



MAMA TREE

Hello friends,

We are welcoming July—long, light-filled days, warmth, and the invitation to balance hard work with space for "timelessness": slowing down and connecting with the land, each other, and ourselves.

Restoring the Rivers of Rajasthan ✨

Thank you to everyone who attended! Together, we're building a more hopeful future for water in our valley.  If you couldn't make it, read the recap below.

Natural Building Workshop this weekend

Saturday and Sunday, July 11th and 12th, learn the craft of natural building with Abudu and help construct our water sanctuary.

Wild Earth Sound Bath July 17th ✨🌿

Join Marita Gomsrud and Kelly Jean under Mama Walnut for an evening sound bath — reconnecting with the wisdom of the natural world.

Ojai Egg Drop

Place your order by 4pm on Tuesdays and see why locals are raving about our eggs (pick up Wednesdays in Ojai).

Fiber Art Summer Camp

For the 7-10 year olds in your life: a 5-day Waldorf Handcraft Fiber Art summer camp in August. Kids will spin yarn, wet felt, and use natural dyes. Parents are welcome to join!

Outstanding in the Field Dinner

Register to dine with us in our pastures on Wednesday, October 28! The chef from Rory's Place will be dazzling us with a celebration of seasonal, local food grown well.

Details below 



Restoring the Rivers of Rajasthan was a beautiful and inspiring gathering centered on community, connection, and the future of global and local watersheds.

After visiting Rajasthan, MAMA TREE Co-Director, Jeffrey, was deeply moved and inspired to bring Indra to Ojai to share his voice and wisdom with the community. Indra's insights left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

The event was educational and sparked meaningful conversation, heartfelt reflection, and renewed inspiration for collective action to protect and restore our watersheds. It was a reminder of the power of coming together in service of water, land, and future generations.

Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined and made the evening so special. 💧

Did you attend? We want to hear from you. Reply to this email with any reflections you'd like to share.



Learn and Practice Cob, Wattle-and-Daub, & Earthen Plaster

Join for one day or both: [Saturday, July 11th](#) & [Sunday, July 12th](#)

On Saturday, learn or practice the basics of using clay, sand, and straw to build earthen walls for our water-sanctuary / well house. This is a family friendly event and children are always welcome! Use code MUDKID at registration for free entry for children under 12. On Sunday, we'll dive into the basics of earthen plaster through more focused lecture followed by hands-on application.

[Sign Up to Attend Here](#)



Wild Earth Sound - A Musical Journey Through Breath, Sound & Elemental Magic

Join Marita Gomsrud and Kelly Jean for an evening of live music, breath, sound, and ritual inspired by the elements—Earth, Water, Fire, Air, and Spirit—awakening the senses and reconnecting with the wisdom of the natural world.

[Sign Up to Attend Here](#)

Waldorf Handcraft Summer Camp

Drop-off Day Camp for age 7-10
Parents welcome to join
Fiber Arts led by Brie Wakeland

August 3 - 7 (Mon - Fri)
9AM - 2PM



Join us at the farm for August Summer Camp!

Featuring Waldorf Handcraft 5-day long sessions [August 3 - 7](#)

Hosted by Brie Wakeland for a second year in a row! Activities will include a variety of handwork building skills including wet felting, spinning, weaving, natural dye, and sewing. Children will also spend time interacting with our farm animals and exploring our outdoor Saplings classroom.

Grab Your Spot



[Fresh Eggs from Our Farm to You](#)

Weekly Pickups in Ojai on Wednesdays!

Our new flock of happy, pasture-raised hens has been keeping us well supplied with delicious fresh eggs! We are getting tremendous feedback about their orange yolks at the farmer's market. We are excited to continue offering weekly egg pickups in Ojai.

If you'd like eggs this week, please be sure to place your order by **4pm Tuesday** so we can have them ready for you on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for supporting our flock—we can't wait to share these beautiful farm-fresh eggs with you!

Place Your Order



[Outstanding In The Field](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2 - 6:30PM

We are honored to host Outstanding in the Field for a special farm-to-table gathering at MAMA TREE, where regenerative farming, education, and community commingle.

Hosted by the MAMA TREE team—Natalie Buckley-Medrano, Jeffrey Reidl, Logan Oliver, Abudu Nenwero & Rachael Campos—and featuring Guest Chef Meave McAuliffe of Rory's Place, this event highlights seasonal abundance from our regenerative orchard and working farm.

Experience a menu inspired by the Ojai Valley, rooted in care for the land and ecological stewardship. Don't miss this opportunity to gather, learn, and share a meal in community—sign up now!

[Sign Up Here](#)



Best Wishes to Scarlett Turner

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Scarlett for all the care, creativity, and dedication she brought as Programs Coordinator. Her work helped shape our program offerings in meaningful ways and opened up many exciting opportunities along the way.

We're thrilled to celebrate her next chapter as Garden & STEAM Instructional Specialist at Round Meadow Elementary. They are lucky to have her, and we're certain she's continuing to inspire curiosity, connection, and hands-on learning in everything she does.

Wishing her all the best in this new role—we look forward to staying connected.



Best Wishes to Madeline Steiner

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Madeleine Steiner for all she has contributed to MAMA TREE. Her care, dedication, and support have helped shape and strengthen our work, especially in refining tracking systems and bringing our products to the community.

We are also excited to celebrate her next chapter with the Ventura County Resource Conservation District as an Agricultural Environmental Systems

Specialist. We know she is continuing to bring insight, care, and positive impact to her work there.

We're also grateful to Madeline for sharing Finnegan—her beloved cat—who has become our unofficial farm supervisor. He offers rodent control, emotional support, and plenty of charm, and has quickly become a favorite among staff and visitors alike.

We wish her all the best in this next adventure and look forward to seeing her again soon.



Welcome, Hanni!

We're excited to welcome **Hanni Soffa** to the MAMA TREE team! As our Harvest & Product Making Supervisor, Hanni brings a beautiful blend of creativity, care, and deep knowledge of food, farming, and community. From

tending the orchard to crafting nourishing products in the kitchen, their work is rooted in regenerative practices, collaboration, and the belief that food is a powerful way to care for one another. We're grateful to have Hanni helping cultivate the fruits of MAMA TREE.



Welcome Marita !

We're excited to welcome **Marita Gomsrud** as MAMA TREE's **Program Coordinator**! Marita first joined MAMA TREE as a ranch hand and quickly fell in love with the land, animals, and community. With a background in film production, live music events, and the arts, she's already working hard to create a myriad of meaningful opportunities for connection, learning, and growth.



Hope to see you at the farm soon!

THE MAMA TREE TEAM



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