

Biogaian Meeting 4/26/22

Present:

Brian, facilitator; mary, scribe;

Brent; Laura; Anita; Eileen; Ka; MD; @8:00 Elizabeth

what roots & fruits are you looking forward to from our bounty?

**BEES:** Brent

- tomorrow 2 pkg of honey bees arrive from CA
- they will have one older hive and one newly constructed hive
- mason bees are busy and we got some extras

**Crestmont Food Forest report:** Helen

- Crestmont HOA will pay for water
- Brent, Phil and Aditi have offered to volunteer weed whack
- we may hire other weed whackers as needed
- the spirea root ball east of walkway needs to be removed with a truck and chain

**Intern Housing microshelters report:** Anita

- Nartano fixed the A-frame door so it opens and closes for regular use
- the original bed in A-frame, built by Sylvan, is not well liked by interns and will be replaced
- that bed will move to barn or playroom for storage until repurposed
- the decking is 99% complete, thanks Anita & Reuben
- Nartano will install deck railing
- Matt & Paul will install the window and door in new shelter
- Anita and Reuben will complete other construction tasks
- we will need painters
- we have a lead on a double bed for the new shelter

**Garden including water/irrigation system report:** Anita

- a broken connector pipe was found buried in front of #8 and repaired by Nartano with help from others
- many baby plants have been planted into garden: greens and peas
- lots to do prepping beds for planting, weeding, planting, up-potting in greenhouse

**High Tunnel and Hoop Houses report:** Anita

- piglets decided not to try and build a high tunnel in NW quadrant for 2022 growing season
- we are still eligible for NRCS grant for 2023 high tunnel

- gardeners dream is for 12 rows under cover by 2023
- for 2022, aiming for 6 rows under cover (up from 4) in SE quadrant by refurbishing our 2 existing hoop houses and using the third foundation to build a new hoop structure out of conduit; all hoop houses want to have ends with doors and be strong enough to support weight of LOTS of tomatoes, and then extend the growing season
- Biogaians support a proposal for up to \$4K from community development fund to pay for the 2022 hoop houses investment
- stay tuned for a proposal later this year for the high tunnel for 2023 season (6 additional rows under cover)

**Cultural planting/meadow planting/Patricia's planting a Miyawaki forest: Patricia**

- what continues to emerge is more than the sum of its parts
- the agenda includes much ceremony and gratitude, naming of the plants, as well as planting them
- Sunday closing ceremony will include very special guest, Lisa Powers, native elder, along with Linzy Crowfoot and Tayna ?? with native song and prayer and drumming
- Linzy requested documenting, looking for help with photo, sound and video

**Orchard: mary**

- one long buried tarp has left the south orchard
- pollination is happening slowly, late, fingers crossed for fruit
- Bastyr students in Matt's class doing great work in SW orchard, final planting 5/23
- apple tree netting will be in later May, stay tuned

**Forest: Brian**

- lots of Trillium in our little forest. they only emerge in undisturbed soils !!! yeah!!!
- urban wildlife abounds: eagles, Bard owl, coyote, deer, bumble bees

**parking lot for next meeting:** garden tool shed; rabbits; gates; hoop house updates  
 next meeting: 5.24.22; mary facilitate; Anita scribe