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## AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

2008-2021 **Rainbow Grocery Cooperative – SF, CA Co-Owner, Produce Worker**

- large (215 people), democratically-run, worker-owned cooperative
- I have held many other elected and voluntary positions over the years: Board of Directors, Storewide Steering Committee, Effective Meeting Committee, Produce Hiring Committee, Produce Evaluations Coordinator, Produce Schedule Coordinator
- Repetitive tasks, heavy lifting, good body mechanics, forklift driving and training, pallet jack (electric and manual) operation
- Working independently, working in small groups (2-8 people), working in large groups (20-60 people)
- customer service and education
- four terms elected to the Board of Directors: proficiency in reading income statements and sales reports; familiarity with federal and state employment laws; construction project research, development, and implementation; making decisions related to worker health insurance and 401k plans; drafting policy; ongoing task completion and reporting; accountability and service to the collective
- one term elected to the Storewide Steering Committee: operation of the physical plant; mediation of issues between any of the 13 semi-autonomous departments; investigating and resolving some personnel-type matters; reading and responding to customer comments and vendor requests by email; ongoing task completion and reporting; accountability and service to the collective

1998-2013 **Sea Farm - Taieri Mouth, Otago, New Zealand** **Family Member**

- Ranch operated by Jeannine and Peter Basquin: organically-raised cattle and deer. There were sheep too, but they weren't organic.
- I didn't grow up on this ranch and I never lived there. I did seasonal work: checking the paddocks during lambing and calving and removing any animals that had died; tb testing the deer; ear tagging, inoculating, castrating, and tailing the lambs; feeding out large round bales of silage to the cattle with the tractor in the early Spring; moving individual animals as-needed; assisting in moving herds; assisting with fencing; erosion-control and windbreak plantings; mixing compost into large garden beds; driving the Posi-Track with a brush mower attachment and clearing gorse from the edges of some of the pastures

- 2002-2004 **Eli Wadley Fine Garden Care** – San Francisco, CA **Gardener**
- year-round maintenance and care of primarily ornamental urban and suburban gardens
  - tree pruning – sycamores (pollarded), some fruit trees (lemon, plum)
  - pruning and maintenance of roses, vines, hedges, and perennials
  - planting: annuals, perennial shrubs, and some trees
  - adding irrigation lines and maintaining existing irrigation systems
  - weeding and mulching
- 1990-1992 **Susan Basquin’s Goat Farm** - Washington Island, WI **Family Member**
- I did occasional work on my aunt’s goat farm: cleaning out the goat barn, using the tractor with a brush mower attachment to clear brushy growth from the secondary pasture
  - I farm-sat once for a week while my aunt was away at a conference in Michigan: making sure the goats were fed and watered. I observed behavior in one member of the herd that resulted in me giving that animal a selenium shot (the soils there are deficient in it)

#### OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2002-present **Community Gardener** – San Francisco and La Jolla, CA
- I have an emphasis on compost, perennials, and herbs: forage for pollinators (salvias, mullein, and some narrow-leafed milkweed). I also grow: asparagus, artichoke, roses, comfrey, raspberries, lemon verbena, oregano, sage, lemon balm, mint, calendula, strawberry, rhubarb, chicory, and have an experimental planting of turmeric.
- 2004-present **Artist** – San Francisco, CA
- Compost
  - Filmmaking – I’ve made several short film portraits that relate to agriculture and I completed a feature-length film called *From Inside of Here* (2020) that I filmed in the Gila National Forest; I went there specifically because of my interest in the Mexican Grey Wolf repopulation there
  - Sculpture
  - When I have access to a mitre saw, I’ve been known to build my own picture frames
- 2012-2014 **Collaboratively built a one room cabin** – Berkeley, CA
- My collaborators were my niece (she was aged 2.5-4.5 years) and her Dad
  - A lot of the material was salvaged. We “framed” the first two walls out of pallets. We framed the second two walls with two by fours.
  - We used salvaged windows and I did some re-glazing
  - The dwelling is comfortable and water proof
- 2003-2013 **Handyperson** – San Francisco, CA

- Mainly had one client – from when they bought the house until when they sold the house (2003-2013). I did their gardening as well as sheetrock patching, painting, oil-finishing doors, etc.
- I've painted houses here and there
- My Dad was really into board and batten out-buildings, so I've stained a fair number of those
- I refinished all the floors in my Victorian railroad flat in San Francisco: I finished the first one with polyurethane and then did all the others with shellac. I prefer the shellac for it's ease of use, ease of repair, and low fumes/fast drying time (2010-2018)
- Some light carpentry in my own apartment - book shelves, tables, and desks – all with butt joints (2015-2020)

2009

Resident Artist, Recology San Francisco – San Francisco, CA

- four month residency
- maintain studio practice on site at the San Francisco Dump
- speak to daily tour groups of school children, business owners, and other adults as they tour the transfer station, the sorting and resource cycling facilities and the artist studio
- compost pile: I started a “rolling compost observation bin” as soon as I began the residency; I foraged in the green waste area of the dump for compostable materials to include in my pile. I incorporated tangerine peels and other compost from food I ate while I was in the studio.
- When I first arrived at the residency, I told as many people as I could that I was seeking a source of herbivore manure to add to my compost pile. One day while I was talking to a group of fourth graders, one of the workers brought me a cardboard box full of elephant manure – jackpot!

2001-2008

Electrician for Film and Video – San Francisco, CA

- on-the-job training only (no certification)
- not the useful kind of electrician –all the work was temporary and reusable - but many of the principles are applicable to permanent house, shed, and pasture wiring

#### FORMAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

2021	Beekeeping Workshops	San Francisco Beekeeper's Association
2002-2021	EcoFarm Conference	Asilomar, CA
	- I'm going to the online conference in January 2021 and have been four times in the past	
2003	Aesthetic Pruning Workshop	Merrit College
2003	Pruning Roses	Merrit College
2004	Plant Identification	City College of San Francisco
2003	Introduction to Permaculture	David Holmgren - San Francisco, CA
2001-2009	Acres USA and Stockman Grass farmer subscriptions + book reading	

#### OTHER FORMAL EDUCATION

2015	MFA	Visual Art	University of California, San Diego
2011	BA	Philosophy and Women's Studies	University of Wisconsin, Madison

#### SKILLS + RELEVANT PERSONAL TRAITS

Good communication skills

Athletic, hard-worker

Backcountry camper + hiker

Able to lift 50+ pounds

Able to work independently

Personable and friendly and like working with people

Basic carpentry skills

Able to ride a horse

Have performed many oil changes on a 1985 Toyota 22R engine

Can write and edit writing

Skilled with photography, videography, and video editing

Basic marketing skills and graphic design

Good driver/clean record