

Biogaian Meeting 9/27/22

Facilitator: Patricia; Scribe: mary

present: Patricia, mary, Helen, Matt, Eileen, Elizabeth, Laura, photos by Anita

Check in ??s: what is your favorite garden tool??; what garden tool do you not know what it is or how to use??

**Budget** handouts by Helen 2022YtD expenses / budget

- so far looks under budget especially Songaia and also GTT
  - so far no need for Arborist: \$3500.
  - no UW collaboration: \$1,000.
  - no work on rebuilding grape arbor boxes \$600.
  - outstanding receipts from Brent for goats, truck, chickens, bees
- **Helen and mary** will review together and propose 2023 budget
- Micro-shelter accounting needs to be reviewed: donations, out of budget expenses ...
- NRCS funds need to be integrated into budgeting process
- we have \$\$ for buying plant material

**Garden & Interns:**

- Intern debrief & celebratory lunch tomorrow 9/28 @noon
- bumper winter squash harvest
- great irrigation functioning
- less invasive animals and weeds than in past years
- lots of garden infrastructure: hoop houses, paths ...
- keyhole looking best in long time, can we keep it up??
- project: move golden raspberries out of keyhole to hucklekultur west of meadow after getting lots of dirt to cover comfrey, blackberries, etc.
- barn Biogaian area got cleaned up today!! yeah!!

**Meadow:**

- Charles Thorp wants to make a video about the meadow. need to see if NRCS has \$\$ to make video
- plants growing well, hanks Ka, Anita's irrigation, Patricia's care
- need a plan/work party to install Lushootseed pottery signs w Lushootseed plant names
- need to plan for some replacement plants: native currents from #8
- plan to remove the blackberry patch and create a sitting area

**BioCultural Restoration Field Station:**

a new project getting organized with Tulalip along the Skykomish River. Anita, Patricia, Linzie Crowfoot and mary plan to attend first weekend 9/30-10-3

**Orchard:**

- October 29-30 we have reserved the big cider press from Tool Library; want to plan a big all community fall festive day
- lots of apple drops and sauce apples to process.
- pears all in cold storage
- less refrigerator space this year since ROPJ using their new frig for Crow Collective

**Crestmont Food Forest:**

- frustration and dismay! no labor to tend, weed whack, monitor and repair irrigation leak
- many thanks to Phil for his weed whacking for no pay. Laura will create a gift basket appreciation from the budget for labor.
- we need a strategy for managing this area and \$\$ in 2023 budget for it
- can we hire Anita to winterize the irrigation??

**work for hire:**

**Patricia and Helen** will put their heads together to create list / website bulletin board for work for pay available in the GN from budgeted projects and individual home owners

**blue water barrels:**

Brian has a plan and we all support it

**Tool Inventory:**

- Elizabeth will get a few different colored tapes to code on the handles for where the tool goes
- want a work party gathering all community hand tools from all over the property to purge, gift or dump the excess we have and color code and place the rest

Next meeting: 10/26/22 mary facilitate; Patricia scribe

**parking lot for future meetings:**

- NRCS orchard cover crop grant
- Crestmont FF care & maintenance
- Tools inventory and planned purchases