

Our Schedule on **Saturday**:

**2:00 pm - Welcome Circle.** Who we are and what we are doing here.- This will be hosted by David Greenberg, co-founder of the New Farmers Gathering and small scale organic grower.

**3:30 pm - Workshops.**

- (a) **Building Natural Structures**-Learn the basics of building a simple pole structure and the beauty of the traditional cruck frame. Mark Alvis will head to the woods and show you how a cruck frame works. Rick Mosher and Joel Huntley will be building a lean-to on the barn with poles harvested from the woodlands. Bring your hammer and give a hand!
- (b) **Bee Keeping**-Local beekeeper and honey producer Gary Smeltzer will have a hive demo on site and be there to answer all your questions about beekeeping.

**5:30 pm - Sharing Circle**-Tell us about your favorite farming tool or farming practice. Find out what works for others and share your ideas on small scale sustainable farming.

**7:30 pm -** Supper, film, bon fire. Open Mic – bring your instruments.

Our Schedule on Sunday:

**8:00 am -** Breakfast

**10:00 am - Workshops.**

- (a) **Farming Tools**-We look at tools that are helpful for any small scale farmer. You will see all manner of hand tools, a walking tractor, and join in a Scything Demonstration.
- (b) **Life Cycle of a Seed**-We are pleased to have Andrea Barry from Hope Seeds here to tell you about the joys of saving your own seeds. Come help plan and plant a seed saving garden.
- (c) **Bee Keeping**-Tom Cosman of Cosman and Whidden Honey will be here to share his expertise on Beekeeping.

**12:00 pm -** Dinner

**2:00 pm - Discussion, Realistic Expectations**-We will host a panel of farmers representing the many sides of local small scale agriculture talking about what new farmers can realistically expect from a life of farming. Some topics we will explore include lifestyle, farm debt, gender roles and much much more. This is going to be a great open discussion you won't want to miss!

**3:30 pm - Many Hands Make Light Work – Planting of the “Three Sisters”**.-Wrap up the event by getting your hands in the dirt and help plant the "Three Sisters", corn, pole beans and squash, and learn about this fabulous trio!

**4:30 pm - Closing Circle and Auction**