

Biogaian Meeting 6/27/2023

Present: Helen, Patricia, Laure, Aditi, Bonnie, Julia, Jack, Brian, Anita, Eileen

- South End of the Greenhouse Plan

Values for planting: beauty, easy to tend, zone 1 plants, dealing with the bindweed already there, winter beauty

Possible options: containerized fig tree (brown-turkey fig tree), blueberries, flowers, day lily, Italian plums (too large)

Idea to plant: Blueberries, flowers

- NRCS visit and Query

The Native forest garden has garnered some attention as a model of “cultural fermentation”. Becca Anderson from NRCS will be visiting the site on July 6. She wants to know about the history of the project. Is also interested in hearing about ideas for what the NRCS can do better

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- Developing relationship between people and land (engagement, significance, and story-telling) for ecosystem restoration
 - Insurance for volunteers to come in to work
 - Partnerships with HOA to transform in-between land
 - Partnerships with schools
 - Public Utilities (wanting to build public relationships)
 - Powerlines easements
- Extending the timeline from 12 - 18 months so that planting can happen in Fall
- Summer Projects/ WOrk parties
 - Caltrups (thorns) in the hammerhead need to be scraped up since they can pierce boots
(<https://www.instructables.com/How-to-Remove-Goats-Head-Caltrop-Puncture-Vine-Tri/>)
(July Community Meeting)
 - Grape Arbor (possible also at July meeting)
 - Entry

- Seating
- Tidying
- Behind the Goat Shed (add to a garden work day - Anita and Patricia)
- Goat area poop spot (needs to be done late July; wait for the letter to schedule)

- Forest Subcommittee Report
 - David is still willing to head the Forest sub group
 - No meeting last month
- Garden is flourishing, interns arriving, Kiwis are growing

Next Meeting: July 25

Facilitator: Brian, Scribe: Anita (then Jack)