



The Village eView

September 14, 2016

Colette Hoff, Editor

We will continue the theme of legacy in our newsletter. Your thoughts on this topic are welcome.

Coming Up:

Third Age – Friday, September 23

Women's Saturday – September 24

Pathwork – Sunday, September 25

Council – Monday, September 26

Apples, Culture and Legacy

Colette Hoff

Every time I make large quantities of applesauce, I am reminded of Susan Smith, who is Liz Zebold's mother and Ari and Brynn's grandmother. Susan taught me how to approach great quantities of apples, use a food mill and how to carefully process them. As I pass-on what I learned to countless others, I mention Susan. All over Sahale, skills are shared, practiced and learned. Jim Tocher is commenting more often of the pleasure he gets in working with young people who want to learn, follow directions, and are committed to doing a good job.

This week, we are introducing our **fall – winter calendar** of The Goodenough Community's cultural programs and events. Thank you Hollis for the introduction. In preparing, I found the following article written by John and myself that dates back at least 10 years and describes the kind of culture we were growing at that time. This excerpt describes the growing culture we wanted to offer at that time and into the future and a cornerstone to the legacy of the Goodenough Community.

Understanding culture and how it grows people is one of the teachings that John Hoff has provided over many years. For example, currently the leadership of the women's culture

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Sahale Learning Center

The EcoVillage at Sahale

feels challenged to offer relevant and provocative experiences that help women be more of who they are. Similarly, men together seeking their authentic growing edge, builds deep friendship (the good stuff, BP).

You will also read an article titled Living Your Legacy: How Will You Touch Others' Lives? In addition, Kirsten reminds us of another aspect of legacy.



Culture affects almost everything we do, think, and feel. Culture surrounds us like the air we breathe. It shapes our habits, behaviors, language, and interpersonal style. Often it does this in invisible ways—for example, by influencing our ideas about what is “natural” or beautiful. Culture affects what we take for granted, as well as what we question. ...

Chapter 5 “Culture” of the book, *Understanding Society*, by Caroline Hodges Persell, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, 1987:

Community is Culture and Relationship

John and Colette Hoff

Excerpted from a paper written in 2005

We invite you to participate in our community. We want you to feel welcome here even if you are a stranger to us and even when you feel uncomfortable among us. We have each felt this discomfort as we entered into community life here. Once we have been here a while and have become habituated to our own ways of being and doing, we discover that when visiting other communities, we feel that old familiar feeling of discomfort at not knowing their lifeways, their songs, or understanding their leaders. What the Goodenough Community has to offer you is a most beneficial experience, a life-changing experience that comes from involving you in our culture, our lifeways, our organization-for-learning and our programs. All of which are intended to heighten your sense of your individuality and to encourage you to be free, to be your own unique self. You don't have to act as we do or speak as we do, we challenge you instead to simply watch and listen. Feel safe here as a new community friend or as a visitor.

What you are experiencing here is a different culture. There is no judgment by us about you. Similarly, we ask you to respect how we are and allow experience and the passing of time to bring you understanding about us. The value of your being with us can be experienced immediately by you when you examine your own response to us. You will find yourself able to learn about your own prejudice like visiting in a foreign land. You will notice how your mind works and what emotions are created when you are surrounded by what is unfamiliar. You will learn much about yourself and your social responses without ever

saying a word or making any kind of commitment. It is our intention to be good for you in this way. We intend that your simply being with us is a consciousness-raising experience.

We live in the freedom we encourage for you. Perhaps our community and its culture is not for everyone. We live freely knowing that some will judge us and leave. Others will stay and keep coming. We desire to make a contribution to the general society by creating a safe and free place where each person has a right to explore, to experiment, until their own behavior is an expression of their true nature. We are all learning here and practicing being true to our self. Our particular culture is premised on the knowledge that each individual is a self who has the potential of awakening to a fuller life, a more abundant way of living which will further reveal their truest nature as Self. Our culture is in-formed and in-structed that each of us is a Spiritual Being and that each of us engage a heroic journey to find and know our Self; and, thereafter, to attempt bravely to be that Self as much as is possible. When you enter our community, you are watching us practice being Self. You are hopefully experiencing Namaste Training which is the conscious honoring of each other's good intentions. Our community and its cultural lifeways will make more sense to you when you choose to be true to your Self when you are with us and simply hold a non-judging perspective of "wait and see"

The real gift we give each other as members and friends of the Goodenough Community is the culture with its relationships, leaderships and lifeways which are the primary source of our life, love, truth and beauty. Our culture represents conscious decisions that have been made, corrected, and re-corrected again. It is our desire that the way we live and act be an expression of a lively Consciousness or Mind that is a Divine offering to us when we seek It. You can see that our culture is intentionally an expression of Spirit and is therefore the most deeply spiritual activity of our life together. When we are respectful of our own culture things go well for us and much learning happens. When we forget to respect each other and when we dishonor our lifeways we suffer the worst sort of experiences and find ourselves to be dis-Spirited.

Cultural Programs in the Goodenough Community are created for visitors and they are developed as opportunities for our members and friends to practice our lifeways and apply them to contemporary issues and problems in our lives. For instance, the men's program must be an expression of the best wisdom men have gathered from their life together—about what is a good man and how he could best express that in his own life. Similarly, women must return to the essentials of being a good woman in this day and age.



Come explore our cultural programs or events offered by the Goodenough Community. Mark your calendars with new dates and make plans to attend! Following the calendar you will find a notice about those events that are coming soon.

Calendar of Programs and Events, 2016-2017

What makes community meaningful and fun?

The richness of life in community comes in many ways – getting together informally over a meal ... celebrating a significant birthday with long-time and newfound friends ... working together in a creative endeavor ... collaborating in a work party ... thinking deeply with others about what it means to be fully alive and connected with ourselves, each other, and Spirit ...

In the Goodenough Community, we recognize such ways to connect as expressions of **community culture**. Throughout the year, we offer **cultural programs** so that you can engage with the community, participate in your own development, and have a good time. We welcome your interest and your participation, and hope that you will join us at any – or many! – of this year's events.

Human Relations Laboratory, August 6 to 12

This intense and joyous week-long event is a communal experience of personal growth, and has been presented annually for more than 40 years.

Focal Person: Colette Hoff, hoff@goodenough.org

Women's Culture

Saturday, September 24; Concert, Friday October 14; Saturday November 19

Mark your calendar: Women's Weekend, May 5-7, 2017

Women of the Goodenough Community have been gathering intentionally and regularly since 1983 to discover in themselves and each other the essence of womanhood at any age and the presence of the Divine Feminine.

Focal Person: Hollis Guill Ryan, hollisr@comcast.net

Men's Culture

Men's Weekend, November 18 to 20

Focal Person: Bruce Perler, bruce_perler@hotmail.com

Third-Age Gatherings

September 23

Focal Person: Kirsten Rohde, krohde14@outlook.com

True Holidays Celebration, Saturday, December 3

Be part of this fun-filled family-oriented evening, and prepare yourself for a holiday season (whatever faith tradition you follow) that fills your heart.

Focal Person: Kirsten Rohde, krohde14@outlook.com

Winter Solstice Bus Trip, Saturday December 17, 2016

Board a bus, play in the snow, shop in Leavenworth, have a horse-drawn sleigh ride and enjoy an abundant dinner

Focal Person: Colette Hoff

New Year's Eve Weekend at Sahale, Saturday December 31

Work Parties throughout the Year

Traditionally, the Goodenough Community sponsors work parties over Memorial Day weekend (**May 26 to 29, 2017**), as well as other times throughout the year, to express gratitude for the presence of our beloved retreat center, Sahale, and to experience the satisfaction of playing and working together.

Focal Person: Colette Hoff, hoff@goodenough.org

Summer Camp for Youth, June 25 to July 1

A wonderful opportunity for children 9 to 12 to have a full camp experience in a beautiful setting with loving leadership.

Focal Person: Irene Perler, Irene_Perler@hotmail.com

Watch this page – or visit our website at goodenough.org – for information about these and other events and programs. Some are in town at our Community Center in West Seattle, and others are held at Sahale, our rural retreat center near Belfair, Washington.



Third Age: A context for exploring legacy

Joan Valles

Our first Third Age gathering of the Goodenough Community program year is **Friday, Sept. 23**. We enjoyed our last gathering in mid-July and look forward to get together again. Third Age gives us an opportunity to update each other on our lives and have a good conversation on topics related to aging. Third Age is for people about 60 and older and newcomers are always welcome.

Our gathering will start about **6 p.m.** at the Community Center in West Seattle (3610 SW Barton St.) with a potluck meal. Please bring a side dish or dessert and beverages to share; a main dish will be provided. An RSVP to Joan (joanvalles70@yahoo.com) or phone at 206 819 1089 would be helpful. (And if you forget, we'll be glad to see you anyway.)

Looking forward to seeing you and will be sending a reminder closer to the date.

Goodenough Community's Women's Culture

Hollis Ryan

The women of the Goodenough Community are gathering on **Saturday, September 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Community Center (3610 Barton Street SW, Seattle)**. I truly hope that you will join us.

Whether you have participated in the Community's women's program for many years, or have not yet attended a gathering, please come! Our day together will give you opportunities for introspection, listening deeply, and sharing your own heart in a warm, welcoming, and stimulating environment.

Our day typically begins with a chance to mingle over coffee before our program begins, and we will serve lunch later in the day. Although our programs build on each other from September until our concluding weekend in early May, each day is a discreet event. Even if you do not participate in other gatherings, you will find that the one(s) you do attend are valuable.

To help us plan, please send an **RSVP**. And ... please come, even if you do not send a response! We suggest a **contribution** of \$20 to the Goodenough Community for each Saturday gathering, and trust that you will give more or less, as is right for you.

I am eager to see you on Saturday the 24th! Warmly, Hollis

What a fun time we have planned for October!

On **Friday, October 14, Jami Sieber and Nancy Rumbel** are performing at the Vashon High School on Vashon Island. Their performance begins at 7:30 p.m., and **the women of the Goodenough Community will be there! We hope you will be, too.**

Jami Sieber is an electric cellist and vocalist, and Nancy Rumbel plays more instruments than we can list here (oboe, English horn, and ocarina are a few). Together, their music is lush and timeless.

This event is sponsored by our good friends, the Women's Way Red Lodge. Visit these websites to find more information and to purchase tickets:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2586017>

www.jamisieber.com

<http://www.nancyrumbel.com/home.html>

You may also purchase tickets at Vashon Intuitive Arts and Vashon Bookstore.

Get your ticket and let Marjorie know if you are coming. We'll consider getting together before or after.

I knew Jami decades ago when we were both nurses on the same floor at a Seattle hospital. I knew she played cello then but imagine my surprise to hear her on the radio recently! I look forward to seeing and hearing her at this event on Vashon. Always great when someone realizes their dream to do what they really want to do.

~Kirsten Rohde

Pathwork, Sunday, September 25; October 9, 23; November 13, 27

On Sunday evenings for many years, John and Colette Hoff have invited individuals interested in personal growth and sharing their spiritual journeys to join in a process of "Pathwork." These evenings provide good opportunities for individual exploration in relationship to others. It is a process in which we coach and share insights with each other. This fall our focus will be on what is happening in our lives in relation to the themes of sanity, maturity, proactivity and creativity. This is a good way to continue personal work begun at Lab, for example. At our recent gathering, the Pathwork group will focus on identifying some of the building blocks of mental health we have learned through teaching and experiences provided by Dr. John L. Hoff over many years.

Pathwork is sponsored by Convocation: A Church and Ministry, which promotes an interfaith exploration of the journey of life. Individuals share practices that have worked for them and we often spend some time in meditation together.

Colette Hoff provides guiding leadership to the evenings and is joined by John in helping each person deepen their understandings. Email Colette at hoff@goodenough.org if you're coming. Pathwork meets at **7:00 p.m.** at the Community Center at 3610 SW Barton Street, typically every other Sunday evening.

Hi, all. It's time to take down the Big White Tent as Sahale; an opportunity to enjoy a little work and play together as the days grow shorter and winter approaches. As I'm sure you know, many hands make light work (and longer happy hours!!!). I'd like to invite any of you who are able to join us on September 30 and October 1 for the festivities. Please reply by email or call me at 509-933-4233 join us. Thank you, Norm Peck



The 9th Northwest Permaculture Convergence, October 7-9, 2016

NORTHWEST PERMACULTURE CONVERGENCE

Fort Flagler, Nordland, WA (near Port Townsend)

This event will bring together hundreds of people from around the Pacific Northwest who are practicing, or interested in, permaculture. The Convergence will feature workshops, keynote presentations, round-table discussions, Expo, Skillshare Village, Fruit & Nut Show, entertainment and much more.

For more information contact:

Michael Pilarski 360-643-9178

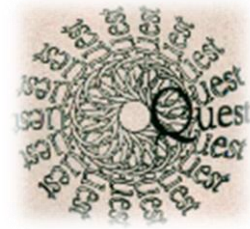
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Our belief is that mental and emotional health is a prerequisite for spiritual well-being, collaboration, and the expression of compassion. Quest's counseling and education programs, open to all interested individuals, focus on empowering individuals,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

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



Living Your Legacy: How Will You Touch Others' Lives?

By [Tina Robbins](http://tinybuddha.com/blog/living-your-legacy-what-will-give-the-world/) <http://tinybuddha.com/blog/living-your-legacy-what-will-give-the-world/>

“The greatest gift is a portion of thyself.” ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Recently a friend asked me what kind of legacy I want to leave for future generations. It was an unexpected question that really got my wheels turning.

Usually when people pass away there is a huge focus on the things they owned and who gets what, and the idea of handing down ideas and values was a totally new way to look at it.

What if the most important gift we can give our descendants is not a tangible item, but a piece of ourselves?

It seemed revolutionary!

So I started thinking about the things my loved ones (the ones still living and the ones who have passed) have shared with me.

I thought back to the backyard parties my grandparents used to have with friends, food, and music. My grandfather played guitar and sang us children's songs in Spanish.

My dad's sisters had been dancers in their youth, and as kids we would play for hours in my grandmother's attic, trying on their colorful costumes and playing make believe. My mom's sisters and brothers shared their love of games and books with us.

Some things were passed on and taken to heart. These are the ones that I want to continue as part of my legacy.

My grandparents on both sides demonstrated deeply held faith and never missed church on Sunday. Even at ninety-five my grandmother still gets upset that the family won't let her walk to church whenever she wants.

My path isn't the same as theirs, but I hope to inspire a deep connection, with self, loved ones, and with the divine.

There is magic in connection. Take the time to listen. It's so easy to hurry through life, but it's over too quickly and there is so much to learn and enjoy when you stop and take in the stories that are shared with you.

The stories of my grandfather bringing home people who needed a meal are family legend, and I have seen my dad fill a bag of groceries from our refrigerator to give to a young mother who was in need.

A few years ago my brother gave his Christmas money to a single father who needed holiday gifts for his kids. And those are just a few examples.

I like to say that generosity runs in my family. I am but one link in a long chain of sharing and lending helping hand to those who were in need.

And what I know is that the energy of giving is extremely powerful, and generous actions will bring you as much blessing as it brings to those you help. I hope to be a good example of generosity in action.

I have vivid memories of all of these things. They have become a part of who I am and I hope they will become part of future generations.

I've also learned a few things of my own that I want to pass along.

I hope I can leave others with a belief in the goodness and the magic of the world outside their door. Because I know that there is beauty everywhere, you just need to open your eyes and take it in.

And I want to be a reminder that you should keep going when things get hard. If I learned anything through my own hardships and challenges, it's that I was stronger than I ever thought.

Going through divorce, financial struggles and bankruptcy, job loss, entrepreneurship, moving to a new state—all challenging—all tested me in ways I never could have imagined. I came out the other side stronger than ever before, and I will again when the next challenge pops up.

I want to remind people not to think about how you will find the strength; instead, just keep moving and the strength will come.

Looking at what I have taken in from others and also what I have learned from my own experiences has been a powerful exploration of who I am and what I hope to leave behind.

And I realized that in order to be that example, in order to pass on these beliefs and values, I have to live them consciously, right now.

Knowing the legacy I want to leave behind helps me stay focused on what I'm doing in the present so that my goals are in line with that legacy. It offers a concrete sense of purpose in choosing what I am giving my energy to.

And the whole concept of legacy can be a deeply powerful way of connecting with others. Looking at your roots, ancestral, blood family, cultural, spiritual, or whatever avenue you choose to explore, connects you to those who have gone before you.

Planning the legacy you are leaving behind connects you to those whose lives you touch, and that they touch, and so on, potentially for generations to come.

I encourage you to take some time and really look at the things you carry on from past generations. See what you need to leave behind, as well as, what you want to carry forward.

What's your legacy?



Thinking of Our Future

Kirsten Rohde

We hope that these last few issues of the eView focusing on legacy might inspire you to think about your personal legacy as well as the legacy of our community. This might be a good time to reflect on whether you would like to remember the Goodenough Community by making a gift through your will or a revocable living trust. This is one way that some of us are ensuring that the community continues its work long after we're gone. If you are considering naming the community in your estate plans or if you have already done so, please let us know of your plans so we can say thank you!



Both Convocation: A Church and Ministry and the American Association for the Furtherance of Community can be named in your will as a beneficiary. Please contact Kirsten Rohde, krohde14@outlook.com or 206-719-5364 for more information.





The deAnguera Blog: The Legacy of a Good Life



A measure of any philosophy is does it provide for the good life? Is it being lived right now? That's really the only way to tell if a philosophy is any good.

We've been exposed to the theories of philosophers from Karl Marx to B. F. Skinner and E.F. Schumacher. Religions go further back describing the ideal way we were meant to live. Sometimes it is by Divine revelation which is unquestioned (I wonder about that).

I prefer to go by what works. I rely on what has been proven to work in my life.

Our way of life which is best expressed by the Human Relations Lab gives us a good life. It is not perfect. No way ever is and neither is any community. But Sahale works for us. If Sahale were totally perfect then there would be no room for improvement. That means no room for personal growth and therefore no wisdom. Wisdom often comes from failures which show me my shortcomings opening me up to a greater picture.

Our way of life obviously works for our chickens. Irene Perler even let them roam freely about uncaged around her home. I found them all over then hillside and in the brush. The hens were busy clucking about with Tarzan the rooster managing them.

Did you know we already have three newly hatched baby chicks? I have yet to see them. Irene just announced them to us today. It will take a while to find out their sex. Hopefully they will all be hens.

We probably have the most contented chickens in the world with Irene watching over them like a loving mother. Most chickens are not so lucky. I have heard of as many as 75,000 to over 1 million birds crammed into one building. They never leave their cages. No personal attention. They are just food from the industrial food factory.

Our people? Why a group of us including Colette, John, Theresa Jacobsen, Joan Valles, and Kirsten Rohde watched a Seattle Seahawks game last Sunday. We prepared with lots of popcorn and beer. Then we watched the game on the big screen TV in John and Colette's apartment in Kloshe. We shouted and cheered as the game proceeded. It was at the Memorial Stadium in Los Angeles. The L.A. Rams won with a score of 9 to 3 for the Seahawks. We still had a good time. Football is something to watch with good friends. I would never watch it alone. Watching it with friends is an event in itself.

Today I was taking the screws out of the dance floor in the big white tent as others were juicing more apples into cider. We still had lots of apples to process. Fortunately we were joined by Elias Serras, Josh DeMers, and Summer.

Last of all we held a birthday party for Bruce Perler and me. Irene and Bruce made us a fish fry. I love fish and chips. So that was right up my ally. It was topped off by lots of corn on the cob. Dessert was ice cream with banana splits, peanuts, and chocolate sauce. Decadent. Yes our way of life works. We have happy people and happy chickens.

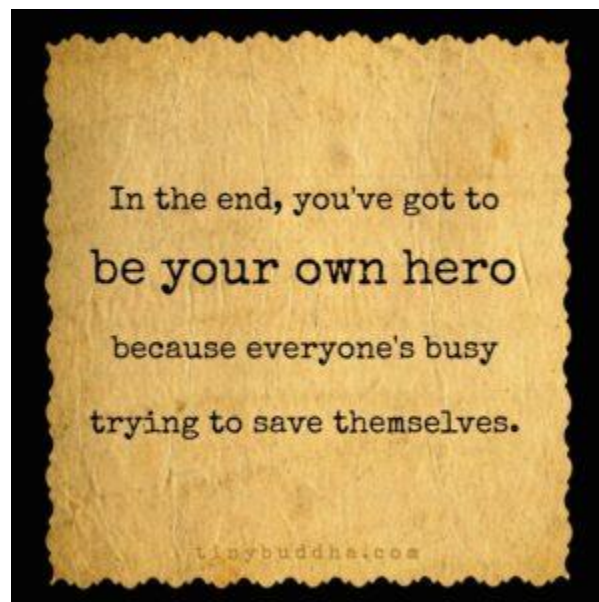


Max Fain and John Hoff having a good time together supervising the cider making. Nice fall day to relax in the sun.

Community News *By Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson*



- **Happy birthday, Bruce Perler – September 22**
- **Happy birthday, Mike DeAnguera September 23**
- **Happy birthday, Paula Majors – September 24**
- **Happy birthday, Sadie Scott – September 27**





"I want to make my mark on the world—and have it disappear in ten seconds."

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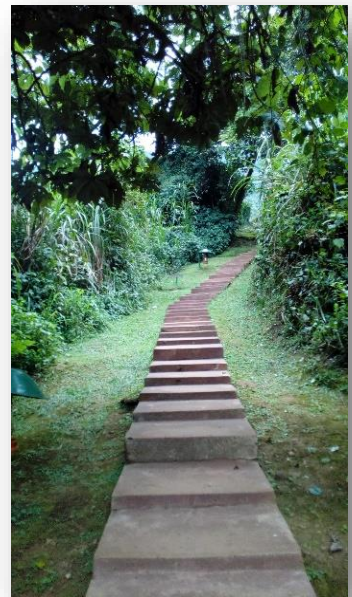
Hello from Uganda – from Sheila Hosner August 30, 2016

Hello all,

It has been awhile. I have been in Uganda almost 14 months! It doesn't seem possible.

What a difference a year makes. The other evening I was walking with a Ugandan friend in Bwindi National Park visiting lodges and as we were walking I reflected on how different it felt from when I arrived a year ago. It is just so normal now.

A year ago when I walked in the park by myself, I felt a sense of apprehension and awkwardness. Did I belong there? Was I safe? Where did that stairway go? What will happen if I walk up it? Am I allowed to walk up it? Now I am just walking in my neighborhood (which happens to contain mountain gorillas!). Everyone knows my name. I belong. I am safe. It is such a big psychological and emotional difference. (BTW, the stairway goes to Gorilla Forest Camp, one of the most expensive lodges in the area.)



“You’ve been lost” and other Ugandan greetings. Unlike fast-paced America, in my experience Ugandans put great store in gracious, unhurried greetings. One thing they say when they haven’t seen you in a while is “you’ve been lost”. When I first heard it, my reaction was “I’m not lost!” with a slight sense of indignation. “You’ve been lost” means “I haven’t seen you in a while and I have been missing you”. Greeting and visiting with people is a big part of the social fabric here. People want you to stop in and say hello and are disappointed if you don’t. And greetings are quite ritualized with people often holding hands while they are talking. No one “gets right to the point” even if they are really just wanting to ask for something.

As an introvert (yes, I know some of you from Ecology don’t think of me that way because my job required me to be in front of people a lot, but I really am!), “small talk” doesn’t come naturally to me. It never really occurred to me that people would want me to stop in and say hello just because. At the hospital when I go to check on patients, I often jump right to the point – “how is the patient and when will they be released?” – and have found myself sometimes gently reminded of my bad manners by someone first asking me “How was your night?” and “Are you fine?” and I must backtrack and start over properly. So, I am training myself in new social skills! It’s never too late! And, even though it feels a bit awkward or contrived at times, I am beginning to understand and enjoy it. It creates a network of connectedness.

Ankole cows. Elephants, lions, zebras, and giraffes are great, but have you ever seen Ankole cows? (Full name: “Ankole-Watusi”). They are REALLY cool! Sort of the African version of Texas Long Horns.

I first saw these beauties with giant horns in Rwanda and my inner cowgirl fell in love!

Ankole cows are an ancient breed native to Africa and are adapted to harsh, dry environments. Their horns actually function as temperature regulators, dispersing heat, because they are honeycombed with blood vessels. They are very common in Southwestern Uganda and Rwanda.



I saw this herd as a friend and I were leaving Lake Mburo National Park. The park has giraffes, zebras, and other herd animals, but these cows got me out of the car! There is a breeding program right outside the park. Efforts are being made to preserve this breed because interbreeding with Holsteins to increase milk production (by Heifer International, I have read) has threatened it. There is an association to breed them in the US – I may have to join!

This cow has a long, rich history with the tribes of Southwestern Uganda and Rwanda. The best cows, with the biggest horns, were treasured possessions of kings. A person's wealth would be measured in cows. Even now, throughout Uganda cows are highly valued, even if they are not Ankole. As I mentioned in another letter, there is often a "bride price" for brides in Uganda. The more desirable a woman, the higher her "price" in cows will be. One of the

interested in a bride price of at cows can cost about shillings, so 30 cows 30,000,000 shillings, \$10,000. A huge

How is my hospital? Very well, December I said my

hospital reimbursed \$40,000 by July for care they provided to patients. I recently went through our records and from July 2015 to August 2016, the Watsi Program has provided care to over 200 people and the hospital has been reimbursed about \$65,000! This is a growth of about five times over the previous year.

There have definitely been some bumps along the way, but we got through them. It has been so amazingly rewarding. My colleague, Barnabas, and I also just heard from Watsi that they would like to see the program expand at the hospital, so we are starting to plan for that. In June, Barnabas and I visited another hospital that has a Watsi program and learned a lot from how they do things and got some ideas, like radio advertising, that will help us expand.

Even though I tell people in the program that the money for their care doesn't come from me, I have received several small gifts from patients, like this basket full of eggs. The name on the basket is the name of the child that received care and the basket was made by his mother. So amazing and touching to receive it.

Gerald. In another letter, I shared a picture of Gerald and his family. I am now sponsoring Gerald in school and I am happy to say he is vying for first and second in his class with another student!



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woman who has a least 30 cows. Good 1,000,000 Uganda would be about or approximately sum in Uganda.

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I am happy to say. Last goal was to see the



He is a student in a nearby boarding school and here he is in his new uniform. It costs about \$25 a month to sponsor a student at his school. Anyone interested? Let me know and I will send you the information. There is a small American foundation working with the school, so you make the donation through them and it is tax deductible. The teaching style in Uganda is very rote. Lots of repetition, etc., and class sizes are very large. But I bought Gerald some of the standard texts for Uganda and was quite impressed by the rigorousness of the subject matter.

Gerald is in Primary 6 and has one more year to go before “high school”. His grades this year and next and how he does on the standardized tests, will determine what senior school he gets into. It is an English-style system. Students complete either four or six years of senior school; leaving after S-4 (O level) or going on to complete S-5 and S-6 (A levels). People completing A levels usually go on to university.

I have told him he can count on me to pay for him to complete senior school and then we will see about university...

When am I coming home? I am flying to Spain on September 29, 2016, to attend the wedding of the daughter of friends. A whole group of Seattle friends are meeting there. Then I am traveling to Italy with friends for about two weeks before flying home on October 24. I want to get home in time to at least do something for the presidential election. I am planning to come back to Uganda, though, in January 2017. Yes, I have signed up for another six months. The program I am managing appears to be on the cusp of really growing and I want to help with that. If any of you have a hankering to visit Uganda, plan now!

After that, who knows? Itinerant guest, perpetual traveler, Buddhist retreats, something in Seattle? Hmmm.

My love to all,

Sheila

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