

Creating a Plastic Free Shade Structure

Please come help us in Gila to
thatch the rest of the
Peoples Tree House
Sunday, July 26th, 9AM to 3PM



For many years we've wanted to create a shady "tree house" to grow our baby trees under. The sun these days is so intense! And as our friend Coakee often says, 99% of tree species didn't evolve to be the tallest plant in their environment. And even the 1% that did evolve to be the tallest, aren't the tallest when young. So, we need shade. But we didn't want to use shade cloth because of all the plastic.

We had the idea to take an old greenhouse frame that was lying around and cover it with the "cane" (Syrian Reed Grass) that grows abundantly here. We had never thatched anything and didn't know if this would work, but we gave it a try. Our friends Xander and David helped us to figure out the technique we're using and we got 3 bays out of 7 on our greenhouse frame thatched in time for our tree planting workshop on Spring Equinox.

It's working SO well. Our baby trees we all transplanted together have grown dramatically better than they've ever done with us. We're elated. Thanks so much to all who helped out!

Now it's time to gather together to thatch the remaining 4 bays.

With the generous support of SRA, we will all enjoy a delicious catered lunch after thatching the roof and before putting the finishing touches on the Peoples Tree House.

Come join in the process of creating shade for the future canopy of our neighborwoods.

Starlight Forest, aka Bear Creek Farms
Sunday July 26th 9AM to 3PM
You're welcome to stay later, take a dip in the
beaver pond, or enjoy the forest here.

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