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growing the shumei natural agriculture way



July 26-27

9AM - 5PM

Rodale Institute

611 Siegfriedale Road
Kutztown, PA 19530

Registration Fee

\$200 (includes lunch
and refreshments)

Register online

[rodaleinstitute.org/
visit/calendar-of-events](http://rodaleinstitute.org/visit/calendar-of-events)
(Preregistration is required)

Information

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This 2-day conference teaches the philosophy, the basic principles, scientific theories and how-to of Shumei Natural Agriculture. Natural Agriculture is simple, affordable and sustainable as it does not require any additives, chemicals or fertilizers. In addition, continuous cropping and seed saving are important components. Upon completion of the conference, participants have the opportunity to join an extended network of Shumei farmers, gardeners and teachers for continued support and inspiration.

The practice of Shumei Natural Agriculture was founded in Japan in the 1930s by Mokichi Okada. It is based on a highly developed philosophy of life and is intimately tied to the physical and spiritual laws that govern the universe. It is more than a system of food production—it is a way of life. Since 2009 Rodale Institute has hosted a Shumei Garden on our 333-acre organic farm to showcase yet provide another view of agricultural techniques and methods.

Speakers include:



Dr. Elaine Ingham, world-renowned soil microbiologist and Rodale Institute's Chief Scientist. For more than three decades Dr. Ingham has helped thousands of individuals and companies improve their agricultural practices through a deeper understanding of what soil health really means.



Dr. Diana Jerkins, internationally recognized author, leader and teacher in the area of sustainable agriculture, including the philosophy and practices of Natural Agriculture.



Alan Imai, Director of Natural Agriculture Programs, Shumei International Japan and Executive Director of the Shumei International Institute in Crestone, Colorado. Mr. Imai enthusiastically introduces the spirituality of Shumei Natural Agriculture activities globally in Zambia, Turkey, Brazil, the Philippines and more, and seeks to promote a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle in these countries.

Full schedule is on the back.

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Friday, July 26		
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration	
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Welcome	Mark Smallwood
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Introduction	Alan Imai
10:00 am - 10:50 am	Shumei Natural Agriculture, a way of life	Alan Imai
11:00 am - 11:50 am	Life in the Soil 1	Dr. Elaine Ingham
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch and networking	
1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	Shumei Natural Agriculture garden tour	Eileen Weinsteiger
2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	Rodale Institute farm tour	Maria Pop
3:00 pm - 3:50 pm	Life in the Soil 2	Dr. Elaine Ingham
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	“Spirit of The Land”	Dr. Diana Jerkins

Saturday, July 27		
9:00 am - 9:50 am	Shumei Natural Agriculture farm tour, Q+A	Kenji Ban
10:00 am - 11:50 am	Shumei Natural Agriculture - How to 1	Dr. Diana Jerkins
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch and networking	
1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	Shumei Natural Agriculture - How to 2	Dr. Diana Jerkins
2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	Shumei Natural Agriculture around the world	Alan Imai
3:00 pm - 3:50 pm	Round table discussion	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Taiko* drum concert	Shumei taiko players

***Taiko** in general is often used to mean the relatively modern art of Japanese drum ensembles (kumi-daiko), but the word actually refers to the taiko drums themselves. Literally, taiko means “fat drum,” although there is a vast array of shapes and sizes of taiko. Within the last fifty years since kumi-daiko was created, it has seen phenomenal growth to the point where there are over 8,000 taiko groups in Japan by some counts. Borrowing from thousands of years of tradition, taiko groups are now taking the style worldwide. Taiko promises to be the first native Japanese music to spread through the world.