

WASHINGTON STATE PERMACULTURE CONVERGENCE

September 12-14, 2008 - Friday-Sunday

Sahale Learning Center
Belfair, Washington (southwest corner of Kitsap Peninsula)

Bringing permaculture people together
from around Washington State & beyond.

Sharing information, solutions,
inspirations and insights!

Convergence Goals:

The convergence is a way to strengthen information flow and cooperation between permaculturists in the state of Washington; and to work on a vision of how permaculture can better serve the people and land of Washington state. How can more permaculturists make their living doing consulting, installation, teaching, etc? This convergence will have some aspects of an organizational meeting for the permaculture community.

The convergence will also be an educational event on gardening, water catchments, forest gardens, terra preta soil, wildcrafting, bio-diesel and other topics of interest for seasoned permaculturists and interested members of the general public. The final format of the event will evolve depending on who shows up. We expect that there will be advanced as well as basic level workshops.

The convergence is for professional permaculturists, permaculture design course graduates and people newly involved.

The weekend's offerings will be diverse and will include:

- * Workshops by knowledgeable presenters.
- * Panel discussions.
- * Plenary sessions
- * Demonstrations.
- * Hands-on activities.
- * Round-table discussions.
- * Regional caucuses
- * Informal networking and friendship making.
- * Music and entertainment. Bring your musical instruments songs and dancing shoes. Self-reliance in entertainment.

Permaculture Convergences are held at international, national and regional levels. PC convergences have been held in Washington State in the past but there has not been one for more than a decade.

PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

Marisha Auerbach
Chuck Estin
Brian Hindman
Michael Pilarski
Bruce Weiskotten
+ many more

Many other experienced permaculturists have expressed strong interest in attending and we expect some of the following to be presenters: Michael Becker, Dave Boehnlein, Barry Griffin, Chris Hogan, John Howe, Mike Maki, Chris Mare, Brent Naylor, Jenny Pell, Albert Postema, Pat Rasmussen and Matthew VanBoven. Anyone can schedule a workshop, presentation, demonstrations, hands-on activity, or meeting. You can schedule beforehand or at the event. To discuss scheduling contact Michael Pilarski: michael@friendsofthetrees.net

CONVERGENCE FEES:

\$60 to \$100 sliding scale. All weekend activities and meals.
Single day: \$30 to \$50 sliding scale.
+ \$50 for private room (weekend)
or \$25 for a bed in a dorm room (4 to 6 people)
No extra fee for tenting or staying in your RV/vehicle.

Registrations, inquiries to:
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Pro-tem website: www.friendsofthetrees.net

SAHALE LEARNING CENTER

Sahale Learning Center is a beautiful venue specializing in transformational education and green events

* A remote, rural location on the lower Tahuya River with rainforest, big trees, river, floodplain, gardens, and buildings. Embraced by 65 acres of forest and valley, the land holds within its valley a sacred grove of cedars more than 300 years old.

* 11 private rooms.

* 26 beds in dormitory rooms.

* Commercial kitchen, dining room and outside patio.

* Big 40 x 60' circus tent with plywood floor for large plenary meetings.

* Various small meeting rooms.

* Unlimited camping space.

* A building with 4 hot showers in the camping area.

* 1 large and 1 small hot tub.

* River with pools and sweat lodge.

* Sahale is into permaculture. They hosted permaculture design courses in 2004 and 2005. They are incorporating permaculture into their land development.

* Sahale is exploring setting up an ecovillage on the site.

* Sahale seeks site input from convergence participants.

Visit their website at: www.goodenough.org/Sahale.htm

LOCATION

Located just 25 minutes from Belfair, Washington, Sahale is an easy drive from Seattle, Tacoma, and the Olympic Peninsula. You can get to Sahale from Olympia; from the Fauntleroy ferry terminal in west Seattle, by going over the Narrows Bridge in Tacoma or by driving south from the Hood Canal Bridge.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Thursday, September 11: 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Early registration. Participants may arrive early to help set-up and familiarize themselves with the site.

Friday. Registration open all day.

Saturday. Registration open all day.

Sunday. Registration open till noon.

Sunday 5:00 pm. Closing circle.

People may stay over on Sunday evening if they are helping with clean-up.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We would like to offer a number of scholarships to interested people representing disadvantaged communities, peoples or tribes. Send us an email or write us a letter if you would like to apply or represent someone.

FEEDING OURSELVES

Growing food is one of permaculture's biggest features, so we are going to rely on the participants to donate the food that will feed us. This is one of the ways we are able to keep the convergence fees affordable. September is peak harvest month in Washington State. What familiar or exotic food can you bring from your garden or your wildcrafting? We expect to see a wide range of vegetables, fruits, berries, grains, nuts, and all manner of food products and beverages. Bring your best to impress the rest. Please let the registrar know what you plan on bringing so she can relay the information to the head cook. We are asking everyone to take a shift in the kitchen as another way of keeping convergence fees low.

PUBLICITY

Please help us spread the word through word-of-mouth, flyers, emails or mentions on websites or in print. The WSPC seeks someone to manage a website, chatroom, listserve, etc to enable communication between Washington permaculturists for WSPC and beyond.

Calling all permaculturists in Washington State!

This convergence is an opportunity for anyone interested in permaculture to expand their knowledge.

Would you like to attend?

Registration - Washington Permaculture Convergence

Name(s) _____

Organization/business name _____

Address _____

City/state/zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Website _____

Accommodations

_____ Private room (add \$50)

_____ Shared room (add \$25)

_____ Tent/RV/live-in rig (no additional charge)

What food will you bring to donate to the kitchen? _____

Who else should we contact? _____

Please add contact info if you have it.

Would you like to lead a workshop, demonstration, hands-on activity; suggest a round-table topic; or lead an activity? _____

If so please describe _____

How would you like to help the convergence? _____

How many extra brochures would you like to distribute? _____

_____ Number attending (x \$60 to \$100 sliding scale) \$ _____

_____ Single day (x \$30 to \$50 sliding scale) which day? \$ _____

Lodging, (\$25 bed in dorm, \$50 private room) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Amount enclosed

Send registration to:

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Make checks payable to Washington State Permaculture Convergence.