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MAMA TREE

UPPER OJAI · NOVEMBER 2026



NOVEMBER ON THE LAND

# Getting the land ready for winter rain

Hello friends,

October and November is when we get the farm ready for the rain. We're building check dams, tuning swales, and planting along our young wetland so that every storm soaks in instead of running off. In October, we expanded the silvopasture and tended our older agroforestry strips.

This month, we're offering five hands-on days at the farm. Note that the early-bird price for our **Soil & Compost Workshop on Sat 11/21** ends Saturday, 11/7.

EARLY BIRD ENDS SAT 11/7

### Soil & Compost Workshop
### Sat 11/21 with Logan & Mo

$60 until Saturday 11/7 at 11:59pm, then $75.

Register for the 11/21 Soil & Compost Workshop

WHAT'S COMING

## On the farm this month

SAT
7
NOV

**Water Cycle Restoration: log & rock check dams**

9am to 12:30pm · by donation

SAT
14
NOV

**Backyard Goat Care Workshop**

9am to 2pm · $75

SUN
15
NOV

### Wetland & Riparian Community Planting Day

9am to 12:30pm · by donation

SAT
21
NOV

### Soil & Compost Workshop with Logan & Mo

9am to 3:30pm · **$60 until 11/7**, then $75

SUN
22
NOV

### Water Cycle Restoration: contour swales & spillways

9am to 12:30pm · by donation

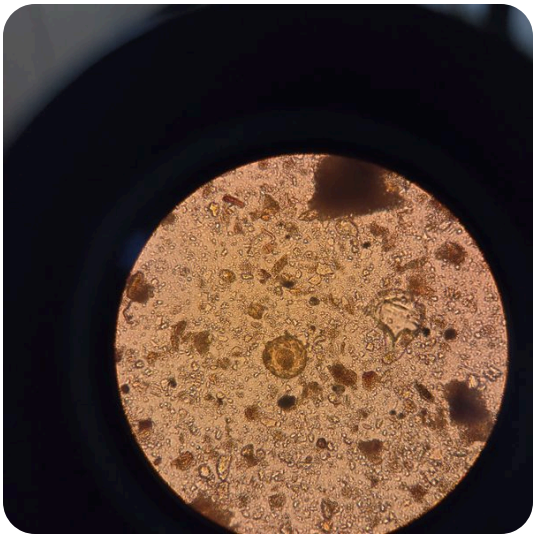
SUN
6
DEC

### Sauerkraut 101 with Natalie

11am to 1pm · $38 + $10 materials

View our Calendar of Events





SAT 11/21 · FULL-DAY WORKSHOP

## Soil is alive. Come meet it.

Our own Logan Oliver and guest instructor Morgan "Mo" Visalli (Grow with Mo Garden Design) will spend a full day on the soil food web. You'll learn to read healthy soil by sight and smell, build compost by hand, and look through a microscope for the fungi and protozoa doing the work.

You'll see 10 composting methods, from hot compost to Johnson-Su bioreactors, and take home a bucket of living soil.

| WHEN | PRICE | WHERE |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sat 11/21<br>9am to 3:30pm | $60 early bird to Sat 11/7<br>then $75 · $90 Pay It Forward | MAMA TREE<br>Upper Ojai |

**Get the $60 Soil & Compost early bird**



SAT 11/14 · HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

## Backyard goat care 🐐

Thinking about goats, or already have a few? Rachael will lead the day, along with Farm Manager Logan, covering rotational grazing, natural health care, feeding, and enclosures. They'll host hands-on demos, too: hoof trimming, health checks, and milking. Bring all your questions.

**WHEN**
Sat 11/14
9am to 2pm

**PRICE**
$75 · $100 Pay It Forward sponsors a scholarship

**SCHOLARSHIPS**
and group rates:
programs@mamatreeojai.com

**Register for 11/14 Backyard Goat Care**



**FROM GULLY TO WETLAND** 💧

## Slowing the water down

California lost most of its wetlands in a period of about 150 years. In his Intro to Ecohydrology talk this summer, our co-director Jeffrey explained why that matters. Wetlands and forests breathe out moisture: 40 to 70% of the rain over land comes from what plants exhale.

Here at the farm, a few earthen dams turned one eroding gully into a young wetland that holds thousands of gallons of stormwater.

> *"When water runs, make it walk. When it walks, make it crawl."*
>
> Indra, at our Restoring Rivers talk in June

Learn how to slow water with us. We'll be accepting donations for all three days; no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

**Sat 11/7** Log & rock check dams

**Sun 11/15** Wetland & riparian planting day

**Sun 11/22** Contour swales & spillways

**Register for the 11/15 Wetland Planting Day**



SUN 12/6 · 11AM TO 1PM

## Sauerkraut 101

Cabbage, sea salt and time create a jar of probiotic, vitamin C-rich kraut. Natalie makes it for her family every two weeks and will show you how.

Natalie will bring the cabbage, salt and jar; you bring a knife, a cutting board, and a big bowl. Gates open 10:45am. $38, plus a $10 materials fee paid to Natalie.

**Register for 12/6 Sauerkraut 101**

## Know someone who'd love a visit to the farm?

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We hope to see you at the farm soon,

**The MAMA TREE Team** 🌳💚

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