

AUGUST 2023 @ PPI

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



What's Growing @ PPI?



*From Mona Lewis
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This month in the Rolling High Tunnel Greenhouse tomatoes, celery and peppers still maturing. We have been harvesting, Genovese basil, dill, romaine and cucumbers.



To have room to grow lots of cucumbers we are stringing them up like the tomatoes.

Food Forest

This summer has been a prolific fruiting year for PPI. Raspberries and josta berries are very large and our apple pear and cherry trees are heavily laden with fruit. It is amazing what a little extra water can do! We will pull fruit now off the apple trees so their branches don't break!



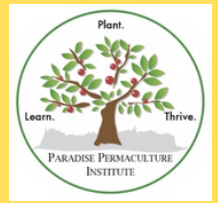
JOSTA BERRIES

OVERLOADED APPLE TREES



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WORKSHOP

CORDWOOD CONSTRUCTION

THE "OTHER" KIND OF LOG HOME BUILDING.

AUGUST 19, 2023 8AM TO 3 PM \$95

INSTRUCTORS: MILES SIELING, CONTRACTOR AND MONA LEWIS, PERMACULTURIST

Come join us for our second cordwood building opportunity.

Our Toolshed was a success and now we are constructing a Cordwood Composting Dry Toilet.

Learn about sustainable log selection, processing and drying, construction methods, mortar mixing, pointing. Get hands-on experience with an 8'x8' outdoor structure and information for building your own cordwood cabin or home. This dynamic, creative process is great for women, men and at a later date we will hold a children's class.

We will share our alternative plan to city waste treatment plants and standard septic systems, and our safe alternative to creating and managing "humanure."

Both instructors have had experience and on site guidance working with Chris Borton. Chris for 28 years has provided sustainable living education in everything from straw bale/cordwood construction and solar/wind power to organic gardening, composting toilets and vegan living.

Bring your own lunch or dine in Livingston.



PPI Welcomes Guest Permaculturist Annalisa Pedrasa

Annalisa Pedrasa has been practicing Permaculture since 2010, when Mona offered an "Introduction to Permaculture" seminar. She went on to implement permaculture in the community garden she joined in Bozeman, after attending her first full Permaculture Design Course led by Michael "Skeeter" Pilarski. She became very interested in herbalism, continuing education in that field, and sharing her knowledge to support family and friends' health.

Annalisa loves teaching children and adults about all aspects of permaculture, and focuses her consulting business on helping people grow their own food sustainably in their backyards and homesteads. She has experience in managing community gardens, having started a new one in Bozeman, MT, after establishing the organization of her first community.

Lately, she has focused on the importance of the Soil Food Web, the life and function of microbes in healthy soils. She feels this is the missing magic link in making Earth's systems reach maximum productivity and balance in record time. Annalisa became enthused about the healing power of plants, and learned how to make herbal remedies from the likes of Rosemary Gladstar and other respected herbalists. She describes herself and the "Village Herbalist" for her family and friends.



PPI's Newest Board Member



Joy Larsen has the experience of owning and organic farm and an artisanal dairy in the Paradise Valley, founded in the mid 90's. She is passionate about supporting sustainable farmers and educating the community to provide access to locally grown food.

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WORKSHOP

Workshop on Making Herbal Infused Oils and 6 Favorite Permaculture Plants

AUGUST 17, 2023 (6-8PM)

\$40 (INCLUDES FREE COMFREY PLANT AND MATERIALS)

INSTRUCTORS: Mona Lewis (Permaculture Design)
Annalisa Pedrasa (Guest Permaculturist)

*From your garden to your remedy cupboard...
a traditional folk process Highlighting comfrey*

We'll...

Walk the PPI property.

We'll look at six plants that... thrive in our cold climate, are low maintenance, are a nutrient source for people or other plants and produce a lot of foliage. Hint: one of them is comfrey!

Create oil infusions that harness plant power to support health for the entire family

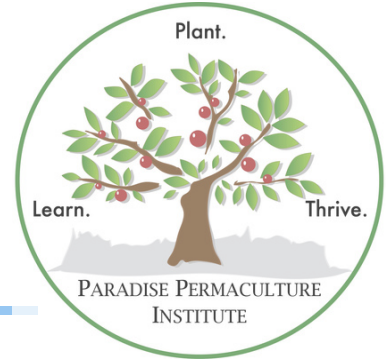
Participants take home a free comfrey plant, infused oil and knowledge to apply to any herb fresh or dried.



Appreciating a comfrey plant.

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST 17 WORKSHOP ON MAKING HERBAL INFUSED OILS AND 6 FAVORITE PC PLANTS

AUGUST 19 WORKSHOP ON CORDWOOD BUILDING

SEPTEMBER 9 PPI 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FARM TOUR AND TASTING

OCTOBER 1 - LOOK FOR A FEATURE ARTICLE ON PPI IN EDIBLE BOZEMAN MAGAZINE

OCTOBER 14 WORKSHOP SEED COLLECTING IN THE GARDEN GO HOME WITH NEXT YEARS SEEDS

JANUARY 27, 2024 11TH ANNUAL SEED EXTRAVAGANZA, SEED EXCHANGE

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