



March 9, 2016
Colette Hoff, Editor

Calendar of Events:

Annual Membership Meetings –
March 11 to 13

Pathwork – Sunday, Mar 20

Council – Monday, Mar 21

Relational Group – Tuesday, Mar 22

Daylight Savings: March 13



Community is . . .

Colette Hoff

According to Wikipedia, a **community** is a social unit of any size that shares common values, or that is situated in a given geographical area (e.g. a village or town). It is a group of people who are **connected** by durable relations that extend beyond immediate genealogical ties, and **who mutually define that relationship as important** to their social identity and practice.

Although communities are usually small, "community" may also refer to large groups, such as national communities, international communities, and virtual communities.

The word "community" derives from the Old French *comuneté* which comes from the Latin *communitas* (from Latin *communis*, things held in common).^[3]

Human communities may share intent, belief, resources, preferences, needs, and risks in common, affecting the identity of the participants and their degree of cohesiveness.

Within the Goodenough Community, John Hoff has taught that **community is an organized social response to authentic human life**. John also taught that **community is a comprehensive methodology for personal and social transformation**. Community is, for many community members, a growthful context for our lives in which relationships develop and deepen.

The Village eView

On-Line News of the Goodenough Community System:

The American Association for the Furtherance of Community

Convocation: A Church and Ministry

Mandala Resources, Inc.

Sahale Learning Center

The EcoVillage at Sahale

An Excerpt from a paper called The Work We Do . . .An Orientation Document for The Goodenough Community

The Goodenough Community - A Place for Human Development

We envision ourselves collaborating in spirited living and lifelong learning as individuals, through our relationships and through organization. We choose the model of a learning community as a transformative path to open our hearts and add our energies to a world that will be more just, sane and peacefully interconnected.

Our purpose is to demonstrate the layers of relationship, culture, and organization required for development of mature human beings over a lifetime, accomplishing this with good humor by learning games, behavioral guidelines, and sound practices.

The Goodenough Community is a comprehensive methodology through cultural programs: Men (who have a weekend coming up), Women, Couples, Third Age as well as programs like Sahale Summer Camp now in its 11th year. The Human Relations Laboratory also offers a comprehensive view of the interconnection that encourages development. Spiritual Pathwork, organizational work and encouragement for relational work are on-going concerns of the Goodenough Community.

Come to Sahale this weekend and make a difference in shaping the community into the future so that it meets your needs to grow and develop.

*“We were born to unite with our fellow men,
and to join in community
with the human race.”*

Cicero

Community is...

John Hoff

Being in community is hard work in that we're learning and growing, learning about our inner and outer lives and how to relate well. It can be thought of like a school – we are always challenging ourselves to mature and be fully participating in community life. There is an encouragement to keep the learning frame. We are choosing to be open to other people's ideas and ways of living. And we learn to respect our need to also have quiet time, alone time, time with just one other person, or with our families.

Families in community can have an experience like an extended family. Children interact with adults beyond their own parents and with other kids their own age. My grandchildren, when they come out to Sahale, “the Farm”, will ask me, “are there going to be others here from the community?” Or if someone else shows up, they will ask, “Is that person part of the community?” I'm not quite sure what they mean by that, but I always answer “yes.” From my standpoint, community folks are always friendly folks and I welcome them in my

life. I like the idea of my grandchildren growing up in a world that is full of community people.

My parents were very community oriented people. Their friends were friendly and I learned to count on their friends as being friends of mine. In the native people I spent time with growing up in a native community I learned as a child to expect community people to be my friends.

Sense of Community

- More **connections!** Remember **Maslow?**
We all want to belong to a group that cares for us and we want to know that our needs will be met within this group.



Thoughts about Community

Kirsten Rohde

Community is sitting at the dinner table with a number of others and we are asking each other about their day and what they were doing. We're interested.

Community is sharing a moon rise, a bird sighting, a story from work, joining together to go to a jazz club in Seattle. This could be said to be the same as being friends and that's true too. However, in our community we are also aware that we are intending something together – a culture of relating, organizing ourselves to maintain the community over time and over generations of involvement.

In community I'm ever learning to think twice. If another person does something differently than I do, is my way important for some reason? Am I working under a standard we've already agreed to? Or do I think, "huh" she's doing this differently than I have. Does it matter? Why not try her way? I experience how I have someone inside who wants to do it the way I or we always have, but why? I guess a part of me likes habits and routines, and it's becoming fun to stop suddenly and ask myself, but why do I do it this way? Is there a rationale or is it just easier than shaking my life up a bit? Community can be seen as a game in this way. We're all different and when we take the time, we can enjoy and learn from our differences.

Honoring Our Sister, Kathleen Mary Notley

A wonderful illustration of an organized social response.

Thoughts

Hollis Ryan (read by Hollis during the Memorial for Kathleen.



Kathleen, age 6

We are here today because we are celebrating a life, and because we are grieving. Grief can feel solitary, isolating, as if we are wrapped in our personal gray cloud. Yet grief is uniting. Grief is an authentic feeling that calls forth authentic feeling, authentic grief, from others – and from deep inside ourselves, from our own past. Our grief today, for Kathleen, joins us with all others who have ever experienced loss, and calls forth all the grief, we have ever known.

This room is thick with grief.

In this room is grief for our loss of our beloved friend and sister, Kathleen ... grief for all our own losses ... grief for the world we are in, our own culture torn apart by conflicting ideals ... the world abroad becoming unsafe and unlivable for millions ... our Earth herself ravaged and increasingly unpredictable ... our own consciences burdened by our seemingly helpless complicity.

Grief. Helplessness. Hopelessness.

Grief is like that.

And Kathleen, were she with us, would be – in her true expressive, compassionate self – feeling *with* us and *for* us all, her eyes welling with tears, her hand reaching out to touch yours. Empathy. Shared grief.

And yet it is Kathleen herself who brings us hope, light, and energy today. My mind, my intellect knows that Kathleen as we have known her is gone, truly gone from us. Yet, equally true, my **heart** knows that Kathleen cannot be gone. Kathleen, so vibrant even as she lay dying. Was anyone ever more alive, more filled with life, than our Kathleen?

I do not profess to know about life on the other side But I **do** know about life among us. And Kathleen's life is right here, in our midst, with all her hopes and all the lessons she has to teach.

Do you feel her? In your heart? In your memories? Among us?

We are holding her life now, and her presence teaches *me* , and maybe you, once again that life does not truly end.

For the rest of this speech, go to page



The deAnguera Blog: Kathleen's Funeral



One of the ways community can be manifested most powerfully is through the funeral of a loved one. Kathleen Notley's funeral was held out at Sahale last Friday. The rainy weather set a somber tone. We were all reminded just how brief life really is and how much we need each other. Our mortality makes that very clear to us.

In the left hand photo Edmund Nixon, Kathleen Notley's best friend is pouring her ashes into the ground. It's incredible that what once was a living, breathing body is now just ashes to be mixed in with the earth. A Japanese Katsura tree is being planted here. It has heart shaped leaves which express the loving person Kathleen was.

Our bodies are all made of materials borrowed from the Earth. What was borrowed must someday be returned. It felt very good and right to return Kathleen's ashes to the Earth. In doing so we are all reaffirming our connection to the Earth.

The right hand photo shows Kathleen's family. I am glad I had the chance to meet with her family. It made her presence all the more powerful for me. I am especially happy Edmund was there. I really had a good chance to know and appreciate him better.

As my brother Paul once remarked, a funeral is not for the departed one but rather for those left behind. It enables all of us to bring a good closure to Kathleen's life and to share our grief with each other. I can't imagine grieving alone, it would tear me apart.

On Saturday we held another service at the community center in Seattle. At least 50 people were in attendance including Paul and his wife Patricia. I was amazed that Kathleen could have touched the lives of so many people. We also appreciated many old friends of the community we hadn't seen in a while.

One of Kathleen's sisters showed slides of pictures from Kathleen's life. Many black and white photos showed her early childhood as well as her parents. Later photos showed her adult life. Music was very important to her. A Chopin soundtrack accompanied the show. Chopin was her favorite composer. Hollis shared her thoughts on grief which were really helpful to me.

Seeing Kathleen's face change as she grew older was interesting. Whether she was a child or an adult, she always had those recognizable Kathleen eyes that I grew to love so well.

That's the essence of community, we are there for each other and give each other the strength to bear what I cannot bear alone. Thank you Kathleen for sharing your family with us. We are now all family together.



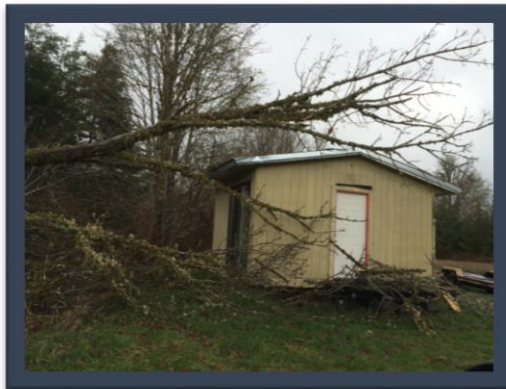
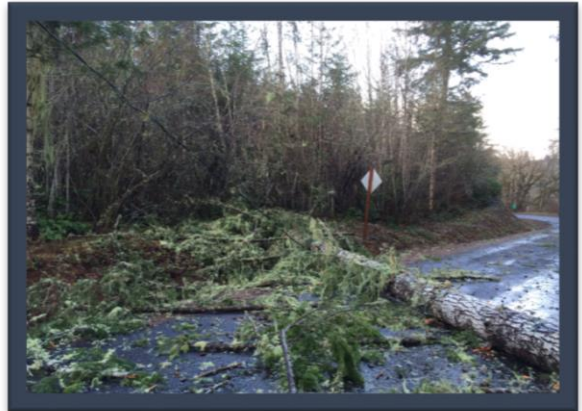
It's good to scatter the joy
Kathleen left with all of us.
Edmund painted this sign yellow.

In like a lion...and all “cooped” up

Irene Perler

Wow, what a week we’ve all had with wild weather. Here at Sahale, we’ve been on our toes. We made it through a high windstorm with several trees down and blocking travel both directions. Many people across the region reported power outages and trees down. The public utility was busy for several days helping us restore power and gain access to our roads. Our crew did a great job clearing a large fir that fell across the main

road. We lost power in the late morning and it returned a little after dinner time, making for a few romantic candle lit evening hours, hand lighting our cook stoves and keeping the hearth fires going. Storms are exciting but also a bit worrying at times. In the yurt, Ned and

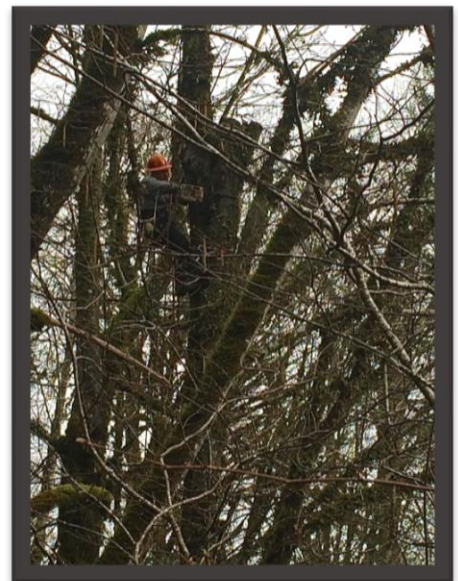


I exited mid-day on Tuesday to make sure we weren’t in the path of possible trees that could fall on the yurt. So many of the closer ones were swaying back and forth at their crowns moving what looked like 4 to 5 feet back and forth. From the window over my sink, I watched this and eventually didn’t want to take any chances. We went and hung out in the quiet and safety of the Hoff apartment where there was relative comfort and

security. It

is certainly much quieter in a home with a solid roof and solid doors. Another tree came close to the meadow cabin and thanks to Norm and Josh and Evelyn, the building is now free and clear. Once the power was back on and the main trees removed, the road crews were out by Thursday with the street cleaners making everything clean and bright. We have amazing services out here to keep roads safe and respond to outages. Thank you to the local crews!

The day before the storm, the Perlrs ran into a snafoo with the chicken coop building project...”there’s always something in the way of dreams!”. We realized that there was an end stage alder leaning against a maple and that it could at any time unbind itself and fall



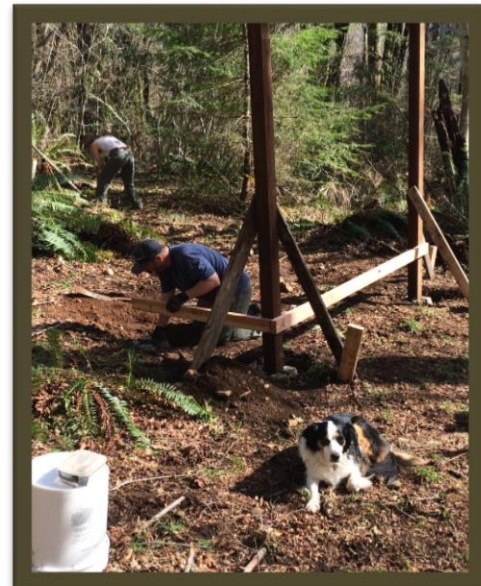
down...it would likely have come down right on our coop. We looked at all the options and decided we couldn't get it down safely ourselves as it was a complex bind between two tall trees and we couldn't really get high enough to secure guide ropes. The solution came when I was at QFC and saw the community board. There were several local tree specialists. I called Damon and he wanted to come out right away and take a look. Damon came and gave a very reasonable quote and he took it down on the spot. Here you can see the complex layers of protective ropes he used to climb up. He demonstrated the challenging removal when he had to remove one of his ropes to get up high enough around the area where both trees met, it looked like he had to rely on hugging the tree and careful suspension on his crampons as he flung his rope around the larger area of the tree. He was up about 30 – 40 feet with just his crampons and rope slings. I watched him take a breath several times and pause after each big activity. He took off the top first and let it fall and then layers of the alder came down until at one point it released from the bind it shared with the maple and Damon had to go through the motions of the movement of the two trees separating. He was careful and efficient, making sure no "widow-maker" branches remained for us to worry about. I enjoy meeting people in the area who offer their professional services and Damon was happy for the work, as he'll be getting married soon and starting a specialty modular geodesic home building business. Tree climbing and felling is dangerous and mentally and physically demanding work. He has been doing it for long time and is ready to move onto something else. Meanwhile, I appreciated his experience and capability.



With the tree removed, we began building the coop and sinking fence posts. See some pictures of our progress. Pharaoh is offering his expertise to the fence building and coop features as he has enjoyed and worked with animals much of his life. Thank you also Pharaoh for chick sitting when I head into my beekeeping class and meetings in Seattle. Both he and I are pretty sure we have at least one Cock in the group of chicks. The Chicks are really now teenagers and have a little awkwardness in them as their baby fluff is replaced by the true feathers; it reminds us both of the challenging changes in our bodies during teenage years. The Rhode Island Reds are sporting their true colors now. The 12 (Sorry Seahawks fans ☺) are definitely a flock now and respond in a unified way, often turning their gaze in unison to watch Pharaoh when he picks up one of them. I learned a new word for people like me

and Pharaoh, were "flocksters". Coined by Harvey Ussery, who is one of my guides in this venture with his bible like reference titled: [The Small Scale Poultry Flock](#). [My other chicken experts by the way are Minnie Rose Lovegreen, Joel Salatin and Gail Damerow to

name a few more] Keeping chickens is of course a very old cultural activity, but it is now gaining popularity with the masses, not just for farmers. There are so many clubs and resources for all kinds of chicken fanciers. Magazines and online suppliers abound. There are chicken coup tours in many urban towns, mansions and icons of neighborhood creativity. I re-watched a fun movie on Netflix, called Chicken Run, which is a Claymation spoof on the classic movie “The Great Escape”. I laughed a lot and recommend it for a good light movie. It really hits the mark while I am building a fortress like estate to house and keep our chickens safe from predators...of course they might want to escape! In the movie, the chickens organize and plan their escape and scrounge all kinds of handy items for building contraptions to help them escape. I wonder what my chickens’ escape plans are? Hopefully, we can both protect them and give them lots of opportunities to freerange within our supervision this summer. It’s good for them and creates rich tasting eggs. They love to eat bugs that we might not want in the garden and fertilize as they go. Bruce and I are enjoying the challenge of creating a coop in the rain. One reason why it would have been better to have completed all of this building last fall before the weather changed. Oh, well. Recently, I learned that it is possible to get chicks started in the fall, not just the spring. I didn’t realize that, did you? There is a lot I don’t know, but its fun to learn by experience and I hope you’ll come visit if you like. They are quite entertaining, but they aren’t chicks anymore!



While I am also learning oodles about chickens, I am also taking a beekeeping class with the regional bee keeping association. It is a good way to get exposure to the many opinions and experiences of local beekeepers. I look forward to understanding more what the life of the bee. Its quite mysterious you know. There is so much to learn. More on the bees later. Anyone want to help me build a solar powered honey extractor for next fall? It’s easy and should be fun and I have a really good set of plans.

Available for Rent: Private Suite in West Seattle Home

Good news! We have found a new renter and Steve seems like he will enjoy living with us. Thanks for all your help!

Community News

By Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson

Birthdays and Anniversaries

♣ Pamela Jarrett-Jefferson, March 17 Happy birthday, Pam!!

What does an Irishman pray when he's in the Swamp?

By Pam and Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson

Our Lager
Which art in barrels,
Hallowed be thy drink,

Thy kingdom come,
I fill thy mug,
At home, as in the Swamp.

Give us this day, our foamy head,
And forgive us our spillages,
As we forgive those who spill upon us,
And lead us not into inebriation,
But deliver us from hangovers.

Barmen.





An Offer

Ladies and Gents,

I will be making a trip to AZ this coming April, and am short in the fund department. Colette has given me permission to post on the e-View some tasks I am capable of and am willing to perform for pay.

In part, but not wholly, they consist of:

Car detailing, which you would be better off bringing here so I have all my accouterments,

Wood splitting and stacking, it would be better for both of us if it were cut already,

Moving, or cleaning out a storage locker,

House detailing, to include vacuuming or anything along house cleaning,

I am sure there are more, I am not able to think of them all right now.

It would work best if I had a 3 days heads up so as to be able to plan rides etc. And the detail of either contract or per hour we can work out before-hand.

In AZ, I will be visiting a friend of mine and assisting her and her husband on their farm for at least a year. The funds are for 'emergencies' you could say.

Thank you, and the number I am most likely reachable at is the landline, 360-275-3957.

Pharaoh

No man is an island, entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the continent.
~John Donne

... I have no doubt that our universal,
innate yearning to be in relationship
with others is, in part, rooted in a deep
abiding truth that healthy communities
offer us protective health immunity.
Caren Goldman

Cultural Programs & Events in 2016

All programs and events are open to the public. We welcome your interest and participation. For the Goodenough Community, cultural life is an arena for creative expression.

The Goodenough Community organizes its cultural life around encouraging human development—through our programs for men, women, committed couples, families and around age groupings. Cultural programs usually encourage maturity, responsibility, and the development of valued relationships. Some of our programs bring everyone together with a seasonal emphasis. Following, are program offerings for the next period on our calendar.

Programs & Events:

Third Age Gatherings	Women's Culture
The Men's Culture	Human Relations laboratory
Family Enrichment Network	Sahale Summer Camp

“Community is a word that captures the fullness and wholeness of humans together.”

■ Colette Hoff

Annual Membership Weekend, March 11 to 13, 2016

Where are we now as the Goodenough Community, The American Association for the Furtherance of Community, Convocation: A Church and Ministry, Sahale Learning Center and the EcoVillage at Sahale? The weekend will begin at 8:00 Sahale and conclude at 3:00 p.m.

Goodenough Community Women's Program Further Along the Path to Freedom

Saturday, March 26, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13 – Sunday, May 15, 2016

The women's program of the Goodenough Community is a long-established and ever-growing way for women to enjoy each other's company, learn about themselves as women, and even perhaps to experience the Divine Feminine.

As a centering point, each gathering builds upon a theme which, this year, is “Further Along the Path to Freedom.” The theme opens up a way for us to look inside ourselves and to share whatever we want our companions to know.

You are welcome to attend one or all of our events. Each gathering builds upon the ones before, yet each is discrete, and previous experience with the program is not at all necessary.

Most gatherings include a time of introspection, a time of gathering and joining with others, and plenty of time to listen to others and to share your heart. We often sing, chant, and dance. We find that opening ourselves to other women is indescribably satisfying and uplifting. Each woman is free to participate to the extent that is right for her.

Our Saturday gatherings are held at our Community Center (3610 SW Barton Street) from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and we serve lunch.

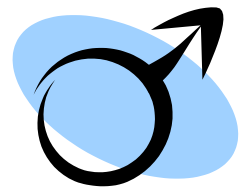
Our weekend in May is at Sahale, the community's retreat center near Belfair, Washington, and begins on Friday evening, May 13. Accommodations are comfortable, the food is delicious, and the company of women is refreshing, relaxing, and energizing. We always appreciate an RSVP (hollisr@comcast.net) because that helps us plan, but please do not stay away just because you didn't respond! And, for the Saturday gatherings, we suggest a gift to the community of \$20, and we trust that you will give more, or less, as is right for you.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Men's Program

Theme: Friendship among Men

Men's Program



We're an open gathering of men friends, some old and some new. Have a look at our (slightly outdated) [men's page](#) on the website to know a little more about our culture.

We will be gathering for a weekend this spring, **March 25 to 27, 2016.**

Let me know of your interest: bruce_perler@hotmail.com or 206.419.8361

Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 to 30 at Sahale Learning Center

Join us for a weekend of well-organized work parties balanced with play, wholesome meals, hot tubbing and relaxation. The only charge is a donation for food.

Putting Up the White Tent one more time!

On the weekend of Friday June 10 and Saturday June 11 we will put up our Gathering Tent. Mark your calendar!

Sahale Summer Camp for 9 to 12 Year Olds

June 26 to July 2, 2016

<http://www.goodenough.org/camp.htm>



Sahale Summer Camp is entering its 11th season! We invite youth aged 9 to 12 to join us for 6 nights and 7 days of fun living in nature at Sahale Learning Center.

We enjoy a program rich in experiences just right for this age zone. Youth enjoy traditional camping experiences with our tent village set up around a giant campfire pit for evening programs complete with stories, singing, s'mores and friends under a canopy of stars.

We teach skills of outdoor living and provide experiences which help you get to know yourself and have confidence making friends. We also impart a gentle sense of responsibility for caring for each other and the land. We do this through natural activities of taking care of camp and being part of small clans that spend time together each day getting to know each other and working together.



A training program for 13 to 17 year olds is also included and is an excellent opportunity for leadership training. For more information, see [The Junior Staff Training Program](#). Please contact Irene Perler for more information - 206.419.3477 or irene_perler@hotmail.com.

Human Relations Laboratory

August 7 to 13, 2016

Freedom as a Mature Adult

The best event to experience the Goodenough Community

Seven Fun-filled Days of Social Creativity & Experiential Learning about Friendship and Effective Relationship

Sahale Learning Center

A 68-acre retreat on the Kitsap Peninsula

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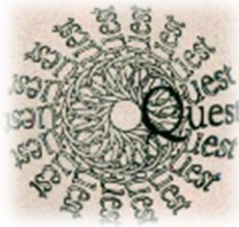
An event designed to encourage human development

- This event can inspire your own desire to be a better person.
- Whether you are focused on personal mastery or trying to improve your relationships, you will find this learning/training event will facilitate your growth.
- The Lab context provides opportunities to practice interpersonal skills and experience community formation.

- Former attendees have referred to the Lab as transformative and rejuvenating.

We offer the opportunity for social creativity in play, drama, dance, music, song and conversation. Each day will include time to explore the magical land of Sahale.

To register: www.goodenough.org or call (360) 275-3957 to find out more



Quest: A Counseling and Healing Center

Our belief is that mental and emotional health is a prerequisite for spiritual well-being, collaboration, and the expression of compassion. Quest’s counseling and education programs, open to all interested individuals, focus on empowering individuals, couples, and family groups to be happier and be more effective in relationships.

Call John (206 963-4738), Colette (206-755 8404) or Colette and John at Sahale – 360 275-3957. In Seattle, John and Colette meet with clients at the new community center, 3610 SW Barton Street, Seattle 98106, as well as at Sahale.

About AmazonSmile

The Amazon Smile program – a way to donate to the Goodenough Community

Kirsten Rohde

Several people have commented that figuring out the Smile program is slightly complex. The following is an explanation excerpted from the Amazon site. The short version is to login to Amazon, enter Amazon Smile in the search and then follow directions to select The Goodenough Community. Then when you shop at Amazon enter “smile.amazon.com” in your browser instead of “amazon.com”. This takes you to a site on amazon very much the same as usual except your purchase will automatically gain a donation to our community.

Some of us may think, “Hah! This is just a way for Amazon to get us to use their site for our purchases.” Well at least I’ve had that thought. So how I work with this is that I do shop in real local stores first or even on other online sites first. But if after driving to 2-3 stores and not finding what I’m seeking, yes Amazon is an option especially for us rural folks. More gas vs using a BIG company....

I hope this helps. As we’ve always known, small donations over time do make a difference and this is one way to contribute to our community’s overall well-being.



(Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> before placing order)

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

➔ For example, select The Goodenough Community

Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

What charities can I choose from?

You can choose from almost one million eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?

Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.

Thoughts, Hollis Ryan continued from page 4

Wendell Berry has a poem, "Ripening."

The longer we are together
the larger death grows around us.
How many we know by now
who are dead! We, who were young,
now count the cost of having been.
And yet as we know the dead
we grow familiar with the world.
We, who were young and loved each other
ignorantly, now come to know
each other in love, married
by what we have done, as much
as by what we intend. Our hair
turns white with our ripening
as though to fly away in some
coming wind, bearing the seed
of what we know. It was bitter to learn
that we come to death as we come
to love, bitter to face
the just and solving welcome
that death prepares. But that is bitter
only to the ignorant, who pray
it will not happen. Having come
the bitter way to better prayer, we have
the sweetness of ripening. How sweet
to know you by the signs of this world!

"As we know the dead, we grow familiar with the world." Kathleen -- sprite-like ... buoyant ... joyous ... -- is teaching us to live ... in the words of *Amazing Grace*, "to taste, to touch, to feel." From her life, from her death, Kathleen is reaching out to us, teaching us to live as she lived, begging us to *live* until the moment of our own death.

And so we celebrate this life that we hold among us, this treasured life ...

Kathleen