



MAMA TREE

“To free ourselves, we must feed ourselves.” — Leah Penniman

What does it mean to be free? Who do we rely on to grow our food? How can we support those who feed us? As we witness the harsh reality of militarized ICE deployments targeting farmers and peaceful workers in Ventura County and beyond, we encourage our community to seek out opportunities to act in solidarity and to support the efforts of local organizations such as [805UndocuFund](#), [VCdefensa](#) and [Help of Ojai](#).

On Saturday, August 2nd, we'll complete our outdoor classroom cob bench at our [Earthen Plaster workshop](#). All proceeds from the workshop will be donated to the 805UndocuFund (501c3, non-profit).

More details and reflections from happenings on our farm are below, including:

- [8/2 Earthen Plaster Workshop information](#)
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Join us Saturday August 2nd for

A FULL-DAY IMMERSIVE EARTHEN PLASTER WORKSHOP

→ On how to identify local
& natural building
materials

→ Get a chance to mix &
apply earthen plaster on
a cob/adobe structure

→ Enjoy a mid-day lunch
break along the creek

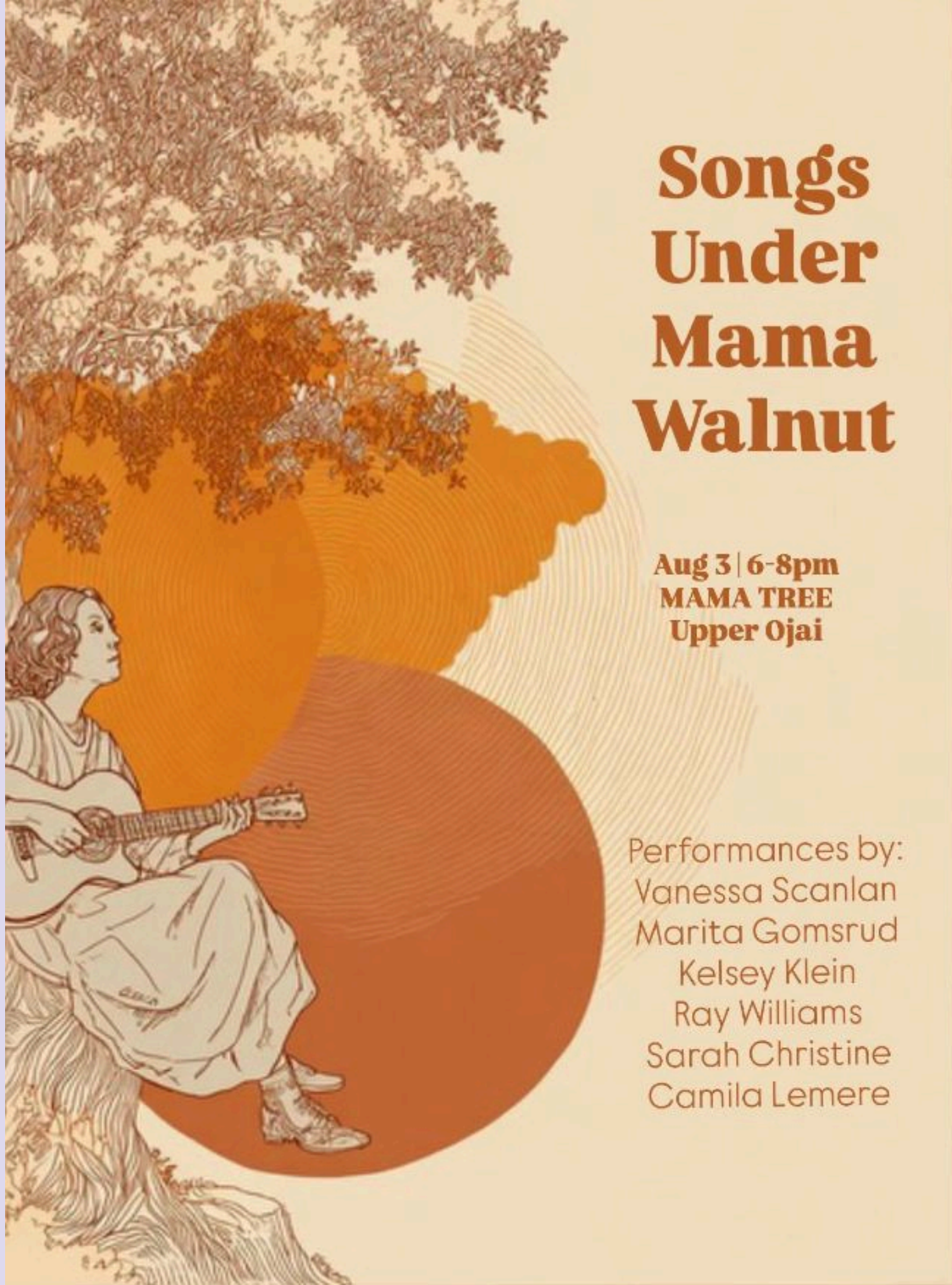
→ Learn how to apply these
techniques to your own
home or building project

RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED - SPOTS
ARE LIMITED - \$90
PER PERSON

Cob Bench Updates

It has been such a joy to build this outdoor classroom space with over 50 people of different ages and backgrounds. On Saturday, August 2nd, Abudu will guide us in completing the final earthen plaster layers using a mix of local clay, sand and chopped straw to create a weather resistant exterior finish that will help the cob bench withstand rain and wear and tear. Space is limited, [register now](#) to join us for our final workshop of the summer.

Saturday, Aug. 2nd | Earthen Plaster Workshop



Songs Under Mama Walnut

Join us Sunday, August 3rd from 6-8pm underneath our Mama Walnut tree for an evening of songs featuring local artists. Thank you to Marita for organizing this delightful event. [Register to attend here.](#)

Sunday, Aug. 3rd | Songs Under Mama Walnut



Knitting Handcraft Summer Camp Recap

We had so much fun hosting our week long crafting summer camp with Brie Wakeland underneath our Mama Walnut tree. Students were guided through a series of skill building activities as they learned the basics of knitting with various hands on projects. Bonus visits with our animals, some cob mixing, and lots of laughter and joy were the icing on the cake. Stay tuned future summer camps and pop-up events like this one!

Thank You Brie!



Curious About our Farm Pod?

Saplings, our early childhood education program, is open for fall enrollment as we grow the program to offer 2-days of outdoor Waldorf / Forest School inspired education. Tuesdays are already full, but there are currently spots on Wednesdays. [Inquire via our enrollment form and learn more about the program here.](#)

Saplings Farm Pod Enrollment



Fall 2025 Agroforestry Weekend Workshop

Our team is planning upcoming workshops and events this Fall and we'd love your input before we finalize dates. We're especially excited to host a weekend agroforestry intensive workshop, in which we'll discuss and apply the principles

of permaculture design to plant a variety of trees, shrubs, and grasses. [Please respond to this survey](#) to let us know if you're interested and if the proposed date of 10/25 - 10/26 works for you.

Agroforestry Workshop Interest Survey

With gratitude,

THE MAMA TREE TEAM



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