

Native Plants and Permaculture: A Gathering of Plant Enthusiasts, May 11-13, 2007, at Lost Valley Educational Center, 81868 Lost Valley Lane, Dexter, OR 97431, (541) 937-2567 ext. 116, nature@lostvalley.org

More info. at www.lostvalley.org/nature2007may

We will be seeking common ground between the Native Plant and Permaculture communities in developing ecologically-integrated self-sustenance and native habitat preservation in the Pacific Northwest.

Schedule (subject to change):

Friday, May 11: getting to know the site and one another

3 pm Registration and check-in begin

3:30 pm-6 pm Nature Trail, Permaculture, and Garden Walks, Tours, and Activities -- Tobias Policha (Institute of Contemporary Ethnobotany), Devon Bonady (Fern Hill Nursery), Rick Valley, Marcus Lorusso, Chris Roth (Lost Valley Educational Center), and others

6 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Welcome and Meeting Circle facilitated by Michael Pilarski (Friends of the Trees Society), followed by Networking, Resource-Sharing, and Music

Saturday, May 12: natives, nonnatives, and finding common ground

7:30 am Breakfast

9 am Introduction -- Michael Pilarski (Friends of the Trees Society), Melanie Rios (Maitreya Ecovillage), and Sharon Blick (School Garden Project)

9:20 am False Brome Control at Buford Park: An Integrated Approach to Vegetation Management -- Jason Blazar (Friends of Buford Park, Camas Educational Network)

9:40 am The Challenges of Native Habitat Conservation and Restoration -- Ed Alverson (The Nature Conservancy)

10 am Sustainable Approaches to Ecological Restoration and Habitat Mending -- Stephanie Schroeder (Walama Restoration Project)

(10:20 am break)

10:30 am Wildcrafting Weeds in the Pacific Northwest -- Michael Pilarski (Friends of the Trees Society)

10:50 am Invasion Biology: Science or Pseudoscience? -- David Theodoropoulos (author, *Invasion Biology: Critique of a Pseudoscience*)

11:10 am What Did You Eat for Breakfast?: Native Plants, Local Foodsheds, and Wildlife Restoration -- Toby Hemenway (author, *Gaia's Garden*)

(11:30 am break)

11:40 am Finding Common Ground (panel and open discussion) with Heiko Koester (Eugene Permaculture Guild), Sharon Blick, Joshua Smith (Ecoscape Environmental Services), Aryana Ferguson (Native Plant Society of Oregon), Nick Routledge (Seed Ambassadors Project)

12:30 pm Lunch

2 pm-4:30 pm Breakout Sessions:

* Plant Walk -- Marcia Cutler (Native Plant Society of Oregon)

* Sustainable Local Foodsheds and the "Third Way" with Jude Hobbs (Agro-Ecology Northwest), Nick Routledge, Toby Hemenway, Tobias Policha (Institute of Contemporary Ethnobotany), Joshua Smith

* Invasion Biology: An In-Depth Look -- David Theodoropoulos

4:30 pm Finding Common Ground: Preserving and Enhancing Diversity and Ecological Health (whole group and small groups)

6 pm Dinner

8 pm Concert -- Laura Kemp (in lodge); Networking Opportunities (in classrooms)

Sunday, May 13: restoring and enhancing the roles of native plants in our lives

7:30 am Breakfast

9 am Introduction

9:20 am How Birds Select Habitats in Native Plant Communities: Who Lives Where and Why? -- Dave Bontrager (Lane County Audubon Society)

9:40 am Native Plants and Butterflies -- Sharon Blick (North American Butterfly Association, Eugene-Springfield chapter)

9:50 am Edible and Useful Native Plants and their Associations -- Joshua Smith (Ecoscape Environmental Services)

10:10 am Substituting Natives for Nonnatives in Home Landscapes -- Heiko Koester (Eugene Permaculture Guild) (10:30 am break)

10:40 am Kalapuya Uses of Native Plants -- Bill Burwell (Kalapuya researcher)

11:00 am Ethnobotany of the Willamette Valley -- Jerry Hall (ethnobotanist, Lane Community College)

11:20 am Bringing Back Native Food Crops -- Rick Valley (Lost Valley Educational Center)

(11:40 am break)

11:50 am Native Plants in Our Lives--Next Steps (discussion)

12:30 pm Lunch

2 pm-5 pm Breakout Sessions:

* The Influence of Nonnative Plants on Bird Populations (nature walk and discussion--please bring binoculars) -- Dave Bontrager

* Indigenous Land Management -- Bill Burwell, Jerry Hall, and Rick Valley

* Practical Plant Talks:

- Natives and Nonnatives in Permaculture Zones 1 through 5 -- Michael Pilarski (Friends of the Trees Society)

- Incorporating Nonnatives into Restoration Projects -- David Theodoropoulos (author, *Invasion Biology: Critique of a Pseudoscience*)

- Permaculture Uses of Native Plants in Urban and Rural Landscapes -- Heiko Koester, Joshua Smith, Devon Bonady (Fern Hill Nursery), and Toby Hemenway (author, *Gaia's Garden*)

5 pm Final Discussion and Closing Circle -- Michael Pilarski, Melanie Rios (Maitreya Ecovillage), Sharon Blick, and whole group

6 pm Dinner