

## **Biogaian Meeting Notes June 24, 2013**

In attendance: Brian, Kathleen (Convening), Helen, Caroline, Patricia, Brent, Laura, Douglas, Sadhana, Katie (Scribing)

Next meeting – Brent Scribing and Katie Leading (July 29<sup>th</sup>)

### **Cob oven discussion – Design, Placement, Do it or not?**

\*Katie – Scan in drawings and email

Douglas – We need a design and garden gatherings in the area in question to get people used to gathering in the space

Helen- We need some buy in from the community, put a patio or retaining wall to ground the idea of gathering there before installing cob oven

Patricia – dedicating next meeting to going over design& get clear with what we want

Brian – invite key people (ie. Facilities members) to design meeting (July 15<sup>th</sup>)

Helen- Won't happen this summer unless we want to walk around and have a well thought out proposal

Patricia – We can site the cob oven this summer and build it with out having whole gathering space design proposal

Brian – the roof structure [for the cob oven] is not necessary right away

Patricia – It doesn't have to be all or nothing. It will take commitment from someone (Brian) to get it going

Brian – Urbanite (broken cement slab) available for gathering space

### **Report:**

Life Song Commons – finished moving piles of compost and bark

Communication board for CSA – Jean is done, Karly artistically adding to frame

Wood chip piles – still need discussion with Tom

Machines in barn – Katie working with Nartano – Still on to do list

Fort Canby Clean up – Susie and Patricia – Still on to do list

Hoop House – Going Great!!! Thank you to Larry! Transferring the hoops to new base worked better than expected side walls still need to be built. One more base and we will be good to go with rotating every year. Great Success!!! \*Special Thanks to Kathleen for inspiring Larry

Winter Garden – Helen and Kathleen – plan organized, we have enough seeds, will need new seed next year. Crops planned are: Beets, Carrots, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Green onions, Cabbage, Radish, Rutabaga, Turnips, Bok Choi, Chinese cabbage, Daikon radish, Winter lettuce, Winter spinach, Fall peas. Note: kale, kohlrabi, parsnips, purple sprouting broccoli, and collards are already sown, as well as earlier sowing of plants on the list that will be ready for summer eating.

Rose Inventorying- finished taking pics - Douglas – Spread sheet of roses and photos and tie photos to spread sheet

Caroline and Laura made rose petal jam, Yum!!!

Time lapse camera outside Stein house get pics – June 24<sup>th</sup>

Watering for winter garden – idea – using an insulated hose. In future, modifying the irrigation system

### **Announcements:**

- Douglas ordered 10 new timers
- Aug – Sept. - 2 interns – Louise and Madeline

- Laura – Would like to make more videos for promoting Songaia Garden and Community
  - Gift from Patricia- Edible Forest Gardening (2 set volume) Text Books – Purchased for community reference (Signed copies!)
- \* Suggest 3 plants for food forest for next piglet meeting