

## Biogaian Meeting Notes

February 22, 2022

Present: Matt (notes), Patricia (facilitating), Helen, Ka, Brent, Reuben, Mary, Eileen, Selim, Carol

Next Meeting: March 22, 2022 7:15

Next facilitator: Matt

Next scribe: Maybe Brian, if not then Anita

- (Ka) Unit 3 lower terraces, is there interest and bandwidth for irrigating and/or planting
  - Do we want to do anything with the terraces this year?
  - irrigation for the terraces? what's the deal
  - it's very far from where most gardeners are during the day
  - moving more blueberries there? Meadow mix? something to compete with the weeds...
  - winter squash and meadow mix on the terraces
  - can piglets coordinate with Ka about starting winter squash for the terrace
  - there is a gooseberry planted on the terraces
- (Ka) donation of a Ceanothus Victoria, if wanted (Do these distract bees from pollinating edibles?)
  - where could the donation of a Ceanothus be planted?
  - maybe the circle garden? maybe Crestmont?
- (Ka) revisit Ka's request to move espalied tree by Crestsong crosswalk
  - hazard for pedestrians and drivers along the road
  - espalier is not currently irrigated
  - is there a place further down in Crestmont to move the tree to?
  - Mary believes it could be the salal and spiraea that are causing the problem and to address those first and reassess after
- (Patricia) update on deck between the micro-shelters
  - West organizing a workday to build the deck between the two micro-shelters
  - Weekend of March 12,13
  - has material list and design
  - electricity up there at one point in the future?
  - Take styrofoam blocks to Shoreline transfer station for proper disposal (duck tape needs to be removed)
  - We need to a potential lead to help coordinate styrofoam disposal
- (Matt) report on the greenhouse workday

- new proper ventilation and fans
  - all the lights are working, 4 are not currently up
  - Need to consult with Nartano about the heating pads and uneven heating
  - moved a lot of material out of the greenhouse to the keyhole and biogaian area
  - more space for additional grow space in the greenhouse now
  - assigning spaces to certain individuals and groups?
  - Mary worked to tidy up the Biogaian area!!! bless her heart ❤️
  - A t-post pounder was found
- (Patricia) Persimmon trees
    - Patricia bought two persimmon trees
    - she is thinking about the south orchard where there are some open areas for more trees
    - we all agreed that that would be a great place for some persimmon trees
- (Reuben) Bokashi update
    - Reuben has some photos!!
    - Reuben is currently inoculating Bokashi flakes he's making himself
    - it's in his closet in the dark right now
    - ask him and he will show you it
    - He is also making his own EM1 in Rich's kitchen and it smells interesting
    - It looks like Reuben has hacked the bokashi recipe
- (Brent) High tunnel status
    - Looking to purchase from Oregon Valley Greenhouses (right off of I5)
    - they have an excellent website
    - semi-gabled(?) greenhouse looks most ideal
    - There is also a business in Port Angeles that sells them
    - Brent is going on a greenhouse field trip with Nartano next week
- (Helen) Rose report/next year?
    - Laura was able to raise enough funds to pay Katie Vincent to prune the roses
    - Lots of folks helped haul away the canes
    - Helen thinks Songaia can take over the pruning for some of the roses in the future
- (Helen) Gate repair update
    - Paul is going to try a new latch to try and get a few more years off of our current gates
    - finding the right wood for the gates would be difficult and expensive
    - Paul is actively pondering

- (Brent & Carol) Bees

- Mason bees are now available and there is a limited quantity
- Honey bees available in late April, already placed an order
- building a new top bar vertical hive
- ideas for building shelter for the hives to survive winter

What went well?

- got through the agenda quickly and completely
- we do cool stuff
- appreciated the photos for the different reports (roses, bokashi, greenhouses)

What might have gone better?

- A check in question when we start the meeting