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SANTA CRUZ

Permaculture expert to speak at new Common Ground Center

Permaculture expert Christopher Shein will host a book signing and lecture from 7-9 p.m. Monday at the new Common Ground Center at UC Santa Cruz’s Kresge College Seminar Room 159.

Shein is author of the newly published “The Vegetable Gardener’s Guide to Permaculture: Creating an Edible Ecosystem.”

Shein has started dozens of community, school and market gardens. He teaches permaculture at Merritt Community College where he helped develop an award-winning student farm. Shein attended UCSC where he was introduced to agroecology through the Alan Chadwick Garden.

Shein was one of the key members who launched BASIL (Bay Area Seed Interchange Library). Shein owns Wildheart Gardens, a permaculture landscape business that designs and builds sustainable gardens.

The free event is sponsored by UCSC’s by the Cabrillo College Permaculture Club and the newly opened Common Ground Center at Kresge College.

For details, go to kresge.ucsc.edu/common-ground.