

Butterfly House Carpentry, Permaculture and Community Work Exchange

Dates: Begins April 15, 2025, 2-6 month stay (can be discussed)

Hey friends. This is Zev Friedman writing. I'm the current steward of Butterfly House, and have lived here 14 years. I'm seeking a relationally skilled/attuned person with carpentry skills and ideally some tools, to come be part of this place and to use your imagination and thumbs to make functional beauty and to help grow this place into its next phase of ripening, while also slowing down to get to know me, my neighbors, and the village.

Butterfly House is a 23-year old, timber-framed and slip-straw built, 2.5 story multi-unit home in Earthaven's oldest neighborhood (the Hut Hamlet), and situated on a 2/3 acre site with diverse edible plantings and integrated permaculture systems. After lots of human change over time, we're at an enlivening moment in Butterfly House's emergence in which we're ready to receive skilled support in finessing and repairing elements of the original construction, building additions and improvements, and looking ahead with a creative design mind to the coming decades of Butterfly House's service as a hub for hearth and family making, celebrations and ritual, and mutual aid culture.

Projects will be facilitated by resident permaculture professional and cooperative community organizer Zev Friedman (me). Because of where we're at right now, projects this year will focus more on carpentry: things like building deck roofs, moving a solar hot water heater, stair and railing construction, and maybe some sneaky fun things like spice racks, building a hybrid solar/wood-fired food dehydrator, secret compartments under stairs, cistern platforms, and outdoor sleeping decks. Given all of this, if you have carpentry tools (maybe even a truck!), and intermediate to advanced carpentry skills, you will be a most supportive candidate.

Given time and interest, there will also be opportunities for participating in annual crop gardening, agro-forestry and biochar, managing water and greywater systems, and food preservation. **Contact:** Zev at zevkudzu@gmail.com

I'll provide a basic high quality food pantry (with your input on what foods are purchased) for you to use in your own private outdoor rustic kitchen while living on a large covered deck near the house. You'll have access to wifi and electricity for charging devices. Because of providing food and covering your various fees (approximately \$350/month value), I'm asking for 20 hrs/week instead of a more typical 12 hrs/week work exchanger arrangement.

Hours: 20 hours/week for Butterfly House plus 4 hours/week for Earthaven

Costs: All fees and basic food expenses covered as part of the arrangement.

You Receive: You bring tent, stay on large sheltered wooden platform, have use of wifi, electricity and neighborhood bath-house.