



Invitation: Share Your Skills and Knowledge at the VBC Open Village!

(Part of the VBC Share Fair, September 12-21, 2014)

The Open Village is our version of a “Share Fair” and is one of the featured events during the first annual Sebastopol Village Building Convergence (VBC). The VBC, which will take place September 12-21, is a 10-day festival where the community will gather to participate in placemaking projects (cob benches, street paintings, garden installations, etc.), interactive talks and workshops, and celebration.

The Share Fair will create a real life model of the sharing world that will strengthen the resilience of our community. This event will introduce the public to sharing through first hand experience and education, and it will showcase the existing sharing resources that already exist in Sebastopol and beyond.

The Share Fair will include:

- **Sharing stations:** event attendees can share goods through the Free Store, Seed Exchange, Crop Swap, etc.
- **Interactive knowledge sharing tables:** local groups and individuals will lead reskilling demonstrations such as fermenting, ancestral skills, and natural dying
- **Repair Café:** event attendees are invited to bring their items that are in need of repair and volunteers will be on hand to fix them (bike repair, sewing/darning repair, etc.)
- **Knowledge Share Stage:** short presentations that share the next big idea, or other knowledge that will be of value to the community

The Share Fair is an opportunity to connect knowledge producers with the general VBC audience. The Knowledge Share Stage will establish a forum for the Sebastopol progressive development community to hear from different speakers as they discuss current activities in knowledge creation and how to share best practices related to reclaiming our commons and building the vitality of our community.

In order to be considered for an on-going table, a one-day table, or a slot on the stage to share your knowledge at the Share Fair, please submit a brief (one-two paragraph) description, including what you want to share, when you want to share it, any materials/logistics support needed, intended results, and your contact information. Please send submissions to David Ferrera, themeetingguy@gmail.com. Submissions due by 8/24.



In order to be considered for a 20-minute slot on the Knowledge Share Stage, we invite submissions of no more than one page (double-spaced), which describes your topic, the knowledge you want to share, your presentation agenda, intended results, and contact information. Please send submissions to David Ferrera, themeetingguy@gmail.com. Submissions due by 8/24.

POTENTIAL TIME SLOTS: The Open Village will take place at the Sebastopol Grange, 6000 Sebastopol Avenue (Hwy 12).

Open Village slots (tables, workshops) occur between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of the VBC.

Knowledge Share slots occurs between the hours of 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 14th.

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The goal is to make the Share Fair as interactive as possible, with abundant “take-aways” so that guests gain new knowledge and greater awareness of potential developments in action, and/or practical solutions to their day-to-day experiences of reclaiming the Sebastopol Commons. The Share Fair also provides opportunities for networking and interactions with people and different organizations.

On receipt of the submissions for the Knowledge Share Stage, the organizing body will review, assess, and notify the winners. It is possible that submissions will be allocated space/time on either the share fair stage, or other venues. Please note that **there is no reimbursement of expenses** for the Share Fair event.