

HOMESTEAD HOEDOWN 2016 Schedule

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2:00pm – Let the party begin! Arrive anytime. Bring musical instruments, lawn chairs, beverages. There are places for several jams to take place at the same time, so find your spot and enjoy, whether you play or not. Some outdoor games for kids of all ages will be provided, please feel free to bring your own as well.

Note: “**Fiddlers Reunion**” implies much more than just fiddles. The circle would not be complete without other traditional old-time instruments (i.e. banjo, guitar, bass, mandolin...) and of course listeners and dancers. The music and merry-making should go on all day and night, we only ask that it not interfere with the guest speaker at 5:00.

3:30pm Kansas Permaculture Institute Spring meeting and social, open to anyone interested in ecologically sustainable agricultural practices (and much more). See www.kawpermaculture.org for more info.

4:30 Food Forest workshop led by Amber Lehrman. Learn about Brushy Run’s emerging food forest, designed by Amber and planted last year. What were the founding criteria for this project? How is it going so far?

5:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER – James Sperman is the owner of GreenFin Gardens, a pioneering aquaponic hatchery and farm in its sixth season in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, specializing in bananas, rare figs, and pure blue tilapia. Originally started as a way to provide quality fish protein for his Type 2 diabetic father, it has blossomed into a thriving business, and has led to the development of some interesting experimental gardening systems, including two pit-style tunnel greenhouses, an aquaponics tunnel, and a tilapia garden pond.

James is a tireless, prolific and visionary innovator who is blazing a path toward nothing less than sustainability for our society at large. Don't miss this presentation if you like to eat, and if you'd like you and yours to continue eating into the foreseeable future.



6:00 Community POTLUCK DINNER and SOCIAL – Bring a dish to share, enjoy great food and great company.

7:15 BARN DANCE – Fun, beginner-friendly contra and square dances called by Lisa Harris and Jill Allen. Partners or experience not needed. Beginners please be on the dance floor promptly at 7pm to learn the basic barn dance moves.

Rowdy, live old-time music by the **JUNKYARD DOGS** from Boulder, CO!

After the dance has run for a few hours, the party will be allowed to morph freely to accommodate the energies present. We tend to envision a rocking old-time jam on the pavilion, with an open mic for callers and dancing into the night... and of course a healthy dose of visiting and frolicking for all. If you really have your act together, you might bring a contribution for the late-night food/snack potluck as well, to enhance the diminishing leftovers from dinner.



Suggested donation \$6-8. There is no curfew – we will visit and play and eat and dance and sing until we are done. Directions and the latest updates are always available at www.brushyrun.farm. Brushy Run is a semi-outdoor venue, and any event may be postponed or canceled at the last minute due to weather. Always check the web site before traveling!

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