

Please Join my Community Supported Forest Gardener (CSFG) Program

Many people are now familiar with the concept of CSA, or Community Supported Agriculture. On a CSA farm, subscribers invest up front in a full season of vegetables, and the farmer delivers those vegetables over the course of the growing season. The commitment of the subscribers stabilizes the farmer's income, assures subscribers of fresh, healthy, local produce, and distributes agricultural rewards and risks fairly within the community. This popular model establishes a mutually beneficial relationship between farmers and subscribers, and builds a strong community.

Let us now take the CSA model further, applying it to other ventures that need its substantive benefits for all involved parties. It's time to bring the CSA model to education, in this case forest gardening education.

The world urgently needs forest gardens—integrated, efficient, ecological designed ecosystems that provide food, fuel, fiber, fodder, fertilizer, “farmaceuticals,” and fun! Millions of people need ecological design information, ideas, skills, and perhaps most important of all, empowering and paradigm-shifting experiences. The demand for forest gardening is rapidly increasing, yet we have far too few qualified designers creating these gardens.

Become one of the first subscribers to a Community Supported Forest Gardener (CSFG)! In a CSFG, subscribers pay up front for a forest gardening workshop or for forest garden design, installation, and/or maintenance services promised by their Community Supported Forest Gardener. The Forest Gardener uses that money to cover costs of receiving training in forest garden design, and then provides the agreed upon services after the training is complete.

This relationship supports the professional development of the forest garden designer by providing funding for her or his participation in professional development. The subscriber gets a discount on a workshop or design/installation/maintenance services and supports the development of new skills in their community that will aid the transition to a greener post-oil world.

Subscribers will provide to Community Supported Forest Gardener:

- **Advanced payment for future education or design/installation services.**
- **Community support to build their skills and develop their forest gardening practice.**

The Community Supported Forest Gardener will provide to subscribers:

- **A quality introductory forest garden talk or workshop at a discount AND/OR**
- **Design, installation, or maintenance services at a discount AND**
- **The seeds of forest gardening knowledge & practice in their community.**

Add Workshop/Service Details Here:

- **Forest gardener's name, contact info**
- **Date, time and location of event/service (approximate if not 100% clear yet)**
- **Length & format (i.e., evening talk, half-day workshop, full day workshop)**
- **Payment amount and timing**
- **Make a flyer advertising the event/service itself for the back of this page!!!**