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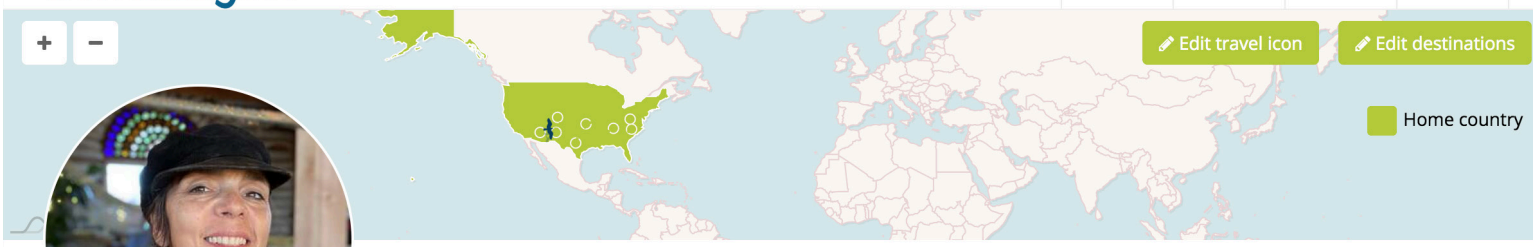

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Need help? Start the tour!

Welcome Donna !

United States Previous login: 23 Jul 2023 16:58 CST DonnaG

Your account has been verified

You can now contact hosts and other Workawayers

My status

Travel information

I am currently Edit

Travelling

Let other travellers know the activities you're interested in: Edit

Visionary, creative, DIY, American traveler with pioneer spirit on a journey to homestead. Working at family farms & homesteads learning skills & helping people transform spaces & reach their goals.

My next destination: Edit

- Tennessee, United States

Profile information

Reply rate

100.0 %

Individual account

Upgrade to a couple account

Description

Edit

Hello and thank you for considering me!

Since December, 2021, I have been transforming spaces, landscaping and acquiring all sorts of skills at family farms and homesteads, which I would love to put to work for you. Please see my "WORKAWAY EXPERIENCE" below this description for more on that.

I'm a creative professional with a DIY pioneer spirit traveling America on a journey to homestead. In the summer of 2021, my daughter and I converted our vehicles (doing the carpentry ourselves) and headed west. We had an amazing trek across the US together.

She found a place to live and I'm still traveling, learning the old ways and acquiring skills. I would love to learn from you, share what I know, and help you reach your goals. Working for you in exchange for a place to live with basic amenities such as electricity, shower and Internet so I can work online would be great.

I work hard, help wherever I can and maintain a positive, friendly, upbeat and can-do attitude. I eat clean, organic food and love to cook. I don't smoke or do drugs. I have very colorful work-life experiences involving music, art, design and helping to empower people, communities and businesses. You can see more about me at donnagentile.com.

My cat Luna travels with me. I keep her on a leash when outside. She hikes and walks regularly with me and has a calm, friendly and gentle nature. She has short hair and barely sheds. She's a super cool cat and is very well behaved.

I can give you 10 to 20 hours/week depending on your needs and what you can offer in exchange. Ideally, I'll need a place to stay with my cat that is climate-controlled where I can leave her when I'm working on your homestead or out in the community. Internet is important too so I can work my online business. Every place is different and maybe we can discuss what seems like a fair trade.

On my off hours, I will need time to work and look for opportunities to play music, paint murals, teach art workshops or design for local small businesses, but I would also love to spend time with you! I enjoy campfires, sunset walks, hiking, cooking, playing music, sharing stories, doing anything creative, adventuring and spending time in nature. I would love to play music for you, or with you. You can hear my music at donnagentile.com/music.

Thank you for considering me. I look forward to exploring the possibilities with you!

Warmly,

Donna

WORKAWAY EXPERIENCE

Since December, 2021, I have been transforming spaces, landscaping and acquiring all sorts of skills at family farms and homesteads, which I would love to put to work for you.

My first workaway was in Bisbee, AZ where I learned how to make cobb, build cobb walls in an adobe and earth bag home, sand glass bottle windows, and watched how to kill and prep a chicken. I also did landscaping, weeding, planting and gardening tasks. It was a wonderful first workaway experience!

After that, I stayed for several months at two different working farm communities in the Tucson area where I did landscaping and transformation of spaces, tree work, digging channels for irrigation, tending gardens, watering trees and vegetation, repairing and restoring furniture as well as a cement hobbit hut, and more!

At my fourth workaway in Taos, New Mexico, I helped out on an incredible family farm and learned to milk goats, make goat cheese, sourdough bread and lip balm, plant seedlings, weed and water gardens, feed and water pigs, goats, hens, ducks, a goose and baby chicks. They said I was their best ever, what an honor!

I'm looking for hosts in Connecticut, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and I'm open to other possibilities!

Please reach out to me! :)

What skills do you have?

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TRANSFORMING SPACES — I have been transforming spaces at workaways. Give me a challenge and I will work hard to clean up, landscape, beautify, create, organize, cultivate and transform your space.

MURALIST — I recently painted a beautiful 20' x 10' mural at Sacred Earth Community Farm and facilitated a Community Mandala Mural at Terra Sante Village in Tucson, AZ.

BASIC CARPENTRY & DESIGN — When I started doing carpentry inside my minivan, I realized I inherited a bit of my father's engineering mind and building skills. I discovered that I love carpentry and I'm pretty darn good at it. Would love to show you what I built inside my minivan — insulated floor (furring strips), pocket in sub-floor for huge tent, kitchen, side door shelving, three tier standing shelf, hatch doors to stowaway basement, hinged door for mini garage in back. I travel with a jig saw, impact driver, power drill, power sander & misc tools.

OTHER SKILLS
• Graphic, brand & web design
• Weeding, planting, watering, harvesting
• Yard work
• Cooking & preparing meals (I love to cook)
• House cleaning, organizing & planning
• Art workshops & DIY projects
• Performing singer/songwriter, acoustic guitar (Americana, folk, Native spirit-inspired, roots)
• Odd jobs
• Can help caring for animals. I have a friendly non-shedding cat. Recently learned how to milk goats and feed farm animals.

SOFTWARE & INTERNET
• Mac Design Software — Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator
• Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
• Website Design & Dev — WordPress
• E-Commerce — WooCommerce, Square, Wix, Etsy and others
• E-communications — MailChimp, Constant Contact
• Social media — Emerging platforms

Feedback

★★★★★
(Excellent)

Left by host (Natural earth building and ...) for Workawayer (Donna)

17 Jul 2023

This is a very overdue review of Donna, but we immensely enjoyed our time with her! She has many life experiences that translate to Donna being a talented woman in many fields. She readily jumped into all projects we had going on - heavy natural (adobe) building, house/homestead keeping type activities, and much more!

We are confident that Donna can fit into a diversity of workaway settings and opportunities, and she is very adaptable to make herself very productive. 100% recommended! During out time she was self-sustained in her mini van.