

Missa's Urban Home

BTR Show Prep for 10/04/2009

Homesteader: Blake Slemmer

Greeting	I'm Missa Dixon And this is Missa's Urban Home on Blog Talk Radio The show where we enlightening lives one extraordinary topic at a time.
Today's show	World famous homesteader Blake Slemmer from PickYourOwn.org will be here to discuss food preservation, local farms, equipment, and picking your own (fruits and veggies that is.) Please join us for a great hour of doing it yourself.
Weather	Kind of a rain day here in the delta today Things got cold here over night Feels a lot like fall – leaves falling, getting stuck in the dog's fur.
Foo Dog Mafia	Yes I did get the squeaky toy. My roommate and I had T-bones last night and the dogs got the bones. So they are happy campers.
Thankful Moment	My show is on iTunes.
Pointing moment	Kids thinking that ancient people had electricity, watches, etc.
Upcoming Shows	Oct 11th – Surprise Oct 18th - Kalila Smith is going to be here to talk about Voodoo and Hoodoo. She is well versed in this culture. Kalila Smith is the founder of the New Orleans Paranormal & Occult Society. Oct 25th – The Vampire throw-down between Allan Gilbreath and H. David Blalock.

Interview Questions:

Homesteader Blake Slemmer

- ⊗ How I found you and your wonderful web sites?
 - Doing show prep for Food preservation.
- ⊗ Tell me about your early life. Where did you come from?
- ⊗ You have a 3 acres farm with an 85 year old barn, and garden to die for, orchards and chickens. How did you get here?
- ⊗ How important do you think local farming is?
- ⊗ Do you think small by design, family run, organic farms have a place in the future comers of this country given the economic down turn?
- ⊗ What do we need to take with us to pick your own?
- ⊗ What are some basic rules of a pick your own farm?
- ⊗ Can kids participate in picking their own food?
- ⊗ How much do we pick? And how do we handle it when we get home?
- ⊗ For the busy mom, is canning and freezing at home worth it?
- ⊗ What are the basic tools/equipment we need to get started?
- ⊗ Where is the best place to get this equipment?
- ⊗ What is the best thing to start with? (Just so we can feel successful.)
- ⊗ I saw Elderberry on your web site. You are the only site that I have seen to list them. Have you ever made Elderberry jelly, wine, etc?

- ⊗ You have the most informative web sites I have seen on the subject of food preservation. Why did you set them up?
- ⊗ Space travel has come up in the news lately – more than likely because of the comparisons to Kennedy. What do we need to do to grow nourishing food for a long space trip?
- ⊗ What project would you like to do that you just haven't gotten to yet?
- ⊗ What is your next project or projects?
- ⊗ How can we follow you? Website, face book, etc.

Web sites/ Promo Stuff

Current websites:

- ✿ <http://www.PickYourOwn.org> - where to find farms in the U.S., Canada and Britain to pick your own fruit and vegetables
- ✿ <http://www.PumpkinPatchesAndMore.org> - find a pumpkin patch, corn maze, hay ride, or other Halloween event near you!
- ✿ <http://www.PickYourOwnChristmasTree.org> - Come back in December to find a tree farm near you where pick out a tree and have it cut for you!
- ✿ <http://www.ehso.com> - environmental health and safety information for the general public and EHS professionals
- ✿ <http://www.ConsumerFraudReporting.org> - Information about frauds and scams and how to report them
- ✿ <http://www.ConsumersGuideToMakingMoneyOnline.org> – How to build a web-based business, with less than \$100 to start.

Going live in the next weeks:

- ✿ Farm market, farm stand, farmer's market, roadside stand, direct garden sales, etc., as long as some produce is local
(www.LocalFarmMarkets.org)
- ✿ Honey, honeybees and apiaries
(www.LocalHoneySources.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in late July 2009)

Going live in Autumn/Winter 2009:

- ✿ Farm dairies - dairies with any direct consumer sales of dairy products or farm tours
(www.FarmDairies.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in August 2009)
- Farm venues for Events: birthday parties, weddings, business meetings, retreats, dude ranches, etc.
(www.FarmsForYourEvent.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in August 2009)
- Horses: Horseback riding, stables, carriage rides, sleigh rides, anything related to horses
(www.HorseRidesAndMore.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in August 2009)
- Maple syrup orchards
(www.MapleSyrupFarms.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in September 2009)
- Meats - Ranches/farms raising on-site and selling: beef, pork, turkey, chicken, bison, other meats, etc.,
(www.RanchFreshMeats.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in September 2009)
- Farm equipment, resources, information, services and/or products
(items that a farm or farmer may want to buy, sell or use, including new and used farm equipment)
(www.ResourcesForFarmers.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in September 2009)
- ✿ The Organic Consumer - a new organic shopping website to provide pragmatic information to help people who want to live a safer, healthier more environmentally responsible life, BUT have financial and practical needs to meet, too! (live now, but there's just a bit of content up so far)
(www.TheOrganicConsumer.org)
- ✿ Farm Bed and Breakfasts - Bed and breakfasts at /on a farm
(www.FarmBedAndBreakfasts.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in September 2009)
- Wholesale food producers (whether you have one crop or many to sell wholesale; local sales and/or able to ship)
(www.WholesaleFoodSources.org) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in October 2009)
- Community food events (not held on a farm, such as community food festivals)
(www.FoodAndDrinkFestivals.com) (I'm collecting listings now to launch in October 2009)
- ✿ [OrganicGardeningMadeEasy.org](http://www.OrganicGardeningMadeEasy.org) – Gardening organically is not tough – it's actually easier than using chemicals and pesticides, as well as safer!
- ✿ Learn how to garden organically, sustainably or just with fewer chemicals here!
- ✿ (www.OrganicGardeningMadeEasy.com) Going live bit by bit starting now through Winter 2009

Surprise Interview Questions:

Who is your favorite author?	X-men or Super Friends?
What is your favorite Shakespearean Play?	Star Wars or Star Trek?
What is your least favorite color?	Color crayons or color pencils?
What scares you?	Paper or Plastic?
How many pets do you have?	Coke or Pepsi?
What is your favorite food?	Boxers or Briefs?
What is your astrological sign?	Pen or Pencil?
What is your favorite book?	Mac or PC?
What literary work would you like to see turned into a visual format?	MP3 or CD?
Who's your favorite writer?	Dogs or Cats?
Who is your favorite literary character?	Inside or outside the lines?
What genera do you hate?	Ocean or lake?
What is something strange about you?	Newspaper or TV news?
What are your hobbies about side of work and publishing?	Ginger or Mary Ann?
	Pancakes or Waffles?