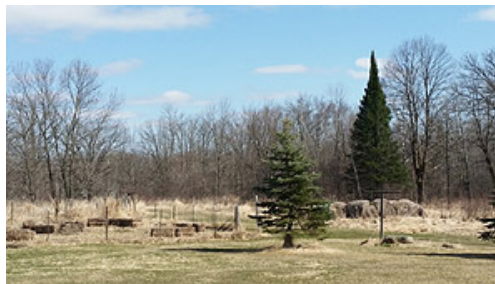


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Atchingtan Newsletter

Third Edition - April 2016

"We are at peace in this serene and private space where we, and invited guests, learn from one another and the land, connect with mother earth, and live in the moment. With help from earth-loving souls, we enable the land to care for itself and provide food, medicine, materials and habitat."



From left to right - 1 of 5, 2 of 5, 3 of 5, 4 of 5 and 5 of 5



From left to right - Ruby, Dandelion, Gumdrop, Bluejay, Orchid, and Roscoe the rooster.

What's New?

- Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our newsletter in the last month! If this is the first newsletter you've read, you can find the archived editions [by clicking here.](#)
- Here at Atchingtan we have recently adopted 6 adult chickens and 5 baby chicks of various breeds, which all do well in our northern Minnesota climate. The adults are laying multi-colored eggs, as we have two Easter Eggers, which each lay green eggs. Sorry Doctor Seuss, they do taste good with ham.
- We have made arrangements to welcome a WWOOFER this year. She will be living on site, in her trailer, and helping with the day to day efforts at Atchingtan, as well as leading some volunteer groups on work weekends. More information to follow in later editions.

Recent Events:



We recently hosted a hospitality suite at an earth-based convention in Minneapolis. We were thrilled by the warm reception, and the interest in Atchingtan. Many people signed up to be volunteers and to receive our monthly newsletter. We look forward to working with those of you that choose to come lend a hand.

Upcoming Events:

- We are preparing a series of on-site herb workshops which will take place this summer, and will be run by our very own Bonnie Hanna-Powers. Look for more information about the schedule and registration in the May newsletter.
- Open Day/First Work Weekend: We have set a date for our 2016 Open Day! It will be the weekend of April 16th and 17th. Last year's was a great success, and we look forward to another wonderful Open Day. If you've visited before, bring a friend. If you've never been up, this is a chance to explore, ask questions, meet other folks interested in the land. For those that want to get their hands dirty, we will have several breakout sessions on Saturday afternoon. There will be options for folks of every level of ability. We welcome campers in tents or RVs for Friday and/or Saturday night. Breakfast will be provided Saturday morning, also a light lunch and a barbecue dinner. Please advise of any dietary restrictions, and feel free to bring something for the grill. Non alcoholic drinks will be provided, BYOB if you would like. Rain or shine.
- The Open Day signifies that Atchingtan is now open for business! If you would like to discuss events, classes, workshops, etc, contact us using the Atchingtan [Contact form](#). Details of our site amenities can be found [by clicking here](#)

Please RSVP on the [Contact form](#) or our [Facebook page](#). Children are welcome with parental

supervision. Our main project for the Open Day will be preparing the site for the Orchard, which will be planted in early May.

Tree Planting weekend!

- We are proud to be working with the Pine County Soil and Water Conversation District (SWCD) and their 2016 Tree Program, and are buying dozens of barefoot trees from them, primarily for the Atchingtan Orchard. Pickup is typically one of the first weekends in May, and we will need help getting them all in the ground!
- In return for your help, we will of course feed you, and give you Atchingtan swag, as well as facilitating the drumming and dancing, etc.
- Plus - if you would like some of these trees for yourself, let us know via the [contact form](#). Cost to you is only \$1 (one dollar) per bareroot tree, plus weekend help! If you need more detailed information regarding soil type, light requirements, growth rate, mature height, etc, just ask.
- This is the list of bareroot trees (mostly 18" - 24" high, depending on variety) available for only \$1 each plus volunteer time:

- Black chokeberry
- Juneberry (Serviceberry)
- Nanking cherry



- American Plum
- Flowering Crab (Red Splendor)
- Nannyberry

SWCD advises:

1. *There are no guarantees that they will be available, and no guarantee of survival.*
2. *Trees/shrubs offered are conservation-grade, bare-root stock.*
3. *Size is subject to change without notice.*



Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in our volunteer program, please [contact us](#) and let us know what you are interested in, what skills you have to offer and your availability. To see what benefits volunteering with Atchingtan provides, please see below!

Volunteers can expect a rewarding experience, working

with new and old friends to create beautiful and useful spaces in an outdoor setting. You will learn new skills, feel the thrill of passing on your knowledge, and be immersed in a positive community setting. Projects may include a range of things: planting seeds, clearing trails, organizing events, and much more. Volunteers will share in food harvests, have access to special volunteer appreciation events, and enjoy contributing to a budding outdoor educational center.



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