FOUR BRIDGES TRAVELING PERMACULTURE INSTITUTE
Reviving agricultural traditions, and uniting indigenous people around the globe

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Executive Director Lorraine Kahneratokwas Gray is working hard to raise funds to make a final payment on our educational farm in Santa Cruz, New Mexico.

Dear Four Bridges Members & Supporters,

This year marks our ninth year as a non-profit organization. In 2013, we purchased our educational farm in Santa Cruz, New Mexico. We chose a very aggressive payment plan, and had hoped to have the mortgage completely paid off by the end of this year. Fundraising efforts for this goal have been slow, and we are faced with a $40,000 balloon payment in December, or we may lose the farm, and all the improvements we have made to it.

We are asking the community to help us save our educational farm by donating to our GoFundMe Campaign at; www.gofundme.com/eagle-meets-condor-cultural-exchange

You can also support us by purchasing value added products created by our students, spreading the word about our needs, offering professional financial advice, and making us aware of other funding options that will support land purchases.

Executive Director, Lorraine Kahneratokwas Gray asks for your help in saving the farm.

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NEWS FROM THE FARM

The 2018 growing season was our best year ever! We have a beautiful Three Sisters demonstration garden that is flourishing with Hopi pink corn, Iroquois blue Hubbard squash, and scarlet runner beans. We are integrating our terrace garden into a meditation garden complete with Buddha statue. We have a giant pumpkin patch, and field of Hopi pink corn. Our greenhouse has been supporting our activities all summer with an abundance of produce sold at farmers’ market. We have introduced potbelly pigs to our animal population. They are very popular with our young students. This fall we more than doubled enrollment in our home school Agri-Science Program, now servicing 4 families, 12 youth, with more inquiries come in every week.

VISITORS ABOUND AT OUR EDUCATIONAL FARM

We have hosted several major groups at our farm this year. We are always grateful to Pam and Dave Emslie, and the folks at Wellesley Village Church for starting out each year with their lovely group of 60 youth volunteers from Wellesely, Massachusetts. They dug the entire foundation for our bunkhouse by hand, and helped mud the addition to the main house, created some art projects, and created a humorous video for us to use for fundraising.

We had a group of 15 students from Fordham University and 30 high school students from San Jose, California brought to us by Community Learning Network. They helped us plant our pumpkin patch, and Hopi pink corn, and worked in our waffle gardens.

We also had 60 indigenous summer camp students brought to us by the Santa Fe Indian Center who received a farm tour, planted mini three sisters gardens to take home, learned about beneficial insects, and made lady bug puppets.

ASK ABOUT OUR VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS!

We currently have a large selection of value added products for sale, prepared by our Agri-Kidz. Stop by the farm, or contact us to purchase jam, vinegar, canned tomatoes, salsa, healing salve, and soon apple sauce.

Many Thanks to our funders & supporters;

Annenburg Foundation
Community Learning Network
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Lannan Foundation
Honor the Earth
Santa Fe Community Foundation
Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Foundation
TNAFA
Wellesley Village Church
TNAFA
…and many anonymous donors!
Gathering for Mother Earth Waters

For the third year, we are working with Tewa Women United and others as the Mother Earth Wellness Collaborative to organize the Gathering for Mother Earth. This year again will be devoted to praying for and protecting our sacred waters. The event will begin on September 20th at Valles Caldera, a site which is very close to the Los Alamos National Laboratories. There will be a collection and blessing of the water, a meal and music. On September 21st there will be collection of water at Nambe Falls followed by lunch. On the evening of the 21st, we will gather at the Pojoaque Poeh Center for water blessings, a meal, panel discussion on water issues, and a performance by Lighting Boy Foundation hoop dancers.

Seed the Untold Story Screening

We will be hosting a free screening of “Seed the Untold Story” on November 16th at 6:00 pm at Northern New Mexico College with a panel discussion of participants in the film, a community meal and performance by Lightning Boy Foundation hoop dancers. For more information contact Lorraine Gray at, 518-332-3156, or email fourbridges@live.com.

Apricot Salsa Recipe

We were blessed with a surplus of apricots on the farm this year. We sold close to 400 lbs at Farmers’ Market and private sales. We froze another 200 lbs for making jam and vinegar later this fall. Our customers have been very enthusiastic and one faithful customer suggested trying Apricot Salsa. We’ve developed this recipe for our supporters to try. Look for sales of this delicious salsa next spring!

1 c apricots, pitted and chopped into small pieces
1 small jalapeno seeded and minced
1 small red onion finely minced
1 clove garlic finely minced
½ t sea salt
1 T agave syrup

Mix all ingredients together and serve with wheat crackers or tortilla chips. ENJOY!
TOUR THE ANDES OF PERU & BOLIVIA & PARTICIPATE IN SERVICE LEARNING ACTIVITIES WITH ACTIVIST, OSCAR OLIVERA

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The dates of this tour are TBD in the Spring of 2019. It will begin in Cusco, Peru, the ancient capital of the Inca People. We will visit several ancient sites, including Machu Picchu, participate in cultural exchange, and do service work in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. From there we will travel by bus to La Paz, Bolivia, tour the city and engage in cultural exchange. An overnight hike on an ancient Incan trail in the Andes with Jatha and local indigenous youth is optional. Participants will take part in permaculture projects, and visit the ancient site of Tiwanacu. From there we will take a bus tour to Cochabamba where we will meet with Oscar Olivera, leader of the Cochabamba “water wars.” We will do service work in local indigenous villages and urban areas of Cochabamba. Cost of the trip is $1,500 and includes ground travel, accommodations, guide, course materials and training certificate. Cost of travel to and from Bolivia not included (passport and visa required.)

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