

Thank you for your interest in the goings on here at New Forest Farms LLC and Forest Agriculture Enterprises LLC. In an ideal world where I was overpaid and underworked, I would write a personal message to each one of you explaining how the Opportunities program works here. However, I am neither, so if you are still interested after reading this letter, please re e-mail me again!

Here's a brief outline of how things work here....

The land where New Forest Farms LLC currently resides, is owned by a legal limited partnership. The land is essentially an Agroforestry and Permaculture Business incubator site. Currently there are several ventures ongoing at the site. These are:

New Forest Farms LLC: growers of USDA Certified Organic produce including asparagus, annual vegetables (mainly squash and peppers) chestnuts, hazelnuts apples and other fruits.

Forest Agriculture Enterprises LLC: An edible woody crops nursery, tree planting crew, Agroforestry and Permaculture design consultancy. This is the main vehicle for Mark Shepard's educational and outreach work.

Shepard's Hard Cyder: A licensed hard apple cyder winery. This has only been fully licensed as of Summer of 2011 and is in its infancy as an enterprise.

Savanna Gardens LLC: consumer-direct sales of beef, poultry and eggs

Restoration Agriculture Institute: A non-profit research and education organization that researches and promotes methods of agriculture that imitate nature and accomplish both ecological restoration simultaneously with producing staple food crops. Hosting courses, workshops and tours.

Previous ventures have included everything from flower farmers, medicinal herbs, manufacture of tinctures and salves, to a coppice wood venture. A renewable energy consultant and wind tower installer finds his occasional home here as well as a diesel mechanic and several engineers.

**All enterprises are independent, self-funding ventures freely choosing to associate in order to create mutually beneficial synergies.** Both collectively and independently, our WORK is intended to show by living example how we can produce the food, fuels, medicines and fibers needed for human economy while restoring ecologies and creating more equitable economic and social relationships. Together we all work for the success of the overall project.

We offer no paychecks unless you create one for yourself. We offer no

groovy crash-pad in which to hang out as a lazy intern. We are a Permaculture "Hacker space" "Fab lab" or whatever you want to call it...

All enterprises and residents rent (quite affordably) from the Limited Partnership.

Some current skill-set needs of the project are:

Certified Organic Produce farmer(s)  
Web designer/ strategist/graphics artist  
Winery Business manager/sales person  
Licensed (or planning to become) real estate agent for Permaculture Real estate investment co. startup

Other projects are welcome provided that are compatible with Permaculture Design principles and the ecological restoration of this formerly degraded farm.

**No experience is needed**, however, it is probably a good idea if you DO have some experience in your area of interest. We'll help you learn, yes... Spoon-feed you we will not.

**All enterprisers must be self-motivated, self-starters, communicative, and willing to be flexible and collaborative.**

All collaborators will have help in legally establishing their "Enterprise", financial management, and will learn how to be a productive contributor to the success of other collaborating ventures.

Collaborators are financially responsible for themselves.

Because of the unjust nature of the relationships,

We do not hire "employees"

We do not have "interns"

**We do not collaborate with parasitic idlers**

We seek to collaborate with others as equals, to mutually support one another and to live by example a new, productive, creative, self-reliant culture.

If you are still interested in collaborating somehow, please feel free to reply to this e-mail and continue the conversation!

Wherever you go: Create more than you destroy. Restore ecological balance. Grow more food, fuel, medicines and fibers than you can personally use, and distribute the increasing abundance. Join with others and encourage them to do the same!