

Biogaians Meeting 4/28/26

Reuben Facilitating

Anita Scribe

Helen, Patricia, Eileen, Laura, Holly, Brian

What do we do with old coffee bags?

We have hundreds of old bags. What do we do with them?

What would happen if we just did a compost pile with the bags as the brown? Leave it for a year? Build it near the chicken coop. Reuben will lead this endeavor at the Harambe

Is there compost ready to be spread?(Reuben)

The northernmost bay is the most ready.

Coordinating Volunteer Work (Patricia)

See Patricia's spreadsheet (Sent via email)

Trying to get 2 weeks scheduled at a time for job slots for people to sign up for.

Harvest: People sign up for the days on the sheet, but we put the harvest items onto the whiteboard

Making sure there's a location obvious for each task.

What could we put on here for real for Saturday?

Request: if you have on your own jobs, send them to Patricia and she'll add them to the chart.

If you have activities you're doing at certain times, send them to Patricia.

Harambee activities for this Saturday 5/2:

- Building Compost pile
- Irrigation tape in SE quad
- Planting tomatoes

Make "Weed Here" Signs?

Make "Put weeds here" sign for compost

Whiteboard:

Map, weekly harvest

Fresh Sheets (Holly)

- Having a link to the fresh sheets on the calendar?
 - Holly updates the list weekly
 - Harvest horizon
- Lisa puts out a text to cooks on Tuesday mornings—the link to the fresh sheets could be connected to that.
- Getting the "prep" lined up—lettuce washing, parsnip scrubbing, etc. A different task? A harvest task?

- Flow chart with how it's all connected — harvest, inventory, cooks, etc. Helen will meet with Holly.
- Holly will do a simple fresh sheet on the calendar with the basics of what are available

Coffee Grounds (Holly): Does anyone have coffee grounds or know where to get them?

Holly will check with Dave, Patricia will check with 21 acres coffee stand

Make a coffee grounds bucket in the Common House? Yes, let's get smaller ones and make them look different than the compost bins. Repurpose one of the chicken ones, tell coffee makers.

Feedback on Jamie (Holly):

He has Thursday's Fridays and Saturdays off. He's been invited to upcoming work parties

Pawpaw Pollination Help (Helen):

Helen needs help pollinating the PawPaws. Holly will meet with Helen on Friday to see about pollinating.

Irrigation update:

SE quad irrigation system is ready for tape. Timers and main lines are set up. Laying out tape at Saturday Harambe

Brian will use the emitter irrigation from the circle garden on the tomato rows

Soil rebuilding plan update

Holly will look back over the process for getting chemical soils testing from Univeristy of Idaho—
Need to make decisions about sampling: how many samples, from where, how much money to spend

Anita and Patricia have been looking at high-diversity cover crop mixes

Purchase has been approved for a USB connector for the microscope. Anita will purchase.

Anita will reach out to Chris Ponath, local SFW

Compost bins update (Reuben):

Working on lids, prototypes.

Could put gravel back down after finishing out fencing.

Fixing irrigation by compost—Brian and Anita will follow up

Next Meeting:

May 12th, 7 pm

Facilitator: Holly

Scribe: Brian

Parking lot:

Volunteer email chain for work party invites

"Weed here" signs