

Paradise Community Guilds
EC meeting by email – August 29 – 30th, 2017

The executive committee discussed and approved the use of the Norton Buffalo Hall for permaculture design training classes as outlined in the following email from Jennifer Petersen.

“Hello Executive Committee,

I have a proposal from Rosa Macias, who was my Teacher for the PDC course I took in 2015.

She has extensive experience with Permaculture and has traveled all over the World working on various projects, she also gives lectures at Butte College on the subject.
Rosa usually does her instruction at the Chico State Organic Farm and uses an adjacent classroom. There is a scheduling conflict this time.

She asked me if the Hall would be available for this use. She is currently in Spain visiting family, otherwise I would have asked her to come to our next meeting to present this herself.

The Weekends that she has asked for are:

Sept 30th & Oct 1

Oct 7 & 8

November 4 & 5

I have a rental on October 14th so that weekend will have to be held somewhere else.

Rosa makes a living off of these PDCs so she is not flush in cash, but here is the negotiation we came up with (at first she just offered a discount for the pdc but I told her that would not work)-

\$100 cash for each Weekend

\$50 off for anyone who wants to take the course

All of the Maps from the final PDC of our property. So one of the final design projects would be to do a several design maps of our property.

A group will identify different aspects of our property, identify things like fire hazards, flow of water, contours, etc. The group then gets to work designing zone, base, sector maps. And one final big map of what potential it has.

Sort of like a dream design. All of the existing structures and gardens are incorporated into the design.

Keep in mind these maps are designed by the students with Rosa's guidance. I have included a few pictures of the maps we designed in our class to give you an idea.

Alternately, she offered a 4 hour consultation with her. But I don't think that will be enough time to get the maps we need. Which means we would probably have to pay her for a few hours. I have no idea what that costs, but I'm better it's not cheap.

She currently has 3 people signed up, but the class could be up to 15 people. They use the kitchen for coffee and have a potluck lunch. I can attest for the good cleanup because us students all stayed after to help.

In order to book more people for the course, she needs a place to hold it.

Whatever you decide, I really need to know as soon as possible. Hopefully with 24 hours?

Let me know if you have any questions for me, and I will answer to the best of my ability.

Thank you!"