

Biogaian Meeting Notes December 22, 2020

Facilitator: Ka
Note Taker: Matt

Agenda

- Brief check-in (what plant did you see today that made you smile?)
 - Camelia, apple blossoms, lettuce, resilient tree, funny ferns, garden chard, tiny flowers with hummingbirds, witch hazel, pussy willows,

Garden Manager Report - Anita

- winter composting
 - Anita: "LUCAS IS MY HERO. He has taken on compost, and has been in communication with Christy to coordinate her involvement as well."
- Micro shelter -
 - Anita: "Today was the final day of the Microshelter proposal. Consent all around, with a few minor suggestions and an upcoming meeting with Paul to talk more details. Next steps are getting a solid materials list from Patrick, a busy busy man. Anita and Matt are on it and excited to start building!"
- hoop houses
 - Anita: "Please watch for a call out on THURSDAY for helping hands with the hoop house plastic removal. A couple days without rain will hopefully leave it dry enough to put away."
- relocation of garden shed? (Mary)
 - Still on her to-do list
- high tunnel update
 - Anita: "-Brian has drafted a "lease agreement" between G2T and Songaia Association--one of the only missing pieces for our application. Anita will continue on checking off the boxes for the high tunnel application and the "conservation stewardship program" application."
 - Anita: "-Next steps are to reach out to Josh hall after Christmas and see if we can *build* in 2021 but be *reimbursed* by the high tunnel program in

2022. If we can, my hope is to get a proposal drafted to use \$4600 from Jean's Gift to run by the Biogaians in the January meeting.”

- 2020 spending update (Helen, Anita)
 - Orchard netting is in stock, deliver is still TBD, has not been purchased yet
 - Mary is waiting on confirmation for pickup/delivery, company has it on hold for us
 - Broad fork - do we want it, which one do we want!?! Who knows???
 - Tune in next year 2021 to find out!
 - We are thinking of using it as an educational tool for future interns, maybe getting the right broad fork for the folks who do the main bed prep every spring
 - Since broad fork is general garden care it doesn't necessarily have to happen in the spring but can be used whenever a bed is turned over (summer or fall) so no rush in purchasing one ASAP
 - We will go ahead and purchase the orchard netting in 2020 budget time (Mary)

- Arborists - Brian
 - Did about half of the work discussed. Currently delayed up through this week. They are now scheduled for the 31st (!) to finish additional 3-4 trees and a few trees in the south orchard
 - Brian will oversee the work

- forest restoration/ Capstone - Anita
 - Anita: “Please watch your email for a proposed work schedule for forest restoration for January-March 2021. I have been working on a plan that I hope will work with our available energy and resources, and prove to bring us together in a distanced way to work in the forest.”
 - Jan - March plans to do work

- Mushroom up-date - Sylvan
 - ...to be continued

- Brian: New Year's celebration
 - Ideas for a symbolic planting or seed sowing to mark the new year
 - Planting garlic in the food forest, transplanting a tree, planting flower bulbs?
 - Do you have any ideas for planting that could take place?

- Announcements:
Snohomish Conservation District
Plant Sale -natives, Jan. 5 on-line start
scdplantsale@snohomishcd.org

- Next Meeting jan 26th
 - Facilitator: Matt
 - Note Taker: P-P-Paul
- What went well
 - Anita's notes, laughter, good ideas, paul's presence, Eileen's presence
- What could have been done differently?
 - Can we add visuals or other shared screen opportunities?