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Abundance AMPY

ABUNDANT MICHIGAN / PERMACULTURE YPSILANTI
ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITY BY IMPLEMENTING
PERMACULTURE PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

Abundance Michigan / Permaculture Ypsilanti

was co-founded by Jesse Tack and Monica King, and meets the first Monday of every month in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The first three Saturdays of the Summer and early Autumn months are open for any and all who are interested in contributing time and energy to work on various projects in the area, strengthening community and learning valuable skills along the way.

Check the AMPY Facebook page for further information, or email Jesse Tack: jessedavidtack@gmail.com

"Our primary responsibility is to the regenerative enhancement of the biospheres ecosystem processes." ~Darren Doherty

A Vision for Abundance & Resilience in Local Community

In our lifetimes, we can reverse climate change. We can build 30 feet of topsoil. We can recharge natural springs. We can eliminate our dependence on oil and money. People need to know that these things are possible. The solutions are quite simple. We harness the power of nature, and work in ethical groups. We build Eden, by design. We design using permaculture design, holistic management, keyline design, etc. We use tools like agroforestry, swales, alcohol fuels, passive solar design, rocket mass heaters, etc. One does not need to be an expert at any of these things. We learn as we go. People need to realize that small amounts of individual production and small amounts of individual money, when pooled towards a common abundance, can go a long long way. But the key ingredient is *active people*.

Building these guilds and economies could benefit the community permanently. That's the whole idea behind "perma"-culture! Chestnut trees produce for 4000 years. Perennial grasses for 500 years. Well shaped earthworks can harvest water for millennium. Livelihoods can come from a forest economy forever, provided that humans manage the system to do so.

In the short term, it gives each person the ability to magnify their power and take positive steps towards making our world better. Working in groups is powerful. You can get so much accomplished, relatively quickly. Another benefit of AMPY membership is that individuals follow their own interests. Nobody does work that is a chore for them. You engage in things you like, with other people who like similar things, and over-produce.

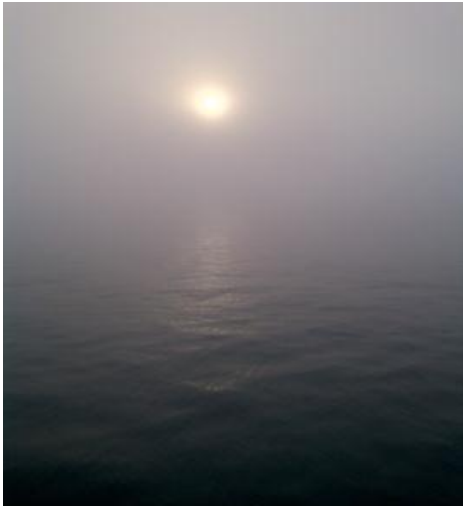
Once over-production has occurred, the gift economy engages. Under the conditions of gift giving and abundance, healthy communities can really thrive. Illnesses can decrease. Happiness can increase. Stress can decrease. Nutrient and mineral health will drastically improve. A whole host of ills will eventually disappear. And in reality, we begin to tell a new story.

It's time for a new story.



Dawn Farm Work Day

The work day organized at Dawn Farm on June 8th, 2013 was a wonderful success! Approximately fifteen to twenty folks invested time and energy to plant more than 500 trees and prepare garden beds for further work throughout the summer. Working on two project teams, an enormous amount of work was performed in just four hours, with abundant potential for a third project to have been underway with such a dedicated workforce. Now if we can just find Jesse a deputy director...



Creating and Sustaining the Functional Guilds

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In the past several months, many of us have been forming functional guilds that work cooperatively towards creating abundance in food, water and materials, as well as developing strategies for engaging community and implementing creative and thoughtful design for more meaningful social interaction. Guilds of builders, guilds of growers, guilds of community facilitators, guilds of canners and food preservation, guilds of cooks, guilds of

child and elder care providers, and many more will ideally operate as autonomous elements within the forest economy. Each of these guilds are self-organized, non-hierarchical without a central leader, and are hyper-local. All are welcome! We welcome ALL interested people (moneyless, landless, rich beyond

belief, farmers of 1000 acres, and everything between) who can agree to work within the ethics of the care of earth, care of people, and redistribution of surplus. Can ya dig it?! If you can, please join us on Facebook in the Abundant Michigan / Permaculture Ypsilanti group, or email Jesse Tack at: jessedavidtack@gmail.com

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

MARGARET MEAD

DANCING THE RHYTHM OF NATURE

Summer Solstice June 21st

Full moon 6/23 06:33:38 AM
Last quarter 6/29 11:55:21 PM
New moon 7/8 02:16:06 AM
First quarter 7/15 10:19:57 PM
Full moon 7/22 01:16:32 PM
Last quarter 7/29 12:44:43 PM
New moon 8/6 04:51:32 PM
First quarter 8/14 05:57:33 AM
Full moon 8/20 08:45:06 PM
Last quarter 8/28 06:35:47 AM
New moon 9/5 08:36:12 AM
First quarter 9/12 02:09:52 PM
Full moon 9/19 06:12:38 AM

Fall Equinox September 22nd



Whole Culture Repair

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