



# MAMA TREE

Hello friends,

Happy May Day! As the new month begins, we're inspired by the traditional Gaelic holiday of Beltane, which marks the halfway point between Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice. Celebrated with fire, flowers, and fertility symbols, Beltane signals the beginning of warm days, the awakening of soil for summer crops, and the movement of livestock back to the pastures. At MAMA TREE, we're also welcoming two new baby goats to our herd (see a photo of one baby at the end of the newsletter).

We invite you to connect with us through workshops on the farm, events, and craft fairs. After this spring, we'll be taking a break from programming during the heat of the summer. We hope to see you while the weather is mild.

## Upcoming Events

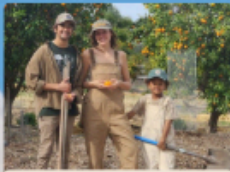
- Wednesdays in Spring: [Community Tree Planting](#) with our Farm Team
- Fri, May 2nd: [Adobe Brick Making Workshop](#) with Abudu
- Sat, May 3rd: [Goat Care Workshop](#) with Logan
- Sat, May 10th: [Findings Market](#) in Downtown Ventura
- Sun, May 11th: [Eco-Printing Workshop](#) with [Rooted Botanics](#) on Mother's Day
- Sat, May 17th: [Compost & Soil Health Workshop](#) with [Grow With Mo](#)
- Sun, May 18th: [Backyard Food Forests Workshop](#)
- Sat & Sun, June 7th & 8th: [Basics of Earthen Building](#) with [Earthen Shelter](#)
- Sat, June 14th: [Regenerative Farm Tour](#) (new later time!)

These are our last events until Fall.

More info below or visit [MAMATREEOJAI.COM](https://MAMATREEOJAI.COM) to learn more and register 🌳

# Upcoming Events & Workshops

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## Tree Planting & Gardening

WEDNESDAYS | 9 AM - 11 AM



## Adobe Brick Making

FRI. 5/2 | 1 PM - 5 PM



## Backyard Goat Care Workshop

SAT. 5/3 | 9 AM - 3:15 PM



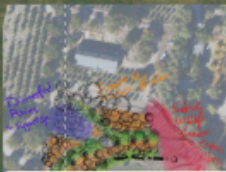
## Mothers Day Eco-Printing w/ Allie

SAT. 5/11 | 1 PM - 3PM



## Soil Health & Compost

SAT. 5/17 | 9 AM - 3:15 PM



## Agroforestry & Food Forests

SUN. 5/18 | 9 AM - 3:15 PM



## Basics of Natural Building

SAT. - SUN. | June 7 - 8



## Regenerative Farm Tour

SAT. 6/14 | 10 AM - 12:15 PM

Attend both workshops for a discount!



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2-days with special guest  
Sasha @EarthenShelter

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## Adobe Brick Making

Friday, May 2nd, 1 - 5pm

Learn how to make Adobe bricks that will be used in construction for our outdoor classroom gathering space during our upcoming natural building workshop in June (more info below). Participation is limited and registration is required.





### **Backyard Goats Workshop**

Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00am - 3:15pm

You asked, and we answered! Whether you're a beginner or looking to integrate goats into your permaculture system, this full-day, *in-depth* workshop will give you the knowledge and confidence to raise happy, healthy goats. Learn about rotational grazing, natural health care, enclosure solutions, and how goats can regenerate your land. Gain hands-on experience with hoof trimming, feeding strategies, comprehensive health screenings, and milking. Come prepared to learn, laugh, and leave with practical skills for holistic goat keeping. Learn directly from charmer farmer, Logan, in a supportive, hands-on environment.

**Register for Backyard Goats**



## **Compost & Soil Health**

Saturday, May 17th, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Join us for a full day workshop, diving into the specifics of compost and soil health. We incorporated feedback from our Fall Compost workshop, offering even more extensive learning and adding a farm fresh lunch. The goal of this workshop is to help you learn about the basics of soil health and different composting systems while equipping you with the knowledge to implement a system that's appropriate for your scale and space. We will cover hot and cold compost, compost tea, worm bins, tree application, and more.

## **Workshop Weekend**

We're offering this in combination with our Backyard Food Forest Workshop, taking place on Sunday, May 18th, 2025. There is an early bird discount AND an additional, compounding bonus discount for those who would like to attend both workshops.

**Register for Compost & Soil Health**



## **Backyard Food Forests**

Sunday, May 18th, 9:00am - 3:00pm

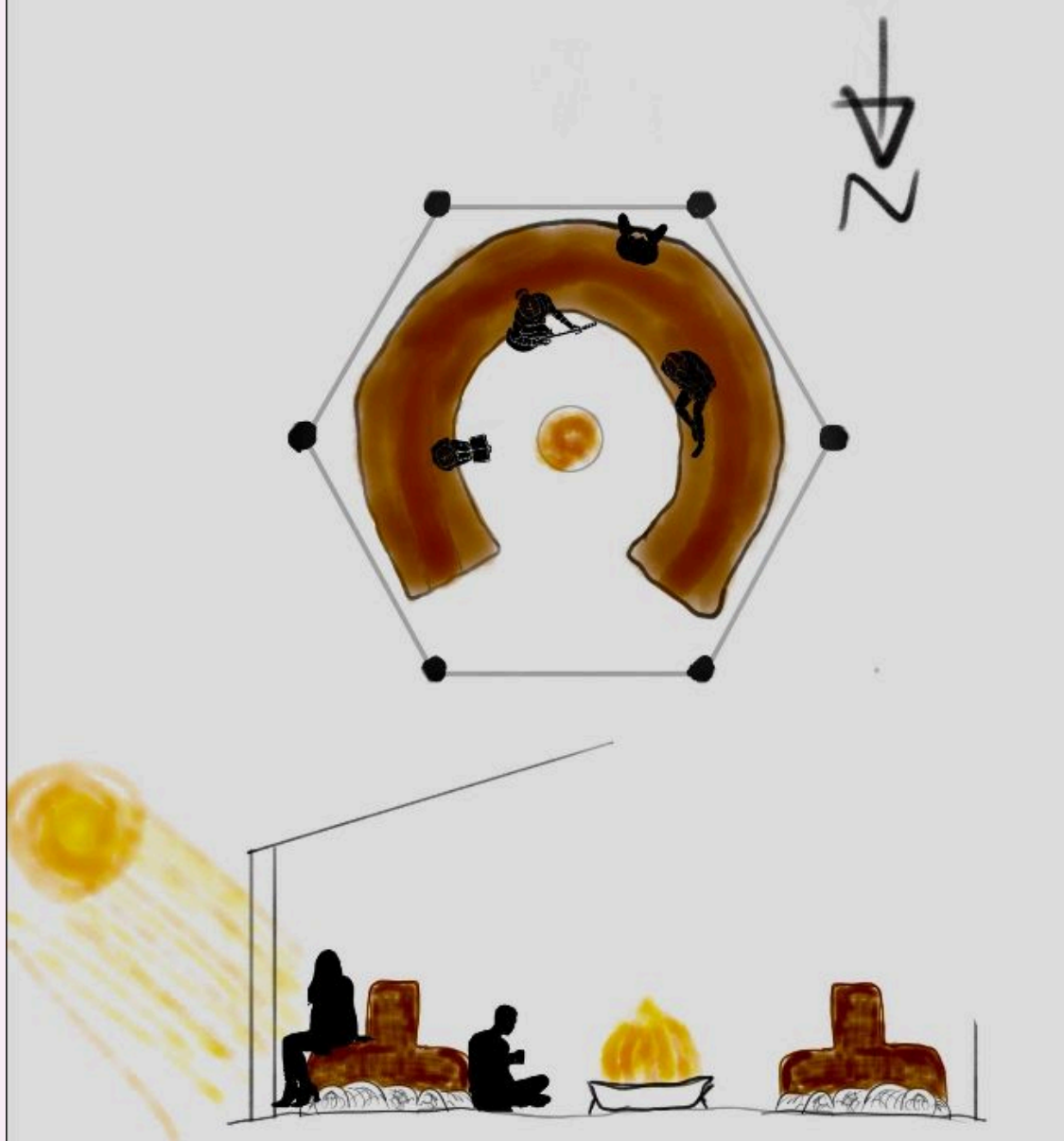
We're excited by the ecological services, benefits, and practicality of backyard food forests, and we want to share our enthusiasm and know-how, along with a chance to get hands-on experience. This day-long workshop will incorporate lecture, a hands-on practicum, and a tour of various corners of the farm that showcase tricks and tools for observing and mimicking forest ecosystem processes in your own backyard. Topics will include agroforestry design, installation & maintenance, working with water cycles, earthworks, and stewarding a property with ecology in mind.

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### **Basics of Earthen Building**

Saturday & Sunday, June 7 & 8, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Join us for a two-day workshop led by Sasha Rabin of Earthen Shelter and Abudu Nenwero (MAMA TREE), as we build an outdoor classroom space (rough sketch pictured above). Reconnect with the timeless wisdom of building with earth. There are many ways of working and building with earth to create everything from homes to ovens to garden walls to finishes on existing structures. In this class we will use the same basic materials--clay, sand and fiber--to create a variety of different types of earthen building systems, including cob, adobe and earthen plaster.

The course is appropriate for both first-time builders and for professionals in the building trade who are interested in natural materials. We will discuss how to find and choose appropriate soil for construction and how to create various mixes.

**Register for Basics of Earthen Building**



### **Intro to Permaculture Design Recap**

Thank you to all who joined us for our Intro to Permaculture Design Workshop, led by Abudu, Jeff, Logan, and Natalie. Together, we learned all about the basics of Permaculture Design and how the MAMA TREE stewardship team uses this design methodology to increase the health of the farm through careful observation, working with nature, linking "separate" farm systems, and building relationships.

Check out our [Calendar of Events](#) to stay up to date on our latest workshop and event offerings.

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With gratitude,

**The MAMA TREE Team**



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