

WOODLAND HARVEST FARM NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEXT?

We are going to keep working on the construction of all of our structures. We will be finishing up the posts for our new structures, insulation for the Octagon and the walls for the Crone's Cottage. We will also be making plans for roofing the Octagon and Crone's Cottage.

Welcome back to another update from your friends on the farm!

We have made some great progress on our buildings! All of the walls on the Octagon are up and we have received the delivery for our rafters. 3 out of the 5 walls on the Crone's Cottage are up. Bumpout post holes have been dug for the Octagon and Art Studio. Finally, foundation post holes are being dug for the Tiny House.

Our group is learning a lot about each other and how our dynamics work together. As one student, Leon, said, it's like forming fifteen new relationships that you deeply care about. It can be overwhelming when there are so many amazing individuals around you that you want to get to know better, but there are only so many hours in a day. Living a simpler lifestyle has also been a challenge to many of us here who are so used to modern conveniences and gadgets (and everything else that comes with a contemporary and capitalist society). Our days are filled with much more manual labor than we are familiar with, and with this comes conflicting ideas on how to organize ourselves. For example, we started with a rotating chore chart which dictated who was responsible for certain chores. However, as we continue to learn and grow with each other and bear witness to each individual's strengths and weaknesses, we have now evolved to a more organic and flexible system rooted in intrinsic motivation to help where we're needed. As more trust builds between all of us, we each step up even more to improve the wellbeing of the community. This is truly a unique group of people and we are so lucky to be with each other during this time. The love and compassion is always clear to see in every moment that we experience together.



FALL BEAUTY

All of the students here agree that we are beyond blessed to be here to witness the transition of our surroundings to Fall. We have definitely been taking advantage of this season by taking sunsies hikes, trips to local parks, backpacking trips and more!

LIGHT STRAW CLAY INSULATION

We learned how to make light straw clay insulation, an environmentally friendly method of insulating homes. The clay is harvested on our land and mixed with straw. We then pack the mixture into the walls by stomping on it repeatedly.

GLASS CUTTING

We have started working on preparing glass from glass bottles that will be placed into cob walls. We will join bottom sections of two bottles to create a section of trapped air in the wall which is better for heat insulation. We are experimenting with different methods of cutting these bottles with the tools we have.



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