

### Chat record

SG: Thank you Christopher, great presentation.

JB: Thanks Chris. I agree its an important question around maintaining our food forests systems in a simiiar attitude to creating them.

PL: I'm excited about this talk!

PL: that's great, thanks!

PL: I get very annoyed at seeing trees overpruned to stubs!

PL: and they are weak, easily broken when overloaded..

PL: Thanks!

PL: pruning with better airflow in mind should discourage burr knots?

JH: Love bike inner tubes for this. Usually getting them to open more!

JH: interesting light chimney idea!

YB: Same here. Pruning is still mysterious for me ! :)

YB: A good friend of mine, food forest farmer tend to say that his pruning technique is not pruning indeed ^\_^ @Frank

YB: Thank you ! Very interesting

RP: Do you have any advice on avoiding burr knots Chris?

aP: pruning techniques ought to be adjusted to respective climatic conditions; would you not agree?

aP: @Christopher; citrus varieties for example would not do well with light chimneys here

aP: Thank you for your presentation Chris; really enjoyed it.

CM: Hi Sophie! I'm here for any questions too Philip

CM: Dave Jacke's theoretical talk goes hand in hand with the idea of different pruning methods for different contexts (and therefore guilds)

CM: @Sophie there are a few possible things to be aware of. My suggestions: : 1. time of year 2. amount of shock tree experienced 3. whether the tree's impulse toward its natural form has been curtailed strongly.

CM: @Alp yes indeed, totally agree. A one size fits all approach is unlikely to exist! I have relocated from UK to Algarve, Portugal so am interested in your experiences

CM: @Robbie that isn't something that is on my radar but I'm interested to hear about the issues you have noticed.

CM: Thanks everyone, feel free to get in touch directly. Its a big topic and I hope to be able to be engaged in work around this little niche of forest gardening and agroforestry

CM: @Jouke good question. it depends on what the young tree presents to you in the end - rarely do trees look like textbooks say they ought to when seen in 3d/4d! Really I'm favouring theoretical simplicity but in reality it pays to be humble to what is prese

CM: presented by the tree I mean

JB: Thanks! I've always learned to stagger side branches. Why do you reccomend tiers?

Fd: Nice to hear about this. An ongoing discussion for us; to prune or not to prune.

SR: Lovely to see how you've developed your magic pruning skills! Hugs from Bulgaria

SR: If we get a lot of epicormic / water shoots after pruning, what is our mistake? Could this be caused by pruning too late or by removing the central leader and oruning to goblet shape?shoots

SR: Chris - we have to book a personal consultation with you!

SR: Or await an online course from you!

SR: Thanks for answer to my question

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