

Colrain Grain Festival

July 15, 2012

400 Adamsville Rd, Colrain, MA

Join us for a festive field day with Dan Kittredge, Cr Lawn, Tevis Robertson-Goldberg, Andrea Stanley, Justin Korby and Eli Rogosa. Learn practical skills to build living soil, saving heritage seeds, malting and brewing amazing beer from local grains. Celebrate the grain harvest!

10:30 ***Growing Living Soil*** - Dan Kittredge will discuss ecological cropping systems, how to increase the biological vitality in your soil, and organic soil amendments. Ecological soil management increases yield, and decreases disease and pest pressures without agrochemicals.

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11:30 ***Amazing Vegetable Biodiversity*** - CR Lawn will offer a tour and tasting of his Fedco vegetables trials, and discuss evaluating diverse varieties in living soil. fedcoseeds.com

POTLUCK LUNCH

1:30 ***Heritage Grains*** - Eli and Tevis will discuss how to establish a heritage wheat conservancy in your farm or garden, guidelines for on-farm trials, selective seed-saving selecting for traits that optimize organic soil-plant dynamics. growseed.org

2:30 ***Malting*** - Andrea and Chris will discuss which varieties are best for malting, organic rotations, details of the malting process and building market partnerships with growers to meet the burgeoning interest in local malt for breweries. valleymalt.com

3:30 ***Brewing*** - Justin and Kate Korby will share the step by step process to brew herbal tonics and beers from local grains. Learn about the Timber Barn Brewery CSB in Colrain.

4:30 ***Artisan Baking*** - Hands-on artisan baking in a wood-burning oven with einkorn grain.

Bring your seeds, experiences and questions to share, so that together we can build a community grain, bread and beer network. Bring a potluck dish to share at our festive meal to the joyful tunes of local Celtic and Klezemer musicians.

6:00 Potluck Festival Meal with Celtic Music

‘Let the people bathe themselves and their farm animals in "living water" of a river, lake or sea, offerings and prayers of thanksgiving be made. Let them cut a sheaf of new grain and set it alight in the ancient manner, burning off the husks with fire. Let them grind the grain and bake a bannock, sharing it with the people, and circle sunwise round their dwellings. After bathing in sacred water, attuning the forces of chaos, shall the people visit a hill or place of sacred water. Let them honor the water with offerings and prayers of thanks. Let them honor the Sun that gives energy to the crops, the Moon who makes the crops grow with Her juices, the lightening who purifies the air and the winds that bring good weather, and the good soil that nourishes all beings. Let them feast, play games, pick berries and make merry as they please.’

