

Biogaian Meeting
March 28, 2023

Present: Patricia (facilitate), Helen, Anita, Laura, Ka, Elizabeth, Eileen,
Carol, Mary(scribe),

check-in ??: what did you notice blooming today?

Reports:

Garden/Interns

- water turned on in garden and all over property today
- peas and much more started for planting
- compost crew, Reuben, MD & Lucas worked together today
- some neighbors want to volunteer in the garden, Anita will co-ordinate after 4/15
- 1 intern applicant wants 6 moth internship! ; another would be off site starting in June

Orchard

- fungal tea not yet working well
- wholistic spraying time is here

Forest

- need to improve internal task force email and communications
- next meeting will be in the forest
- new energy for taking down / rebuilding the aged tree house
- the abandoned fort will be dismantled by Anita, Olive and Ayden, its creators early in pandemic

Cultural Planting

- check out the website on the Songaia site when you have time for the in depth story
- new plantings are sprouting
- UWBothell prof wants to write an article about it from interviews
- Linzie, Tayna and others will be here tomorrow harvesting nettles in the S Orchard and the forest

Discussion Topics:

Enlarging hammerhead by trimming bushes - Helen

- need a work party to lop and move to brown dumpster
- Chris wants to be consulted

- do we have wrong plants in the wrong place needing to be replaced with new landscape design?

Irrigation in Crestsong - Helen
Anita, Nartano & Reuben are on it

Reseeding the commons: preparing the community with a test area?
Patricia has support from Biogaians to proceed with her vision and solicit funds from reserves for labor, renting equipment, buying supplies

Buying a silage tarp to begin to prepare the meadow for planting - Patricia
Patricia has support to buy the tarp and put it on the north meadow, thinking that next year it will be ready for planting

Cosmetic fence behind goat-shed to hide ugly wire rolls

- much discussion about the eye sore, should we build an attractive fence?
- much discussion about the stuff accumulated both inside and outside the goat shed
- piglets will determine what is junk and what can be divested of and what kept
- Patricia and Brent will haul junk to dump
- priority to sort inside the shed first and see what can be moved inside the shed for storage

Sidewalks free and clear for walking (CH tent to ADA parking lot) - Eileen

- Sylvan has expressed 'ownership' of pruning that area
- do we have wrong plants in the wrong place and need to replace with new landscape design for lower maintenance?
- Eileen will organize a work party for that area to improve pathway access and remove ivy April 15th

Fort in N end of woods that needs to be dismantled + trash cleaned up - Mary
see forest report

[Bee Song report](#)

pick up honey bees 4/26

next meeting: 4/23/23 in person in CH dining room @ 7:15pm; maybe zoom; mary facilitate; Laura scribe