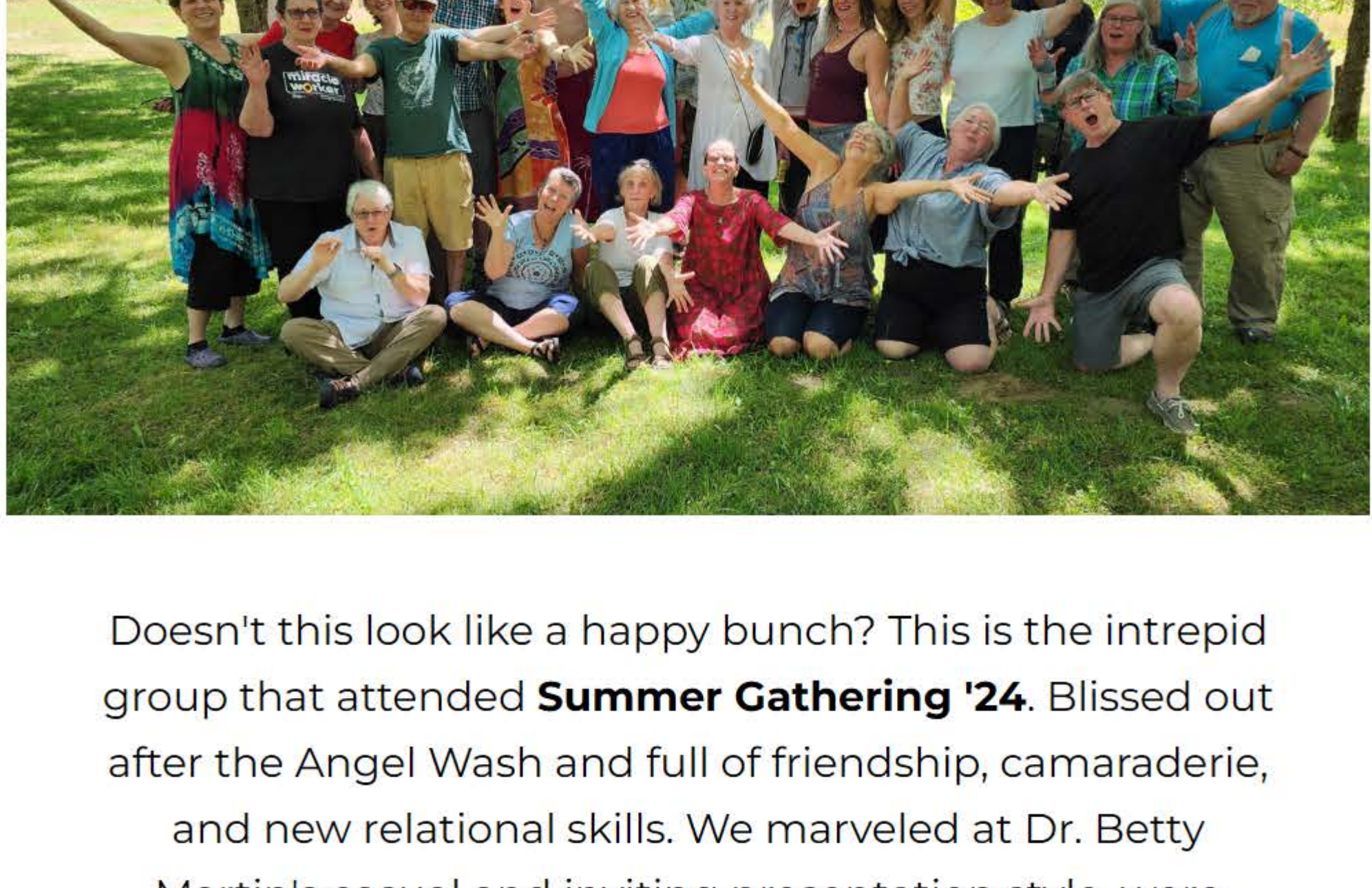


The Goodenough Community

July 2024

VILLAGE VIEW

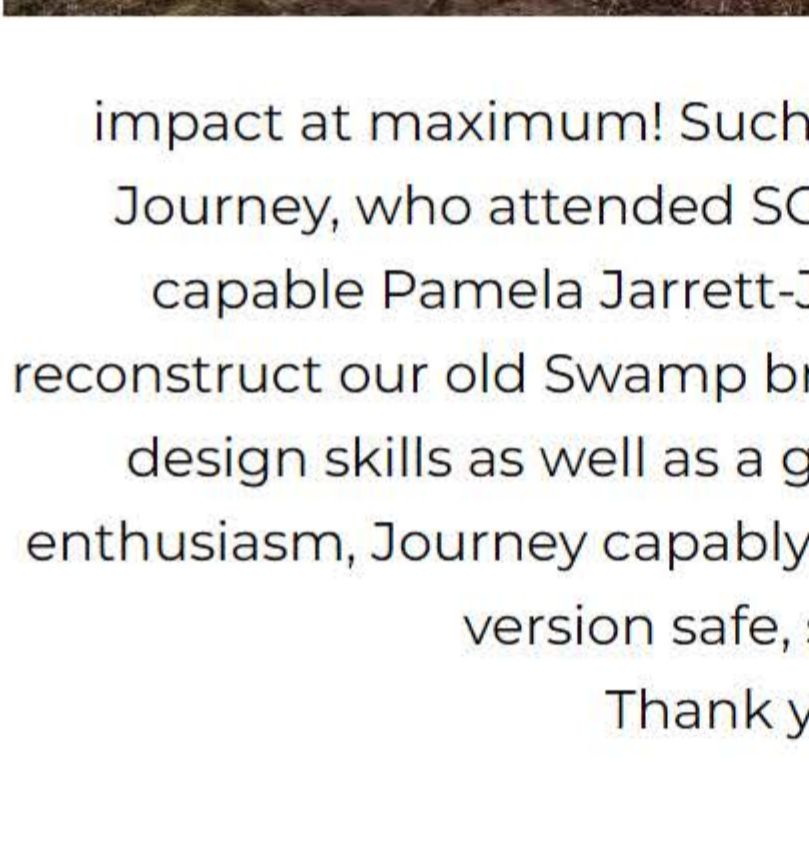


Doesn't this look like a happy bunch? This is the intrepid group that attended **Summer Gathering '24**. Blissed out after the Angel Wash and full of friendship, camaraderie, and new relational skills. We marveled at Dr. Betty Martin's casual and inviting presentation style, were challenged by the seeming ease but unexpected subtlety of her insights on consent - and left with simple but powerful tools and a practice that will keep us honest about who is serving, accepting, taking and allowing.

Our first community-organized experiential summer event is in the bag - and we've proven to ourselves that we can do it!

Betty is also a seasoned communitarian - a founding member and current resident of Vashon Co-Housing - so she was delighted to be able to expand the conversation into how practical tools of consent can be used within community life and governance. How can we support each other - and ourselves - in being clear about what we really want and need from each other to feel safe and fully self-expressed?

Watch the next few issues of the Village View for postcards from other participants and what they learned from Summer Gathering '24, as well as how the practice of consent is living in their daily lives.



Work trade FTW!

As we all know, work trade is a great way to broaden our audience for offerings like the Summer Gathering - while most folks have the resources to pay full price each summer, others have skills and labor to offer to keep the cash at a minimum but the impact at maximum! Such is the case with our new friend Journey, who attended SG'24 and then dove in (with our capable Pamela Jarrett-Jefferson and other others) to reconstruct our old Swamp bridge! With great construction and design skills as well as a generous spirit and contagious enthusiasm, Journey capably lead the charge to make the new version safe, sturdy and sweet!

Thank you, Journey!



Sahale: Conserving Our Land

by Laura Sweany



The Goodenough Community recently contracted with a wonderful local land use and master planning consultant, Rosemary Baker of Convergent Ecosystems, who is also well-versed in sustainable development practices and permaculture ethics. Just last week she presented us with a fantastic set of maps that detail all the physical aspects of the land at Sahale, with an eye toward land use, wetland conservation, buildable site identification, and setting the stage for us to make wise and informed choices about how to move forward with conserving the most ecologically sensitive areas at Sahale. As you may remember from last month's newsletter, [Greater Peninsula Conservancy](#), a regional land trust for the Kitsap Peninsula, has recently acquired 145 acres on the Tahuya River, just upriver from Sahale, and are approaching people with land on the river regarding land trusts and, in collaboration with the [Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group](#), restoring salmon habitat on the lower four miles of the Tahuya River.

Having these maps is giving us more information about sequencing and logistics that would guide future development - and also how all the parcels interact with each other. These fine points are critical input as we approach making decisions about conservancy specifics.

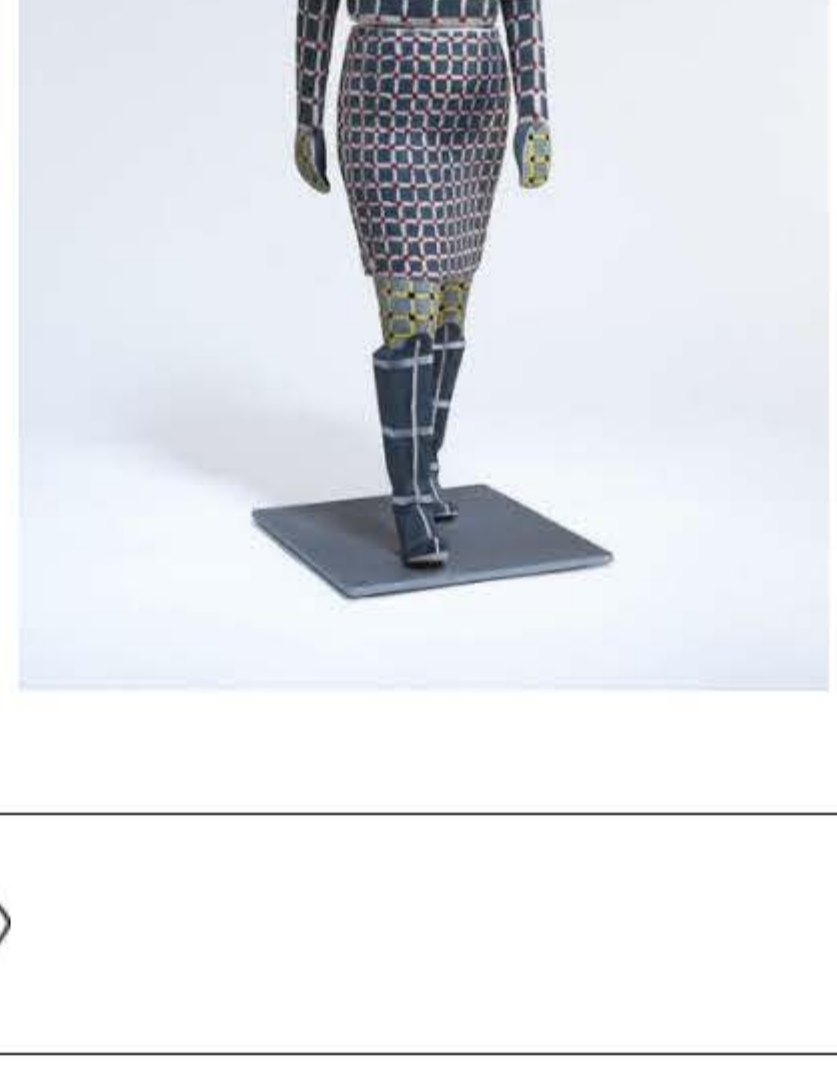
If you have any questions, input, or want to be involved in the conversation, please reach out to either: **Kirsten Rohde:** krohde14@outlook.com or **Sky Blue:** peacewithinchaos@gmail.com



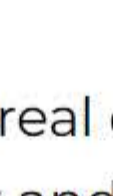
Our next big Sahale Open will be for **Labor Day Weekend!** Join us anytime between Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2nd for work and play with all your best Goodenough friends. Join us for a day, or two, or all 4! Our new misters will help keep us cool if the weather is hot - so drag out your tent, or book a room, and get in one more adventure before summer officially ends. RSVP to Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson at community@goodenough.org so we can plan for YOUR visit.



Claudia Fitch will be showing her recent sculpture *Models and Messengers* July 5 - August 24th at [Greg Kucera Gallery](#) in Seattle



Congratulations, Claudia!

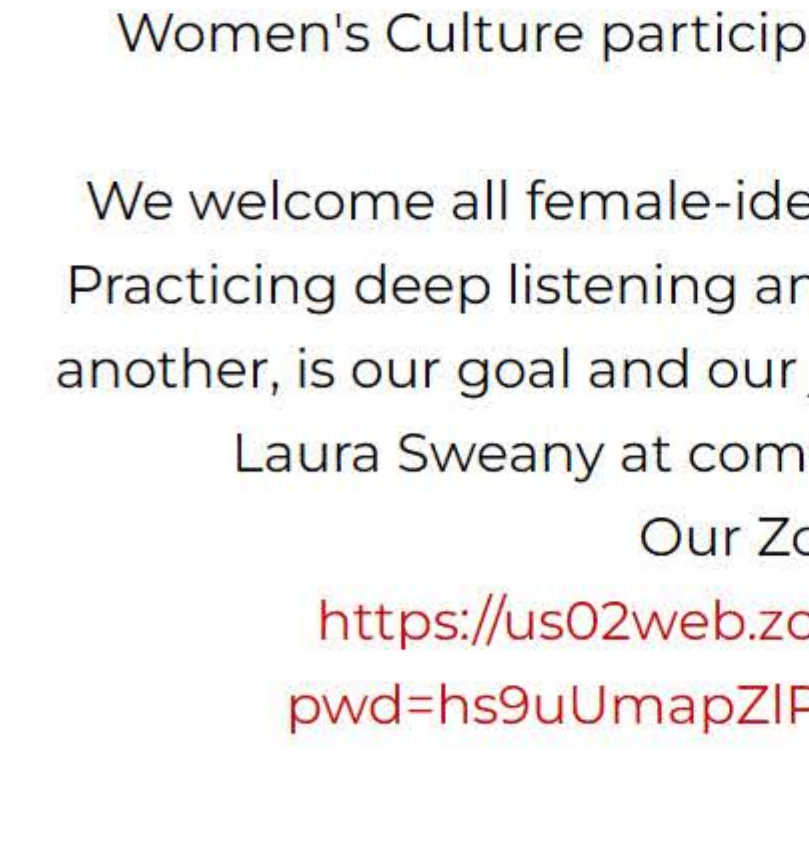


Have **YOU** contributed to our **WELL FUNDRAISER?**

Pledges have turned into real dollars! We are currently at **\$13,300** and growing - closer and closer to our goal of \$35,000. Drilling is expected to begin this November, after the retreat season has ended for the year. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to donate to the long-term development of Sahale Learning Center.



Next **Women's Culture** Zoom gathering: September 21, 2024, 10:00AM - 1:00PM



by Laura Sweany, focal for the Women's Culture

Every time we meet there are new women that join us!

Have you called in lately to enjoy some connecting video time with our warm and welcoming team? If not, you're missing out

on a wonderful opportunity to connect, share, and support our Women's Culture participants from all over the country!

We welcome all female-identified individuals to our group. Practicing deep listening and sharing, while supporting one another, is our goal and our joy! For information, reach out to Laura Sweany at community@goodenough.org

Our Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89706843097?pwd=hs9uUmapZlPpNvhyfebc4YlJ7yuKeH.1>

Goodenough Community Events Calendar

- Aug 30 - Sept 2:** Labor Day Workparty Weekend at Sahale
- September 21:** Women's Culture Zoom program
- October 10-13:** Big Tent take down and Nature Systems fall prep
- November 8-11:** Community-Building Retreat

We look forward to being with YOU again soon!