

Biogaian Meeting Minutes  
9/25/2012

Present: Michael, Max, Adam, Patricia, Katie, Helen (scribe), Kathleen, Doug, Sadhana, Brian (facilitator), Brent

Check-in question: what memory from this summer will carry you through the winter gloom?

**Interns: extended stay request and evaluations**

Kim shifting from intern to volunteer; associate membership will be encouraged. (Marnee and Cosmos also encouraged to become associates.)

Max and Adam desire to extend stay. Max leaves 10/24, returns 11/5 just in time to leave with Adam on 11/6. No concerns have been raised following Helen's email to the community. Biogaians unanimously approve their request.

Evaluation forms have gone out to community, Piglets/Biogaians, FFF, and Journeys. Only one response has been returned so far. Our intention is to compile results before Patricia leaves, and report to community on October 20th. There will be an opportunity for further community input at the November Circle, which is being sponsored by the Biogaians. We want to gather ideas for next year and thoughtfully consider arising concerns.

**Goat report**—The two baby goats are doing well. Katie made a new manger for the goat pen. Next step is to have meeting of interested parties about all activities involved in goat care and a log to check off as jobs are done. Michael and Katie will convene that meeting.

**Bench report**—The last surface coat will hopefully be applied this week, and paint with lime-clay applied this weekend. Oiling and the roof will increase protection. Some additional landscaping is envisioned, including option for sacred space. Financial details of the cob workshop are still pending. Dedication will happen at the Harvest Festival on Sunday.

**Rose workshop report**—We had 6 external attendees and 4 Songaians. One heard of us on Cisco's website via Full Calendar, two through Master Gardeners. We paid back advertising and Rose got \$55 in cash with another \$40 currently in Doug's paypal account. We now have a deeper appreciation of our roses. We have unique roses that could be of interest to rose fanciers.

**Outing report**-- The interns and piglets went to an interesting talk/demo today put on by the WSU Extension at Jubilee Farm on no-till methods and cover crops.

**Harvest Festival**—Sunday afternoon 9/30, 4-6pm. Ideas: personal pizzas in cob oven, libations, awards/appreciations, goat show, bench dedication, tomato tasting. Patricia is working on appreciation certificates. Katie will make a gluten free crust; Kathleen and Larry will bring pesto and personal size dough; Doug will make vegan pesto. We will

ask attendees to bring an item to share or embellishments for the pizzas. Helen, Katie and Carol are the set-up team. Ian and interns will do libations. Katie and Patricia will fire the oven at 1pm. Avi and Brent will do the goat show. Brian will lead a bench dedication. Doug and Brian will arrange tomato tasting. Publicity email will be put out by Patricia.

**Mushroom logs**—Michael plans to do the plugs Sunday morning, 9am. 8 logs have been harvested. One more tree is needed, possibly from LSC, possibly from detention pond. Plugs are ordered.

**Compost Workshop**—Doug will lead it this coming Saturday, 10:30--5pm. We have one outside attendee so far plus several Biogaians. Doug plans a morning lecture, lunch, then outside work. He and the interns will do some pre-chipping on Thursday. Helen or Patricia will cook lunch. Brian and Michael will do set-up and sign-up sheet.

**Garden Circle in November**—We will take intern program evaluation forward as we envision next year in the garden. We will plan the Circle at our October meetings.

**Winter Woofers**—The yurt is readied for current interns. Some winter tasks could use extra hands but our winter housing is marginal. A friend of Adam has written with interest in Songaia but we don't have an adequate situation, beyond a visit, until spring.

**October Meetings:** 10/8 and 10/22. Helen to facilitate and Kathleen to scribe on 10/8. Kathleen facilitates and Doug scribes 10/22. On 10/8 we will consider next year's budget requests and plan November Circle; this year's current spending report will be available. On 10/22 we will finish Circle planning and look at the financial summaries of all our workshops.