

Greetings hibernators!

I hope that your break is filled with feasting and freshness.

Here are the minutes from our last general meeting.

Breathe easy,

Joel

UW Farm General Meeting

Dec. 10, 2007

10:30 am, Botany Greenhouse

Agenda

- Names/Introductions
- Committee reports
 - RSO
 - Outreach
 - Roof
- Cob oven next quarter
- New projects/ committees

RSO COMMITTEE

- We are now an officially Registered Student Organization (RSO)
"Urban Farmers, UW Chapter"
Valid through Oct. 2008
Mission statement needs to be developed, kept broad
This allows for:
 - Funding
 - Advertising: free copies, access to a laminator
 - Online publicity - UW RSO website

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

All are welcome to attend meetings of outreach committee; we'll get more done.

Current Projects include:

- Farm orientation for first week of winter quarter
 - Target audience (150 on e-mail list)
 - Will be written down with framework so that anyone can do it
- Weekly task update for to help on the farm, Vegetable of the Week
- RSO website is in being designed
- Update volunteer list and hours
- 'Farmer of the Week' to get everyone acquainted
- List of existing farm members (mentors) to be made available
- Creating a 'Farm Bible' to record EVERYTHING done at the farm

ROOF COMMITTEE

On December 2, a determined and wet workparty prepared the foundation for the frame and tarp that will shelter the cob oven on rainy days like that one.

COB OVEN NEXT QUARTER

Two people each week must sign up for firing and cleanup in order for the oven to be fired

Ariana Taylor-Stanley in charge of signup list.

Firing day moved from Thursday to Friday.

Due to winter sunlight, firing time remains at noon.

Possible garden/signup list tours (15 min.) ready for newcomers on firing days

Always in need of wood - keep bringing wood, especially hardwood

Slow-cooking recipes: Need to utilize heat of oven after fire is out.

Use thermometer to record temperature for baking optimization.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The winter quarter is a hibernation period for planting, but an active beehive of paperwork preparation.

Reorganize COMPOST system

- campus coffeegrounds also?

Collect recipes for slowbaking

Find summer intern

(submit job description to Work Study, Carlson Leadership Center and Career Services)

Expand permaculture with woody plants along Burke-Gilman

Appoint committee chairs for future coordination and productivity

Arrange internship in Peru (Ursula Valdez)

Member collection/creating a self-perpetuating format of UW Farm

Formally inviting other clubs to meetings

Design a logo

In spring, participate in University Week