food. Our goal is to create access by making highest level education available to our community in the most affordable way, tickets are only \$180 and with 20% off before Sept. 1 they are \$144.

Tickets Here: <http://portaltobenewearth.com/pre-event/>

If you resonate with the land and its guardians there is exciting talk of a special invitation to remain on the land to expand upon the frameworks that already exist here and put village living into action!

The relationships, skills, projects and healing that will be begun here will carry us forward as we step back into the outside world. Creating events that the infrastructure doesn't have to be taken down and the people don't have to leave. And if they do they are taking with them valuable new skills and tools to live a more self reliant, sustainable compassionate life- inspiring others to do the same through your example.

Here is the place to gather with those who hold that same healing intention. Here we are a group of leaders and creators gathering to play and dream and actualize together.

Full details on the whole event: <http://portaltobenewearth.com/>

October-March
Permaculture Design Certification at Santa Cruz

PERMACULTURE DESIGN CERTIFICATE

PRACTICAL 6 MONTH COURSE

SANTA CRUZ, CA

OCTOBER TO MARCH 2016-17

Includes 110 hours of hands on activities, field trips and presentations

WEEKENDS

10/8-9: Permaculture Design & Nature Awareness

11/5-6: Regenerating Watersheds & Soil

12/3-4: Social Permaculture

1/14-15: Home Scale Permaculture: Creating Natural Homes & Edible Landscapes

2/4-5: Broad Scale Permaculture: Integrated Animal Husbandry & Forest Management

3/4-5: Community Development

3/11: Public Design Presentations

REGISTRATION

Full Tuition for the Whole Course: \$1,250

One Weekend Only: \$300

Early Bird Discount until 8/25: \$1,050

Partner/Spouse Discount: \$950

Teacher Discount: \$950

Child Discount: \$750

Inquire About Low Income &

Youth POC Scholarships,

And Payment Plans



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WORKSHOPS + INSTRUCTORS

DAVID SHAW

Sustainable Agriculture & Community Development

LYDIA NEILSEN

Watershed Restoration

JON YOUNG

Deep Nature Connection

JOHN VALENZUELA

Agroforestry & Tropical Permaculture

JANINE BJORNSON

Natural Building

LEE KLINGER

Sudden Oak Life

AND MORE!



October 30th – November 13th
Permaculture Design Course at Quail Springs

<http://www.quailsprings.org/programs/program-calendar>

Immerse yourself in permaculture in action with this 14-day learning journey! Share in the joy of community learning together and changing the world. Take home the ability to design and apply natural principles to create stable and resilient systems that provide food, water, shelter and energy needs while regenerating ecology, community and economy.