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**LETTERS**

Send letters to Communities magazine, communities@ic.org or 52 Willow St., Marion, NC 28752. Your letter may be edited or shortened. Thank you!

**Out in the Open**

Dear Communities:

Your issue, “Lovers in Community” (Summer 2003) struck a chord. The articles on the effect of community on love relationships, and the support offered when couples break up in community, reminded me of the community I once lived in. Four young couples started out in the early ’80s with high hopes. I later joined them, along with other single young people. While everything seemed to go along well for the first two years, two of the relationships began to unravel, especially those that weren’t all that tight to begin with. One couple split, but as in your article on breaking up, everyone was so supportive of both partners that they each stayed in the community.

Another man and his wife began having problems. It turns out she’d been having a series of short-term affairs for years—with women. Every year she’d get a new lover on the side. Their arrangement, apparently, was that he’d look the other way, and when she was done with her fling they’d continue on as usual. He was devoted to his wife and wanted her to be happy, and they had what he thought of as an “open marriage.” He once told me her affairs were like a safety valve that periodically let the pressure out of their marriage, which allowed them to live quite happily.

But when one of the new single woman joined the community his wife fell in love. It was different from her past relationships, she said, and she thought it would be serious. She proposed that they be a kind of disconnected threesome, but permanently. My friend and the new girlfriend went along with it reluctantly.

Meanwhile I was getting to know one of the young single women in the community. But, damn, she and my married friend began to have an attraction for one another and she chose him over me. They fell in love. My friend felt pretty happy at this point, since he was feeling special and loved again, getting the attention he needed. He assumed his wife would accept his new lover and they’d all continue on as a kind of chain of relationships. But his wife didn’t accept it at all. She was outraged that he’d betrayed her, she said. She was so upset, in fact, that she eventually left the community. But by that time her girlfriend had lost interest in the relationship and stayed behind. My friend and his new love settled into their new life. His wife’s former girlfriend became my girlfriend for awhile. My friend’s former wife moved to another community, where she got involved in a new relationship—with a man.

I don’t think any of this is so unusual and such goings-on are certainly not limited to communities—except that, given typical community dynamics all of it was out in the open. Everyone watched our small drama unfold with tolerance and forbearance (and perhaps a touch of amusement). Ah, community. How I miss it.

Robert Green
Los Angeles, California
Tripping on Our Shoestring:
How the Directory Update Got to Be a an Issue of Communities

Ordinarily, we publish Communities four times a year. This year we'll do it five times, and what you have in your hands is the "extra" issue (we'll return you to our regularly scheduled program in December with our winter issue). It happened this way...

One of the big costs in magazine publishing is postage. The United States Postal Service offers a favorable mailing status called Periodical Rates permit which allows us to mail our publication inexpensively, but there's a catch—you have to publish a minimum of four times per year to qualify. Since we're a quarterly, we just make it over the bar. As long as we manifested a magazine on schedule everything was fine.

Trouble in Paradise

The Fellowship for Intentional Community (FIC) took over the helm as publisher of Communities in 1992, when the magazine was dead in the water and penniless. It took us two years to get it staffed and back running on a quarterly basis, making it once again the flagship publication of the intentional communities movement. We're proud of what we've accomplished, and I want take a moment to appreciate the hardworking and dedicated folks that have made this possible. Diana Christian, as Editor, has been captain of the ship the whole time, and her able crew over the years has included Lance Scott, Paul DeLapa, Patricia Greene, Tristan Masat, Elph Morgan, Tree Bressen, and many more. Take a bow, one and all.

COMING IN FUTURE ISSUES

Special Community Seekers Guide, Spring '04.
How to find your ideal community—or should you start your own? Visiting communities—how to be a great guest. Assessing and comparing communities. Signs of a healthy community (and things to watch out for).

Patricia Greene and Diana Leafe Christian, editors.

Communities magazine, 52 Willow St., Marion, NC, 28752; communities@ic.org; 828-652-8517.
For everyone connected with the magazine, the work is part time and underpaid. The magazine has operated in the red for more often than in the black and we're always scrambling to make ends meet. In consequence, staff is spread thin and when the unexpected happens (which you can pretty well expect) the schedule sometimes slips.

Three years ago, we ran into several production glitches. As a result, the winter issue appeared in January instead of December, which meant that we only released three issues in 2000. What with one thing and another, subsequent issues also fell behind and the cumulative effect over two years was that we were a whole cycle off—in December 2002 we were releasing the fall issue, when we should have been publishing the winter issue.

To catch up, we labeled that one (#116) the "Fall/Winter" issue. We thought that was elegant at the time because now we were square with the calendar and subscribers would still get all the issues due them. That did not, however, satisfy the Post Office. While they've been generous in giving us room to correct our misstep in 2000, they have not forgotten. The bottom line: we had to make up the lost issue or lose our Periodicals Rate permit. Gulp.

We did a lot of head scratching last winter as we puzzled out what to do. Putting out five regular issues in 2003 was daunting. Staff struggles now to crank out four quality issues annually, and it seemed a set-up for headaches and frustration to set the metronome at 5/4 time.

The Old Switcheroo

Instead, we decided to call this year's annual Directory Update an issue of the magazine (#120). Ordinarily this appears annually as a modest handout, but this year we've dressed it up. It satisfies the USPS because it looks like Communities, smells like Communities, and was mailed like Communities. Even if it doesn't taste like Communities, that's what we're calling it. Because we were going to publish the Directory Update anyway, there is only the additional expense of a cover, perfect binding (the magazine binding process), and a few extra pages (Letters to the Editor, Geoph Kozeny's Peripatetic Communitarian column, this Publisher's Note, etc.). That way we can keep a lid on costs.

The trickiest part is that this issue is only being mailed to those magazine subscribers who also have purchased a copy of the latest edition of Communities Directory and have sent in the card at the back of the book requesting the Updates. The next issue to be sent to the other subscribers will be #121, in December. Everyone with a subscription expiry greater than 119 will have their number boosted by one, so that they'll receive all the regular copies due them. We'll send out a note with #121 explaining all this, but we're girding our metaphorical loins to prepare for a stream of confused inquiries.

When you operate on a shoestring, there is always the danger of falling to tie up a loose end and tripping over the dangler. That happened, and now we're trying to make it right.

In short—which this issue is—#120 is special. We also hope it is an anomaly.

Leland Schaus

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One of the Fellowship for Intentional Community's primary objectives is to provide the most up-to-date contact information for intentional communities that we can find, and our Communities Directory is the centerpiece of that work.

While we do all we can to make the Directory as current and comprehensive as possible, it takes us more than two years to complete and every week we receive new leads for communities, plus numerous address and phone changes. Rather than trying to create an updated directory every few months, we regularly publish the late-breaking information here in Communities magazine. All of the information contained in this update was received after the 1995 Directory was released.

The information here is condensed and abbreviated, and will be more thoroughly presented in future Directories. For example, the book format includes a cross-reference chart of many features including population statistics, number of acres, leadership and decision-making structures, diet, schooling, spiritual practices, and so on, plus maps showing approximate location. If you would like to examine a copy of the current edition, please contact us at the telephone number listed below and we can direct you to nearby libraries that have copies.

You can help us, too! Please let us know if you discover any leads about new communities, or find that we have incorrect information in current listings. Please send to Directory Update, 138 Twin Oaks Rd, Louisa VA 23093. Or contact dir-updates@ic.org 540-894-5798.

Thank you!

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"Allantha is a warm and loving community in Northern Virginia dedicated to personal growth, healthy relationships, and supportive community. We are non-residential - we live separately in the DC metropolitan area, and meet frequently in each other's homes.

We started in November 1999 under the name of CuddleBuddies, where our emphasis was on creating an environment conducive to safe touch.

Today, our vision has expanded to emphasize emotional intimacy in our relationships as our primary concern. We emphasize personal responsibility for our own feelings, honest communication, gentle resolution of conflicts, and clear expectations in relationships."


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"It has been twelve years since the original vision of a sustainable community came about. It has been eight since the cooperative community started it's history as a community village of approximately 100 children and adults, who all had to learn how to function together with the tasks at hand.

Decorating the common-house, communal eating, playgrounds and growing vegetables, to name just a few.

We have succeeded in giving a practical bid in what we think is the right direction. In the light of the age we live in, this is something we can be proud of. And we are! Our houses and efforts are so far only a start, a step on the way to a more sustainable lifestyle.

The Co-operative Community is about 15 km northwest of Aarhus in the outskirts of Hjortshøj with detached houses and residential areas on one side and a view of Aarhus Bay on the other." 9/2002.

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Appears to differ from a rural group of the same name. 5/2002.

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"Commonterra (est. '77) is five households, total population 9 adults and 7 children, living on 150 acres held in common through a community land trust. Open to new members who must go through a one-year provisional process. Individual families own their own houses, and are responsible for their own finances and domestic arrangements; community decisions are by consensus." 9/2002.

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"The mission of the community planet foundation is nothing less than transforming the planet. We are not an existing community, but we are working on creating a demonstration community on the level of 400 to 500 people that will redefine how we as people live together on the planet. We realize that the way we live together and relate together in community is the basic building block that is needed to change the world. The creation of a large-scale egalitarian, sustainable community that utilizes the latest technology will enable others to see how we can all cooperate and enjoy a happier and healthier standard of living. With media exposure, millions will be able to see and hear about a lifestyle that they too can enjoy. Given the current status of our planet, at this point in our history nothing less is called for and nothing less will work.

For a complete description of our project, you may purchase our book, the next evolution: A Blueprint For Transforming The Planet by Jack Reed. Please order by email." 9/2002.

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Updates and expands on listing which first appeared in Communities magazine #115.
“Our Community Dearborn Commons is a new cohousing project forming to build a second cohousing community in the Jackson Place neighborhood of Seattle. The community has acquired the right to purchase a site at the intersection of S. Dearborn Street and Hiawatha Place, one block east of Rainier Avenue South. When completed, the finished community will include 18 new homes, a Common House, and other shared community facilities. The outdoor spaces will be designed for the enjoyment of everyone, with southern exposures and intimate urban gardens. What will it cost? Each participating household will need to make a capital contribution to the Dearborn Commons LLC for the development of the community, including land purchase, professional fees and building costs. As homes are completed, the limited liability company will sell them to its members, who will obtain individual mortgages. At that time members will be able to apply their capital contributions toward the down payment of their home. Various down payment assistance programs are being implemented, as well as the potential for property tax deferral for the first ten years after moving in. The cost of each home will vary according to size, location and finish options. Prices are expected to be at or below market rate for new, ‘shared-wall housing’ of comparable size and location. In addition we have developed strategies for ways to make our new homes more affordable for moderate-income families. Homes range in size from studios to two bedrooms. Based on our preliminary budget estimates, we are targeting home costs in a range from $165,000 to $290,000.” 9/2002.

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“We are looking forward to beginning construction early in 2003. And yes, we ARE accepting new members!” 9/2002.

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“Founded in 1981, ESP is a small wilderness-based community located on the Sweet Medicine Wildlife Sanctuary, an isolated river canyon deep in the enchanted Gilia bioregion. Nested seven shallow river crossings from the nearest road, the restored Sanctuary is home to towering pines and majestic cottonwoods, blossoming cactus and wild grape vines, elk and deer, lion and bear, ducks and herons, rare songbirds and bald eagles. Teachers, residents and seasonal interns dedicate themselves to 1) restoring and rewilding the lush canyon ecology; 2) resacramentizing the ancient place of power and protecting its archaeological integrity; 3) disseminating the important Gaian insights the landscape provides through correspondence, publishing, and the hosting of students and seekers for Project programs; and 4) nurturing focused community, leading to a sustainable lineage of sacred caretakership. Openings are available for 30-90 day internships, the more demanding apprenticeships, and potential lifetime residencies. All ages are considered, including young individuals and couples willing to devote themselves wholly to a wilderness paradise and its ministry of Earth and Spirit, presence and awareness, compassion and response-ability, promise and purpose. We feast on locally gathered wild foods and bulk organic grains, and eat a number of meals together each week. A portion of every day is given to being alone with land, taking intimate walks that deepen our connection and affirm our practice and work. There are a couple group workshops each quarter, as well as the annual Wild Women’s Gathering. Normal activities include tree planting, seed collecting, wood chopping, cooking for groups, website production, studying, transcribing talks, corresponding, submitting articles, assisting the many guests coming for inspiration and guidance? and actively celebrating life, tribe and place.”

Those interested should check out the programs, Gaian teachings and photos of the land on our website. Materials, books and an introductory video tape are available on request.” 7/2002.

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Units 60, Acres 0.75. 12/2002.

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An “ecovillage research group” publishing a magazine called AUBE with a new website soon. 9/2002.

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“The community Elim provides for their own livelihood through full-time and part-time jobs, and consists right now of five adults and five children. Most of the income comes from the running of a technical illustration and design bureau.

Community-members live with a common purse, from which all costs are paid: rent, cars, holidays, pocket money, etc. From the circle of friends of the community, the evangelical church Elim came into being in 1985. This church has three meetings each week. One tries, both in the community and in the church, to put into practice living with God in everyday life. In addition, there are ongoing contacts with Christians in Third World countries - mainly India - both with western missionaries, and with native believers.

More than ten years ago, Elim initiated a community-movement of at present 35 Dutch communities. There is a work-group, a magazine, a study course and an annual conference. With our life we hope people do discover that it is possible to live in peace and happiness through the lifegiving and transforming power of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Come and visit us!”

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“Forming a coho community in the Catskills of NY. It will be rural, with a CSA, and ecofriendly homes. Looking for other interested parties.” 10/2002.

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“We are located on the rainy side of the Big Island of Hawaii. While we are currently working towards getting the homestead up and running sustainably, we are also concentrating on starting our tropical wellness herb garden and fruit orchard. Campsites are available for a work exchange of five hours per week while we build more living structures (we are currently harvesting and drying bamboo for the next cabin). We are in the very beginning stages of everything and could use lots of help with gardening, permaculture based landscaping, alternative energy and building (solar and gravity based systems), and much more.

The property is drug and alcohol free. Our diet preference is vegetarian though we are open to all. We are hoping to find some long-terms but are flexible and do prefer a one month trial period for the benefit of all. We would like to know what interested folk hope to experience during their time in Hawaii and any relevant experience etc.” 11/2002.

Green River Commons (Forming)
Greenfield, MA
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http://www.greencoho.org/
Units 20, Acres 44. 12/2002.

Grishino Community
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vasudeva@mail.spb.org
http://www.grishino.ecology.net.ru

“In the northwest of Russia, in the historical village of Grishino (300 km North East of St. Petersburg), at the confluence of two rivers for a number of years we have lived and built an ecological village and a center for spiritual and educational programs.

We are followers of different spiritual traditions united by the aspiration to live in harmony with Mother Nature and with each other. We believe that inner paths lead to the One Source and that the divine light dwells in the heart of every being. We seek that light through prayers, meditations, chanting and dances, as well as in our daily work, creating a space of love for ourselves and our children.

Seven of us are living in Grishino all year round. We have two community houses in traditional Russian style, and some of us are building their own log houses. We have several vegetable gardens, and a large wild flower field. Our ecovillage is surrounded by natural forests, where we gather lots of herbs, berries, and mushrooms. There live many kinds of wild birds and animals, like beavers, moose, bears, hares, foxes, wolves, wild cats, and many others. We are starting a project on ecological forest management.

We aim to continue the cultural traditions of our ancestors, restore the folk arts, their songs and dances, woodworking, ceramics, village architecture, and build a school of joy for our children. Each summer we hold seminars for adults and children where one can participate in the spiritual life and work of our community and to merge with the spirit of Russian nature.

Nearby there is a beautiful wooden church, built in 1696.” 9/2002.
Het Huis van Antonia
http://www.hethuisvanantonia.nl

Himalayan Institute
RR 1 Box 1127
Honesdale, PA 18431-9706
570-253-5551
info@HimalayanInstitute.org
http://www.HimalayanInstitute.org
Service organization with residential programs though not exactly an IC.

The Himalayan Institute is located on a beautiful, 400-acre campus near the town of Honesdale in northeastern Pennsylvania. Wooded, rich with wildlife, and situated in the rolling hills of the Pocono Mountains, the Institute provides a wonderfully peaceful and healthy setting. With hiking trails, a pond, nearby waterfall, clean air and quiet, this is the perfect place to relax and discover the best of yourself.

We offer a variety of programs throughout the year in holistic health, hatha yoga, meditation, philosophy, psychology and other subjects, but the Institute is more than its programs. The atmosphere here is one to foster growth, increased inner awareness and calm. That atmosphere is felt whether you are in our vegetable and flower gardens, orchard, vegetarian kitchen, bookstore, gift shop, or offices. Whether the programs offered are for weekend meditation retreats, weeklong seminars on spirituality, or months-long residential programs, we attempt to provide an environment of gentle inner progress.

That gentle growth has been the intent of the Institute since it was founded in 1971 as a non-profit organization. Our purpose has been to help people grow physically, mentally, and spiritually by combining the best knowledge of both the East and the West.

The Institute also publishes numerous books and tapes available through the Himalayan Institute Press, and a bimonthly magazine, Yoga International. Hatha yoga teachers training is available through the Himalayan Institute Teachers Association. Holistic health services, Ayurvedic rejuvenation programs, and pancha karma are offered through our Center for Health and Healing in Honesdale and New York.

The Honesdale site serves as the organization’s headquarters. Institute programs are also offered at branch and affiliated centers throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

Membership in the Institute helps support its programs and offers members valuable benefits.” 9/2002.

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Homewood Cohousing
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Hospital Comunitario Waldos
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Cooperative group of Americans and Ecuadorian doctors serving the poor.

Hummingbird Ranch
Mora, NM
http://www.globalfamily.net/website/60-hummingbird.html

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Canada
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jclement@icacan.ca (Janis Clement)
http://www.icacan.ca
http://toponline.ca
This listee should properly be described as an important relevant Resource but not an IC.

"ICA Associates Inc., is a unique facilitation, training and research organization providing effective participatory skills to thousands of people across Canada. ICA Associates Inc. is affiliated with The Canadian Institute of Cultural Affairs. The Institute of Cultural Affairs has 40 years of experience in 32 nations. ICA Associates Inc. is on the leading edge of change and consistently delivers quality programs to hundreds of communities and organizations.

Our mission is to promote, develop and enhance people's capacity to participate in the creation of a more human world through:
- Training in group facilitation and change management methods.
- Consulting in community and organizational development.

ICA Canada is a non-profit organization that is affiliated with ICA International. ICA International operates in over 30 different countries and is seconded to the UN. ICA operates in each country differently.
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Jesuit Volunteer Corps (DC)
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jvi@jesuitvolunteers.org
http://www.jesuitVolunteers.org

“Since 1956 more than 7,000 members
of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps have committed
themselves to working with the poor. They
have put off graduate school and turned
down job offers in order to offer
to people who have few options

Hundreds of grassroots organizations
across the country count on Jesuit
Volunteers to provide essential services to
low-income people and those who live on the
margins of our society.

Jesuit Volunteers serve the homeless,
the unemployed, refugees, people with AIDS,
the elderly, street youth, abused women
and children, the mentally ill and the
developmentally disabled. JVC has become
the largest Catholic lay volunteer program
in the country.

Some job placements require specific
credentials or licenses, but most JVC jobs
are done by people who have a general
educational background and a willingness
to learn new skills.

JVC is more than just a job. Social justice,
simple life-style, community, and
spirituality: these values provide the
cornerstone for living out a commitment to
faith and justice.”

There are six regional centers
1 - JVC: South.
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5625
2 - JVC: Northwest.
jvcnw@jesuitvolunteers.org (503) 335-8202
3 - JVC: East. jvecast@jesuitvolunteers.org
(410) 214-1744
4 - JVC: Midwest.
jvcnw@jesuitvolunteers.org (313) 345-
3480
5 - JVC: Southwest.
jvcsw@jesuitvolunteers.org (415) 522-1599
6 - JVC: International.
jvi@jesuitVolunteers.org (202) 687-1132.

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Loco (Forming)
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Mele Nahiku (Forming)
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Mountain Gardens Community
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Wheat Ridge, CO
http://www.geocities.com/vikkibooks/
MGCLC-comm

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http://www.ecovillages.org/scotland/scns/
memberprojects/Munkes2.html

Oak Creek Commons
1323 Stoney Creek Road
Paso Robles, CA 93446
800-489-8715
info@oakcreekcommons.org
http://www.oakcreekcommons.org/

Oak Village Commons (Cohousing)
Austin, TX
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Cat Barron <ccbarron@io.com>

Oberlin Student Cooperative Association (OSCA)
Oberlin College Wilder Hall
135 West Lorain Street
Oberlin, OH 44074
“Osca, est. 1950, is a unique co-op in
that it houses and feeds 175 student
owners and feeds an additional 455
student owners in dining facilities.
Individual houses are self-managed, and
decisions for the association are made
democratically, with representation from all
of the individual units. Some decisions are
by simple majority; most are by consensus.
OSCA buys food from local farms as much
as possible; special provisions are made for
members with vegetarian and kosher
dietary preferences. The co-op owns some
of its facilities, and leases most from the

Olive Branch Community
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Orange Twin Conservation Community  
Athens, CA  
orangetwin@yahoo.com  
http://www.orangetwin.com/village/  
Own Site. 42 units, 150 acres. 3/2003.

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Oregon Ecobuilding Cohousing  
info@healthybuildings.org  
http://www.healthybuildings.org/cohousing.htm  

Pacific Gardens Cohousing Community  
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Canada  
250-754-2554  
info@ecoconnections.ca  
http://www.ecoconnections.ca/cohousing  
Pacific Gardens Cohousing Community has purchased 4.33 acres on the Chase River in Nanaimo, on Vancouver Island. The property is beautiful, with a spectacular view of Mount Benson (and sunsets) and the river running across the back of the property. It is a delightful piece of ’country in the city,’ covered with trees, an old orchard, seasonal pond and all manner of bushes and wildflowers blooming in the spring. We are currently seeking new members to participate in the planning and design of this exciting project!  
We envision a 25 unit environmentally friendly building which will maximize green space and provide the best opportunity for social interaction. There will be a large common-house within the building which will provide amenities such as a commercial sized kitchen, dining room, living room, teen room, library, office, kids room, craft room, woodworking room and possibly a members only coop store. Each unit will be fully self-contained and individually owned (similar to strata-titled condos). The approx. price range is Cdn $90,000 to $180,000 based on square footage etc.  
The property is very private and unique. Down by the river in the forest of fir trees, you can imagine yourself far away from civilization with no buildings in sight and just the sound of rushing water. We are within a block of the bus and easy cycling or walking to town or shopping mall. There is an elementary school a couple of blocks away, a high school and Malaspina University-College within easy reach by walking, cycling or bus.  
We are committed to a chemical free environment both inside and outside and will use the best available green technology. Pacific Gardens Cohousing will be multi-generational and inclusive of all people who genuinely care about living in harmony with the earth and each other.  

Portland Eastside Cohousing  
(Forming)  
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Palatine, IL 60067  
847-705-6400  
510-549-9980  
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Bill Polits <bill@cohousingco.com>  

Quail’s Nest Cohousing (Forming)  
Longmont, CO  
303-673-9817  
303-449-3232 ext. 116 Leigh  
Frank-Martin  
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Leigh Christy <leigh@whdc.com>  
http://www.geocities.com/quailsnestlongmont  
are secular, and don’t have a particular group philosophy, although we tend to have a ‘green’ outlook - we recycle, our land is organic, we have solar hot water, compost toilets, eco-paints, and there is now an environmental organization called LIL based here (in the stable block) which employs three members, and runs courses, provides information and undertakes projects and installations. Membership applications are up, and we have planning permission to provide more accommodation in the stable block.” 12/2002.

Rimfire Ranch
Radium Springs, NM
http://www.zianet.com/earth

Roberts Creek Cohousing
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Canada
604-885-2971
garykent@uniserve.com
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"Roberts Creek Cohousing is one of the first rural cohousing communities in Canada. After 3 1/2 years of planning, and we started construction and should be complete by late 2004. Our aim is to share as much as we possibly can, to be stewards of the earth, to enhance relationships with each other and the surrounding community and to generally have a good time. Our 31 homes house a rich diversity of adults and children from Canada and elsewhere and we are delighted to be part of the worldwide movement towards more sustainable communities.” 8/2003.

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Skylands Heatheren Community
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Springhill Cohousing Community
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“Springhill Cohousing Community will be the first new build Cohousing Community in the UK. There are 21 houses and 14 apartments and of course a large common house (3500 sq ft). The site is very close to the centre of Stroud, a town of 15,000, with the first Green Mayor, in the West of England. The project was 90% pre-sold even before legal completion (ownership) of the site and before building permission had been granted. Each member became a director and shareholder of the Community Ltd, the developer. We have a Government grant of £320,000 ($500,000) to pay for photovoltaic roof tiles. A development loan was taken from the Cooperative Bank for the buildings works. Each household owns their home. Three of the houses are ‘affordable’ which means they have a 15% discount for perpetuity. Rainwater will be used for toilet flushing and washing machines. The houses will be super-insulated with low heating costs. The first 8 houses will be complete in April 2003 and the whole site is expected to be complete by December 2003. We do have some room for paying guests – please email us.” 9/2002.
Stewardship Incorporated
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mail@stewardshipincorporated.org
“Stewardship Incorporated is a nonprofit community initiative dedicated to implementing sustainable systems on private and public lands. Our current focus is a cooperative effort between the Puna Community and The University of Hawaii. We are working to transform an unutilized agricultural experiment farm into a research & demonstration center for enlightened living practices. Malama Ki Experiment Farm is located on 189 acres in the Malama Ki Rainforest Reserve on the Big Island of Hawaii. Stewardship Inc. is a very young effort. We are currently recruiting a permanent board of directors who will also be the resident, working staff. These positions will require people of extraordinary integrity, initiative, courage, and freedom from other obligations (minimum 1 year commitment). Anyone joining us, at this stage, is committing to INTENSE PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH A SMALL CORE GROUP OF INITIATORS. This intensity of involvement is necessary because the success or failure of this project is 100% dependent on the quality of relationship in this core group. Functional stewardship is neither concept nor lifestyle. Effective stewardship is conscious awareness of present, physical reality and is manifest through intelligent, strenuous physical labor. Most of the people who come to us are so caught up in idealistic, intellectual concepts, spiritual quests and utopian fantasies that they are unable to function effectively in any context, let alone the highly challenging circumstances of this project. BE AWARE: rainforest living is dirty, wet and isolated. This is an invitation to a rare opportunity to wake up to our natural relationship with each other and Planet Earth. Be prepared to face many challenges that might not support your current perception of reality, Aloha.” 3/2002.

Stone Curves: A CoHousing Neighborhood
Tucson, AZ
520-293-5290
info@StoneCurves.com
http://www.StoneCurves.com/
“Stone Curves is an urban infill cohousing project. The City of Tucson has already earmarked funds and is working hand in hand with us to help make our greater neighborhood even more pedestrian-friendly.
We have integrated into our team the foremost permaculturist of our area. He will help us create one of the best native plant and water usage environments in Tucson. It is envisioned to be a demonstration model of what can be done in and for our desert.” 9/2002.

Sustain Life
No further information.
http://www.sustainlife.org/

Swansea Vegan Community
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"Focus Veganism. Half a dozen members - could develop - lot of visitors at the moment - interim target = 12.

Swedish Collective Housing Network
Attn: Thor Balkhed
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http://www.kollektivhus.nu/

Tara Tribe
near Atlanta GA
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Units 12, Acres 22. 12/2002.

Turanga Farm Cohousing (Forming)
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http://www.geocities.com/turangafarm/
12 units 145 acres. 5/2002.

Turtle Hill Sangha
Summertown, TN
http://www.turtlehillssangha.org/

Tweed Valley Ecovillage Project
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memberprojects/tweedvalley.html

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memberprojects/UnderstenHodgen1.html

Valley Farm Eco-Village
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“Valley Farm is an embryonic Ecovillage in New Zealand’s north island. Our aim is to establish a rural farming community that is sustainable both ecologically, in terms of our impact on the natural environment, and socially responsible in the way we work together and conduct ourselves. Simplicity
and self-sufficiency is a big part of our lifestyle, it's important to us that the quality of our lives isn't compromised or the pristine environment degraded by our activities here, although we will be interacting with the wider world via our cottage industries and workshops, and we welcome creative enterprise and social outreach. We hope to demonstrate real achievable alternatives by building our own homes with natural materials, generating our own electricity via a micro-hydro system and farming the land organically with Permaculture principles in mind. Many of our aims are on-going, we realize we are in this for the long haul and hope that as the Valley evolves, so we will grow and evolve with it to make an environment where both people and nature will flourish for many generations to come." 9/2002.

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Village Community
Perth
Australia

Waiau Ashram Kauai
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An established monastic, devotional sanctuary located on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. 8/2001.

Walden Community
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http://perso.wanadoo.es/waldencm/home.htm
"This community's reason to be is personal, interpersonal and cultural development, resulting in the building of an essentially new culture, characterized by a permanent search for the Good, for Truth and Beauty. Four basic pillars of this development are:

1. personal change, indispensable for meaningful social change;
2. a model of society based on equality, cooperation and genuine friendship, within small, self-manageable communities;
3. ecology as a basic criterion for all our behaviors;
4. the application, to every aspect of life, of scientific psychology, with an integrative, yet neither mentalistic nor spiritualistic approach.

We are an egalitarian community. We share our income and we all participate in basic tasks, and in decision-making through consensus. We practice communal education, in which all members, regardless of their age, educate and are educated by all the other members. Our social structure is based on true and deep friendship and not on family. We defend monogamy and respect pertinent individual privacy. Members self-determine their behavior by their own commitment with the principles they build every day, not by following a code of rules. We are not a primitivist, traditionalist or futurist community. We keep or change our principles and practices according to their personal, social and ecological meaning and consequences. We have a non-political, non-religious, non-dogmatic approach; we promote reflection and debate. In order to preserve our identity as a culture, we keep an aware presence in the inner contacts. We practice a preventive concept of health. According to it, as well as to vital ecological reasons, we choose vegan nutrition and natural medicine. If you are interested in this community, you can write to us to begin a deep and extensive written communication, in order to clarify whether you can come to see this community as the crucial option for your life. 1/2003.

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The Well at Willen
http://www.thewellatwillen.org.uk
"We are a community in Milton Keynes, some 50 miles north of London. We have been open and running for nearly five years and would like to become listed as members of Intentional Communities so that other people can find more about us. We currently have a 7 adult and 5 children who live in the main house plus three non-resident members." 7/2002.

Wild Onion Cohousing (Forming)
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Woodfolk House
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I_gnomon@excite.com
"Actively seeking members. Woodfolk house is a 20-minute walk from Charlottesville's vibrant pedestrian mall yet our back yard empties out into the woods and the Rivanna trails. Three themes run throughout Woodfolk's vision. Pro-activism, it's not a requirement but quite a few of us are full or part-time activist for issues ranging from peace, local economies, lifting sanctions, anti-globalization, mad-lib, the living wage and bicycles. Woodfolk's also an environmental model house, the first strawbale structure in Charlottesville and probable one of the best-insulated buildings in Virginia. It's fairly rare when one of us owns a car and the house is designed for passive solar. Third is acceptance of highly functioning crazy people and many of us struggle with pain that would or has excluded us from the dream.' We run by consensus, there is no provisional membership, no managers, no hierarchy and as far as I can honestly tell no power imbalances. Members rent rooms, pay a fixed utility fee and can opt to be on the houses meal plan all for less.
than $300 a month, and it’s pretty easy to live here on the income of a part-time job even if you can’t command a big salary. We don’t have a formal population cap but there are 7 bedrooms and a cabin that have held from 4-8 members over the past three and a half year, currently there are 5 adults and a child. Our gender agreement requires us to accept another woman before the next man, another child would be great. We have no formal visitor program but welcome guests.” 9/2002.

Yellow Plum Commons
2021 W 19th Ave
Kennewick, WA 99337
509-585-2558
info@yellowplum.org

Changes

Abbey of the Genese
PO Box 900
Piffard NY 14533-090
community@geneseeabbey.org
Update mailing address and add email address.

Abundant Freek
160 Lincoln Ave
650-327-4855
musicglenn@yahoo.com
New address, phone and email.

Agape Community
info@sjkp.org
New email and text changes.
End of 1st paragraph, delete “(presently one family and visitors)” End of 1st column, Living Orthodoxy subscription rate is now $20/yr. 11/2001.

Alchemy Farm
237 Hatchville Rd
508-564-4325
kschwalbe@whrc.org
New contact info including email, phone, house number. 9/2002.

Altair Cohousing
13 Morgan St
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-917-3648
eggjoe@aol.com
http://www.cohousing.org/cmty/groups-us.html
We are a Cohousing Group in the land search stage (entering 4th year of affiliation).” 9/2002.

American Ideal
[Formerly Essene Skoola Phish]
618-883-2225
aiwu2@yahoo.com
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/AI_U
Change name, phone, email and description.
“The American Ideal is a small group beginning a free school called Prosperity University to teach prosperity for individuals and communities. Volunteers, teachers and students are needed. Experiments in community living are proposed. Rural land available. Bad economic and political times are expected for the next 10 years. Good folks need to band together to show ways out of hard times for a world of peace and prosperity. This is not a pipe dream, but sober realism.” 9/2002.

Ananda Village
sangha@ananda.org
Add email. 11/2002.

Apex Belltown Co-op
2225 1st Ave # 310
Seattle, WA 98121
206-956-0275
tivabrown@hotmail.com
thekey@msn.com
http://www.speakeasy.net/~apex

Aquarian Concepts Community
928-204-1206
info@aquarianconcepts.org
New phone, fax and email. 9/2002.

Aquarian Research Foundation
Attn: Judy Rosenblum
5620 Morton St
Philadelphia, PA 19144
215-848-2292
800-254-8291 messages
judyroenblum@juno.com
Group relocation with updated contact information. 9/2002.

Aquarius Nature Retreat
520-762-0221
Update phone, text.
Change sentence to: “The basic cost share is $50/mo/person if self contained.”
Change sentence to: “If you need a ride, there is always a vehicle going to town....”
Change sentence to: “A variety of shelters is available at $1/square foot/month including basic power.” 11/2001.

Ashland Vineyard Community
poneill@mail1.vcu.edu
New email address. 9/2002.

Auroville
Auroville-Secretariat
Bharat Nivas
Auroville 605101
Tamil Nadu
INDIA
info@aviusa.org
http://www.auroville.org
http://www.aviusa.org
Change address, email, web URL, description.
“USA address is a liaison office [see some new contact info] and is not a community. The actual community is located in India. Pop 1,500.” 11/2001.
Baton Rouge Catholic Worker
PO BOX 22
Whitewater, WI 53190-0022
Postal address change. Email lost. 10/2002.

Beacon Hill House
http://www.ic.org/nica/communities/8hh1.htm

Beis Aharon Community
Description update.
"Beis Aharon is embryonic and a tiny group in Manchester, England. There is a single mother with three children. The eldest is a teenager who has grown up with Beis Aharon, and wishes to stay. Another single woman is considering, but we have been looking for a third person or perhaps older couple now for quite a long time. We have recently wondered if we should look at forming as interfaith, or perhaps living alongside another existing community while we wait to see what develops. We are Jewish and observant, perhaps modern in outlook but somewhat unworldly in lifestyle. We would be broadly pacifist, and our overall calling is to learn better how to live peaceably with one another. We feel a sense of calling is very important. We would have a measure of community of goods. We would be happy to hear from others who are likeminded." 9/2002.

Bethlehem Peace Farm Catholic Worker
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

Birdsfoot Farm
Change population figures and add some descriptive text.
"6 adult members and 4 kids. We started the Little River Community School on our farm in 1998. The school now serves 20 children in grades K-12. We have two full time teachers and seek intern teachers each year. The school is founded on the belief that children are inherently self-motivated to learn about their world and should be allowed to proceed at their own rate. Individualized curriculums are created together by the student, parents and teachers." 11/2002.

Blue Heron Farm
919-542-3221
New phone number. 9/2002.

Blue Moon Cooperative
24 Bluemoon Rd
South Strafford, VT 05070
Description and address change.
"Pop 18 not 17, diet 'mixed', delete 'Also known as Golden Lotus, Inc' " 3/2002.

Bryn Gweled Homesteads
1805 Meadow Road
Southampton, PA 18966
215-953-8884
info@brynweled.org
http://www.brynweled.org
New address, email, website and group description.
"A residential community just north of Philadelphia on 240 acres including 73 homesteads on 2 acre lots, community center, recreational facilities, and 45 wilderness acres eased to a local conservancy. Member families own their home and lease their lot. We consider applicants for membership in a fair and friendly process whereby all have the opportunity to judge goodness of fit. BG is not 'low cost,' but the land has not changed ownership since purchased in 1940 for $18,000. We value diversity and seek to increase it, not only in race, ethnicity and religion, but in outlook and opinion, as much as possible within the framework of cooperation and neighborliness that is the strength of our community. Our management style consists of numerous committees, a board of directors, and monthly membership meetings where lively debate is often heard. Prohibitions include hunting, snowmobiles, ATVs, fences except for livestock/gardens, alcohol on common land. [Oct02, cc, sase requested]" 11/2002.

Burch House
PO Box 965
Littleton, NH 03561-0965

Cambridge Cohousing
http://www.cambridgecohousing.org

Camp Sister Spirit
601-645-6479
http://www.campsisterspirit.com

Camphill Soltane
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

Camphill Village
information@camphillvillage.org
http://www.camphillvillage.org/
http://www.camphill.org/

Camphill Village Minnesota, Inc.
cvmn@rea-alp.com
http://www.camphillvillage-minnesota.org/
Add email and website. 9/2002.
Ciel Cohousing
6000 17th Ave SW Apt 24
Seattle, WA 98106

Circle of Divine Unity
736 Fred Burr Rd
Victor, MT 59875
406-961-0007
marioncantwell@msn.com
http://divine-unity.com
New contact information. 1/2002.

Coming Home Community
530-894-6488
Delete other phone numbers and fax number.

Common Ground Community
442 Red Maple Rd
Address change. 9/2002.

Concord Oasis EcoHousing
concord@ecohousing.org
http://www.ecohousing.org
New website, added email, updated description.
"Oasis EcoHousing has completed a multi-household/community friendly Straw Bale (SB) Ecohouse at 994 A Oak Grove Road, Concord (Contra Costa County, CA).
This flexible floor plan hybrid environmental home demonstrates Natural, Healthy, and Environmentally Responsible construction, and Cohousing and Feng Shui design principles. This 2800 sf 5 bedroom/ 3 bathroom house features: Sculpted undulating Santa Fe motif and high ceilings. 'Cool' roof, extensive decks, and living roof on the garage. Exposed post and beam construction. Straw panels. Earth and lime plastered walls. Non-toxic finishes. Semi-passive cooling. Solar water heating Radiant heating, solar photovoltaic intertie, and greywater prepped.
The owner has moved and seeks stakeholders for the financial divestment process for this property. The owner seeks the highest and best use of the property relative to community and environmental objectives. The owner has interests in multi-place based community and ecoresorts and could remain involved in transitional community formation." 9/2002.

Crossroads Medieval Village
+61 2 6288-0743
Phone number change.

Crystal Waters Permaculture Village
lindegger@gen-oceania.org
lindegger@crystalwaterscollege.org.au
New emails.

Cwrt y Cywhau
Email address no longer associated with group. [bristol.goodwill@ukonline.co.uk] 9/2002.

Dancing Waters Permaculture Co-op
Attn: Lynda Schaller
43188 Guthrie Rd
608-872-2498
rickspix@mw.net
Change name, street address, phone, add email. 10/2002.

Dawning Star Retreat Center
PO Box 132
Hawi, HI 96719
Dragon Belly Farm
sanda@cohousing.org

Dreamtime Village
http://www.dreamtimevillage.org/
Add website. 9/2002.

EarthArt Village
719-256-5002
info@earthart.org
linda@earthart.org
http://www.earthart.org
Changed phone, changed email, added website. 11/2002.

Earthaven
1025 Camp Elliott Rd
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Earthsong Eco-Neighbourhood
P.O. Box 70001
Ranui, Auckland 1230
New Zealand
ecohousing@xtra.co.nz
http://www.ecohousing-pl.net
Update address, email, website and description.
“We are a 32 house cohousing neighbourhood, with 17 houses completed and occupied since July 2002. Strong emphasis on environmental sustainability - see website for details. Please include our website below in our listing.” 9/2002.

EcoVillage at Ithaca
Group name change was “Eco Village Cohousing Cooperative” 11/2001.
EcoVillage of Loudoun County
12606 Trillium Glen LN
Lovettsville, VA 20180-2274
info@ecovil.com
New address and email. 10/2002.

The Eden Project
Kenwood CA
http://www.edenvillage.net
New website and updated description.
“The Eden Village Community is not an ordinary thing like so many people would have it be. There is something very real about it that so many of us just can’t live without. But you do have to be willing to really care enough about the vision of the community to become a real member.

Eden is still in the planning stages. But this is the true 2,000 acre Sustainable EcoVillage Community where everybody has a passive solar home on land in that community. There will also be Ancient Valley, a camping and retreat area with 2 large lakes.

There will be 3 acre homesteads all around the rim of the valley as well as 2 acre farm sites. There will be the Community Farm, about 300 acres in Raspberries to create jobs and to help drive our own Sustainable Micro-Economy.

We have Permaculture, Sustainable Living, Egalitarianism, Right Livelihood, more than enough and some to share, protecting the environment and freedom right here in the natural world. Because it Takes a Whole Village to Save the Earth." - T McClure, organizer 9/2002.

Enchanted Garden
http://www.myskyfamily.com/enchantedgarden

Enova Eco Village
1000 Hwy 180
Millsap, WI 30646
http://enovaeco.org/eco-village.htm

Essene Cooperative

Faerie Camp Destiny
PO Box 531
Winooski, VT 05404

Fair Oaks Cohousing
3406 Dawes St
Madison, WI 53714-2217
608-249-4455
New address, phone numbers. 9/2002.

Fairview Cooperative
5348 Binns Hill Dr
Hood River, OR
541-386-3664
Change address, phone and description.
“Fairview Cooperative has moved to Hood River, Oregon. Emphasis is now on conversion of a 110 acre orchard into sustainable fruit production and alternative crops. We will host visitors with advance notice. Please e-mail first.” 9/2002.

The Family
PMB 102 [not Suite 102]
PublicAffairs@thefamily.org
Address correction, new email, added descriptive text.
“In 1995 the Family adopted a governing charter, which codified the beliefs, rights, and responsibilities of full-time Family members. The primary purpose of the Charter is to provide a well-defined and easy-to-understand broad governing structure. Within this structure, ample opportunity is provided for Family members to follow what they believe is God’s will for them personally and to freely operate according to their own initiative.” 9/2002.

The Farm
Attn: Vicky Montagne
vickie@thefarmcommunity.com
http://www.thefarmcommunity.com
Change email, contact person, add 2nd website. 9/2002.

La Flor Del Agua Community
[Formerly Rio Bonito - Belize]
Attn: Dennis James
705 Marten’s Ct PMB 71-259
Laredo, TX 78041
+52 353-532-2421 Mexico
http://www.lafordelaagua.com
New phone and website, new description.
“We are located in Mexico and our community is in the forming stage. Some of us are here now and others are in the USA and planning to come down soon. We are seeking new members who are looking for a simple life in the tropics, on some land in the community, involved with community, organic gardening, tropical fruit orchards, natural foods and working as a group operating a nature retreat/health center. All the major elements are here in the central highlands of Mexico at 5000 ft. elevation, 1 1/2 hours south of Guadalajara, noted for having a perfect climate.” 9/2002.

Franciscan Workers of Junipero Serra
PO BOX 2027
Salinas, CA 93902
831-424-1962
Change address, phone and description.
“Pop. 10” 12/2001.

Ganas
Attn: Susan Grossman
info@ganas.org
New email and contact person. 9/2002.

The Garden
Formerly known as Gandhi Farm.
Attn: Stephen Western
Box 34
San Ignacio, Cayo District
Belize
s_western05@hotmail.com
http://members.rooft.com/GRm/gandhifarm

Garden o’ Vegan
v@g0v.org (that’s g-ZERO-v)
http://www.g0v.org (also g-ZERO-v)

Gentle World Inc.
PO Box 238
Kapaau, HI 96755
gentle@aloha.net
http://www.gentleworld.org
Address, website and description changes. Original email has typo of one letter.
“We are a non-profit organization, educating the public as to the health, environmental and spiritual benefits of the vegan diet and lifestyle. We publish books, and offer free cooking classes, seminars and private consultations. We also are a community of people working together day by day to build a model world by striving to live our ideals, such as compassion, integrity, honesty, cleanliness, courage and friendship.

Compassion as exemplified in veganism is our foundation, because we believe that it is nothing less than humanity’s next evolutionary step, a step that every human being can take to help create a more peaceful, gentle world. Our founders have been vegan for 32 years. We live simply in the country.

Our headquarters is on The Big Island of Hawaii. We also own 450 acres of New Zealand countryside. There we have planted 200 fruit trees and several vegetable gardens in a beautiful valley with pristine rivers. It lives up to its name: Shangri-la. We welcome letters from love-minded people.” 11/2001.
Global Village / School of the Americas
6210 Via Tierra
Boca Raton, FL 33433
Address update and email globalvillageschool.org@yahoo.com bounced. report. 3/2001.

Goodrich Farm Cooperative
1767 Bridgman Hill Rd
Address update. 7/2002.

Headlands
topsyfarms@on.aibn.com

Heartsong

Heathcote Community
http://www.heathcote.org

De Hobbitstee
hobbitstherberg@cdh.nl
New email address. 9/2002.

Huehuecoyotl
+52 739-39-52021
+52 739-39-52022
http://www.laneta.apc.org/rem/huehue.htm
New phone numbers and website.

Infinite StarLight Offering Visionary Ecovillages
Attn: Brother Little Star Sevadar
PO Box 1086
Ben Lomond, CA 95005-1086
Updated address and group name.
Formerly Universal Residential Pure Communes.

Inter-Cooperative Council (ICC-Texas)
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

International Puppydogs Movement
Add text to description.
“Becoming part of an extended intimate family necessarily takes several years of getting to know each other — it’s more like falling in love and getting married than signing up for co-housing. However, we have a special interest in gay intentional communities, and can refer callers to other queer communities (e.g., if they prefer a different community type, or want to join one more quickly). We will also provide experience and support to anyone who works to form new extended families similar to ours in spirit and vision.” 9/2002.

Jesus Christians
http://sydney.jesusproject.com/
http://cust.idl.net.au/fold/

Jolly Ranchers
Street is Elmwood Pl
not Elmwood Pl
Street name correction. 11/2001.

Jubilee Partners
Change description.
“Approximately 25 adults and 12 children. Add phrase ‘visiting prisoners’ to the sentence that describes Jubilee’s ministries.”

Jupiter Hollow
2621 Keith Fork Rd
Address update. 9/2002.

L’Arche Erie
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

L’Arche Mobile
larchmobdev@hotmail.com

Laurieston Hall
444 1644 450 263
Add phone number. 10/2002.

Liberty Village Cohousing
9137 Liberty Village Way
Union Bridge, MD 21791
Postal address change. 11/2001.

Light as Color Foundation
lightascolor@frontier.net
http://www.swicc.org/ias.html

Light of Freedom
1257 Moles Rd SW
Willis, VA 24380
lightoffreedom2001@yahoo.com
New mailing address and email. 9/2002.

Little Flower Catholic Worker Farm
16560 Louisa Rd
Louisa, VA 23093-4835
New address. 10/2002.

Lofstedt Farm Community
lofstedtfarm@look.ca
http://mypage.direct.ca/l/lofstedtfarm/

Los Angeles Eco-Village
117 Bimini PI Apt 221
Los Angeles, CA 90004-5900

Comunidad Los Horcones
+52 662 2147219
+52 662 2638308
walden2@terra.com.mx
New email and phone numbers. 1/2002.

Lost Valley Educational Center
info@lostvalley.org

Lothlorien - Centro de Cura e Crescimento
+55 75-344-1129
centro@lothlorien.org.br
New phone and email address.

Lothlorien Farm
613-479-2453
Phone number added and description updated.
“Lothlorien Farm continues much as before - a small, stable group, gradually making greater use of our land. The township has approved our plan for six future houses and one of our non-resident members will soon be spending more time here as he starts construction. Another member is busy with his second acre of garlic - plowing, cultivating, sowing a cover crop, and converting a large shed to process the first year’s crop. We are also now a ‘host farm’ for a Newfoundland Pony stallion from Rare Breeds Canada, who adds beauty and character to our landscape and manure to the Lothlorien gardens.
In May we enjoyed a visit from Laird Schaub, who drove all the way from the FIC meetings in Waterloo to see us and talk community. At our AGM in August, there was a new openness to inquiries and possible visits from serious potential members.” 9/2002.

Ma Yoga Shakti International Mission
[2nd location]
3895 Hiedt Rd NW
Palm Bay, FL 32907
Second branch of this group added in Florida.

Maison Emmanuel
http://www.maisonemmanuel.org
Updated description and website.
“Maison Emmanuel has started a program of expansion in the centre of nearby Val David. We have opened two adult residences and built a bakery with a boutique for Maison Emmanuel’s crafts. There is also the beginning of a Waldorf School in Val David with a kindergarten and 1st Grade.
We are always open to inquiries (individuals and families) to take on or share responsibilities for our houses and/or
workshops (garden, small farm, pottery, weaving, bakery, ceramics, candle-making, woodwork). Many people from many different countries come to help at Maison Emmanuel for about a year at a time. Training for new co-workers and a foundation course is provided. Life is intense and very rewarding. We welcome your inquiry by letter or email, or come and visit us (with prior appointment).” 9/2002.

Malu ‘Aina
PO BOX 489
info@malu-aina.org
http://www.malu-aina.org/
Email address updated. Post office substitutes new PO Box. 11/2002.

Manzanita Village Cohousing
261 Jacob Ln
Prescott, AZ 86303
928-445-3015
contact@manzanitavillage.com
http://www.manzanitavillage.com
Address, phone, email, website and description changes.
“Manzanita Village is a resident developed, cooperative neighborhood, modeled after the cohousing communities of Denmark. Residents take an active part in planning and designing our village. We are united by mutual desires to know our neighbors, live an environmentally friendly lifestyle and enjoy a safe, friendly atmosphere for ourselves and our families.” 12/2001.

The Mariposa Group
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

Masala Co-op
Formerly MASALA Community Housing
744 Marine St
lincolnisaac@hotmail.com

Meadowdance Community Group
Attn: Membership Caretaker
P.O. Box 247
Plainfield, VT 05667
802-454-1183
Update address, phone and description.

Middle Road Cohousing
Attn: Gary Ockenden
3140 The Middle Road
Nelson, BC V1L 6M3
Canada
http://www.cohousing.ca/cdn_projects.html
New mailing address assigned by post office. New website. Updated description.
"The Middle Road Community is a co-housing-style community in south-eastern British Columbia in Canada. We are located about 7 miles outside of the lovely art and ski community of Nelson, overlooking Kootenay Lake from a bench that nestles into miles of crown land. The Selkirk Mountains surround us.

There are 50 acres of land, with 11 households and a converted barn that serves as the common house. The community was established in 1995/96. Common areas include the common house (dining, meeting, exercise room, play areas etc.), a 2-acre fenced garden area (fenced from deer and bears), playfields, roads, paddocks and forest. Homes were built by the original owners and vary in size and design - all are lovely.

The community eats together two times a week - Saturday potluck and Wednesday one-family-cooks night. Celebrations, festivals, weddings, birthdays, bar-mitzvahs, painting workshops, art fests, class parties, soccer team parties etc. have all taken place in the common house. Community decisions are made by consensus through meetings every two weeks.

All homes are currently occupied and there are presently no development opportunities. Once in a while a home may come up for sale." 9/2002.

Monkton Wyld Court
http://www.monktonwyldcourt.org

Monterey Cohousing
Area code change to 952
CPEKINS@mnrr.com

Morning Star Community
250-355-2909 Global Living Project
http://www.morningstar-community.org
Name shortened. Change 2nd phone number, update website and group description.
Diet: Vegetarian [changed from Vegan]
"Morning Star Community is a rural spiritual community founded in 1992.
Since its beginning, Morning Star Community has been an experimental ground for people to come together in trust and respect, to experience the gifts and challenges of community life, to search for inner truth, and to live a life founded on Spirit, Love, and Service.

Our central focus is to awaken the Heart, and from that alive union with the Source to interact with all of life.

The vision of Morning Star Community arises from the knowledge that a quantum leap in consciousness is possible and necessary - one that will balance our awakened individual self with the common mind and heart that we share.

Touched by the call to carry the presence of an awakened Heart into this world, we seek to participate in resurrecting the authentic Christ (free from religious concepts) in our core, recognizing that this journey requires tremendous focus, intention and grace.

We are a group exploring, researching and learning to live this invitation." 11/2002.

Mountain Home
95245 Rink Creek Ln
Coquille, OR 97423-7795
Address and description change.
Remove references to prison ministry. 9/2002.

Mulvev Creek Land Co-operative
Attn: Sandy Blaikie, Secretary
Box 286
250-226-7850
Contact, PO Box and Description changes. Founding 1993 NOT 1991. Pop 8 NOT 22.
Add at the end "There are sales and rentals available." 2/2002.

N Street Cohousing
724 N St
Davis, CA 95616
530-758-4211
kjwolf@dcn.davis.ca.us
http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/nstreet
Change address, phone, fax, email and description. Add web URL.
Currently 17 houses, half rentals and half owner occupied. We share a common house for meals, activities. 12/2001.

Namaste Greenfield
Slight name change from Namaste Green to Namaste Greenfield.

Ness
Attn: Ed or Chelle
New description and minor address update.
Change the following: "Began 1999 Pop 4-8. Diet: Omnivore/veg."
Add the following text: "We are four full members and one potential member family in four households."
Add the word "and" into this sentence in the listing: "...including Birdsfoot Farm and old-order Amish."
Change wording "will reduce the need for formal rules and structure" to "will reduce the need for formal rules and structure within our land trust structure."

Network for a New Culture
PO Box 41181
Eugene, OR 97404
info@nfnc.org
http://www.nfnc.org
Not an IC but a resource of interest.
"Network for a New Culture (NFNC), formerly Center for Experimental Cultural Design, is an association of several hundred people throughout the US inspired in part by the ideals and goals of the ZEGG community in Germany. NFNC sees community as a means to social change, and one of our goals is to establish communities which serve as models of healthy ways of relating to the Earth and to each other. To put it simply, we see community as a means to produce a world without fear, violence, coercion, or sexual repression. We believe that there are several key components to realizing this vision: self-responsible individuals; mutual support; honesty and openness in interpersonal relationships; a realization that means determine ends; and a realization that the personal is political—that is, a commitment to personal growth and change.

At present there are NFNC 'city groups' in Arizona, Oregon, and Virginia; and there are plans for several small start-up communities. To facilitate the community-forming process, NFNC holds several conferences, workshops, and camps every year, and publishes two newsletters, 'New Culture' (our quarterly journal) and 'The NFNC Quickie' (our monthly update sheet). For a free copy of 'New Culture,' contact our information center." 9/2002.

Neve Shalom - Wahat al-Salam
+972 2 9915621
+972 2 9911072
afnswas@oasisofpeace.org
http://www.oasisofpeace.org
New phone numbers, email and website. Additional USA contact addresses.
The American Friends of Neve Shalom - Wahat al-Salam
4201 Church Road, Suite 4
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
856-235-6200
856-235-4674 fax
- or -
12925 Riverside Drive, 3rd Floor
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
818-325-8884
818-325-8983 fax
New Berkeley Cohousing
Attn: Surasky, Dierauf, Sawyer
3390 Dwight Way
Berkeley CA 94704
510-841-5222
First appeared in Communities magazine #115. Changed address and phone. 9/2002.

No Name Group
(formerly Hidden Valley and Streamwalkers)
streamwalkers@yahoo.com
Change group name. Add email address. 9/2002.

Noah Project of Asheville
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

Nomad Cohousing
303-442-3038
artokner@worldnet.att.net
http://www.frcentral.net/nomadcohousing/

Oak Grove
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

Ofek Shalom Co-op
[deleted street address]
Madison, WI
608-257-8880
608-442-8649

Olympia Housing Collective
bounced

One Spirit Free Catholic Community
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

Orca Landing
orcanland@attbi.com

Otamatea Eco-Village
+64 9-431-2577
+64 9-431-2565
daniel.tohill@actrix.gen.nz
thefarside@clear.net.nz
http://www.otamatea.org.nz
Changes in contact info and description. Began Nov 96 / secular. “The land was purchased in 1996 when founders sought a site suitable for co-operative permaculture development. Resource Consent was granted, and purchase and legal process subdividing 251 acres into 15 five acre lots with individual titles, plus 176 acres of commonly-owned land was completed. An access road was built in 1998.

Eleven lots have sold and shareholders are building homes, gardens and community. Four like-minded families are sought to join us in the venture. Our motivating philosophy is permaculture, commitment to organics, and movement towards self-sufficiency. Fortnightly meetings are held, plus facilitated community building meetings, shared meals and celebrations. Consensus is used for decision making processes. Shareholders commit to do four hours community work weekly, including grazing projects, regenerating native bush, weed control, and administration.

Annual residential Permaculture Design Courses are held, plus other workshops, and Open Days. WWOOFers (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) and visitors are welcomed, by arrangement.” 9/2002.

Our Ecovillage
http://www.ourecovillage.org
Add website. 9/2002.

Pagan Intentional Community
[Formerly Pagan Island Community]
Attn: Meli Chang-Turpen
Apdo. # 180
Santa Cruz, Guanacaste
Costa Rica
Changed name, address and description.
“A growing group of earth-centered families, creating our tropical dream village, we aim for eventual off-grid, zero-emissions, self-sufficiency, living by sustainable farming and fishing, running diverse community businesses, raising our kids in peace, health, and freedom. We seek new members to help our effort succeed. People need not be wealthy to join us. They need only provide essentials for themselves and any dependents.

Not a traditional commune, we’ll own individual homes and possessions, sharing a farm and village center. We’ll form community guidelines in accordance with our mission statement, solving problems as an egalitarian whole, by consensus.

PIC must sell 20 lots by 06/01/03 to acquire the 250 acres we currently occupy. Commission is paid to anyone referring a buyer:
http://www.larsdesigns.com/lotsforsale
Email to join our e-list! I send these words out into the world! May they resonate all around the globe! Brightest blessings! Meli Chang-Turpen” 11/2002.

Pangaia
808-965-9988
808-965-1936
New phone numbers and description changes.
“We are a piece of land, a group of people, a common vision.

Our vision is of unity with Gaia, the Earth mother, and with each other; a full and complete expression of who we are through our work, art, and play, as well as our relationships with each other. One of the most fundamental goals at Pangaia is to move toward sustainability and harmony with our environment; it is a process of discovering who we are by cultivating intimate relations with the land as well as our human and social landscape.

Inspired by those goals, we are a raw-food community and are living active permaculture everyday.

We survive economically from various sources, including the local farmer’s market, and direct sales of agricultural and health products through internet, examples – Noni juice, organic macnuts and local Hawaiian honeys.

We also cater to eco-tourists and health related retreats. (See our website)

We are from very different backgrounds with a wide spread of ages (26-57).
We welcome guests, visitors, interns, friends, and potential long-term residents who are sincerely interested. 9/2002.

**Peace Farm**
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

**Phanto Bolo**
719-651-7332 cell
New phone number. 9/2002.

**Piñon Ecovillage**
PO Box 3537
Santa Fe, NM 87501-3537
505-455-2595
http://www.piion-ecovillage.org/
New address, phone, website and additional description. 1.5 acres, 4 units. An income sharing subgroup named Aspenwood has formed. 5/2002.

**Plants for a Future**
Blagdon Cross, Ashwater
Beaworthy
Devon EX21 5DF, England
http://www.pfaf.org
New address and website. New descriptive information. "There are still long term plans to create an ecovillage, but a lot of work with planning permission needs to happen first. Yes the workers co-op is still going. We are still looking for people who want to join the community at both of our sites. It’s just that we are more focused on the objectives of the community. 10/2002.

**Pleasant Hill Cohousing**
2226 Lisa Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
925-686-6519
http://members.aol.com/dancerbarb
Update address, phone, email. Correction to website. 11/2001.

**Plow Creek Fellowship**
http://www.plowcreek.org/
Add website. 9/2002.

**Proyecto Eco-Villas - Asociación GAIA**
+54 2272 492072
+54 2227 1552554 cell
gaia@gaia.org.ar
http://www.gaia.org.ar
Updated phone, email, website and description.
"Gaia Argentina is a pioneer Ecovillage project with a permaculture basis that has been in development since 1996, in a rural area, 120km from Buenos Aires city.
We function as a Living and Learning Center, and we have been sharing information and inspiration for permaculture projects and ecovillage development in the southern region. We offer courses on permaculture, natural building, circle dances, and also about community building by a Findhorn member.
Gaia hosted in March 2000 the 1st Latin American Permaculture Convergence with great success. We created the Argentinean Permaculture Institute (IAP) as a space for experimenting, implementing and teaching Permaculture systems. IAP focused on research and practice of appropriate technologies adapted for the local needs, to transfer them to impoverished people in our country. New members are participating in the project in many different ways, and some new businesses are starting." 11/2002.

**Pumpkin Hollow Farm**
RR 1 Box 135
Craryville, NY 12521-9754

**Qumbya Co-op**
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

**Rainbow Family Gatherings**
agr@agr.welchome.com
alt.gathering.rainbow
New 2nd email address. Note newsgroup for this networking organization which has no physical address. 9/2002.

**Rainbow Farm - Oakwood**
Formerly Oakwood Farm.
Name and description change.
"Rainbow Farm is an International Emissary Community dedicated to the spiritual regeneration of humankind and stewardship of the earth. It is located in east-central Indiana on 326 acres of forest and field. The current focus is the provision and creation of sacred space for healing and transformational work. The community operates a year-round / full service retreat facility (Oakwood Retreat Center at Rainbow Farm) and hosts a wide variety of events and visitors. Please call ahead to visit." 5/2002.

**River Farm**
http://www.riverfarmtrust.org
Change description. Add website.
Pop. 15 Eleven adults and 4 children. Now have openings 12/2001.

**Riverside Community**
Nelson, South Island LMO-805
+64 3 526 7033 ext 30
michelle@riverside.org.nz
Change phone and email, improve address. 9/2002.

**Rocky Hill Cohousing**
413-584-9987
http://rockyhillcohousing.org/
Additional information on this group which was first listed in Update 2001. 28 units, 28 acres. 5/2002.

**Rosewind Cohousing**
360-385-7749
http://www.rosewind.org
Add phone and change website. Cancel one email address olyhost@olycom.com. 9/2002.

**Sacred Mountain Ranch**
janiece@starband.net
http://differentway.net/smr
New email and website. 2/2002.

**San Mateo Cooperative Community**
sanda@cohousing.org
New email address. 9/2002.

**Sassafras Ridge Farm**
RR 1 Box 350
Address change (not a list move) and note “Celebrating our 30th Anniversary.” 9/2002.

**SBSHC: Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative**
http://www.sbshc.coop

**Seekers and Settlers**
Description update.
"I am currently travelling myself & the Seekers & Settlers home base is being run by my daughter until she leaves for Grad School in a few months. The current residents may not be open to new residents or visitors, but you can find out by contacting them directly at: <kidnezyahoo.com>. I still own the property & plan to return in a few years to create an intentional community & be a part of Spiral Garden again. Thanks for your interest in & support of intentional communities." 9/2002.

**Shannon Farm Community**
Attn: Dan Questenberry/Jenny Upton
130 Catbrier Cir
Afton, VA 22920-2934
434-361-1417
jennyup@cstone.net
Change contact info. 9/2002.

**Sharingwood Cohousing**
http://www.sharingwood.org
Changed website. 9/2002.

**Shepherdsfield**
Description update.
households with 38 expected when Solterra is built out. A few houses and lots are available for resale. We welcome visitors and encourage interested persons to contact us and arrange for a visit." 10/2002.

Songaia
4106 224th St SE #13
Bothell, WA 98021.
Address change. 2/2001.

Southwest Sufi Community
505-534-4045
http://www.ruhaniat.org/workruh/SSC.htm
New email, phone and web.
URL is case sensitive! New info: Began 1995 / Pop. 20. Diet: Omnivore. Alcohol use: some. Number of buildings: 4, GLB OK:

Spirit Journey
ailiathemermaid@hotmail.com
Email update. 12/2001.

Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Peetham
http://sasp.collaboration.org
http://www.auromere.com

Saint Joseph the Worker House and Farm
910 W Lake St # 4B
Chicago, IL 60607-1733
Address correction. 11/2001.

Starseed Community
http://www.massretreats.com
Add website. 9/2002.

Sunrise Ranch
http://www.sunriseranch.org

Sunward Cohousing
Formerly Sunward Cohousing of Ann Arbor.
Shorten group name, change description.
"Sunward Cohousing is an intentional community located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A. We are a group of people dedicated to creating a place where resources are shared, lives are simplified, the Earth is respected, diversity is welcomed, children play together in safety, and living in community with neighbors comes naturally." 9/2002.

Susan B. Anthony Memorial Unrest
Home (SuBAMUH)
http://www.frognet.net/~sbamuh/

Svanholm
http://www.svanholm.dk

Sweetwater Community Land Trust
out of service 417-741-6630
jcutler@getgoin.net

Sylviron Cooperative
Updated description.
"Sylviron Cooperative has found a beautiful parcel of land in northeast Clare County, in the middle of Michigan's lower peninsula. We have a purchase agreement. We've hired an architect and have a master plan on paper. We have a loan commitment letter for a permanent mortgage loan. We have County approval and we have received a grant from USDA for pre-development expenses.
What we don't have, and have spent the past ten months trying to get, is a construction loan. I had thought that with a mortgage loan commitment, a construction loan would be easy to get. Not so. I've been turned down by a dozen banks. We will keep trying, though at some point we must, I suppose, admit defeat.
We have about sixty members — provided they haven't given up in disgust at the long delay. Of them, eight members have sent in $100 checks to show their interest in purchasing a townhouse. And a couple of offices." 9/2002.

Takoma Village Cohousing
Attn: Steve Pretl
6827 4th St. NW #123
Washington, DC 20012-1945
202-726-5378
sprel@erols.com
http://www.takomavillage.org/
Change in address, phone, email and website. 9/2002.

Talking Cedars Developments, Inc
Email kadesh@bc.sympatico.ca bounced. 3/2000.

The Priorities Institute
1365 California St. Suite 511
Denver, CO 80202
303 777-5511
Address and phone updates. 9/2002.
Tonantzin Land Institute
http://www.swicc.org/tonantzin.html
Changed website. 11/2002.

The Tribe
21010 N Old Highway 89
Paulden, AZ 86334
Change address. 3/2001.

Triform Camphill Community

Truth Consciousness Sacred Mountain Ashram
Change description. Clarify that (303) phone number is Boulder location, (520) is Tucson. Change Rural to “Rural/Suburban.” Delete “(Also known as Desert Ashram).” Change “chanting tapes” to “chanting tapes & CDs.” 11/2001.

Tui Land Trust
kayawayne@mandalabook.com
http://www.mandalabook.com/tui.htm
Email and web URL changes. 11/2001.

Turtles Island
Turtles Island
Attn: Wayne Seales
PO Box 616
Pine Hill, NY 12465-0616
Address change. 5/2003.

Twelve Tribes Community in Colorado Springs
406 Karr Rd
Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Twelve Tribes Community in Rutland
134 Church St
Rutland, VT 05701

Union Acres
Attn: Swa Sapp
654 Heartwood Way
Whittier, NC 28789
828-497-2869
828-497-4964 / 2147 swasapp@earthlink.net
http://www.unionacres.org
Contact info and description changes. “Since 1989, in the mountains of Western North Carolina, Union Acres is one hour west of Asheville on 80 acres with views and streams—24 residential lots and 7 acres of common land. Based on Earth stewardship with consensus decision making and community service. Our stated purpose is to live as neighbors in peace, harmony, and ecological balance with respect to one another and all life. Our members are diverse in backgrounds, ages, occupations, and interests. Eclectic spirituality is accepted and expressed. We are family oriented with approximately 17 adults and 10 children. Interests and activities include food co-op, gardening, potlucks, and homesteading. Many members horseback ride, kayak and canoe, Peace Dance, contradance, and pursue plans to develop a nearby retreat center. A new Charter School has opened nearby with grades K-8th!” Visitors must call before coming. There are homes and lots for sale now. Info packets $8.” 10/2002.

Village of Harmony
http://www.swicc.org/vlgharm.html
Add website to listing. 9/2001.

Vivekananda Vedanta Society
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

WAHOO!
2560 Alder St
Eugene, OR 97405
Address change. 5/2003.

Westside Community
Group name shortened. Description change

Westwood Cohousing
Listed email address bounced. 3/2000.

Whole Health Foundation
developtrust@home.com
New email and description changes.
Change statement “Longer-term residential housing is available from $550 to $650 per month” to “Longer-term residential housing is available from $450 to $550.” 12/2001.

Wild Sage Cohousing
Boulder CO
contact@wncohousing.org
http://www.wncohousing.org/
Contact info added. First listed in Communities magazine #114. 34 units, established 2000. 11/2001.

Windwalker Farm
joan@windwalker-farm.com
kristy@windwalker-farm.com

Wygelia
Description changes.
“There are 6 of us now, all wonderful people, and we have a serious inquiry from a possible seventh.
We have cleared land for a garden in 2003, ground that has never been farmed before. In the process, we harvested saw timber to use on the garage, and firewood. We have started building a garage, about 1250 sq ft, octagon in shape.
We remain dedicated to the empowerment of creativity, to grow and nurture each one’s special ability and talent.” 10/2002.

Yogaville / Satchidananda Ashram
RR 1 Box 1720
Buckingham, VA 23921
800-658-9642
jyi@yogaville.org
New contact info and description.
“Satchidananda Ashram-Yogaville is the international headquarters for the Integral Yoga. It is situated on 1,000 secluded acres of wooded hills and fields in rural Virginia, with a panoramic view of the James River and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here, under the guidance of Sri Swami Satchidananda, people of many faiths and backgrounds have come together to study and practice Integral Yoga and to attain mental and physical health, ease, and peace. Residents include monastics, single people as well as families with children. Children can attend a preschool and primary school. A variety of workshops, retreats, and yoga teacher trainings are offered year round, and guests are always welcome. At the center of Yogaville is the Light Of Truth Universal Shrine (LOTUS), dedicated to the Light of all faiths and to world peace and embodying the message: ‘Truth is One, Paths are Many.’ ” 11/2001.

Yulupa Cohousing
Attn: Alexandra Hart
PO Box 1938
Sebastopol, CA 95473
707-829-8586
YulupaCoho@aol.com
http://www.yulupaco.co.org
“Yulupa Cohousing is a 29-unit urban-infill project in Santa Rosa, CA, an hour north of San Francisco in Sonoma County — an area known for its wine and liberal environmental politics. The project is on 1.65 acres of land. It is scheduled for

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move-in Spring, 2004. The architect is Michael Black, who designed Valley Oaks Village in Chico, CA and Two Acre Wood in Sebastopol where he lives and works. He has received high praise for his colorful, playful, and user-friendly design.

This is a developer-driven cohousing development. No risk money is required from participants beyond low monthly dues to cover childcare and incidental costs. After an orientation, potential residents may attend group meetings.

The community has formulated a Vision and Values Statement that can be read in full on the website. It includes statements like ‘Our community’s spirit grows out of profound respect for the natural world and our human connection to it. ... We seek to provide mutual support, inspiration, warmth and openness to each member in a way that nourishes many generations.’

Topics in the values list include Individual Privacy; Learning, Growth and Innovation; Communication; Environmental/Ecological Consciousness; Diversity and Tolerance.

A diverse, intergenerational community is now forming, meeting regularly to create community cohesiveness and to make decisions about how to live together. Homes run from studios to four bedrooms and from $170,000 to $455,000 estimated prices, with a variety of floor plans to choose from. It includes a site for a community organic garden. A generous commonhouse and space for a community garden are included. Check our website at www.yulupacohousing.org to view floor plans of the homes and images of the front elevation and site plan.

More information about an orientation or joining the group may be received by emailing or phoning.” 9/2002.

ZEGG - Centre for Experimental Cultural Design
zeggpol@zegg.de
http://www.zegg.de
New email, websites and description changes.
"ZEGG is the abbreviation, which roughly translates as ‘The Center for Experimental Culture Design.’ The 15-hectare ZEGG site lies 80 km southwest from Berlin. ZEGG is an international conference center run by a community. It is a training and study center for community-building, new social structures, new concepts for love and sustainable ways of living. We are working towards powerful models for peace between people and between human beings and nature. In order to increase communication among each other the ZEGG community uses a ritual of the ‘forum.’ This creates the necessary transparency and trust for living together.

In the past it turned out to be an essential practice that effectively helped the group to sail through every internal crisis. For various areas of responsibility there are committees, such as conferences and seminars, political network, childcare, finances, property, social issues, which decide for their areas independently. Decisions concerning the whole community are decided by all members by consensus.” 9/2002.

Zendik Farm Arts Foundation
370 Regan Jackson Rd
Mill Spring, NC 28756
Update address and description.
Pop. 50. “We live on a 116 acre organic farm in the mountains near Asheville, NC. People here are involved in dance, music, painting, video, comedy, theatre, co-architecture, animal care, gardening, mechanics, welding, and much more. We survive financially from donations brought in by the sales of our music CDs and magazine.

We are more than a community but also a social political movement. We believe that truth is the only valid pursuit and cooperation the only workable social ideal. Visitors are welcome to come here and learn about Creavolution (our religion), Ecolibrium (our political design) and the Zendik culture. Call for details. Send $3-5 for a copy of the Zendik Magazine.” 9/2002.

Lost/Disbanded
Adult Fellowship Condo Community
Pennsylvania

Amadea Cohousing

Bali
Colorado
Lost address and emails. 11/2001.

Buckman Hall Co-op
Florida

Circle Springs
Utah
Creekside Cohousing (VA)
Virginia
Want to sell to cohousing developer.
Contact info provided here for that particular purpose.
Attn: Robert C. Johnston
2400 Smithfield Road
Charlottesville, VA
434-295-7718

EarthLight Foundation
North Carolina

Flowering Desert Community
Arizona

Folkhaven
Alaska
Lost Address. 10/2002.

Full Moon Rising Intentional Farm Community
Washington

Gabalah
Australia

High Wind Association
Wisconsin
Disbanded but some group members remain available to act as a community information resource. See listed phone and email. Postal address changed.
W7122 County Rd. U
Plymouth, WI 53073

"High Wind began in 1977 as a non-profit dedicated to modeling technologies for sustainable living and exploring higher consciousness. An intentional community formed in 1981 on 128 rural acres, supporting this work. Though the close-knit community aspect was dissolved in 1992, the educational thrust continued—sharing ideas through workshops, seminars, conferences and tours—particularly in conjunction with several colleges, universities and central city school systems. Then in spring 2000 the direction changed again. Most of the programs were suspended, except for ongoing public demonstrations of renewable energy in the High Wind residences. A core of community people remain on the land as an "eco-neighborhood" with the same philosophy that sparked our work initially: "To walk gently on the earth, to know the spirit within, to hear our fellow beings, to invoke the light of wisdom, and to build the future now." High Wind has sold its public buildings to two Buddhist groups very much on our wave-length; they plan to use the facilities and land for group retreats and teaching. With this additional influx, the total number of residents living in loose community has risen to 20, about as many as were in the intentional community previously. The High Wind Association is using the proceeds from the sale of the buildings to become a granting organization, growing a fund to support like-minded groups committed to building a sustainable world, and to sponsor periodically some programs of its own. The three founders of High Wind still live on the land and occasionally participate in seminars and workshops. They welcome inquiries and visitors looking for information or guidance in starting their own communities and with interest in sustainability broadly defined. They maintain contact with many in their former national and worldwide network." 7/2002.

Intersection House
California

Locust Grove Community, Inc.
Ohio
Lost Address. 10/2002.

Nakamura Co-op
Michigan

October Sky
Michigan

Owl Farm
Oregon
Lost Address. 11/2002.

Rainbow Valley Agricultural Cooperative
Texas

Rejuvenation House
California

Riverdale Cohousing
Ontario

The Sacred Oak Community
Oregon
Lost address and email. 10/2001.

Salamander Springs
Georgia

Shepherd's Gate
Colorado

Sky Woods Cosyn egal
Michigan

Southeastern Michigan Eco-Community
Michigan

Spadefoot
Arizona

Sphere of Light
New Jersey

Stiftelsen Stjärnsund
Sweden

Still Water Sabbatical
Montana

Sun Meadows, Inc.
Washington
Lost Address. 10/2002.

Teramo Texas
Texas

WholeLife Housing
Alberta

Womonworld
Formerly Woman's World
Louisiana
Disbanded. Note the following interesting explanation. "Woman's World had changed it's name to Womanworld and is now as of the end of this year; 2002 closing it's doors. The place is being sold and will no longer be a wimmin's land in Louisiana. It was the only one in the state and could not support itself with wimmin or money so it had to close. Wimmin's communities are flourishing in certain locations and I hope everyone interested in wimmin's lands will seek out and read Shewolf's Directory of Wimmin's Lands if they are looking for wimmin's communities. It contains over 100 of them; several also listed in the Intentional Communities Directory." 9/2002.

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with members that share household expenses, chores, and evening meals.

Examples such as these abound, and I have yet to find a community that’s been around a while that hasn’t undergone some sort of major refocusing or restructuring over the years. Ironically, although change is inevitable, people put an incredible amount of energy into resisting change—it’s as though we fail to understand that we have bad habits to break and important lessons to learn. Fortunately, the universe conspires to bring those lessons to us over and over again until we finally understand and integrate the insight that we’ve been resisting.

Intentional communities are microcosms of the larger society. For any lesson that “they” need to learn in the mainstream, it’s likely that someone in an intentional community somewhere has already been dealing with the issue. Mind you, the communitarians may not have come up with the penultimate solution, but they’re often several steps ahead on the path and likely will have some valuable experience-based insights to share. If ordinary folks could be convinced to start thinking of intentional communities as R&D (research and development) centers for cultural innovation, we’d all be ahead of the game. The community folks would do a lot of the dirty work, but they’d be appreciated as pioneers (or guinea pigs) rather than feared as zealots or misfits.

If you actually start embracing change instead of resisting it, not only do you grow faster, but life starts to be more fun. Therefore: Communitarians, go forth and multiply the challenges in your life, for therein lies the key to everlasting growth and happiness.

This column first appeared in Communities magazine issue #105, Winter 1999.

Geoph Kozeny has lived in various communities for 30 years, and for the last 15 years has been on the road visiting over 350 communities. He recently released Visions of Utopia, a video documentary about intentional communities, and is now editing a follow-up video profiling 11 additional communities. Geoph loves to give presentations on the history, reality, and lessons of shared living, geoph@ic.org.
Embracing the Inevitable

Change happens—and it needs to happen for any group or individual that is healthy and vital. It's fascinating that this idea has been known for centuries through folk wisdom and the writings of sages, yet today most people forget it or discount it when they're talking about communities. It seems that most of us make a career of resisting significant change in our lives.

Most often a change is gradual, like a small ripple moving forward in time. Occasionally, especially when deeply held convictions are involved, change is more like a tidal wave that comes in dramatic response to a crisis, a major restructuring initiative, or a simple realization that the current status quo is not achieving the desired results.

I've been giving slide shows about intentional communities for well over a decade, and I've learned to emphasize that the stories in my presentation are like snapshots frozen in time. No one community stays the same over time, and no two communities are identical—not even sister communities formed with identical charters. In most communities there are differences evident from one year to the next, however for a few very stable, well-established groups, the big changes require decades to materialize. Here are a few examples of major changes experienced by intentional communities that have each been around for more than 20 years:

The Emissaries, who founded their first residential community in 1946, looked heavily to leaders Uranda and Lord Exeter for guidance. For many decades, the community was seen by many as having a patriarchal structure—although the leaders' vision emphasized the need to develop individual responsibility. The community's largest shift in that direction started shortly after Lord Exeter's death in 1988, and today most Emissary communities have adopted democratic structures that use a council form of governance based on the consensus process.

Twin Oaks was launched in 1967 inspired by the Behavioral Psychology model outlined in Walden Two, a utopian novel by B.F. Skinner. It took only a few years to drop the emphasis on Behaviorism, and the community shifted its focus onto being an egalitarian community, another feature of Skinner's novel. Although the community has preserved several of Skinner's ideas, including an adaptation of his planner/manager system of governance and income-sharing based on a labor credit system, the community is vastly different from what was originally envisioned.

Ananda Village, established in 1969, originally emphasized a monastic lifestyle where, among other things, devotees wore Eastern-style garb and took on Sanskrit names. Within their first decade the founder, Kriyananda (Donald Walters), realized that the community's message could reach a much wider audience if they adopted a lifestyle more familiar (less alienating) to the American society at large. Today this spiritual community includes both singles and families, their dress and housing blend easily with the mainstream culture, and it is rare that a new member asks to be given a Sanskrit name.

The Farm, formed in 1970 after a caravan of brightly painted school buses circled the continent and landed in rural Tennessee, was originally a tie-dyed income-sharing spiritual community of hippies that eventually grew to include over 1500 members. In the early eighties they went through a near-bankruptcy experience that catalyzed a mass exodus and a major economic and organizational restructuring. Today they have an entrepreneurial family-based economy that looks and acts a lot like a land co-op.

The Purple Rose Collective, which got its start in 1978, was conceived as a collective household that would be owned by a communal core group of social-change activists who shared their income and raised their children together in a model urban ecology house. When that vision proved to be overly idealistic given the community members' anti-cooperative upbringing, the house evolved into a tightly knit self-managed extended-family-style urban cooperative.

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