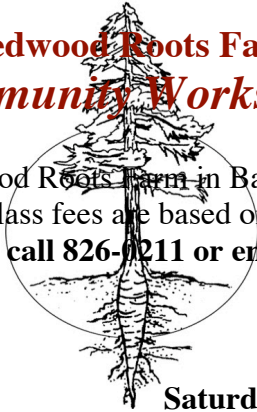


Redwood Roots Farm
2008 Community Workshop Series



All workshops will take place at Redwood Roots Farm in Bayside (next to the Unitarian Fellowship).

Unless otherwise noted, class fees are based on a sliding scale of \$1-\$20.

For more information call 826-0211 or email edl10@yahoo.com.

Saturday, April 5 (1-4 pm)

Food and Democracy

Join Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County (DUHC) to address industrial agriculture and explore the potential for community food that benefits people, not corporations.

Saturday, April 12 (1-4 pm)

Starting Your Organic Garden: Soil

Farmer and soil scientist Eddie Tanner will teach participants about garden bed preparation, working with soil, & maintaining soil health & fertility.

Saturday, April 19 (1-4 pm)

Starting Your Organic Garden: Compost

Explore the inner workings of compost with farmer Janet Czarnecki. Find out the benefits of compost and learn home-scale composting strategies.

Saturday, April 26 (1-4 pm)

Starting Your Organic Garden: Seed Starting

Take the mystery out of starting your seeds at home with farmer Janet Czarnecki. Participants will go home with seeds and seedlings for their home gardens.

Sunday, April 27 (1-4 pm)

Grains, Bread, and Culture

Grain farmer Kevin Cunningham of Shakefork Community Farm will provide a historical and cultural overview of grain cultivation and bread baking.

Sunday, May 4 (1-3 pm)

Spring Farm Tour and Open House

Janet Czarnecki will lead a walking tour of Redwood Roots Farm. Free!

Saturday, May 10 (10 am-12 pm)

Growing Your Awareness of Birds

Local bird-book authors David Fix and Jude Power return to lead this popular workshop devoted to the birds.

Saturday, May 31 (1-4 pm)

The History of Agriculture in Humboldt County

From award winning wheat, to uniquely abundant dairy production, to controversial cash crops, join sociologist Jayme Buckley to explore the history of agriculture in Humboldt County.

Saturday, June 7 (1-4 pm)

Propagation of Herbs

Discover simple propagation techniques for common culinary and medicinal herbs with farmer Janet Czarnecki and herbalist Selena Rowen.

Saturday, June 21 (1-4 pm)

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Land Trusts

Join sociologist Jayme Buckley to learn about the land trust movement in America and in Humboldt County, with a focus on our own Jacoby Creek Land Trust.

Saturday, July 12 (1-3 pm)

Insects in the Garden

Entomologist Pete Haggard returns to lead a fun-filled afternoon devoted to insects in the garden.

Saturday, July 26 (1-4 pm)

Seasonal Cooking

Learn how to enjoy seasonal produce with Fawn Scheer. Topics will include cooking techniques, flavor combinations, and storage/preservation.

Saturday, Aug. 16 (1-4 pm)

Essentials of Flower Arranging

Turn wild and garden flowers into beautiful arrangements with Redwood Roots' own Danielle Zitomer. Bring a vase.

Sunday, Aug. 17 (1-3 pm)

Summer Farm Tour and Open House

Janet Czarnecki will lead a walking tour of Redwood Roots Farm. Free!

A Dispatch From the Intern Diaspora...

The seed was planted when my friend Amy Z. invited me to the Harvest Celebration at Redwood Roots [or Spring something or other - we made scarecrows], back in 2000 or so. I began volunteering regularly, which led to the summer internship. My experience at Redwood Roots was the beginning of a life transformation. Studying to become a school teacher (and becoming disillusioned by the institution), farming grounded me in a way nothing in life ever had. It gave me a sense of my place in this world, a way to work hard for clear results, and it got my hands dirty. Of course Janet provided an amazing role model of a self-sufficient woman, along with being a mentor and

cheerleader (Thanks Janet!). Leaving Humboldt County, I continued teaching, but with a new focus: educational farms. After stints with Camp Habitat in Fairbanks, AK and Slide Ranch in Muir Beach, CA, I realized I was more satisfied by the farming than the teaching and attended the CASFS Farm & Garden Apprenticeship at UC Santa Cruz. In the years since, I have found myself growing vegetables in empty lots in



Hannah, Amy, and scarecrows of yore!

West Oakland, helping families start their own backyard garden plots (with City Slicker Farms), working in a production greenhouse (Sunnyside Organic Seedlings), and selling at farmers markets (for Marin Roots Farm). Most recently I moved to the East Coast, and have seasonal work at a local family farm (Stone Gardens, Shelton, CT), working in the fields & selling at market, continuing to learn the art of growing food. My dream is to one day grow my own piece of land, whether it be a backyard garden or fields and orchards. The seed was planted seven years ago at Redwood Roots Farm, grew, blossomed, and went to seed. Now those seeds are in storage until the planting conditions are right again...

- Hannah Farley, 2001 intern

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

For their diligence, humor, commitment and hard work--

- Spring interns: Elyse, Jayme, Joel, Kate, Raki
- Summer interns: Brenda, Emilie, Jon, Kim, Lindsay, Selena, Steve
- Volunteers: Bob (our handyman), Christina (herbalist extraordinaire), Frank (the gopher warrior), Indigo (chef par excellence), Pam (the best persnickety painter ever), Elyse, Joel, Stephanie and Steph (who with good humor, did whatever was asked of them!)
- Crew: Amanda, Danielle, Erin, Jayme, Raki (excellent herb sign-maker)
- Market Master: Melanie

To the many other contributors, especially--

- Greg and Rene Nesty for the lease of their pump and well for our irrigation water and their general good nature regarding Redwood Roots being their closest neighbor!
- Rick and Susan Benoit for the lease of land for our beautiful upper site
- Richard Whitehead for "Beer Friday" and for getting the t-shirts made
- Rick and Carol Greaney, Wilma and Howard Johnston, June and Bill Thompson for their generous financial and emotional benevolence
- Miriam and Alan and their wedding guests for donating to the education program
- Shareholders for their trust and financial support
- Market Shoppers for their loyalty and support
- The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for the use of their parking lot
- T for inviting me to join her in this venture 10 years ago
- My Women's Business Group: Amy of Alchemy Construction, Amy of Footprint Recycling, Maria of Ms. M's Catering, Desiree of Muddy Boots Landscaping, Christa of Northwest School for Botanical Studies, Suzy of Suzy Haggerty Designs, Erin of Redwood Roots Farm Education Program
- Erin for putting together this newsletter
- Bryan and Chris for going above and beyond the call of duty! You've earned veggies for life and a permanent place in my heart!