Permaculture Community Membership Opportunity

Bean Tree Farm seeks a community member (families welcome) to live, work and partner in the next stages of development at Dancing Rocks Community.

Bean Tree Farm -- located within the 25 year-old Dancing Rocks Permaculture Community in Tucson, Arizona -- is dedicated to care of earth, care of people, reduction of consumption while reinvesting surplus; to becoming an educational and inspirational resource to other individuals, neighborhoods and communities, and to continual learning and sharing earth-care practices in a spreading nexus of local, environmentally sustainable activity. Our mission is to educate and inspire more individuals, neighborhoods and communities to become “knots in the net” of this spreading network.

Every knot is an integral part of the larger net of our ecosystem---the land, air and water we all need to sustain life. We are becoming a strong knot in this net, steering our own small watershed toward health, and encouraging others to do the same, from small back yards to multiple acres. Each knot has an effect on the whole when it includes the practice of regenerative technology, such as harvesting rainwater, healing erosion, growing a food garden, and revegetating with native plants to conserve water and restore habitat for native wildlife.

The ideal resident/family will have a passionate commitment to permaculture principles and be looking for a living/working situation with like-minded people to practice, teach and further understanding of this inspiring way of living. You will live on the land and develop a routine and rhythm according to the seasons and work that needs to be done. We are open to non-traditional families as members.

Bean Tree Farm is developing ongoing cottage industries such as:

- Workshops on native foods, natural building, herbcraft, etc.
- Creative arts, drummaking, earth sculpture and pottery, printmaking
- Retreats, residencies and educational events for likeminded organizations
- Lodging available for participants and guests

Community Participation/Work Exchange Opportunity

An option for this residency/membership could be a part-time work exchange with profit-sharing opportunities in the cottage industries listed above. After a trial membership of 6 months to a year, the possibility to make the residency permanent is available with partial payment of the home with a continued work exchange.

The following activities give an idea of what kind of work you would be doing to assist the community:

- Day-to-day chores of maintaining a permaculture site such as planting, harvesting, earthworks, and mulching

- Supervising interns and volunteers
- Monitor planting and water-harvesting systems
- Ongoing maintenance of barn and out-buildings
- Recording solar and water-meter data
- Coordinate long-term projects such as community water supply, trails, etc
- Managing lodging

We're looking for a combination of the following skills in our community member/family:

- Permaculture knowledge and experience
- Building (earthworks) experience (mechanical skills and physical coordination)
- Enthusiasm for teaching/sharing with others
- Excellent people skills
- Well-organized and able to manage projects efficiently
- Sense of humor
- Integrity and initiative
- Facility with basic computer programs (Mac experience desirable)

For photos of the community and to view the home owners manual, please visit: www.beantreefarm.com

To Apply

Send a letter detailing your interest in living in our community and experiences in permaculture to: brosearth@gmail.com