

## Action Learning: Panel On Hands-On Permaculture Education Models

### Organic Growers School 2016

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### **Hands-on Permaculture Learning Opportunities**

March 15: Tacos for Climate Resilience: Appalachian Milpa Farming and Ecstatic Cuisine

<http://forvillagers.com/collections/classes/products/03-15-16-milpa-farming-> 6:30-9:30pm

#### **Piedmont Earthskills Gathering**

[www.piedmontearthskillsgathering.com](http://www.piedmontearthskillsgathering.com)

## **Mushroom Cultivation & Farmiversary at The Ruby Roost**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/829111383880965/>

## **April-October- Milpa Farming Series**

[www.schoolofintegratedliving.org/milpa-farming-series/](http://www.schoolofintegratedliving.org/milpa-farming-series/)

## **June 8- Sept. 2- Permaculture School**

[www.permacultureschool.com](http://www.permacultureschool.com)

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## **June 10-26: PDC at Earthaven Ecovillage**

<http://thepermacultureschool.org/permaculture-design-certification-course/>

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## **Firefly Gathering**

<http://fireflygathering.org/>

We have a rich culture of storytellers, dancers, heritage craftsmen and musicians. The nature of Earthskills Gatherings lends itself to spontaneous community activities that include trade blankets, games, music and storytelling. The gathering becomes a village in the best sense, and creates a safe, positive environment for learning and growing. There will be events each evening around the fire which are inspired by ancient cultures of music, song, stories, dance and celebration.

Supporting sustainable lifestyles through educational gatherings, practicing experiential archaeology, primitive technology, and bioecology.

## **Southeast Permaculture Gathering**

<http://www.southeasternpermaculture.org/>

We meet every year to learn new skills, serve the Earth, create community & celebrate life.

During our Gatherings, we participate in Affinity Circles, "Open Space", and various Classes & Workshops. We have a diverse schedule of events, for both adults and kids.

The gathering offers a wide range of classes for adults and children on eco-homesteading, primitive skills, permaculture and nature connection that are designed to enhance your everyday life. Firefly gathers a wonderful group of inspiring, amazing people. In addition to two class sessions each of the four days, we offer evening entertainment, basic infrastructure, and on-site camping. Visit our website for a list of class topics, storytellers and musical guests.

### **Aug. 12-14- Summer Kudzu Camp**

[www.kudzucowboy.com](http://www.kudzucowboy.com)

[www.schoolofintegratedliving.org](http://www.schoolofintegratedliving.org)

Kudzu Camp is a gathering for harvesting, processing, learning about, and celebrating the various parts of the mighty, magical *Pueraria montana*. Experimentally creating a village cultural experience of ecological re-story-ation through processing kudzu roots for their medicinal and culinary starch during an annual winter workshop/gathering, and a summer Vine Camp to process kudzu's silky, lustrous fibers.

### **Earthskills Rendezvous**

<http://www.primitiveskills.org/>

## **Hands-on Permaculture Organizations**

### **School of Integrated Living**

[www.schoolofintegratedliving.org](http://www.schoolofintegratedliving.org)

### **Permaculture in Action**

[www.permacultureinaction.com](http://www.permacultureinaction.com)

### **Earthaven Ecovillage**

[www.earthaven.org](http://www.earthaven.org)

### **Wild Abundance**

<http://wildabundance.net/>

We believe that it is possible for humans to live in balance with the greater web of life. Our goal is to provide people with the education, inspiration, and information necessary to do so. We exist both in the wild and domesticated worlds, marrying innovations from the present day, historical times, and humanity's deep past in order to present a toolkit for living now as functional and integrated human beings. **Wild**

**Abundance 2016 Classes include:** Permaculture design; Spring Garden School; Wild Foods Adventure; Ancestral Foods Cooking Class; Women's Basic Carpentry Class; Permaculture Design for Land Stewards; Tiny House & Natural Building Intensive; Permaculture Design Certificate- 13 day intensive; Cycles of Life: Humane Slaughtering & Butchering; Hide Tanning

### **The Buncombe Fruit & Nut Club**

<http://www.fruitandnutclub.com/>

A Leader-full Dis-Organization of Fruit Nuts

Join our email list and Facebook page via their website.

### **UNCA Edible Forest Garden Club**

<https://sec.unca.edu/castanea-forest-garden>

Facebook name: Permaculture Forest Gardens at UNC-Asheville

The 'Castanea' Edible Forest Garden is a living representation of permaculture ideals and serves as a food forest for all living community! We are working to plant perennial food that will feed our future generations for decades to come! The club has community work days listed on the website and their facebook page.

### **Riverlink**

<http://riverlink.org/>

**RiverLink** is a regional non-profit spearheading the economic and environmental revitalization of the French Broad River and its tributaries as a destination for everyone to live, learn, work and play. We offer educational and volunteer opportunities.

### **Nutty Buddy Collective**

[nuttybuddycollective.com](http://nuttybuddycollective.com)

A perennial farming collective working with landowners to develop long-term lease agreements for the planting of orchards and food forests and the development of economically-viable, agro-ecological farming systems. Offering opportunities for hands-on learning via work-trade in our 2-year old orchard in exchange for Nutty Buddy Bux, our 'currency' valued at 1lb of nuts.

### **The Roots Foundation**

[www.rootsfound.org](http://www.rootsfound.org)

The Roots Foundation builds abundance and resilience in communities through growing thriving edible landscapes and a culture of ecological learning in schools and in the broader community. Offering hands-on learning through workshops and volunteer opportunities in permaculture-based school gardens.

### **NAFEX - North American Fruit Explorers**

[www.nafex.org](http://www.nafex.org)

Network of fruit growers and geeks, mostly in the US and Canada. Learn and share through personal connections, find a mentor.

### **NNGA - Northern Nut Growers Association**

[www.northernnutgrowers.org](http://www.northernnutgrowers.org)

Network of nut growers and geeks, mostly in the US and Canada. Learn and share through personal connections, find a mentor.

## Books and Websites

Last Child in the Wood: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv

Documents the decreased exposure of children to nature in American society, how this "nature deficit disorder" harms children and society, and what people are doing about it.

Spell of the Sensuous by David Abram

Influential book of ecological philosophy illustrating the dependence of intelligence upon interaction with the natural world.

<http://www.wilderdom.com/experiential/>

Excellent information resource with broad look at the philosophy and practice of experiential learning and related fields