

Fall Classes

Classes meet Saturday mornings at 10:30. All classes are free and everyone is welcome with no preregistration.

- August 29 - Fall Gardening - with crops that are not host to Medfly
- September 5 - Soil Preparation
- September 12 - Compost
- September 19 - Fall and Winter Gardening
- September 26 - Seed Propagation

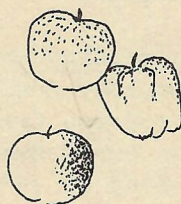
- October 3 - Insect Life
- October 10 - Companion Planting

In The Store

We will be ordering what we feel are the best organically grown apple trees from the Tree Crop Nursery in Covelo, California. The following are currently available from them. Please let us know if you want to place an order. Some extras will be for sale later in the store also if you want to take your chances as to variety. The most popular varieties in this area seem to be Golden Delicious, Mutsu and Winter Banana. Pink Pearl is an unusual local variety with pink flesh (makes pretty applesauce) and an ambrosial flavor. Spitzenbergs are one of the varieties grown by Jellich's out in Portola Valley. Starred varieties are running low.

Semi-dwarf or Standard Available

- Gravenstein
- Mutsu
- Golden Delicious
- Cox Orange Pippin
- Winter Banana
- Bellflower
- MacIntosh
- Newtown Pippin
- Stayman
- Jonathan
- Northern Spy
- Waltana



As Standard Apple Only

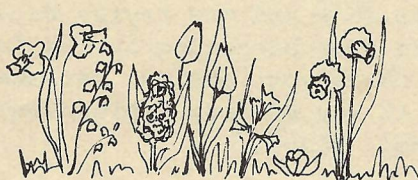
- Sierra Beauty
- King of Tomkin
- Rhode Island Greening
- Pink Pearl
- King David
- Spitzenberg
- Spigold
- Arkansas Black
- * Granny Smith

Other Fruits

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| Pear - Seckel | Flemish Bear |
| Winter Nellis | Bosc |
| Comice | |
| Peach - Rio Oso and Nectar | |
| * Cherry - Bing | |
| Plum - Satsuma | * French Prune |
| Santa Rosa | * Howard Miracle |
| * Damson | * Mariposa |
| | Wickson |



We are also getting an order ready for spring bulbs (bulbs that are planted in the fall to bloom in the spring). We will again offer Botanical tulips, daffodils for naturalizing, ranunculus, anemones, ixias, and others. We concentrate on bulbs that are easiest to grow.





Non-Nuclear Futures

The Women's Party for Survival is sponsoring a talk by Susan Lamert on "Psychological and Medical Effects of Ionizing Radiation", Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverly. Donations requested. Women's Party for Survival is a group of men and women dedicated to ending the threat of nuclear war. For more information - 493-4799.

"Bay Area Natural History for Docents"

We recently got a circular in the mail describing what looks like an excellent series of Tuesday Class Lectures and Hands-on Demonstrations and Thursday Field Trips and Environmental Experiences that is being offered by Foothill Community College in conjunction with The Environmental Volunteers Training Program. The tentative outline lists twenty-four different themes which cover a wide array of subjects. Beginning date is September 17th. Call Foothill College for more information. (Bio76/Geo 75, 1981-82)



SAVE THE ELMS

A note from SAVE THE ELMS, P.O. Box 5, Sonoma, CA 95476, stated that the Dutch Elm Disease Project funds were being transferred to the Med-Fly eradication effort leaving 5 million elms throughout the state in jeopardy. Used almost solely for shading, the shade value of the dutch elm saves over \$65,000,000 in reduced electric bills per year -- not a "drop in the bucket" in terms of oil savings. They urge all California residents to call their State Representatives in the Senate and Assembly to assure that the DED Program funds are reinstated.

"Gardensong" Videotape Available



Bullfrog Films, Oley, Pennsylvania, 19547, is offering the award-winning story of Alan Chadwick and related biointensive projects for \$100 plus postage. Having taken a red ribbon (2nd Place) at this year's American Film Festival, we urge you to interest your local libraries, universities, environmental groups, churches concerned with world hunger, and even your cooperative extension service to add this excellent work to their collections.

Everyday in every way, things are getting better and better...

Shelly Dein, who worked with Ecology Action a number of years ago, is now teaching "the method" at the Peace Corps Center in Brattleboro, Vermont.



Bernie Trilling, Ecology Action Board Member is now playing music with a group called LIONHEART. Call (415)948-8954 or (415)494-2969 for "Music through the Ages for Festive Occasions".



Virginia and Palmer Madden, old friends of Ecology Action, have finally realized a dream they've had for a number of years and have opened up MUDD'S RESTAURANT, 10 Boardwalk, San Ramon, CA, 94583. Their 65-seat restaurant includes a piano bar, banquet-seating for 25, and, in fine weather, patio dining for 40. Their menu includes favorite dishes from around the world and features vegetables and herbs grown in the Crow Canyon Gardens -- picked at the peak of perfection. They invite you to tour the Gardens and nature park every day from 5:30 to 9:30 (10:00 on Fridays & Saturdays). They're closed on Mondays and their number is (415) 837-9387. (Sorry, but they can't afford to accept credit cards.)

Missing Books



We are currently in the process of completing our first full-scale inventory of our lending library and have found many popular books missing. We will be publishing a complete list of books when the inventory is done and are trying to decide how to replace the books lost and keep such things from happening in the future. Any suggestions? In the meantime, could you all check your attics, basements, closets, garden sheds, and home libraries to see if any Ecology Action/Common Ground books somehow sneaked into your collections? Thanks.

Paradise Lost

As so many before us, we are finding that one can go pretty far afield looking for something that is right in your own backyard.

After much soil searching, plans for moving to Mexico have been set aside for now. The time it would take us to set up in a different culture, learn a new language, etc., we feel would set Ecology Action's research and development work back several years -- more time than we feel comfortable with.

The site in Mexico is probably the best we received as far as being able to continue and expand Ecology Action's current program. The search is now taking a more personal direction. Selling the Jeavons' home in Palo Alto and buying a small acreage for mini-farming has always been a possibility that is now looking more and more likely. John, Betsy, Robin and Paka are all drawn personally to the Willits area (just north of Ukiah in Northern California) and several trips have been made looking for a site. The soil is not very good (mostly rock), the weather is pretty good but sometimes extreme, water is plentiful and Willits itself has a friendly small-town feeling. There is a good market for fresh vegetables and fruits and perhaps even a garden supply store or educational center. We are particularly attached to one parcel that is barely out of reach financially because getting to it will involve some expensive roadwork.

We feel that agriculture cannot continue on like it is without large increases in food prices while depleting water supplies and soil fertility at an astounding rate, eating up fossil fuels, and becoming precariously dependent on capital remedies and a vast transportation network. Working the land in small-scale, life-giving ways will become increasingly important worldwide. Therefore, we would want to move as quickly as possible into developing a operating mini-farm model in anticipation of that need.

While we look, staff has been cultivating Ecology Actions garden of books. John is working on a major revision of How To Grow More Vegetables. Booklets on mini-farming, backyard homesteading, the herbal lawn, the U-bar and Mini-greenhouse are being reworked, expanded and polished for publication by 10 Speed Press. Paka is working on new booklets in the continuing series. Everyone is eager to move however, and once again test ideas "in the field".

Thank-you to the Irving Foundation (with a solicitation to others)

The Irving Foundation has generously granted \$5,000 for the upcoming international VIISA conference in Santa Barbara on small-scale biointensive food raising. We are still looking for more funding for them in order to bring a person in from China. Please send Ecology Action whatever you can afford. Whatever you send is tax-deductible!

Job Openings

Palo Alto School District has a job opening in organic pest control. Call Ecology Action for details.

Poplar Center Farm, in Half Moon Bay, is looking for a woman who can take over the design and management of their garden area. The center works with developmentally disabled adults, teaching them biodynamic/French intensive gardening methods. Starting pay is \$1000/month and they prefer that the person live in Half Moon Bay. Call Trout, 726-2335 or 342-3558.

Saratoga Community Garden needs volunteers; a bookkeeper 8-12 hours a week and people to assist as docents in their school program 3 hours a week. Also openings for apprentices. Call Nana at the Saratoga Garden.

Smith and Hawken Tools has an opening for a packer and a typist beginning mid-September. Call 324-1581 for details.

For Sale

Goat for sale - 4 month old doe from top milking line. Mother gives 1.5 gallons per day. \$75. Call Robin 856-7439

Call in to the store if you are interested in buying John's mini-homestead in Palo Alto. It's a typical tract home in friendly neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Extra large yard with vegetable garden, fruit trees, chicken yard. A real bargain.

Two Groups Really Worth Supporting

CITIZENS FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, 88 First Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California, 94105, (415)777-1984 helps to protect our health and welfare through scientific research, watchdogging government agencies and industry, litigation, and public information. Grass roots support and contributions amount to 70-80% of their annual funding and 65-75% of their income goes to research, litigation, and public information. A tax-deductible contribution of \$15 or more (\$8 for Senior Citizens) includes CBE Membership and the bi-monthly CBE Environmental Review for one year. If you can't afford that much, send them what you can.

IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements) has an excellent person on their Coordinating Committee. Bargyla Rateaver, Ph.D., who, together with her husband, wrote the excellent book "The Organic Method Primer" and continues to support us all with her writings, recently wrote us a letter soliciting support for IFOAM which we would like to pass along to you:

I am on the Coordinating Committee of IFOAM...which is an international network of information, not a hierarchical organization of personal powers. That is why I belong to it, and also take part in the Working Groups: Education and Information. We try above all to help the undeveloped 3rd World countries with information on organics. They have no access to the literature they need, so we try to supply it or any other aid for growing food that knowledge can supply...

It is an enormous task, and entirely volunteer on our parts. We very badly need one permanent position, paid, so that there is always someone ready and able to take responsibility for the many aspects of the work. For this we are trying to raise money.

I ask you, I beg of you, each one, to give the amount of one dollar, just one dollar, which I know you can easily spare...

There are many demands on you for money, but I am asking you as a personal favor to help the poor farmers and gardeners in the countries which have in the past so cheaply supplied you with the coffee, tea, vanilla, bananas, rope, drug plants, spices, rice, etc. For 15 years I have tried to help you all with your growing problems, freely, so is it too much to ask of you just one dollar? Please! In my island home of Madagascar, I have seen these workers live for a month on a dollar; they never got the big money exporters got from you. These folks are the ones I want to help, and you organickers are the ones I should expect to be interested. My warm thanks to each, single, kind one of you.

Send a check to Bargyla Rateaver for a dollar or more and she'll pass it along to IFOAM. Her address is Bargyla Rateaver, Pauma Valley, California, 92061. Say hi to her for us while you're at it!

Board Nominations, Elections, and Board Meeting

Nominations for Ecology Action's Board of Directors are now being taken and will be open until September 18th. The annual meeting and elections will be held at the store/center/library at 2 P.M., Saturday, September 19, 1981. The next regular board meeting with the new Board will be held Thursday, October 8th at 7:30 P.M. at 855 Clara Drive in Palo Alto. As always, a veggie potluck precedes the meeting at 6:30. The public is invited to both the potluck and the meeting.

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