

# ***Gardening Like the Forest:*** ***A Backyard Permaculture Workshop at Genesis Farm*** ***May 2-5, 2008***

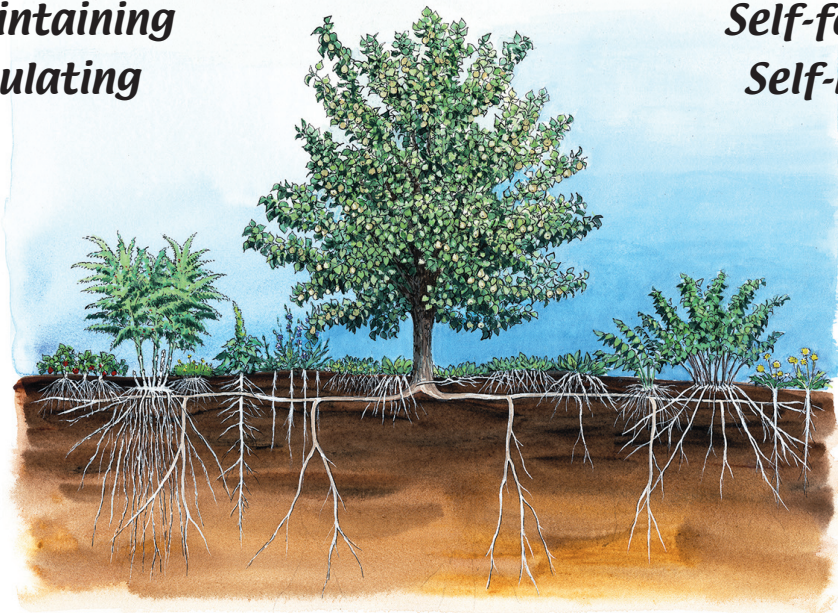
***Consciously-designed backyard ecosystems that grow food!***

***Self-maintaining***

***Self-regulating***

***Self-fertilizing***

***Self-renewing***



Healthy forests maintain, fertilize, and renew themselves, naturally. Wouldn't you like to grow an abundant food-producing ecosystem like this in your back yard? You can! Edible forest gardeners design gardens that mimic the structure and function of natural forests and grow food, fuel, fiber, fodder, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals (healing plants), and fun. We can meet our own needs and regenerate healthy ecosystems at the same time!

On Friday night at Genesis Farm, Dave will share the vision, theory, and practice of forest gardening, including a look at some on-the-ground examples. On Saturday and Sunday, we will explore specific ecological theories and design processes behind forest gardening, through lecture, discussion, and design exercises. We will also design perennial polycultures for our host site in nearby Newton, NJ. Stay for the optional Monday and enjoy the satisfaction of preparing and sheet mulching the site, installing the plants, and learning to do after-care.

***Public Lecture: Friday, May 2, 7-9 pm. Cost \$25***

***Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4, 9 am-5 pm. Cost \$225 (includes Friday night lecture)***

***Monday, May 5, 9-5 pm (no cost)***

***Lodging: \$50 per night (includes breakfast)***

***Dave Jacke***, a renowned permaculture designer, runs his firm *Dynamics Ecological Design* from western Massachusetts, and has designed homes, farms, and communities throughout the U.S. and overseas. The New York Times Book Review (2005) said that Dave's two-volume book, *Edible Forest Gardens*, "offers a vision of the garden that reaches well beneath its aesthetic surface and into its ecological depths." The book won a Silver Medal from the Garden Writer's Association and was named an Outstanding Academic Title by Choice Magazine. Visit his website at [www.edibleforestgardens.com](http://www.edibleforestgardens.com).

***To register:*** Contact Genesis Farm at (908) 362-6735 or [info@genesisfarm.org](mailto:info@genesisfarm.org). Visit [www.genesisfarm.org](http://www.genesisfarm.org)  
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# Gardening like the Forest

## Public Talk and Saturday On-Site Workshop by Permaculture Expert Dave Jacke

Healthy forest ecosystems are self-maintaining, self-fertilizing and self-renewing. Wouldn't you like to grow food in a backyard ecosystem like that? Well you can!

### Friday evening, October 17, 7-9PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church Greenfield, MA

#### *Gardening Like the Forest I: Home-Scale Ecological Food Production*

Join longtime permaculture designer Dave Jacke on Friday October 17, 2008, from 7-9pm, at the Second Congregational Church in Greenfield, for "Gardening Like the Forest I: Home-Scale Ecological Food Production", a presentation on backyard edible ecosystems. Edible forest gardens mimic the structure and function of natural forests through all their stages of development and grow food, fuel, fiber, fodder, fertilizers, farmaceuticals, and fun. We can meet our own needs and regenerate healthy ecosystems at the same time!

- This talk is a benefit in support of Valley Community Land Trust.
- Suggested donation: \$10. No one turned away for lack of funds. All are welcome.

### Saturday, October 18, 9AM-4PM Shelburne Line Road - Colrain, MA

#### *Gardening Like the Forest II: Case Studies in Home Garden Design*

On Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> in Colrain, MA a small group will gather with Dave Jacke on land owned by the Valley Community Land Trust for an in-depth look at how to create ecosystem agriculture in our own backyards. How might we apply the principles and ideas of forest gardening to actual sites where people live in our region? This "walk and talk" workshop will use Valley Community Land Trust home sites as examples. Join us as we learn to articulate design goals, analyze and assess sites, schematically design landscapes, and develop ideas for perennial polycultures of multipurpose plants.

- Sliding scale fee for the Saturday workshop is \$20 - \$150 (suggested \$50 per person).
- Pre-registration required, please contact the Valley Community Land Trust by e-mailing [info@vclt.org](mailto:info@vclt.org) or calling Megan at 413-624-5128.

**The Valley Community Land Trust (VCLT)** is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that holds title to land, considering it neither as private nor public property, but as a sacred resource to be held in trust for present and future generations. Since 1977, when VCLT was incorporated, they have acquired through donations and purchase, over 200 acres of land in Franklin County, MA. This land has provided homes for more than 50 people and provided a base for agriculture, forestry and various cottage industries. [www.VCLT.org](http://www.VCLT.org)

**Dave Jacke**, primary author of the award winning two-volume book *Edible Forest Gardens*, has studied ecology and design since the 1970s, and has run his own design firm—Dynamics Ecological Design—since 1984. Dave is an engaging and passionate teacher of ecological design and permaculture. He has designed, built, and planted landscapes, homes, farms, and communities in the many parts of the United States, as well as overseas. He holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies from Simon's Rock College and a M.A. in Landscape Design from the Conway School of Landscape Design. [www.edibleforestgardens.com](http://www.edibleforestgardens.com)

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# ***Gardening Like the Forest: The Future of Ecological Garden Design***

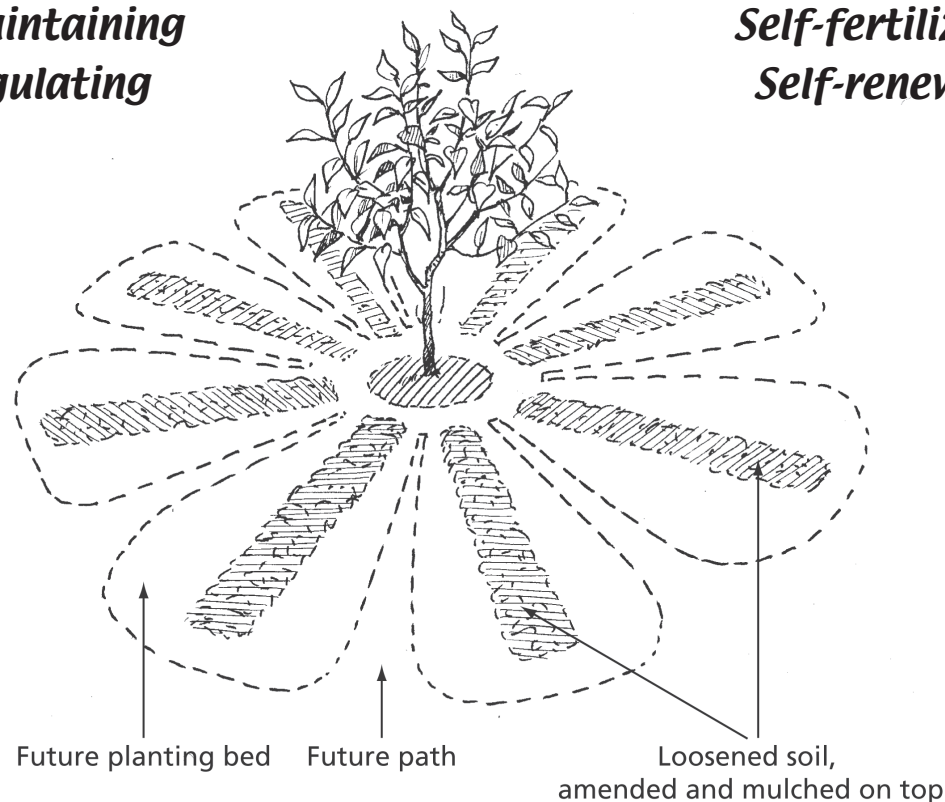
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***A Workshop & Practicum Series  
with DAVE JACKE, author of EDIBLE FOREST GARDENS  
at Emerson Brook Forest, Gilsum, NH  
Sponsored by The Sustainability Project***

***Fri, April 25, 2008, 7 - 9 PM: Introductory Public Talk; \$7 suggested donation***

***GARDENING LIKE THE FOREST: HOME-SCALE ECOLOGICAL FOOD PRODUCTION***

***Sat - Sun, April 26 - 27: Weekend Workshop; \$160 - \$250 sliding scale + food, camping***

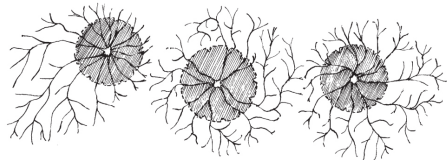
***GARDENING LIKE THE FOREST: FUNDAMENTALS OF ECOLOGICAL GARDEN DESIGN***

***Fri - Mon, June 20 - 23: Three-Day Workshop; \$240 - \$375 sliding scale + food, camping***

***DESIGNING PERENNIAL POLYCULTURES: A FOREST GARDEN DESIGN PRACTICUM***

***Fri - Mon, October 10 - 13, Three-Day Workshop; \$200 - \$300 sliding scale + food, camping***

***REMAKING EDEN: A FOREST GARDEN ESTABLISHMENT PRACTICUM***



***FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:***

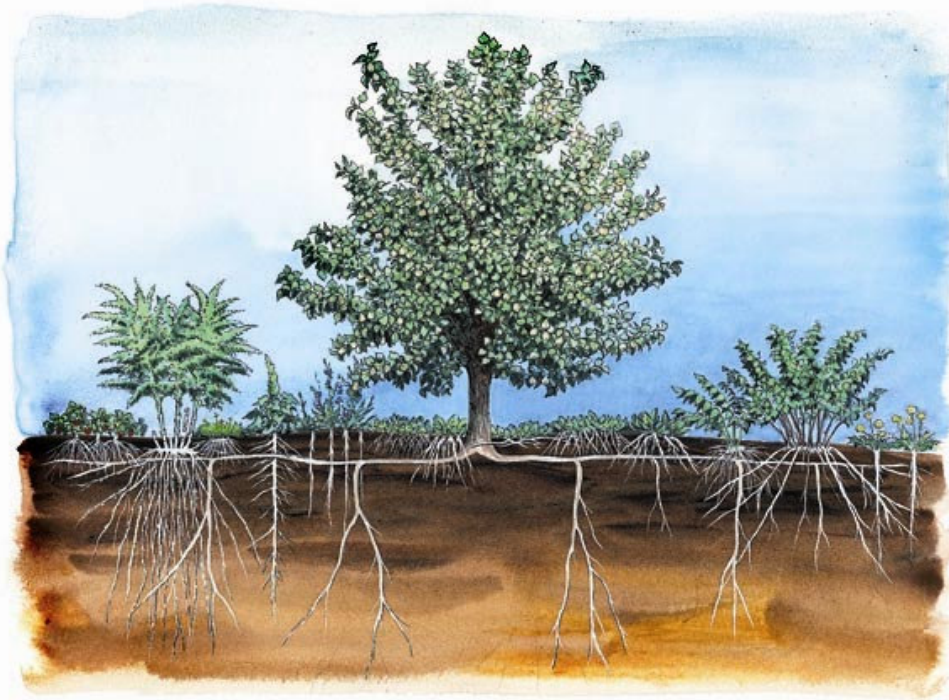
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***OR [www.edibleforestgardens.com](http://www.edibleforestgardens.com)***



# GARDEN LIKE THE FOREST



You can:

- Grow your own food
- Create healthy ecosystems
- Create gardens that are self-maintaining & self-fertilizing ...

*... in your own backyard!*

This is your chance to learn with renowned author & designer **Dave Jacke**

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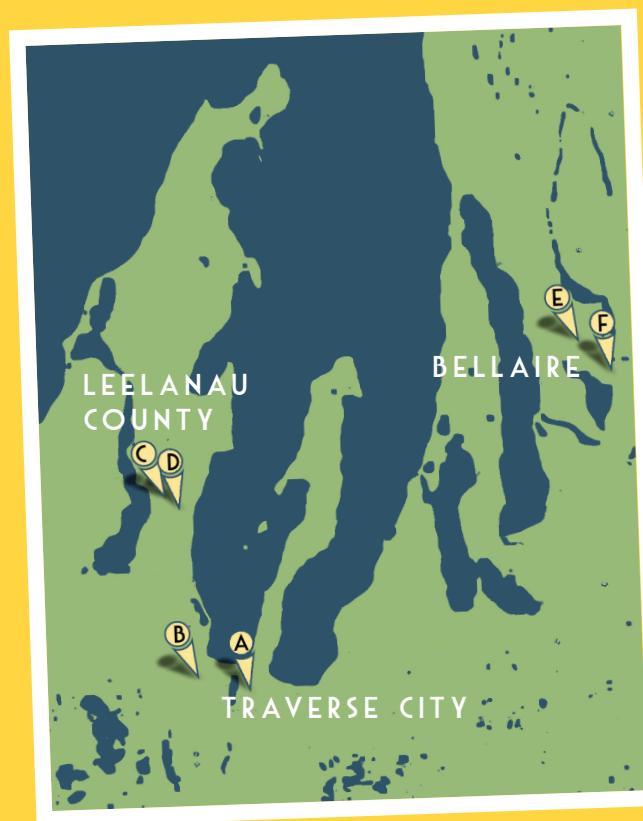




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**J**oin us for a week of talks and workshops and learn the theory and practice of ecological gardening. The curriculum for these courses has been designed so that students will benefit from one class or by attending the full week of events. Beginners are welcome, and even advanced gardeners will find new ideas to use in their home or business.



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**PRAISE FOR EDIBLE FOREST GARDENS VOLUMES I & II**

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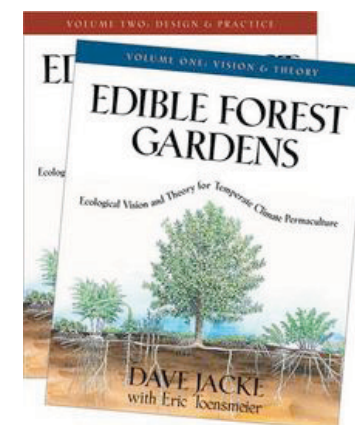
Peter Bane

Publisher, *The Permaculture Activist*

“...Perhaps as important as its applied ecological contributions are its psychological gifts of hope and visions of achievable, more meaningful ways of living in a post-oil world.”

Dr. Stuart Hill

Foundation Chair of Social Ecology,  
University of Western Sydney, Australia



TRANSFORMING AGRICULTURE

# Edible Forest Farming

A PERMACULTURE PERSPECTIVE

A CONVERSATION

between **Dave Jacke**  
Edible Forest Gardener

and **Nate Darrow**  
Orchard Farmer & Soil Steward

10am to 4pm, Saturday, November 7

**Saratoga Apple**

1174 NY Route 29, Schuylerville, NY 12178

The future of agriculture imposes many changes in principles & practices, methods & materials, including...

- mono-crop to diversity
- annual tillage to perennial crops
- chemical to biological fertility
- imported inputs to regional resources
- agribusiness to community foodshed

**Permaculture** designs complete cultural systems to consciously mimic ecosystem structure. Landscape design teaches us ecological principles to apply to our challenge building sustainable societies.

This workshop explores how permaculture principles can change a commercial apple orchard into a diversified, community-supported foodshed. **Saratoga Apple** provides practical examples to apply permaculture principles to develop a transition design and plan.

**Dave Jacke**, permaculture designer, author & teacher, studied ecology and design in the 70s, ran *Dynamics Ecological Design* since 1984, authored award winning *Edible Forest Gardens*, designed, built and planted landscapes for homes, farms and communities in the U.S. and overseas.

B.A. *Environmental Studies* Simon's Rock College  
M.A. *Conway School of Landscape Design*

**Nate Darrow**, apple farmer & soil steward from Saratoga Apple in Schuylerville NY, is exploring a transition from commercial apple to diversified fruit, nut, vegetable & livestock using biological farming, 4-season production and local marketing.



**Edible Forest Gardens**  
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[www.edibleforestgardens.com](http://www.edibleforestgardens.com)



**\$40** by November 1 / **\$50** at the door  
*space is limited; advance registration recommended*

for more information:

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**603-831-1298**

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to register:

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or mail your check to:

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308 Main St. #2C, Greenfield, MA 01301

*dress warmly for long outdoor hiking tour — pack your own lunch*

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# Garden Like a Forest

with Dave Jacke

Friday, July 18 @ 7pm

Marlboro College Technology Center

28 Vernon Street, Brattleboro, VT

Saturday, July 19, 9:30am - 5:30pm on the Manitou Land

300 Sunset Lake Road, Williamsville, VT

- registration required

*FOREST GARDENS* in our own backyard offer practical benefits:

- High yields of diverse products
- A largely self-maintaining garden
- A healthy ecosystem

*FOREST GARDENING* also teaches us how to live in community with Nature, each other, and ourselves!

Dave Jacke practices and teaches ecological design and permaculture through his design firm Dynamics Ecological Design in Greenfield, MA [www.edibleforestgardens.com](http://www.edibleforestgardens.com)

For registration & program information, contact Jeanette at 802.387.2487 or [beloving@sover.net](mailto:beloving@sover.net). For Manitou membership, contact Ali at 802.254.8675



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