The Goodenough Community

Our Vision:

Inspiring a conscious, just, and peaceful world through deep connection to self, community, and nature.

October 2024

VILLAGE VIEW

Tent Take-Down and Nature Systems

Weekend at Sahale

By Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson

About 20 hardy individuals gathered over the weekend of October 11, 12, and 13 to both perform our annual task of de-constructing our large Event tent, used primarily for Sahale guests during the summer, and to join in a fall gardening and land care effort - of course, involving the important basic functions such as mowing, trimming, planting and replanting, and composting!

Imagine, if you will, a huge pile of iris bulbs that were harvested and separated as part of the weekend effort… (style kudos to Rod Serling). Leadership and organizing for the tent take-down was provided by Norm Peck, Jim Tocher, and Tom George, who represented the Men's Culture of the Goodenough Community; and the Nature Systems effort was organized and led by Laura Sweany, focal of the Community's Nature Systems circle, a sub circle of the Sahale Circle, which is one of our governing bodies.

Staffing the meals and culinary efforts was under the leadership of Sky Blue, who brought their talent and skills to us all over the weekend. Thank you each!

Big thank-you's to those mentioned above, as well as to Terri Widergren, Rose Buchmeier, Phil Buchmeier, Joe Buchmeier and his partner Anita and children Leo and Arisha; Dale Rudesill, Summer Tupelo and partner Tim; Yana Ludwig; Lorrine Cleveland; Pam Jarrett-Jefferson, Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson, Russ Pogemiller, and Jensen George. A number of guests drove considerable distances to join others for the weekend, and we are doubly appreciative.

Sahale Nature Systems weekends, held regularly, are a great opportunity to join in and learn about our Sahale Retreat Center and the Goodenough Community. You'll find dates and information regularly in this Village View and on the Events page of our website. Laura Sweany can be contacted at alwaysgrowingdesign@gmail.com for more information on how to join in the fun, which will start again in January!

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Barbara Brucker and the Willed Body Program

by Hollis Guill Ryan

Barbara Brucker, long-time friend and leader of the Goodenough Community, wished for her body to be donated to the University of Washington's Willed Body Program so that she could continue to contribute meaningfully to the education of health care students. On October 11, the UW Medical School held its annual memorial honoring the donors who, by generously gifting their bodies, helped advance the education of future health care professionals.

More than a dozen of Barbara's friends and family attended the memorial where members of the medical faculty and medical students expressed their profound gratitude for the almost indescribable experience of learning from these donors. Both Jim Tocher and Marjenta Gray spoke movingly of the woman we loved, recognizing her lifelong passion and talent for teaching. How fitting that Barbara's last act on this earth was as a teacher!

Along with the other donors, Barbara's cremains have been interred in a Washelli Memorial Park site dedicated to those who gifted their bodies to education.

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Theresa Jacobson remembrance

from Hollis Guill Ryan

Theresa Jacobson passed from this life on September 25, 2024. She left behind a passel of loving friends and family who celebrate Theresa’s passion, courage, and sunny attitude. As her email “handle,” Smart Citizen, proclaimed, Theresa was whole-heartedly pro-active in creating representative, sensible, and sustainable government. In a message chain responding to the news of Theresa’s final hospitalization, her friends called her a joyous warrior, a bona fide character, and a lover of life and of people. Yes, she will be missed.

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...and New Beginnings

from Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson

I'm not sure how many of you remember our Sahale Workaway volunteer Tyler, who was brought on by Irene several years ago and has gone on to get married! He and his wife Gina just had their first baby, little Rohdi Mae Annetts, 9# 4 oz. Rohdi is short for rhododendron, their favorite flower. Tyler and Gina live in Palmer, Alaska, where Tyler works for the USGS.
Tyler tells me they are "over the moon" about their new addition. Congrats to Gina and Tyler, and welcome Rhodi Mae!

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Well Fundraising MATCH OPPORTUNITY!

Double your impact - **Double** your dollars! Rosemary and Phil Buchmeier have generously offered to match all donations for the month of October up to a total of $1000! Don't wait! We are above $16K and climbing - let's keep our momentum RISING! This time of year we see donations increase because it's a great way to provide a positive impact to Sahale and Goodenough ***and*** minimize your tax burden at the same time.

Donate NOW

Don't Forget -

Our Fall Organizational Retreat is

November 8 - 10 at Sahale.

Anyone actively involved in the Goodenough community, anyone who wants to get **more involved**, or anyone who cares about the community and wants to support its **thriving into the future** is encouraged to attend.

The focus of this retreat will be on the future of the community. Some key questions informing the design include: How do we attract and engage new members, especially younger ones, into the community? What kind of residential community do we want to foster at Sahale? How do we create financial abundance for the community? What are the new programs and strategies we are planning to implement in 2025?

We will also get reports from various governance circles and projects, and provide an in-depth financial review.

The program will begin with dinner at 6pm on Friday the 8th, followed by an evening session of joyful joining and orientation, and will run through the entire day on Sunday the 10th. This will give us a full two days of plenary sessions and two evenings of fun and connection. The last meal provided will be breakfast on Monday. Meal prep and clean up will be done collectively by the participants, so come expecting to pitch in.

Please reach out to Elizabeth to arrange accommodations:
elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com
Suggested donation to cover food, housekeeping, and maintenance costs is $100, but you are welcome to pay more or less as you are able.

Reach out to any of us on the organizing team if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

November Retreat Organizing Team,
Elizabeth, Laura, Sharon, Sky, and Tom

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Next **Women's Culture** Zoom event:
November 16, 2024, 10:00AM - 1:00PM

"I've been in many Women's Circles but your circle is one of the best! The way you support all parts of me - my body, my mind, my spirit and my soul's life - it's so unique and precious. I'm glad I found you all!"

We welcome all female-identified individuals to our group. Practicing deep listening and sharing, while supporting one another, is our goal and our joy!
Upcoming dates are Nov. 16, Jan 25, Mar 22 and our long-awaited Women's Weekend on May 3 & 4, 2025. For information, reach out to Laura Sweany at community@goodenough.org
Our Zoom link is:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89706843097?pwd=hs9uUmapZlPpNvhyfebc4YiJ7yuKeH.1

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Save the Date! December 21st Holiday Party!

Our GEC board President Tom George is hosting this year's holiday bash at his spacious house in Edmonds, and we want *you* there with bells on! Bring your potluck favorite sweet, salad or side, and we'll provide the ham and salmon at the center of the feast. There will be a roaring bonfire, cozy opportunities for chatting, and great tunes to help us all get our jingle on! More details coming soon...don't miss it!

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Goodenough Community Events Calendar

November 8-11: Organizational Retreat
November 16th: Women's Culture Zoom program
December 21: Holiday Open House at the George residence

We look forward to being with **YOU** again soon!

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