

Integrated Local Harvests

Free Public Talk

October 25, 2016 from 5:30pm - 8pm

Robles Elementary School, 9875 South Sasabe Road, Tucson, AZ 85736 Instructors: Brad Lancaster and Craig Sponholtz

The Altar Valley Conservation Alliance is hosting a free lecture by Brad Lancaster of Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond and Craig Sponholtz of Watershed Artisans, on the evening of October 25th. A pre-paid dinner (\$10) is also available prior to the talk – please be sure to pay in advance via the link below.

Integrated Local Harvests:

Simple and Effective Ways to Enhance the Natural Abundance of Your Home, Community, and the Larger World

This dynamic presentation shares patterns and strategies to harvest, integrate, and enliven free local resources—such as rain-, grey-, and stormwaters; along with soil fertility, in a way that reduces erosion and maintenance, while freely growing more vegetation, fodder for livestock, and food for us. Scarcity is re-visioned into abundance simply through creative cycling and utilization of what is already at hand. Costly and consuming habits and infrastructure, disconnected from their surroundings, are reoriented and reconnected to maximize enriching opportunities.

You'll see many examples of such transformation, including how once-dying wetlands and creek flows are being regenerated with simple hand-built structures made of on-site materials; how such structures are enhancing parts of the Altar Valley; how dirt roads are being reworked to stay dry and freely irrigate adjoining pasture, and how once-blighted, overheated neighborhood streets are being rejuvenated into thriving greenbelts of water, people, wildlife, art, food, and celebration by planting once-drained stormwater, seed, and yard prunings.

This talk is both an invitation for you to engage and partner with your natural surroundings and community, and a map showing you the way—by planting the rain, growing fertility, and more—to live as one of your community's inspirational sparks! (Duration: 1.5 hours plus Q&A)

To learn more about Brad Lancaster's work, visit: www.harvestingrainwater.com. To learn more about Craig Sponholtz's work, visit: www.watershedartisans.com.

RSVP for Integrated Local Harvests

To RSVP, go to http://whoozin.com/VWD-7FM-JMHM. **DINNER (\$10) MUST BE PRE-PAID** at this site, and you will receive a printed ticket.

Questions? Please e-mail kyle@altavalleyconservation.org.