

2023 Garden Planner

Beauty and Bounty

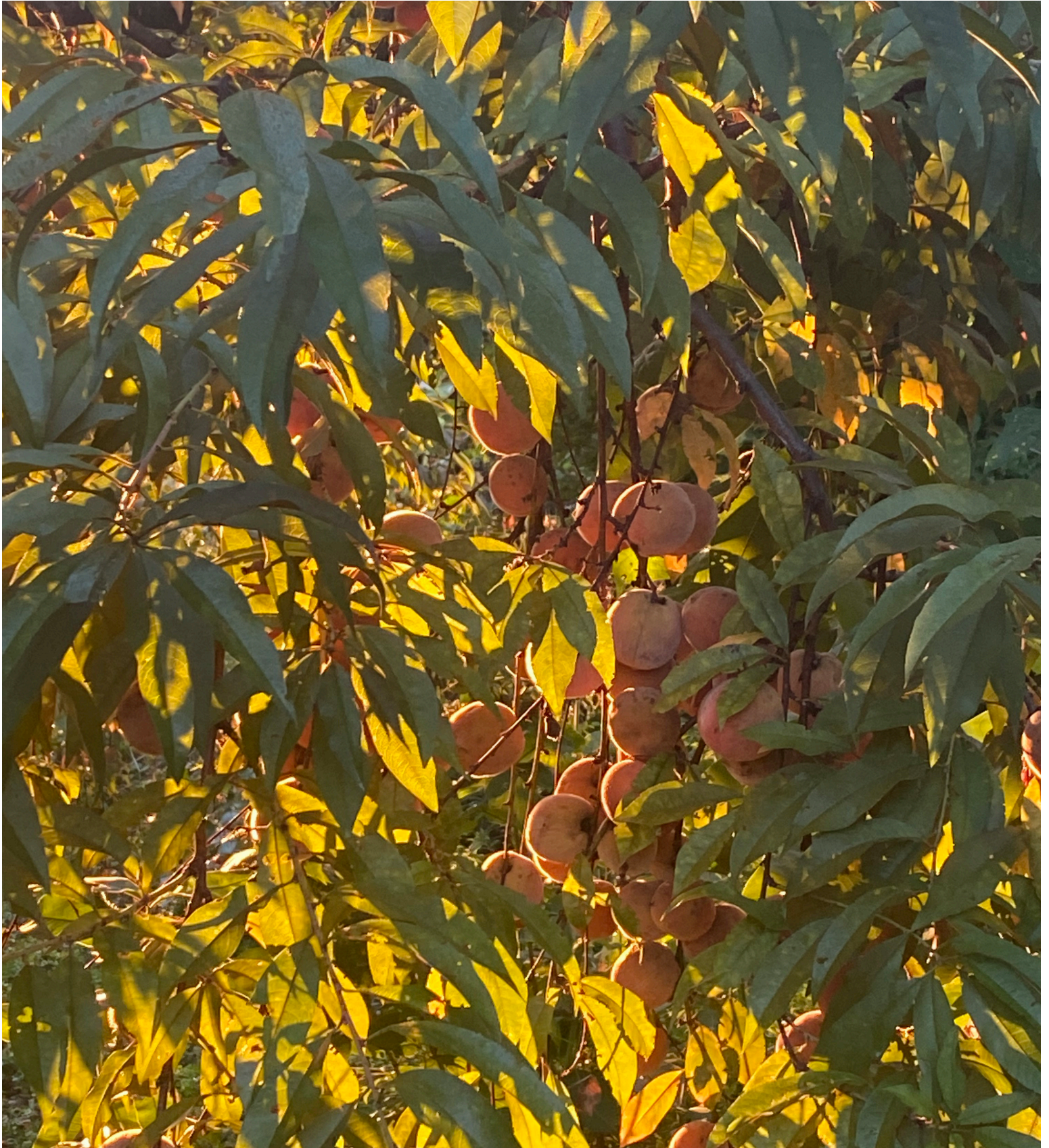


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Starting out in permaculture

When we start working with our gardens from a permaculture perspective, it is a good idea to remember the core ethics of permaculture as well as the principles articulated by David Holmgren. Below is a worksheet created by Rhonda Baird for a collaborative workshop. It reviews the basic starting place.

Within this context, you can begin to practice the principles. The worksheets in the beginning of this planner help us with our observation, our research and analysis, and our initial plans. Then you go into tracking how your plan is unfolding and what feedback you're getting.

In the latter part of the planner, you can note lessons you learned and what you would do differently next year. That's perfect, because permaculture design is an iterative process.

We hope that you enjoy using this tool to improve your garden, your life, and our world.

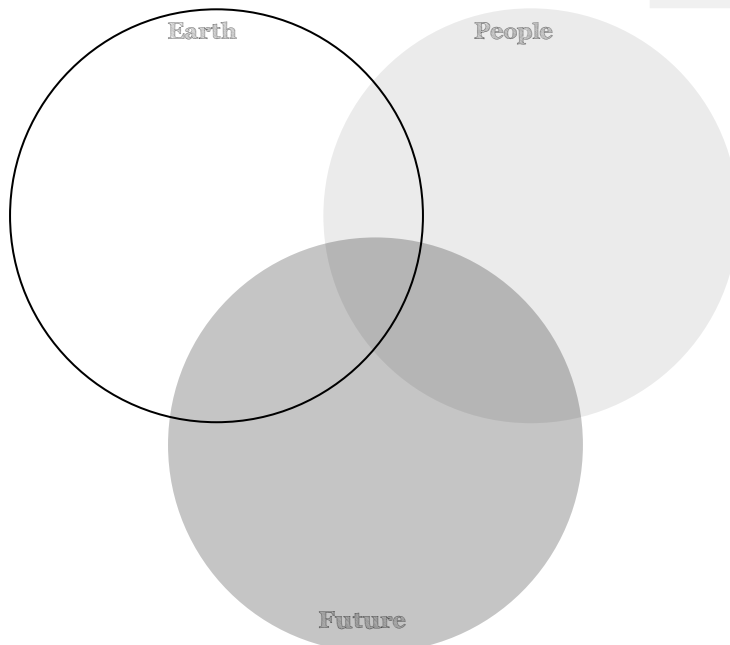
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01 Creating our Circle

What we are aiming for:

- Beginning to get to know each other: our gifts and our needs
- Working in Circles: brief introduction to sociocracy
- Introduction to Inclusive Teaching/Mentoring + Anti-Oppression practice

Permaculture Ethics overlay



Land Acknowledgement:

Where do you live?

Who lived there before? When?

Permaculture Ethics and Principles Re/view

What do each of these mean to you?

For more detail, you can visit permacultureprinciples.com

Ethics: Care of the Earth, Care of People, Care of the Future

Principles:

1. Observe and Interact
2. Catch and Store Energy
3. Obtain a Yield
4. Self-Regulate and Accept Feedback
5. Use and Value Renewable Resources
6. Produce No Waste
7. Design from Patterns to Details
8. Integrate Rather than Segregate
9. Use Small and Slow Solutions
10. Use and Value Diversity
11. Use Edges and Value the Marginal
12. Creatively Use and Respond to Change

Setting Goals

What are my top five additions for my garden this year?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

How much of each of these do I/we consume each year?

We eat about _____ of _____ each year.

I would like to grow this much: _____

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We eat about _____ of _____ each year.

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We eat about _____ of _____ each year.

I would like to grow this much: _____

When will I grow my garden?

What is my USDA Hardiness zone? _____

My frost free gardening dates are _____ in the spring to _____ in the fall.

Realistically, I commit to putting in this much time every week and enjoying my garden growing: _____

In the spring, I will have this much time each week: _____.

In the summer, I can put in this much time each week: _____.

In the fall months, I can put in this much time each week: _____.

In the winter, I'll put in this much time each week: _____.

I put my commitments on my calendar! Yes/Not yet

Where will I grow my garden?

This is the land or space available to me:

These are the spaces I can work into a vertical garden:

If I need more access to land, where might I be able to reach an agreement to rent/borrow/use land?

What is possible in each space, or bed, for growing?

Space:

How many square feet of growing area do I have?

Does it have access to water for the dry times?

How much direct sunlight does it get?

Is it easy to get in and out with a wheelbarrow, basket, or other access needs?

Draw out some ideas here:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing out ideas related to the growing space.

Another Space:

How many square feet of growing area do I have?

This is my plan for water:

How much direct sunlight does it get? Are there opportunities for vertical growing?

Is it easy to get in and out with a wheelbarrow, basket, or other access needs?

My sketch plan:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a sketch plan of a garden space.

Plants!

These are the plants I want to grow this year:

| Plant/Variety | Source | Start Date | Harvest Date | Special Needs |
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My favorite Seed Sources

| Source | contact | notes |
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My growing year: To-do's

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December


January

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--|
| I'm looking forward to: | | | | | | I | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 ○ | 7 | 8 | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 ● | 22 | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
| 30 | 31 | Next up: | | | | | |

February

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 ○ | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 ● | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | |
| 27 | 28 | Still on my to-do list: | | | | | |


March

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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April

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 ● | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

May

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 ● | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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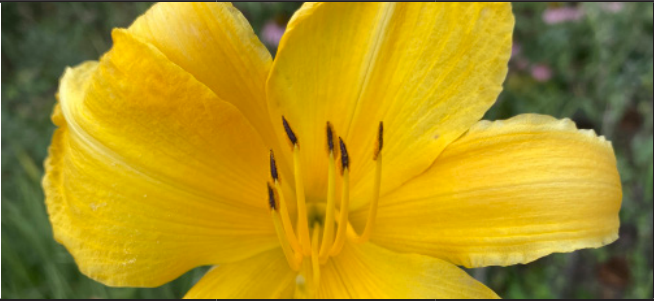
June

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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 ● | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

July

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 ● | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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August

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 ● | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 ○ | 31 |  | | |


September

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Next season to-do: | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 ● | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 ○ | 30 | |

October

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | |
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| To-do: | | | | | | I | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 ● | 15 | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 ○ | 29 | |
| 30 | 31 | Starting to plan for next year: | | | | | |

November

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--|----------|--------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 ● | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 ○ | 28 | 29 | 30 |  | | |

December

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 ● | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 ○ | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

My tool inventory

| Tool | Source | Maintenance Notes |
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| 1. | | |
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My Recipes or Sources for:

Seedling starting mix:

Compost amendments:

Compost tea or foliar feeding:

Lessons I learned this year:

| Of Note: | What happened | Next year, I'll do this |
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My Strategies for Pest Control:

Seedling protection:

Aphids:

Beetles:

Whitefly:

Other - _____:

Poison Ivy/Poison Oak:

Other challenging plants - _____:

Celebrating my harvest!

What I'm most proud of:

spring -

summer -

fall -

winter -

What I didn't think I could do:

What really stumped me this year:

My seeds I've saved for next year: