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SPRING UPDATE 2011

myvillages.org is launching our first book, we're growing tomatoes and linseed, arrange slaughters, we keep trading and selling and discussing, and thought it's time for a newsletter.

Vorratskammer ("Larder" in English)

Last September myvillages.org has embarked on a one year long project to fill a larder to feed a festival. The "Vorratskammer" is filling up with food, drinks, ideas and issues, and all will be emptied during the "ÜberLebenskunst" Festival at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt in Berlin from 17 - 21 August 2011.



The larder fills up alongside our journeys, research and actions about food production in and around Berlin. We have planted a linseed field in Tiergarten, bought two organic pigs (and made them conventional again, because we are artists and not an organic food company), dried mushrooms, pickled daisy bulbs, plan a lettuce water garden around a Henry Moore statue, hope to have the world's best vegan cakes, made cheese together with Fernando Garcia Dory and his cheese godfather Jesús, we work together with the association of housekeepers, with the Schnippelgirls, trainees from the Butcher's School Berlin, community gardens, food technologists from Beuth University, urban beekeepers, suburban farmers, a Marxist potatoe collective and ...

What is in the larder will feed the festival, with some of it only on offer for the "15 minutes of precious goods" or during the "Big Bang" on the opening night. Accompanying talks and a discussion programme give space and voice to those who with great enthusiasm, enormous knowledge, lots of time and little economic reward produce the food we appreciate, and to simply find out about facts and connections.

Visit the website to follow the larder activities, and join us for the festival in August.

<http://www.vorratskammer.myvillages.org>

"ÜberLebenskunst" has been initiated by the German Federal Cultural Foundation and is coproduced by Haus der Kulturen der Welt, with the aim to showcase and debate cultural approaches to sustainable living in the 21st century.

www.ueber-lebenskunst.org

Our first book - Images of Farming - to be launched on 20th May 11 at the Fries Museum in Leeuwarden

Following the "Images of Farming" Symposium which was co-organised with the StädtischeGalerie in Nordhorn in January 2010, the book brings together observations and reflections from a wide range of practitioners, commissioners and researchers who are dealing with representations of farming and farmers from the recent past and the present. The symposium was initiated by Antje and Wapke, who are also the editors for the book.

Available through Jap Sam Books. And in a design of Niels Schrader.

More info: <http://www.japsambooks.nl>



International Village Shops run by myvillages.org

The International Village Shop keeps running, at various locations and to different times, and myvillages.org has not only been a busy shopkeeper, but also producing new goods and products.



Shops include a [One Evening Shop](#) during Grizedale Art's "Late at Tate" gig last June at Tate Britain in London, an extension to Kultivators' farmshop during the Art and Agriculture Wedding in July 2010, a new product launch and [one day shop](#) during the potato festival in Neuenkirchen, presenting the brand new potatoe sleeper. A [temporary International Village Shop](#) opened at the "Vertretung des Landes Niedersachsen beim Bund" in Berlin (6 till 17 october 2010), with two new products made in Niedersachsen: a special embroidered fabric developed by the Paramentenwerkstatt Helmstedt with Antje's inspiration and the national launch of the Potato Sleeper from Neuenkirchen. A [two months long shop](#) during the exhibition "Das Dorf" in the Swiss Kunsthhaus Langenthal. Local goods were added to the shop. A [one day shop](#) with Galeria Metropolitana in Santiago de Chile, where Thomas and Antje stayed on invitation by the Goethe Institute. A [one-evening International Village Shop](#) at Intermediae in February 2011, as part of their Seed Exchange Bank - with special focus on land use and resources. And another [one afternoon shop](#) during the cheese market of the "campo adentro" symposium organised by Fernando and Museo Reina Sofia in Madrid.

Save the date for following events this year:

20 May, Images of Farming Book Launch in Leeuwarden, Fries Museum, NL

3 July until 9 August International Village Shop at Kunstverein Pforzheim, D

4 and 5 August, myvillages.org with Farmers' Medley at Festival of Britain, Land at Southbank Centre, London UK

17 - 21 August, Vorratskammer at Über Lebenskunst Festival, Berlin, D

October - week 43 - Myvillages.org in TENT Rotterdam NL

And check www.myvillages.org for latest news and project updates.