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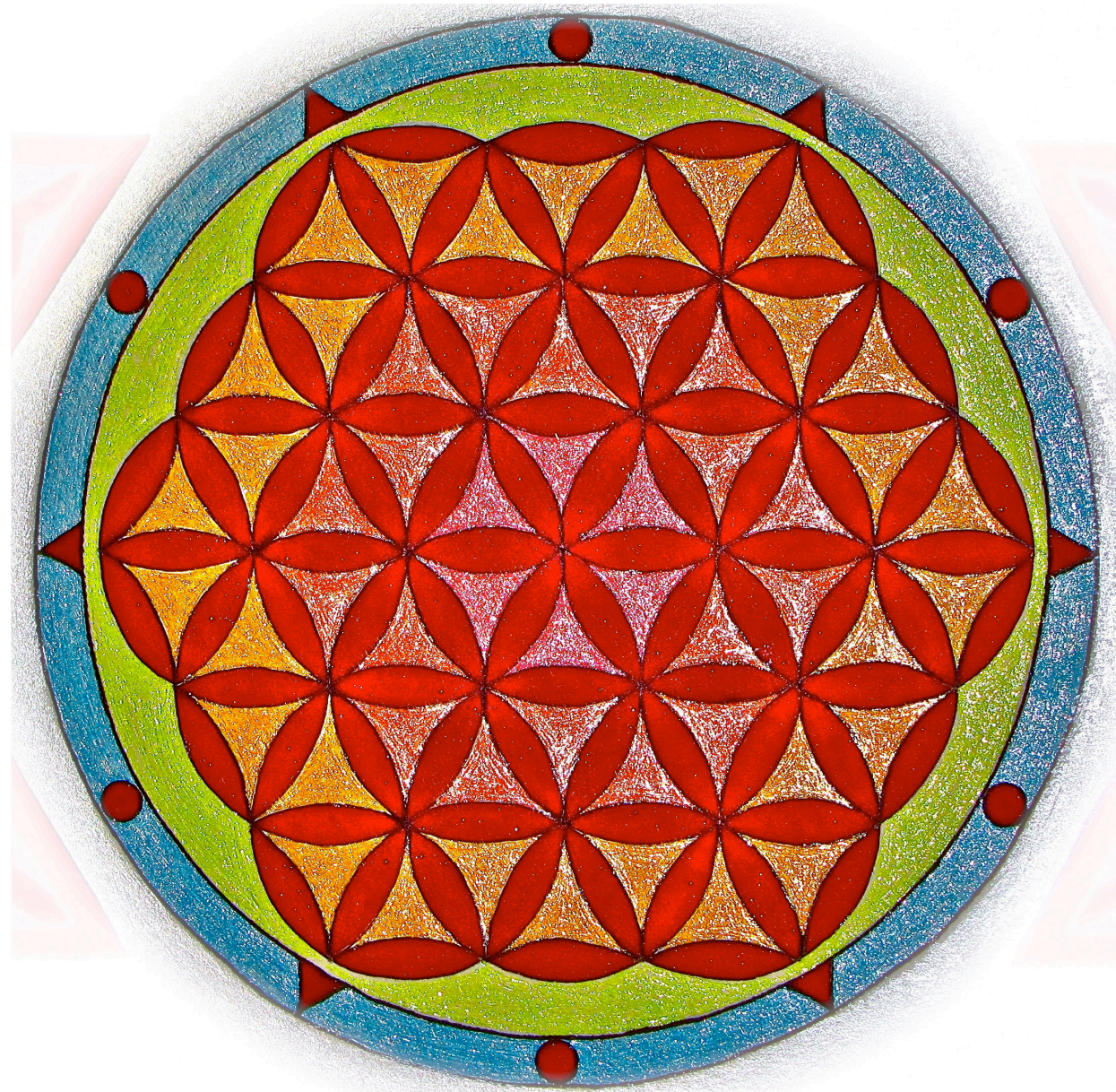
CURRICULUM VITAE



Introduction

This Curriculum Vitae is a summary of my education, work and life experience related to Permaculture. Thank you for taking the time to explore this creative compilation.

If you should have any questions or further inquiries, please feel free to contact me: kym@gigglingchitree.com



Mission Statement

My mission is to facilitate an interconnected, intergenerational relationship with nature that cultivates a deep respect for its patterns, processes and a recognition of its inherent teachings.

I love to facilitate, create and activate by empowering others to recognize their connection to the earth and share their unique gifts for the benefit of all beings.

The measure of my success is in the success of my students, colleagues, collaborators, clients and friends.

Biography

Kym Chi is a permaculture educator, mentor and wise woman inspiring meaningful connections with nature that support thriving natural & social ecologies. Her ancestors are from Scotland, England, Germany and Belgium. She was born on Blackfoot Territory in what is now known as Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She was raised in the city and also became a weekend warrior, making frequent trips to the mountains to hike, camp, and ski. At a young age, Kym held a deep respect for nature and was a part of the Junior Forest Wardens, an earth stewardship group for youth.

In her teens, she became disgruntled about all of the big world problems and felt inspired to find a way to change the world. For Kym, making a difference started with the creation of community and she got involved with the Theatre, Art and the electronic music scenes where she volunteered, organized and ran events.





During her time at Talisman Centre, Kym took a Permaculture Design Course which inspired her to change direction into something that could help change the world in an even deeper way. Within one year of receiving her certificate, she had co created Calgary's first grassroots community hub and Permaculture demonstration site, was teaching introductory courses, offering consultations, and had left her job to pursue a Permaculture lifestyle and career.

In her early 20's, Kym went back to school where she earned a diploma in Theatre Production and before completing school was already working as a Scenic Artist in the Film industry where she moved up quickly and started to coordinate.

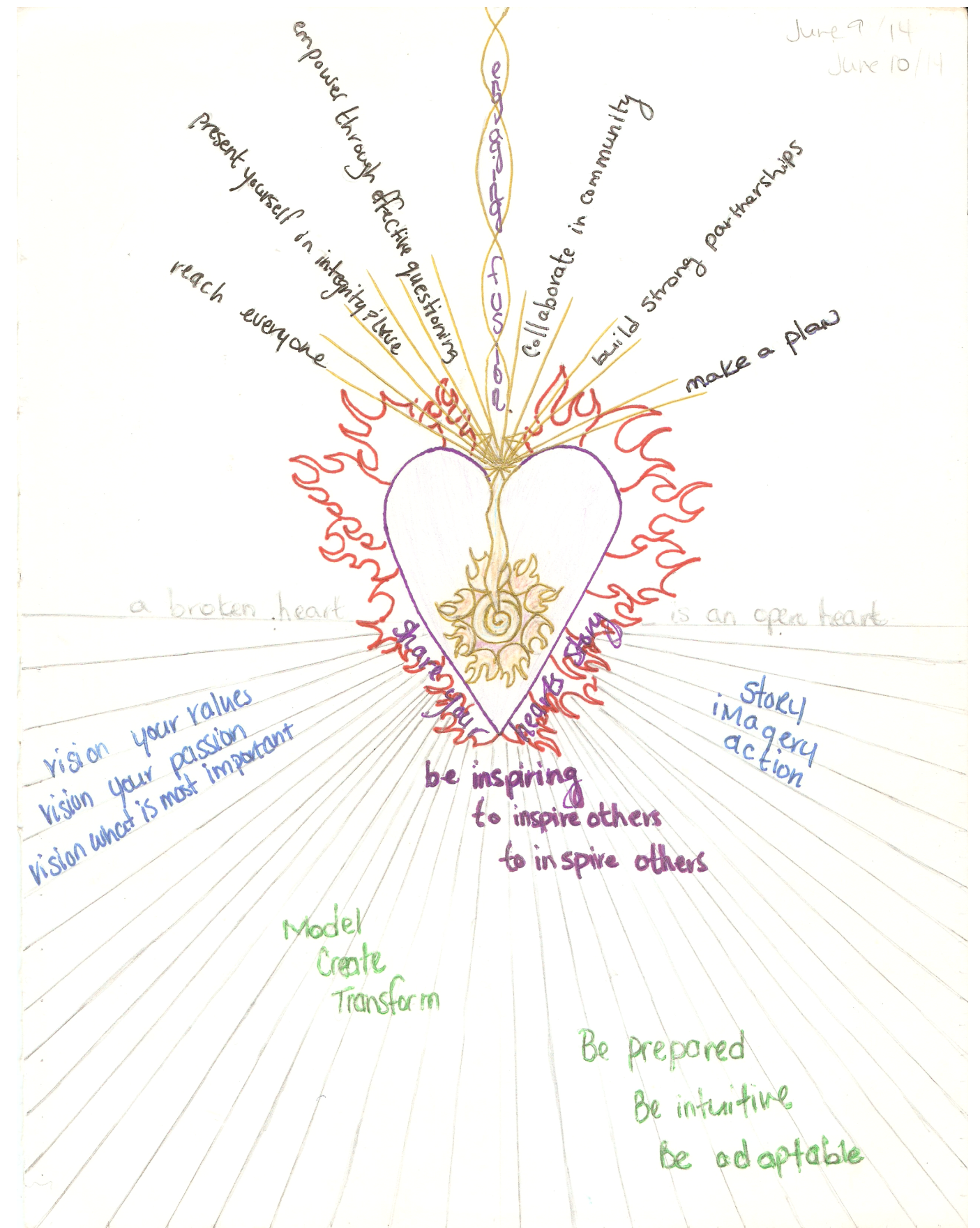
After 5 years, it became clear how much waste the industry was creating so Kym decided to find something that was in better alignment with her values and that better cared for people and the earth. She found work at an recreational facility where she stayed for 5 years and worked her way up from a customer service staff to a Facility Services Team Lead where she managed 5 departments and over 20 staff. Here, she worked on self initiated projects where she implemented green practices, created policies and procedures, training manuals and emergency procedures manuals for multiple departments.

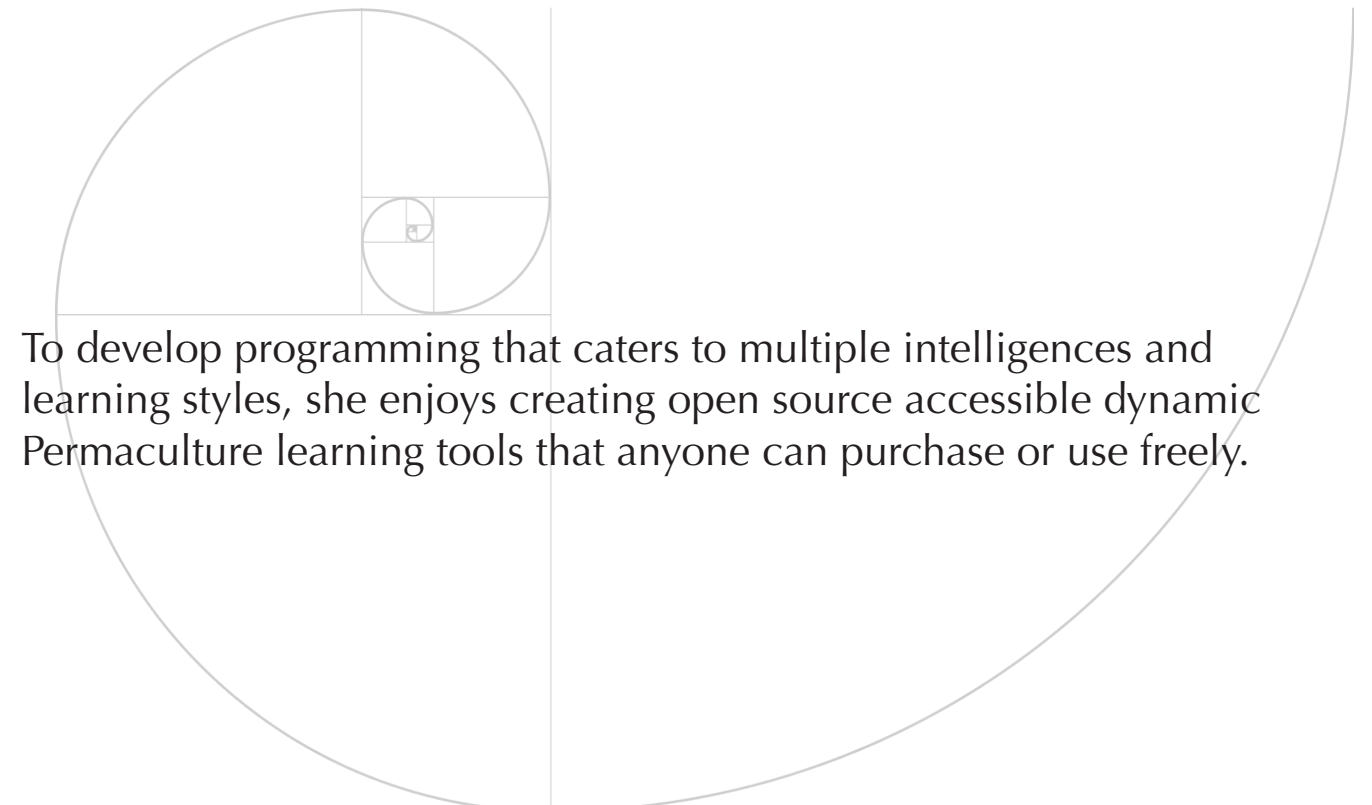
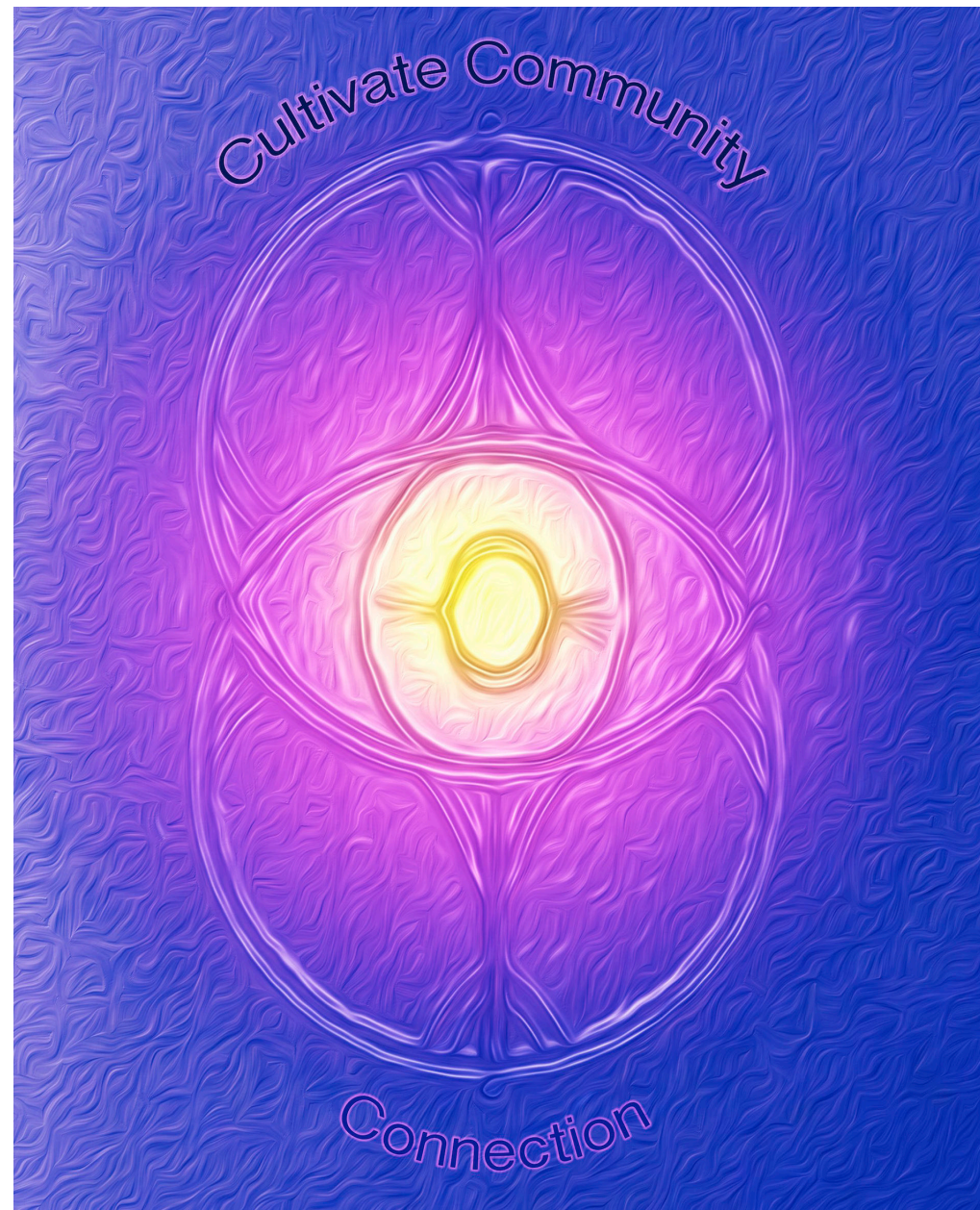




Committed to learning, Kym has a Diploma in Permaculture education, has received 3 certificates in Permaculture Design starting with Rob Avis, where she was recognized as one of the top 10 grads of over 100 graduates. She then took courses with Delvin Solkinson, Mark Lakeman and Matt Bibeau. She has also completed 4 teacher trainings with Scott Pittman, Larry Santoyo, Michael Becker, Rosemary Morrow, Looby Macnamara and Robin Clayfield. Kym has also taken a variety of advanced trainings including courses with Toby Hemenway, Starhawk, Peter Cow, Robina Mc Curdy and Chris Evans. Kym continues to take trainings and is currently completing a second Diploma in Permaculture Design.

Kym has completed Artist mentorship training with Learning Through the Arts and has worked with a youth empowerment program in Fort McMurray with a focus on truth and reconciliation with First Nations.





Love of community has attracted Kym to participate in many non profit organizations locally and globally that focus on Permaculture and conscious social change. Some include; One Straw Society (www.onestraw.ca), City Repair Calgary, Planet Repair Institute (www.planetrepair.org), The AREA (www.thearea.ca), Calgary Permaculture Guild (www.permaculturecalgary.org), Evolver (www.evolver.net) and CoSM (www.cosm.org).





Diversified in skill and ability, Kym is also a certified Reiki Master, Raindrop Therapist and Chartered Herbalist. She has a passion for deepening relationships and working with plants. She makes her own herbal medicines out of wild crafted and cultivated herbs in her local area and has studied with herbal power houses; Susun Weed, Dina Falconi and local Herbalist Barbara Cotgrave. Kym has most recently received a certification in Alchemy with Robert A. Bartlett of the Spagyricus Institute and is currently taking an herbal pharmacology program with Matthew Wood.

Kym gratefully resides as a settler on the traditional unceded territories of the Squamish and shishalh Nations where she continues to study and teach Permaculture locally, runs a healing and art practice and builds thriving community. She previously acted as the Executive Director for One Straw Society and now acts as the Dean of the School of Permaculture Design at Pacific Rim College.

With a love for adventure, Kym travels to learn and to share. Her most recent travels have taken her to the UK in 2015, where she co-organized the Planetary Permaculture Pilgrimage and studied with multiple women in Permaculture. In the summer of 2017 she traveled to Europe to support Robin Clayfield in her Dynamic Facilitation Training and Women's empowerment weekends.





Education

- 2020 - Herbal Pharmacology - Matthew Wood and Sean O' Donahue
- 2018 - Cultural Emergence, Effective Design Course - Looby MacNamara
- 2018 - Prima Alchemy Course - Robert A. Bartlett
- 2017 - Wise Women's Green Goddess Apprenticeship - Susun Weed
- 2017 - Dynamic Groups, Dynamic Learning (apprentice) - Robin Clayfield
- 2016- Permaculture Diploma - Permaculture Institute
- 2015- Social Permaculture Course (apprentice) - Looby Macnamara, Robin Clayfield, Robina Mc Curdy, Starhawk and Peter Cow
- 2015- Resiliency Training - Rosemary Morrow
- 2015- Permaculture Teacher Training - Rosemary Morrow, Looby Macnamara and Chris Evans
- 2015- Permaculture Design Certificate Course - Planet Repair Institute - Mark Lakeman and Matt Bibeau
- 2014- Artist Mentorship Training - Learning Through the Arts

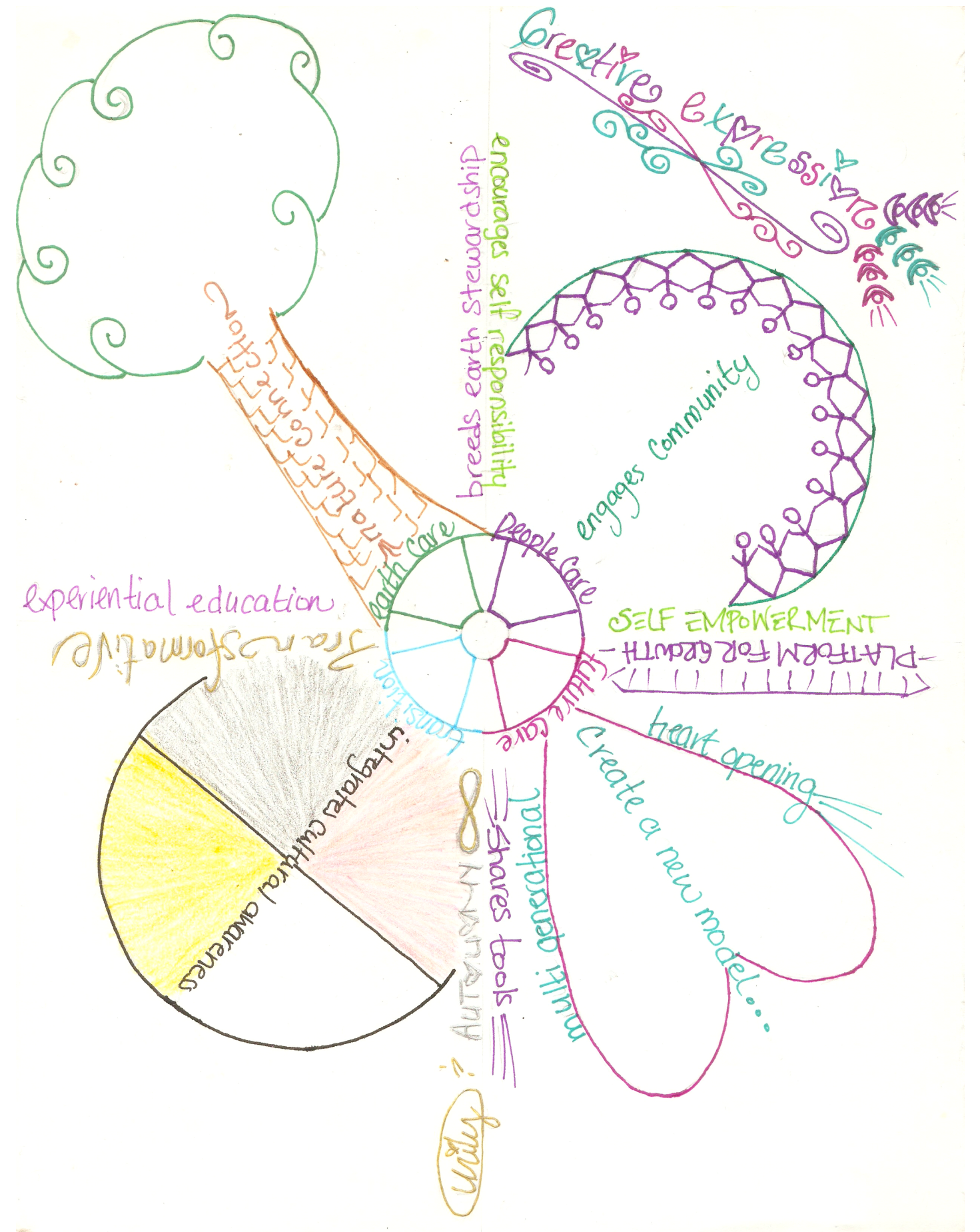
- 2013- Social Permaculture - O.U.R. Ecovillage - Starhawk and Pandora Thomas
- 2013- Permaculture Teacher Training (organizer and participant) - GaiaCraft- Michael Becker
- 2013- Permaculture Design Certificate Course- GaiaCraft - Delvin Solkinson
- 2012- Permaculture Teacher Training - Scott Pittman and Larry Santoyo
- 2011- Cob Building Intensive - Cob Cottage Company - Bernhardt Masterson
- 2011- Artist Facilitator Training - Level 1 & 2 - Learning through the Arts
- 2011- Permaculture Design Certificate Course - Verge Permaculture - Rob Avis
- 2010- Raindrop Therapy Certificate - Wild Rose College
- 2009- Advanced Reiki Training and Reiki Masters Certification- Cynthia Watson
- 2007- Reiki Level 1 and 2 Certification - Miracles in Inglewood
- 2005- Chartered Herbalist Certificate - Dominion Herbal College
- 2004-Theatre Production Diploma - Grant MacEwan College
- 1999- High School Diploma - James Fowler High School





Other Training

- 2021- 2012- Level C - First Aid, CPR & AED
- 2017 - Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education - University of B.C.
- 2017 - Wise Women's Weekends (assistant) - Robin Clayfield
- 2015- Cultural Competency Course - Vancouver Coastal Health
- 2014- City Repair Calgary Placemaking Course (organizer and participant)- Mark Lakeman and Mighk Simpson
- 2014- City Commons Placemaking Course (organizer and participant) - Mark Lakeman
- 2012, 2013 and 2014 - Living the New Economy Conference
- 2012- SPIN Farming - Curtis Stone
- 2012- The Permaculture Garden - Toby Hemenway
- 2012- Cultural Sensitivity Training - Learning Through the Arts
- 2012- O2 Certification
- 2011- Safely Managing the Difficult Client. - Safe and Sound
- 2010- WHMIS Train the Trainer
- 2010- Conflict Resolution - Umar and Henricks Consulting
- 2009- Legendary Services
- 2009- Essentials of Leadership
- 2009- Fusing Team Success - Kinley Solutions
- 2009- Leading Others - Kinley Solutions





1. Permaculture

Dean - School of Permaculture Design - Pacific Rim College
May 2021 - Present

- Create framework for 720-hour Permaculture Design and Resilient EcoSystems Program. Includes naming, sequencing and writing descriptions, course objectives and learning outcomes for all courses.
- Hiring skilled Permaculture Facilitators to teach programming.
- Scheduling
- Creating partnerships with the local Vancouver Island community for projects.
- Liaising with potential and current students to support with learning needs.
- Liaising with instructors to ensure adequate resources are available to ensure successful programming.
- Assessing feedback and making modifications to the programming as needed.

Work Experience

- 1- Permaculture
- 2- Food Security
- 3- Art
- 4- Community Service





Permaculture Facilitator Alberta and BC, 2011 - Present

- 110 hours - Permaculture Design & Resilient Eco Systems Program
- 2 x 72 hours Online Permaculture Design Course
- 2x 18 hours Herbal Allies and Plant Preparations Online Program
- 2x 76 hr evening and weekend Permaculture Course
- 12x year long 90 hr Permaculture Design Certificate Courses
- 50 x day long Introduction to Permaculture Classes
- 37x Lunch and Learns and Seminars on topics including Permaculture Systems, Guild Planting, Social Permaculture, Medicine Making, Group Processes, Natural Building, Resiliency and Placemaking.
- Children's Programming including 15 x 3 day Permaculture kids camps, Waldorf Gardening Program - 1 day per week x 8 weeks- 2014, Spider Homeschooling Program 6 x 2 hr sessions - 2015 & 2018



Herbal Preparations & Plant Allies 2021 Online Program

Wednesdays March 24th - June 16th
6:30pm - 9pm

Details & registration visit :
www.interconnectedliving.com





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MAY 13 ROBERTS CREEK
MAY 19 BURNABY



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- LEARN HOW TO SUSTAINABLE

TOPICS INCLUDE :
Foundational Concepts, Design Methods, Climate, Plant Medicine, Design Science, Resilience & Social Structures, plus more.

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WATER • TREES • ANIMALS • CLIMATE • GOVERNANCE • RESILIENCE
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Join with like minded people on a creative learning journey through farms, forests, gardens, glens, and regenerative sites throughout our bioregion. Become a more conscious designer of your life, landscape, relationships and work while learning how to save time, energy and money.

The core project includes mapping and designing a garden, landscape, business or project then doing a permaculture design to upgrade it. This training is a practical way for greening your life, resume and portfolio while connecting with community and evolving your life skill set.

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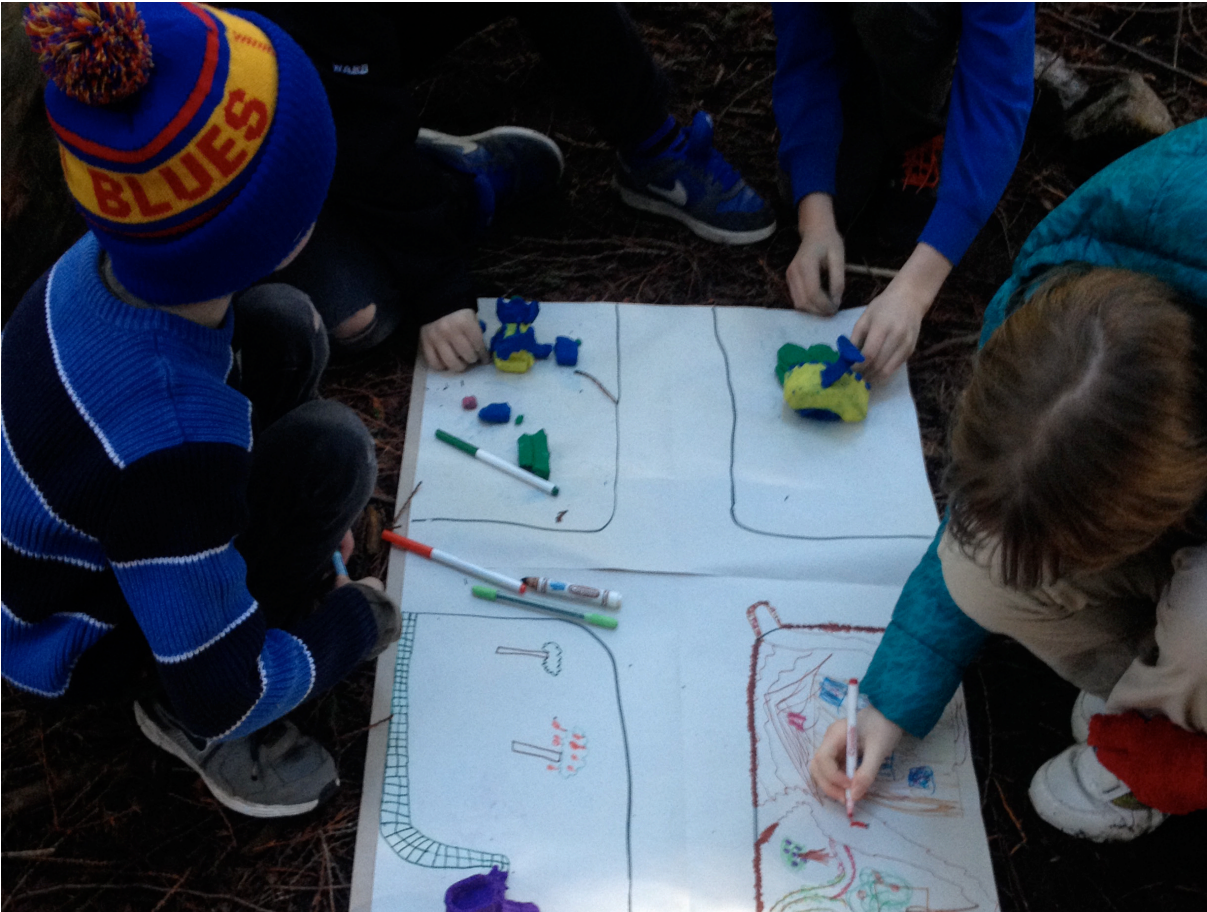
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BURNABY
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DESIGN : onbeyondmetamedia.com | ART : simonhaiduk.com

 
PERMACULTUREDESIGN.CA



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Community Permaculture Consultant, Designer and Installer

- St. Monica’s Revitalization Project - Consultation
- Mielle Meadows - 2017 - Consultation
- Ucluelet Nation - 2017 - Consultation
- The AREA - Calgary, 2011-2013
- Landmark homes - Calgary, 2013 - Consult and design only
- Evolved Productions- Calgary, 2013
- Evolver Calgary - 2012

I have led multiple community Permaculture projects from consultation, through to design, implementation and follow ups. The largest project I was involved with was the AREA which hosted a 1/4 acre Permaculture demonstration site. For this project, I also created a Social Permaculture and Organizational Structures Design which is something I specialize in. A mapping and design folio are available for this project here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ct4HYRBo1fB16ROYfMO7kdzUOIaVasoH/view?usp=sharing> and https://drive.google.com/file/d/1suEHUupE8MS5cZ__YEoeGBI5MY1UK-tqy/view?usp=sharing

THE AREA

CALGARY'S NEW URBAN CULTURE IN THE COMMUNITY OF INGLEWOOD

2012 Permaculture Design

Design and Mapping by:
Shaun FreeZen (www.FreeZen.ca) &
Kym Chi (www.GigglingChiTree.com)

On August 12, 2012 the Inglewood community suffered from a major hail storm. The damage from the hail caused a large amount of the produce in the AREA garden to be destroyed, so we have done some reseeded.

Permaculture is about consciously designing systems, planning for long term resiliency and accepting feedback. In light of the recent event, we will be revising our design, considering the weather patterns in our community. Look for some great new additions into the 2013 season!

The above diagram shows what was planted before August 12, 2012 and the diagram below shows what is currently planted.

Gratitude goes to the following contributors:
Giggling Chi Tree, Leafy Joes, Calgary Cottage Gardeners, Puzzle Permaculture, Calgary Horticultural Society, Shaun FreeZen/ FreeZen Design, Living Soil Solutions, Apex Permaculture, Bliss Watson/ABC Agriaries, Rundlewood Bees, Amazing garden volunteers, Kathryn and David Winkler

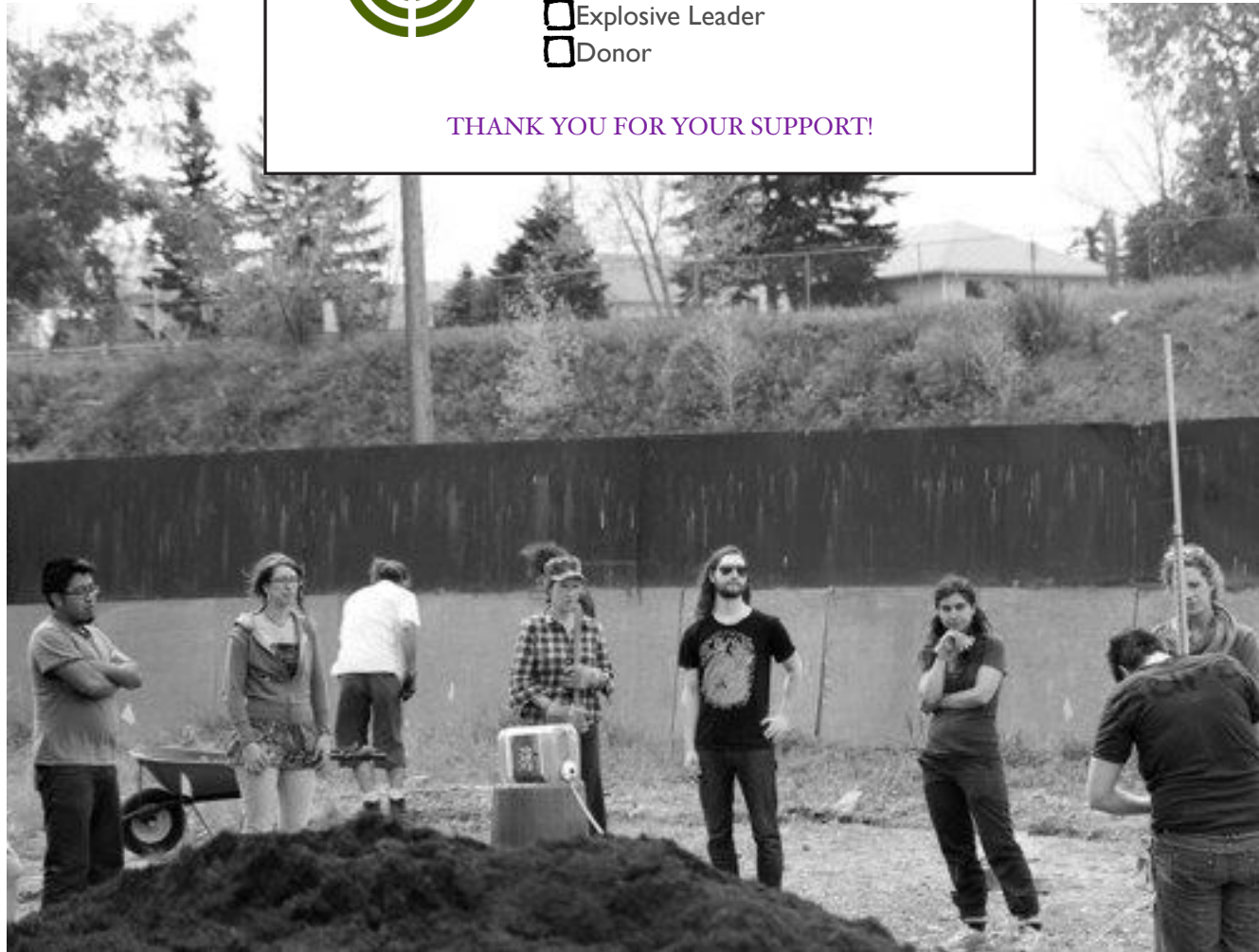
Valued Member



Membership Type:

- ☐ General (individual)
- ☐ General (family)
- ☐ Artist
- ☐ Explosive Leader
- ☐ Donor

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Co- Creator, Program Curator and Coordinator

The AREA - Calgary, 2011-2013

- Garden Curator
- Education Curator
- Volunteer & Membership Coordinator

In 2011, I helped to co- create, build and manage a community hub for arts, recreation, education and agriculture. I developed and stewarded the Permaculture garden, as well as coordinated all garden related events, organized workshops, created the membership program and ran volunteer activities.



GIGGLING CHI TREE IN ASSOCIATION WITH GAIACRAFT PRESENTS

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WITH MICHAEL BECKER

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7PM - 9PM • SPECIAL PUBLIC EVENT

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THE AREA 1119 10 AVENUE SE

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CONTACT kym@gigglingchitree.com

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with Mark Lakeman

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Join citizens in creating or improving our public spaces, reimagining them as the heart of the community.

You Are Invited to Three Events...

Public Talk: Cracks in The Pavement
Placemaking & the Resilience of a Modern City
Thursday July 17
7pm-8pm (Doors open 6:30pm)
John Dutton Theatre
Calgary Public Library
638 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary
to attend: <http://www.cityrepaircalgary.com>
Admission: \$20 / \$15 student
Doors 6:30 / 7:00 student

Weekend Workshop: Place Making Nuts & Bolts
2 day hands-on learning
Saturday July 19 & Sunday July 20
9am-5pm
Pavement & Concrete July 19: 9am-5pm
Container in Sunnyside
1020 2nd Avenue NW, Calgary
to attend: <http://www.cityrepaircalgary.com>
\$250 / \$150 student (includes day and food)

Festival: Place Making at Sun & Salsa
Free food open to everyone.
Sunday July 20
1pm-4pm
Container in Sunnyside
1020 2nd Avenue NW, Calgary
Drop in and take part in hands-on projects at the Container site during the Kensington Village Sun & Salsa Festival.

Logos: City Repair, The Area, Calgary Dollars

ABUNDANCE

THE FAMILY FRIENDLY WORKSHOPS

HEALTH & WELLBEING	ENVIRONMENT
POWER OF PLAY ENERGY & THE CHAKRAS 5 MYSTERIES OF SOUL CENTERED LIVING	DEE BOY BUILDING & PAINTING WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORMS PUTTING YOUR GARDEN TO BED
LOVE & COMMUNITY	CREATIVITY
COMMUNITY BUILDING THROUGH INTERACTIVE STORY TELLING CULTIVATING COMMUNITY & SELF LOVE WITH PERMACULTURE HOLDING SPACE	OPEN JAM SESSION WITH FREAK NOTIF CONTACT IMPROVISATION RHVING TEDDY BEAR STORIES CREATIVITY & CONSCIOUSNESS
KIDS ACTIVITY TENT	BEER GARDENS

SEPTEMBER 29 @ THE AREA . 2:00-4:30 FREE

LIGHT & SOUL . THE JAZZLID COLLECTIVE . THE AREA

Course Convener & Event Coordinator

- Permaculture Design Certification Courses (Calgary, Vancouver, Sunshine Coast) - 2013 - Present
- Herbal Medicine Courses 2020 - Present
- Redesigning the Village weekend workshop - City Repair Calgary 2017
- 9 month Placemaking Course featuring Mark Lakeman- City Commons - Vancouver 2014 (co - produced)
- Nuts and Bolts of Placemaking weekend workshop & City of Calgary
- Placemaking workshop - City Repair Calgary 2014 (co - produced)
- Permaculture Teacher Training - Michael Becker - Calgary 2013
- Abundance Festival (Permaculture gathering) - Calgary 2012
- Urban Aggie Day - Calgary 2012

In order to bring more education to the places I have lived and build community, I have helped to organize festivals and hired knowledgeable facilitators to offer trainings. For these trainings, I have taken on all aspects of the event organization including schedules, registration, promotion, travel, accommodations, food and budgets. Additionally, I have helped to build curriculum and have done guest facilitation and assistant teaching.

February - October 2014
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2. Food Security

One Straw Society, Sunshine Coast :
Food Systems Network Coordinator 2013- 2017
Board Liason November 2017 - March 2018
Executive Director March 2018- June 2019

- Organizational Development & Strategic Planning
- Budgeting, Fund Development & Financial Planning
- Food advocacy
- Build community partnerships
- Create and coordinate programming
- Coordinate community events
- Public outreach and workshop facilitation



In my role with One Straw I oversaw the execution of programming and projects that enact the Vision, Mission and Ends Policies of the organization.

I liaised with parties vested in food security including local Government, First Nations, local business owners, organizations, farmers, gardeners and residents to advocate for support of the local food system.

I created and facilitated a variety of programs including workshops, community meals and seminars as well as oversee other program coordinators in the organization. I acted as the primary media contact, representing the organization to the greater public.





3. Art

Artist Mentor - Learning Through the Arts
2012 - 2015

- Curriculum based art facilitation, using Permaculture as an art form
- Youth empowerment programming
- Decolonization and Reconciliation programming
- Cultural sensitivity training





Green Initiatives Coordinator- Astral Harvest (www.astralharvest.com)
2011- 2019

-Coordinate and facilitate volunteers, advise on environmental initiatives, create environmental policies and practices, produce Green Initiatives media.

Volunteer - Planet Repair Institute (<https://planetrepair.wordpress.com/>)
2015- 2017

-Created a community resource manual

Permaculture Calgary Guild - Board Member 2011- 2014

-Co organize events and facilitate education committee meetings.

CoSM - Events/ Permaculture Volunteer 2012- 2017

-Help to set up and run the door for events. Participated in the Permaculture Mapping project on the land.

Evolver - Sporeganizer 2010- 2013

-Co organize monthly community events, participate in global calls with other groups.

5. Community Service

Steward - Permaculture Design - www.permaculturedesign.ca

(Formerly Gaiacraft) 2011 - Present

-Create open sourced learning tools and teach classes

Co- Founder - City Repair Calgary 2013- 2018

-Co organize Placemaking events and facilitate community workshops

Central Committee member - Sunshine Coast in Transition 2014- 2018

-Co organize events, act as an advisor for food committee

Volunteer - Roberts Creek Co Housing 2016- 2017

-Coordinating Emergency Preparedness Team and developing a preparedness plan.



Letters of Reference



BLUE MOUNTAINS PERMACULTURE INSTITUTE

www.bmpi.com.au

June 8, 2016

To whom it may concern,

The first time I met Kym I was impressed by her commitment to permaculture and ability to contribute through her considerable artistic ability. She was participating in a series of permaculture courses in the UK last summer, including a ten day Training of Teachers, and a five day Resilience training.

During the Teacher Training Kym was required to offer several short teaching sessions where she demonstrated an innate ability to use learner centred methods. In fact she is a natural. She had also been teaching a variety of permaculture courses for some time. During the Teacher Training she also acted as a mentor and model for others.

In all our time together, Kym was attentive, focused, flexible and received constructive feedback well.

She offered immediate and innovative ways to assist learning through appropriate visual materials. These are quite difficult to develop for cross-cultural learning. I appreciated her input. She was serious and fun.

Since those workshops Kym has continued to work with me and volunteered her time to create learning tools to be used for permaculture teaching at conferences and resilience courses. The tools are well produced and functional for classroom use. I will continue to use them in my future trainings. Some will be used in the newly developed courses for Permaculturists and refugees.

Kym is a competent Permaculture Educator and I look forward to, and hope, to work with her more in the future.

In addition she is thoughtful, compassionate, kind and is a fine example of Care of People in action.

I would be happy to discuss her application further by skype, or phone or email should you wish to follow up this reference.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Morrow



Robin Clayfield - Earthcare Education 58 Crystal Waters, 65 Kilcoy Lane, Conondale,
Q'ld 4552

Ph. 07 54944707 Email – robin@earthcare.com.au www.dynamicgroups.com.au

October 31st 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with pleasure that I write to you a letter of recommendation for Kym Chi (Graham).

I had the opportunity to meet Kym in the UK this summer while teaching a 'Dynamic Groups, Dynamic Learning' Facilitators Training and a Social Permaculture Course.

During the Social Permaculture Course, Kym acted as one of our apprentice's. She was respectful, attentive, present and eager to learn. She was very efficient, dedicated and showed creative flare with the tasks she undertook. She showed a strong sense of appreciation for the work that has been done in relation to the teaching and spreading of Permaculture by myself and other pioneers.

Kym has strong potential in furthering the work of the elders and pioneers through her own projects including the creation of open source learning tools and developing and teaching Permaculture Courses to diverse groups where she lives.

Yours Sincerely,

Robin Clayfield



Planet Repair Institute

8512 SE 8th, Portland, Oregon
97202, 503-381-5885, planetrepair.org

To Whom it May Concern,

I have worked and collaborated with Kym extensively since 2013 on a variety of projects including the City Commons Vancouver and City Repair Calgary placemaking workshops and most recently when Kym completed the Planet Repair permaculture design course in Portland, OR.

During the time I have known Kym, I have seen her in action as an impressive and inspiring event & community organizer, a naturally gifted facilitator, top-notch student, the best volunteer ever, as well as my great friend. Kym is kind and compassionate, extremely strong of vision and will, extraordinarily receptive, attentive to detail, and has a rare ability to create positive learning atmospheres in any environment. She is clearly dedicated to permaculture as a life path, to cultivate its' fertility in every local place in the world. Kym lives it, embodies it, which ensures that wherever she goes she will learn and grow with others while her efforts replicate in mutually beneficial impact.

I see endless potential for Kym as a bringer of permaculture. Her innate strength, using place making in urban contexts is also a powerful tool for her, to develop social-ecological armatures of place that will inspire and sustain permaculture initiatives in the challenged cities where so much systemic transformation is possible. Kym is already a leader coming into her own before our eyes.

I am certainly planning to continue working with Kym into the long term future.

With great respect,

Mark Lakeman

Mark Lakeman

Co-Founder and Lead Instructor, Planet Repair Institute

To whom it May Concern,

After meeting Kym in 2012, she has continued to impress and inspire me in so many ways.

She raised the funds to fly to New York four times to complete my Permaculture Design Course with flying colours. During this program not only did she attend all sessions on time and participate fully in all activities and projects, but she also quickly became a guide and leader for other participants, taking on a Teaching Assistant role.

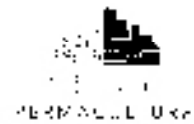
Her subsequent move to my village on the west coast of British Columbia gave her a chance to co-teach with me on a number of days as part of an Advanced Permaculture Diploma I mentored her through. During this time I was able to get to know her well and found her an integral and inspiring part of any projects she was a part of. Her ability to think critically, to get along and collaborate with others and to use creativity to inspire innovation made her a treasured friend and co-teacher. She has demonstrated the ability to follow through on plans, work well with people of all backgrounds, and bring a positive inspiration to all her activities, making her a high value addition to any job, team or project she is a part of.

Her exceptional contributions to my permaculture practice soon led her to join my collective of teachers and designers as well as to begin co-teaching with me on 15 month long Permaculture Design Courses.

As a natural teacher, leader and mentor for people both younger and older than herself, Kym has been a great blessing to me and the community around me. I continue to be impressed with her dedication to life long learning, her innovative approach to curriculum building, and her trustworthy job organizing and facilitating complex systems and large groups.

Any job, project, or team would be lucky to have her refreshing intelligence, intuitive wisdom and inspiring positivity. I am sure anyone who works with Kym will receive a profound benefit and so I give Kym my highest recommendation for any position or possibility.

-Delvin Solkinson



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Re: Permaculture Diploma in Education for Kym Chi (Graham)

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with pleasure that we write a letter of recommendation for Kym Chi (Graham).

Kym took our Permaculture Design Certificate Course in 2011, interned with us in 2012 and then shadow taught a few sessions in subsequent design courses. She was an eager student and quickly became dedicated and involved with a fabulous project at The AREA, a quarter acre of urban land dedicated to being a collaborative community project following permaculture principles. In one year's time Kym led the charge in facilitating thousands of volunteer hours on the transformation of the old brown field site into a thriving permaculture garden and community space that became a major hub for the Calgary community.

Seeing her potential, we supported and encouraged her to begin teaching permaculture, and are pleased that she has continued down this path. Kym's initiative and dedication impressed us such that we also chose to profile her in a series of short documentaries about some of our graduates (<https://youtu.be/njVhGVCwk>)

Kym is a competent leader, teaching and designer and we can, without hesitation, recommend her for a Permaculture Diploma in Education.

Kind Regards,

Michelle Avis, P.Eng
Co-Owner
Verge Permaculture Inc.

June 15th, 2013

To Whom it May concern,

As a co-owner of The AREA garden in Inglewood Calgary, I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Kym Graham. Kym has been an integral part of The AREA garden since April 2011. The idea of a permaculture garden was initiated over the winter of 2010-2011 and when the doors opened in April, and the concept of the garden was being seriously planned, Kym stepped forward with great interest and enthusiasm when she asked to play a greater role in the design and implementation of a permaculture garden on our 1/4 acre urban landscape.

Kym had recently completed a permaculture design course and expressed her desire to expand her knowledge and gain more hands on experience. Kym's trustworthy and dedicated attitude towards this project allowed us to give her full control of The AREA garden project.

Kym proceeded to create the permaculture design, facilitate permablitzes, coordinate supply requirements and engage the community in the permaculture aspects of the garden.

In 2 years, Kym volunteered over 1500 hours of her time, facilitated over 100 volunteers in the process of implementing the garden and maintaining it and working with teachers, facilitators, organizations and farmers in Calgary has coordinated educational events, garden programming and a Farmer's Market for the space.

The work that Kym has done at The AREA has been enjoyed and shared with thousands of patrons who came to the site for music events, workshops and festivals.

Kym is constantly pursuing educational opportunities and has taken numerous courses throughout North America. She brought back many new concepts and implemented them at The AREA. She also called on her community of volunteers for help and her ability to engage and inspire people is one of her greatest assets.

Cheers,

Kathryn Winkler
meetme@thearea.ca
Co - Owner of The AREA
Founder of Sustainable Alberta

Certificates



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This certificate is given to

KYM GRAHAM

to recognize completion of

Permaculture Design Course

DELVIN SOLKINSON

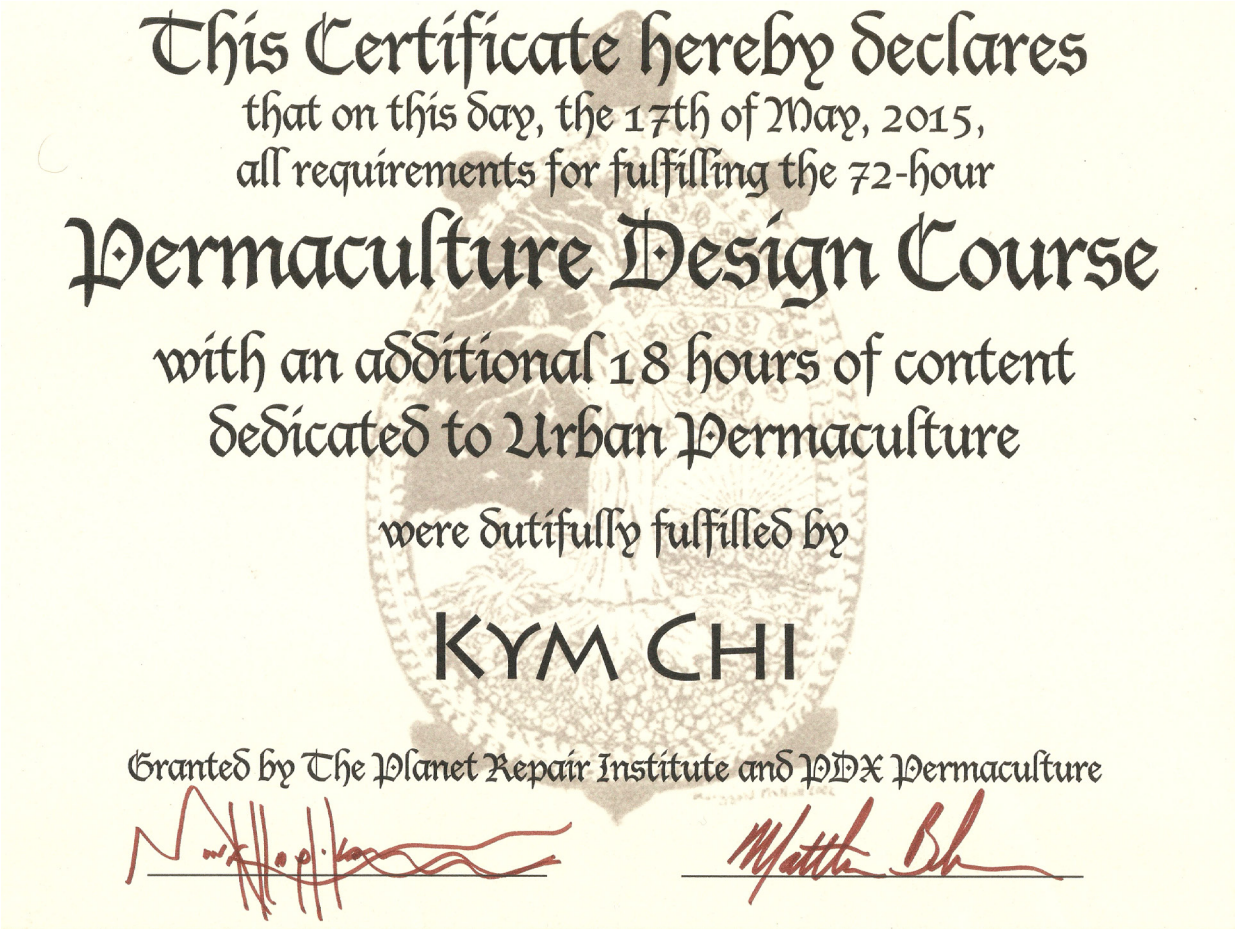
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MAY 8, 2012 - FEB 22, 2013
Program Dates

COSM, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY
Program Location

Program Instructor

PERMACULTURE INSTITUTE USA



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This certificate is given to

Kimberly Graham

to recognize completion of

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Scott Pittman

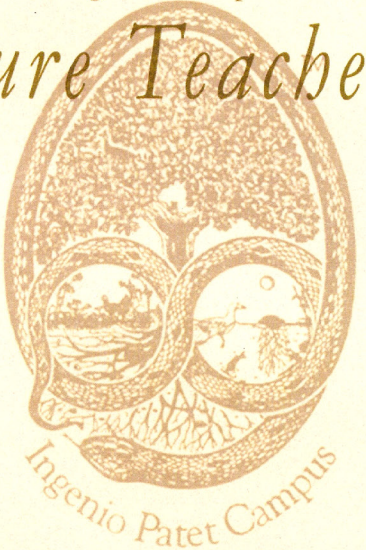
Scott Pittman
with Larry Santoyo,
Program Instructors

November 2012

Program Dates

Rolling Earth Farm
Robert's Creek, British Columbia
Canada

Program Location



PERMACULTURE INSTITUTE, USA

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This certificate is given to:

Kym Graham

To recognize the completion of

Permaculture Teacher Training

June 24th - 29th, 2013

Program Dates

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Program Location

Michael Becker
Michael Becker
Program Instructor

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This is to certify that

Kym Chi

Has successfully completed the

Permaculture Training of Trainers Course

At Applewood Permaculture Centre, Dorstone, Herefordshire, UK
August 10th – 19th 2015

Facilitators:

Chris Evans
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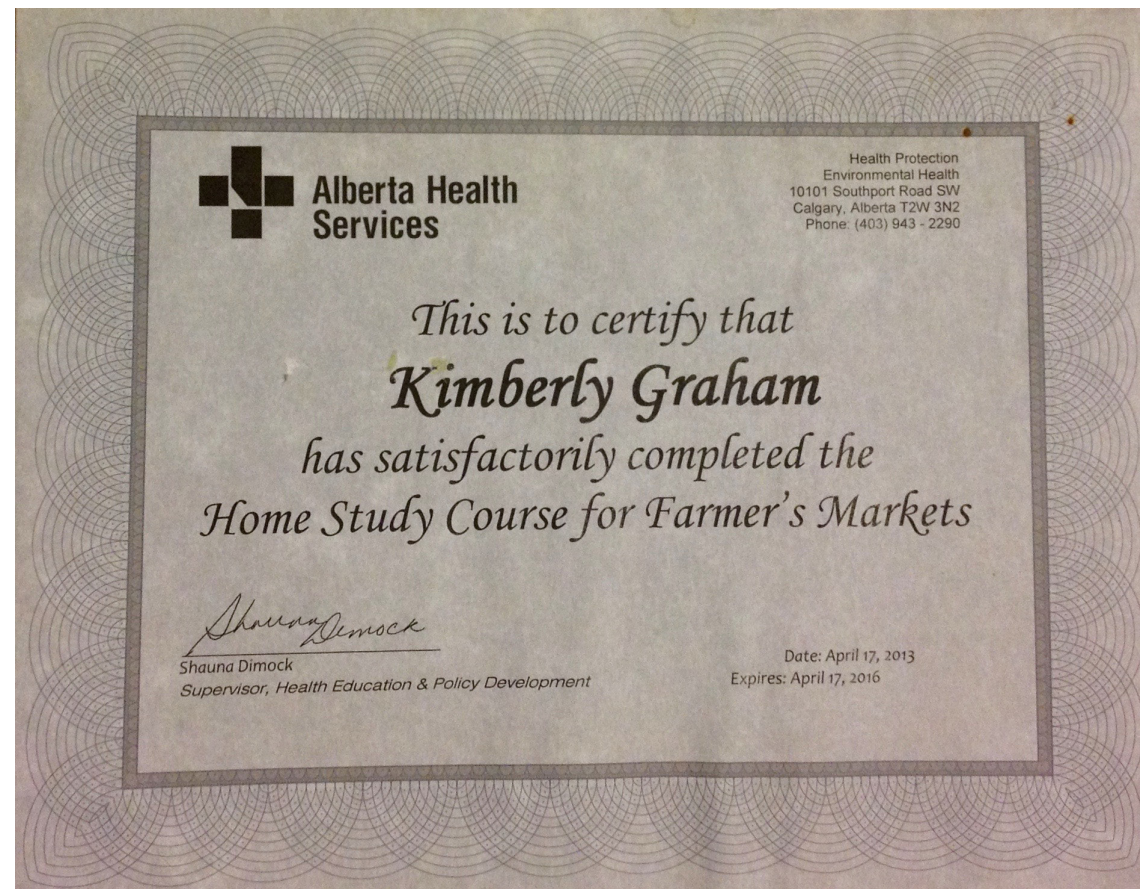
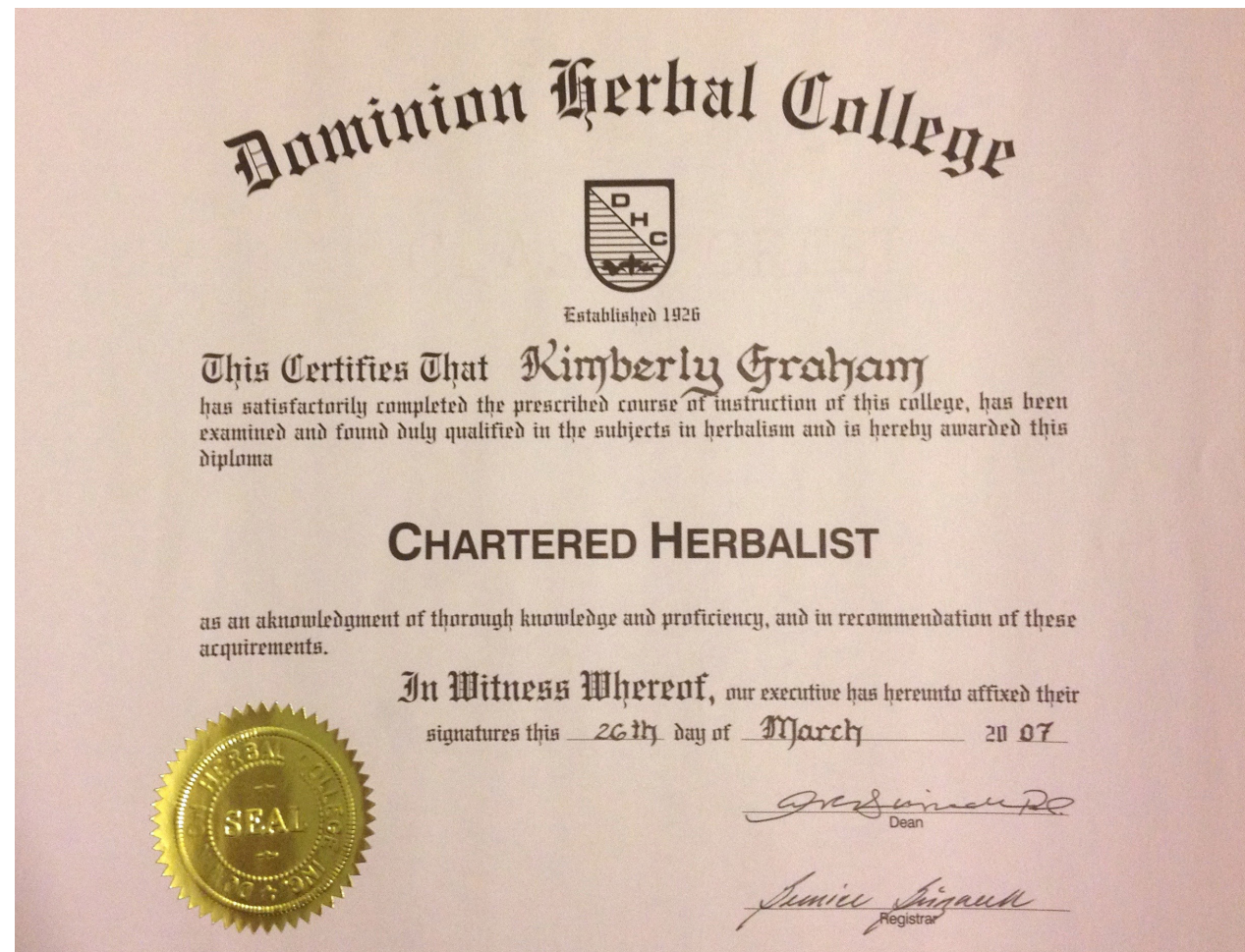
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Permaculture Disaster Preparation Course

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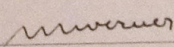
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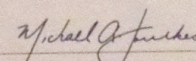
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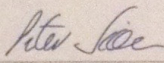
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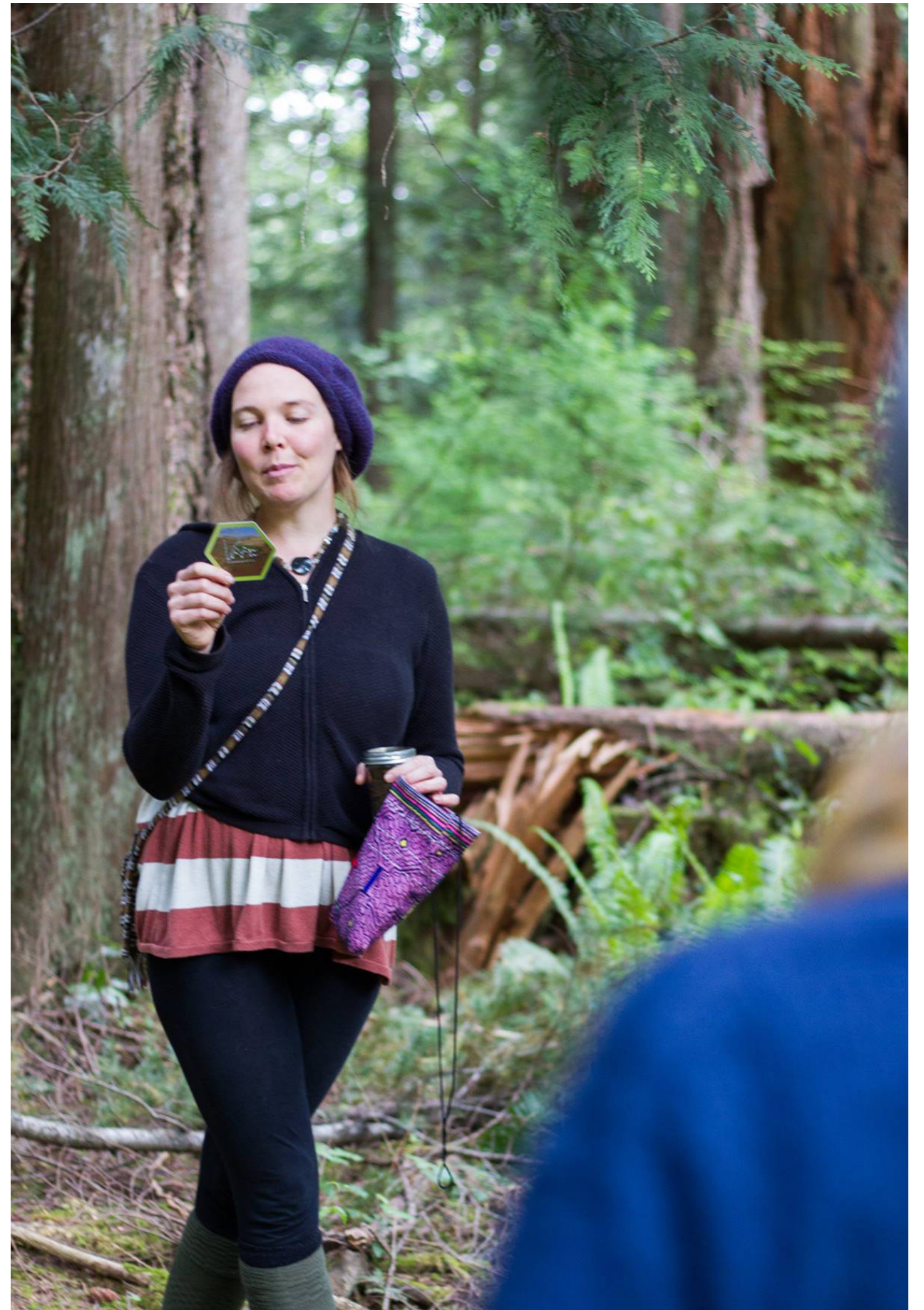

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