

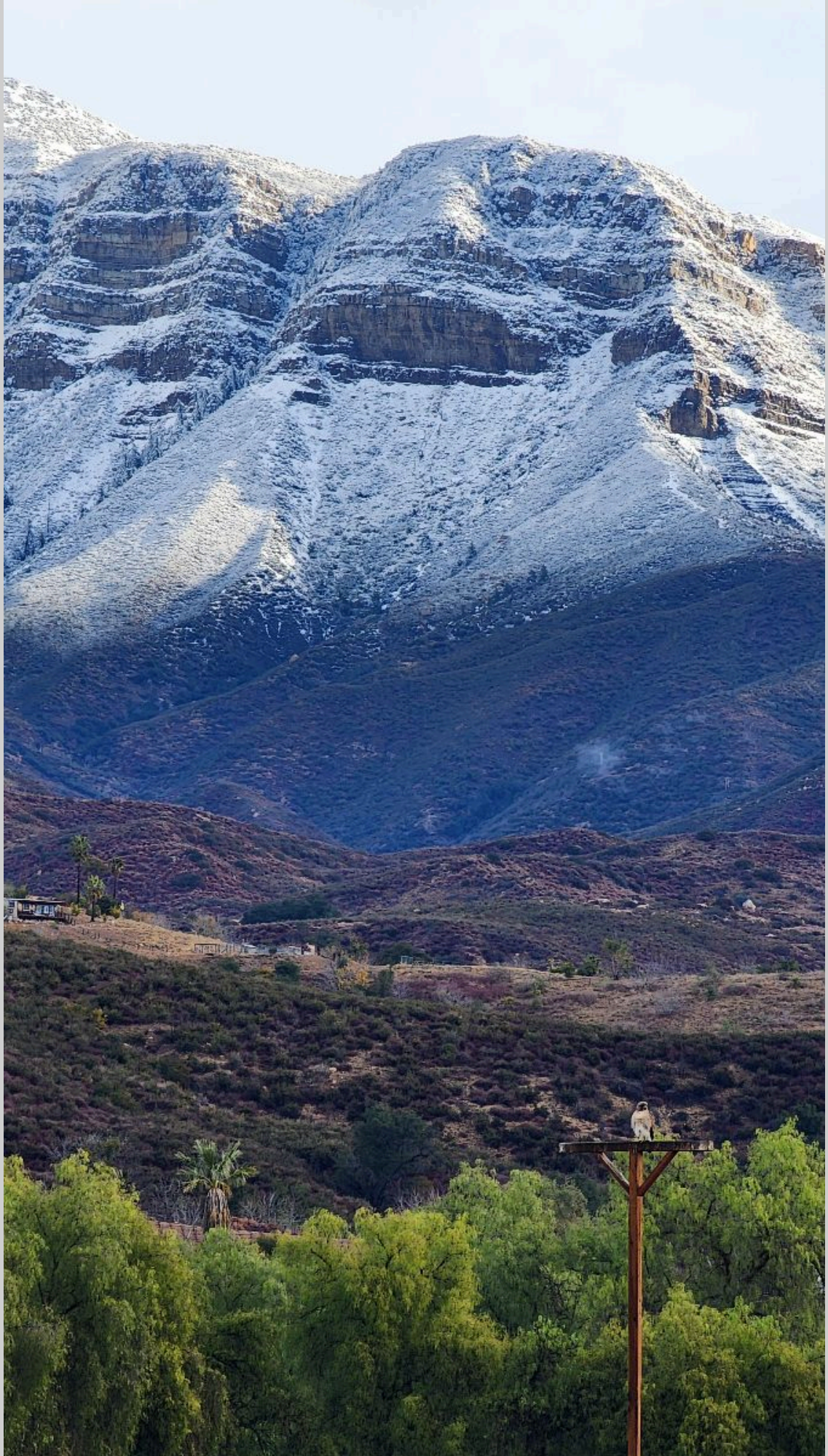


MAMA TREE

Hello friends,

We've spent the first month of the new year holding workshops, getting our plant nursery certified, hiring a new farm apprentice, and tending to the farm, all while navigating the warm, dry, gusty winds that have brought devastation to our friends in Los Angeles. Thank goodness we received 0.66 inches of rain this weekend, bringing a much-needed exhale from the threat of fire season. The snow that settled on the Topas above us is settling our nervous systems.

We are in awe and deeply proud of the ways folks have risen to the occasion to support each other during this time, and we want to shout THANK YOU to the first responders who continually drop everything and risk their lives to save what they can. We are as motivated as ever to step forward into this new year, embracing opportunities to support resilience in our community.



Upcoming Events at MAMA TREE

- Thu. Jan. 30: [Community Tree Planting](#)
- Sun. Feb. 9: [Tree Pruning](#)

More info below, visit MAMATREEOJAI.COM to learn more and register.

View our Calendar of Events



Tree Pruning Workshop

Sunday, February 9th, 9am - 3pm

Finally, our pruning workshop is back. Sign up to get hands-on experience pruning with us in our olive grove.

This workshop will cover the basics of tree pruning and tool maintenance. Abudu will provide an in-depth look into tree structure and shape to best understand how to make the right cut and why. After a hearty vegan lunch, each participant will receive hands-on training while practicing pruning on an olive tree.

[Register to attend here.](#)

Register Here



Community Tree Plantings

Plant trees with us from our own, newly certified nursery. This is a FREE offering for anyone who has been wanting to be of service or interested in exploring agroforestry and permaculture design thinking firsthand. Bring comfortable shoes that can get dirty, a sun hat, a refillable water bottle, a pair of work gloves and a desire to learn. You will have the opportunity to pose questions to our resident stewards and other community members.

Upcoming Tree Planting Sessions:

- Thu. Jan. 30, 9am - 11am

[Register to attend a session here.](#) Each session lasts 2 hours. Please note, if

you haven't been to the farm yet, please attend a [farm tour](#) first to receive our group orientation.

Can't make this one? Good news! We're aiming to offer these weekly through the end of spring.

Sign up to Plant with Us



Gift Boxes for In-Person Pick Up

Preorder online to customize and pick up in-person

Our gift boxes brought so much joy this holiday season that we've decided to keep them available while supplies last. Orders must be placed by Wednesday night to be available for pick up in-person from our booth at the Ojai Sunday Farmers Market. [Place your order online](#) to customize your gift box. Our special goat milk & olive oil soap is only currently available via online preorders. 🎁

Preorder for Pickup



Natural Building Workshop

We had a wonderfully fun day during our Natural Building Workshop led by [Sage Stoneman](#) and MAMA TREE's resident carpenter and many-hat wearer, Abudu. We learned about various methods of natural building, the benefits of constructing with earthen materials, and the indigenous peoples who use these building methods. The group worked together to mix cob and apply it to a wooden frame. Together, we completed the walls for our new "Market Shed" structure in one day! It takes a village.

Thank you to everyone who attended! We had a blast with you. We are inspired to host more natural building workshops soon - stay tuned for future dates.

Please fill out our [interest survey](#) to let us know what other workshops or events you're excited for us to host in 2025.

Follow us on social media [@MAMATREEOJAI](#), and share this email with friends to help us spread the news.

In gratitude,

The MAMA TREE Team



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