



MAMA TREE

Hello friends,

With the sprouting pastures, the ripening Pixies, and the recent passing of Imbolc, we're shaking off the sleepiness of the darker months and feeling the tingling inspiration that comes from the upcoming spring's new growth.

Upcoming Events at MAMA TREE

- Thu. Feb. 20th & 27th : [Community Tree Planting](#) with our Farm Team
- Sun. Feb. 23rd: [Natural Plaster](#) workshop with Sage & Abudu
- Sat. Mar. 8th: [Sauerkraut Fermentation](#) with Natalie

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

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Natural Plaster Workshop

Sunday, February 23rd, 10am - 4pm

[Join us for an opportunity to learn and advance your natural building skills](#) as we make and apply natural, clay-based plaster to our new wattle-and-daub market shed. Led by local natural building expert [Sage Stoneman](#), and our lead carpenter and arborist Abudu.

Earthen based plaster is used to seal a wall or structure in order to resist decay and weathering. It is often made from a mix of clay, sand, water, and a plant-based fiber. Our mix will include cattail seed pods harvested from our land, as well as local clay. The workshop will include guidance on how to find and source clay.

[Check out this Instagram post to see a time-lapse from building the walls](#) during our January wattle and daub workshop. The January workshop included over 30 people - we had so much fun!

This workshop will only have space for 10 attendees to give everyone space and time to get to know the material. Register soon as we expect this event to sell out.

Register to Attend our Plaster Workshop



Community Tree Plantings

[Plant trees with us](#) from our own newly certified nursery. This is a FREE offering for anyone who wants to be of service or is interested in exploring agroforestry and permaculture design application 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 farm team and other community members.

Upcoming Tree Planting Sessions:

- Thu. Feb. 27th, 9am - 11am
- Thu. Mar. 6th, 9am - 11am

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for a session so far!

Can't make this one? No worries, we're aiming to offer these weekly through the end of spring as weather permits.

[View Upcoming Planting Sessions](#)



Sauerkraut Making Workshop

Saturday, March 8th, 10am - 12pm

[Join us for a morning of Sauerkraut Fermentation 101](#), led by our resident home fermentation enthusiast, Natalie. Sauerkraut is a probiotic and vitamin C rich food, made by fermenting cabbage with only salt.

Natalie makes sauerkraut every two weeks for her family. She's excited to share the wisdom she's gleaned and to spread the joy and health benefits of homemade vegetable ferments.

In order to keep costs down for attendees, this is a "bring your own" supplies workshop - participants will bring their own cabbage, knife, cutting board, large bowl, glass weight, kitchen scale, sea salt, and jar.

Register to Attend our Sauerkraut Workshop



Tree Pruning Workshop Recap

We had a wonderful morning learning from seasoned pruner Abudu about which fruit trees are most climate-appropriate for the Ojai area, how to feed our trees with compost and mulch, and how to practice proper tree pruning and tool maintenance.

This is an annual workshop that we will host again around the same time next year. In the meantime, [check out our other workshops](#) and fill out our [interest survey](#) to let us know what other workshops or events you're excited for us to host in 2025.

[Complete our Interest Survey](#)



Trialing Different Pasture Seeding Approaches

Before the recent rains quenched the thirst of our soil, plants, and trees, our team prepared new trial pasture plots with a grazing seed mix and biological soil amendments. Despite the late rains this year, we hope these efforts will result in more abundant and nutritious fodder plant growth for our herd of goats to graze in the spring.

While spreading the compost by hand from the back of our pickup took some time (shout out to Marita featured in the pic below), our team came together for a fun seeding session that we captured on camera. Follow us on [@MAMATREEOJAI](#) and [subscribe to our YouTube](#) for more videos coming soon explaining the process and highlighting results.



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In gratitude

The MAMA TREE Team



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