

# Cheryl Bennett

Landscaper/permaculturalist, Horticulturist, Organic forest gardener/  
Tree centered guild installation, Organic landscape design, treeplanting,  
tree pruner, native/perennial garden/estate care.

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## EXPERIENCE

### Full Circle Habitat Restoration–Head landscaper

2020-present Asheville/ Hendersonville/ Traveler's Rest

Landscape design and organic garden installation, property maintenance, organic soil building, pruning, hardscaping

### Full Circle Home Remodeling

2020-present Asheville/Hendersonville/Traveler's Rest

Carpenter's helper, home remodeling, additions, decks, restorations, from the ground up, foundation to roofing. Previous experience with green building, Forestry co-op member, selective logging, sawmill helper, adobe building, earth ships.

### Farm Girl– Landscaping crew member

2019-July- 2020 July Asheville, NC

Grounds maintenance, all eco friendly battery powered mowers, weedeaters. Maintained Farm Girl owner Lauri Newman-Waters flower farm: weed eating/mowing, weeding, pruning

Landscaping crew member, maintained clients properties, planting, pruning, river restoration project, walkways, new garden installation

Landscaping experience/ tree work/ pruning experience back to age 15 (1991) Additional references and work history available upon request

## EDUCATION

### Blue Ridge Community College, Flat Rock, NC *Certificate in Horticulture Technology, Small Fruits & Specialty Crops*

May 13 2023 graduation

Focussed on creating a forest garden nursery business, as well as holistically revitalizing heirloom apple orchards with biodynamic and organic IPM

### College of the Atlantic, School for Human Ecology, Bar Harbor, ME

1996-1997

University of WA, Fairhaven College 2000-2001

Bellingham WA (Outback Farm Experiential Learning Center student)

2 years towards BA in Environmental Studies/  
Conservation/Sustainability

## SKILLS

Property Maintenance

Landscaping: 30 yrs  
experience with all outdoor  
power tools: weed eaters,  
chainsaws, lawnmowers, etc

Permaculture experience

Organic gardening experience

20+ yrs experience with  
carpentry/ remodeling/  
organic garden design

## AWARDS

**Certificate in Horticulture  
Technology/ Small Fruits &  
Specialty Crops:** Blue Ridge  
Community College 05/2023  
(Honors student)

**MOFGA apprenticeship** (6  
month) graduate (Maine)

## LANGUAGES

Some spanish, 2 yrs in  
highschool, and 1 yr  
community college

## Volunteer Experience:

Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association, Sumner, ME

- Organic Farming Apprentice 1997 May-Oct:

Cared for a flock of 12 sheep and 3 goats, as well as restoration of an old farmhouse, clearing the fields of stones for a new organic garden, and organic gardening into winter.

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, Three Rivers, CA

- Backcountry Trail Crew Member: 1996 July-Sept

Maintained and fixed mountain top trails washed out by landslides at 10,000ft elevation. Used rock drills, picks, all hand tools to build the trail. Lived 18 miles back at a base camp.

The Jane Goodall Institute, Ridgefield, CT

- Environmental Studies Internship: 1995 Sept-Jan

I created a program @ the Woodcock Nature Center in Wilton, CT. about migrating birds around the world for their Roots & Shoots program.

Student Conservation Association, Olympic National Park, WA

- Volunteer backcountry trail crew member: 1995 June-Aug

Trail maintenance repair, clearing, and restoration/conservation work. Used all hand tools and cross cuts for the backcountry/ wilderness areas. Chainsaws for front country projects. Helped maintain all our tools. Cut trail grade with matics/pulaskis.

The Nature Conservancy, Bridgeport, CT

- Piping Plover Monitor: Monitoring of endangered sea bird's protected beach nesting sites

Landmark Volunteers, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Calais, ME: 1993 July-Aug: Backcountry trail work & conservation efforts

## **PROJECTS:**

- **Currently leading an heirloom apple orchard revitalization effort at BRCC orchard, based on Michael Phillips' book/ life's work: "The Holistic Orchard". Creating**

**biodynamic tree paste, biodynamic orchard foliar sprays, planting apple guild gardens around the sick trees to awaken the arboreal food web. Applying Ramial mulch and planting comfrey and herbs to fix nitrogen and attract beneficial insects. Intending this volunteer work to be the proving ground for starting a business consulting with orchards wanting to transition from using herbicides/ pesticides, to caring for orchards holistically and organically.**

- Starting a home nursery specializing in Forest Garden trees, fruiting shrubs, perennials, and herbs. Interested in learning to graft and have a higher success rate with propagation by cuttings. Currently experimenting creating a stool bed for full size and dwarf apple rootstock. Hoping to learn to graft local apple scion onto the multiplied root stock this winter to begin creating heirloom orchard stock.