

## WELL NEWSLETTER – February 16, 2007

### We Need Coordinating Committee Candidates! Details below.

#### Calendar of WELL Events

##### **February 19 – WELL Speaker Event – Carol Cox – Preparing Your Garden for Spring**

6:00PM, Willits Community Center - 111 E. Commercial St

WELL is pleased to host an evening with Carol Cox, Garden Manager at Ecology Action. Topics she will cover include starting a new garden, double digging versus single digging garden beds, compost & soil testing, seeds & seedlings, timing and watering.

At 6:00PM Jason Bradford & Brian Weller will give an “Introduction to WELL” presentation. During this time we also serve food & drink to give those of us already familiar with WELL an opportunity to socialize with each other. Carol’s presentation will begin at 6:30PM.

##### **February 26 – WELL Coordinating Committee Meeting**

The next WELL Coordinating Committee Meeting will be held on February 26 at 6PM at 121 West Commercial Street. The agenda will be posted on the WELL website by February 23:

<http://www.willitseconomiclocalization.org/node/69>.

##### **March 12 – ElderTalk 3**

6:30PM, Little Lake Grange – 291 School Street

WELL and the Little Lake Grange present ElderTalk 3, an evening where we explore with Willits’ elders what life was like here in town in the old days. Our guests for this event will be Pat Rennick, a Pomo elder, and the Persico family, members of the Willits community for 80 years.

##### **March 19 – WELL Quarterly Meeting – Coordinating Committee Elections & Structure Vote**

6:30PM, Location to be determined

At this event WELL’s working members will vote to elect five Coordinating Committee members to a one year term. We will also vote to select a new organization structure for WELL going forward. Please see below for more information regarding both of these issues.

At 6:00PM Jason Bradford & Brian Weller will give an “Introduction to WELL” presentation. The rest of the program will begin at 6:30PM.

#### Other Events

##### **The Now and Then Film Series – Winter 2007 schedule:**

All films start at 7PM at the Little Lake Health Center, 45 Hazel, Willits

Suggested Donation: \$5.

**February 15<sup>th</sup> – “Taken for a Ride”** – PBS award winning documentary about the intentional takeover & dismantling of America’s interurban short line rail systems by General Motors, Firestone Tires, etc. 60 minutes

**March 15<sup>th</sup> – “Global Gardener”** – Permaculture with Bill Mollison. Learn how permaculture weaves together microclimate, annual & perennial plants, animals, soil, water management and human needs into intricately connected productive communities. 120 minutes

**April 19<sup>th</sup> - "Fed Up"** - Overview of our food production system from the Green Revolution to the Biotech Revolution and what we can do about it including historical footage of Monsanto's development of GMOs and interviews with farmers, scientists, government officials and activists. 58 minutes

### **Community EmPOWERment – Energy Efficiency for a Brighter Future – Fort Bragg**

If you would like to reduce your energy costs at home or your business, come to this event sponsored by Coast Economic Localization (CELL). CELL has assembled a panel of speakers that will offer practical and compelling information about energy conservation and efficiency, as well as inform the community of existing citizen and government efforts and programs. This event will be held on February 16 from 7PM until 9PM at the Fort Bragg town hall.

### **Free Plant Fun, Seed Exchange & Workshop – Laytonville**

On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 11AM until 3PM the Laytonville Community Garden will host a day of free plant fun at the Laytonville Garden Club. There will be free grafting classes and some free root stock available. For more information, phone Carmen at 984-6655 or email her at [sunshinebubblelove@yahoo.com](mailto:sunshinebubblelove@yahoo.com).

### **Food Mini Film Series – Philo**

The Anderson Valley Foodshed is sponsoring a food mini film series featuring the films “Food for the Future,” “Chickens in the City,” “Good Food, Good Business,” and “Secrets of Salsa.” This event will be held on Sunday, February 18 at 7PM at the Anderson Valley Grange. Organic popcorn will be served.

### **Of Interest**

#### **Yes! Magazine Issue Features Localization**

The Winter 2007 issue of Yes! Magazine features localization including articles on creating local energy & local food. We have several copies of this issue available for free in the WELL office. Please come by and pick one up.

#### **Nutrition Garden Project**

Learn how Albie Miles at U.C. Santa Cruz learned to grow most of his own food, keeping detailed records of what he grew and what he ate. This article includes information about he maximized production and tracked his worked requirements. You can view the article here: <http://www.cityfarmer.org/albie.html>.

#### **The Benefits of Doing Business Locally**

By now most have seen the Local First signs in our local shop keepers' windows. If you want to learn more about the benefits to Willits of shopping locally, check this article out: [http://reclaimdemocracy.org/independent\\_business/local\\_business\\_benefits.html](http://reclaimdemocracy.org/independent_business/local_business_benefits.html)

### **Office Notes**

### **WELL Has a Job Opening**

Due to our increased funding WELL is able to recreate and expand its administrative position and consequently has a job opening. The new job is for an Operational Facilitator. This person will be responsible for the day-to-day operation & management of WELL collaborating with the WELL Coordinating Committee and membership to achieve WELL's mission. These duties include office management, public communication, program development, events coordination & fundraising. For a complete job description please call or e-mail the WELL office. To apply for the job, please e-mail your resume to [well@redinet.org](mailto:well@redinet.org) or bring it by the WELL office. Those interested in the job must apply by 5PM on 2/23/07. WELL is an equal opportunity employer.

### **WELL Structure Change Update**

At the Coordinating Committee meeting on February 12, the committee agreed to put a proposal to a vote before the plenary on March 19 recommending that WELL immediately become a program of Earthmind in order to solve liability issues, and that WELL begin a three month process to join with Earthmind as a 501c3. All Working Members will have an opportunity to vote on this important proposal. If you have thoughts or questions about this proposal or WELL's structure, please call the WELL office or contact a Coordinating Committee member.

### **WELL Seeks Coordinating Committee Candidates**

On March 19 WELL will elect five Coordinating Committee members to a one year term. If you are interested in holding this important position and you want more information, please call me at the WELL office. If you would like to run for a position on the WELL Coordinating Committee, please send me a candidate statement by Sunday, February 18. You can download the candidate statement here <http://willits.postcarbon.org/files/well/CandidateStatementFormMarch2007.pdf> or come by the WELL office to pick one up.

### **WELL Has a New Mailing Address**

WELL has a new mailing address. It is P.O. Box 42, Willits, CA 95490. Please make a note of it.

If you would like to be taken off this mailing list, please let me know and I will gladly oblige.

Cheers,  
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