

Transition Aromas invites you to
Community Think Tank
Saturday, March 29, 2014 1 – 5 pm at the Aromas Grange

Come and share your ideas for building greater neighborliness, local self-sufficiency, and sustainability in Aromas.

You'll have a chance to:

- Share your ideas for making Aromas more resilient.
- Get inspired by the ideas of your neighbors.
- Connect in small groups with people who share your vision.
- Brainstorm together how to make it happen.

This is an opportunity to propose ideas, big and small, that are your deepest dreams for Aromas. Once the creative juices start flowing, there's no telling what will happen. Transition Aromas will be happy to support groups that form at the Think Tank and who would like to continue working together in the future.



If you're wondering what kinds of ideas we're talking about, here are some of the things that have been suggested at past Transition Aromas events:

- Holding neighborhood potlucks to share all kinds of ways to reduce our households' carbon footprints and energy bills
- Sharing practical skills with each other by offering workshops about things like using grey water, grafting fruit trees, raising chickens, sharpening tools, replacing broken zippers, and more...
- Offering workshops on small-scale use of solar energy and financing home solar energy systems
- Starting a local solar installation business which employs our young people
- Creating a local business directory
- Offering Emergency Preparedness and First Aid classes
- Creating a tool-sharing library or cooperative, possibly with a kitchen and food processing element

- Organizing a bulk food buying cooperative
- Creating a local fiber arts network for sharing resources and skills
- Time banking (San Benito Time Exchange is already in existence)
- Starting a community garden
- Supporting classroom veggie gardens at the Aromas School
- Breeding chickens locally to create a local supply of quality chicks
- Raising our own animal feed and supporting local farmers who raise it
- Training in Cobb and other natural building methods
- Developing a safety plan to support Aromas kids who want to ride their bikes to school
- Starting a bike church in Aromas
- Organizing car pooling
- Forming a local activist group to collaborate to stop fracking, the Keystone XL pipeline, the Trans-Pacific Trade agreement, etc.
- Forming a “heart and soul” group, focused on sharing our feelings – joyful and sad – about what’s going on in the world and in Aromas

We hope you’ll join us at the Community Think Tank!

If you have questions or comments, contact us at info@transitionaromas.org