

# Village eView

**June 5, 2019**

*Colette Hoff, Editor*



## COMING UP

## Pathwork Circle, June 9

## General Circle, June 10

### Third Age, June 14

## Men's Weekend and tent-raising, June 21 to 23

### Summer Camp, June 27 to July 3

*Social creativity occurs when **all** gifts and abilities are being used to the fullest and are choreographed **for the good of all**. It should involve all aspects of the skills of collaboration, heart to heart communication, using relationships, as well as one's own integrity. In social creativity every one of the skills and abilities we have is called for in the course of the creative act.*

*Have you had the experience of a creative moment with a group of people when everything worked and you felt exhilarated when it was over? Most of us are searching for more of that kind of experience.*

*The curriculum in creativity for individuals is that the first creative act is the creation of ourselves. We are self-authenticating. It is true that we come to know that it is at a spiritual, cellular level, true identicalness, where we find that our own self is none other than the Divine Self, Brahman, the spiritual world where we are all the same, all one person. We have so much that is dissimilar that can distract us and keep us apart, but at heart spiritually, in the within we are one person, each a particular expression of the Divine. So it is that our first act of creativity is our own becoming: becoming the best version of ourselves.*

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## Convocation: A Church and Ministry

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Sahale Learning Center

## The EcoVillage at Sahale

*The creative process contains the process of ego-emptying, or of giving up, or of surrender to the process itself. The whole curriculum of the Goodenough Community teaches aspects of the little ego deaths necessary for creativity.*

*The community's curriculum allows people to really own and test their gifts over time, to learn how to communicate them, and how to express them. The creative handling of gifts is often what is meant when people talk about creativity. They are really talking about some flair or ability that one has in an unusual degree. As someone's gift begins to emerge, the community becomes invested in enabling and valuing the gift, then coming to rely on that person. People become known for their gifts and are placed in leadership roles so they can develop and teach their skill.*

*Relationship is a creative process. Creativity does not occur in a vacuum. To consider one's self creative alone is an egoic idea. We need each other to create because **more will emerge** within the relationship between and among two or more people. Thus, actors need an audience. Artists to show their work. An orchestra requires the participation of the audience as well as all musicians working together.*  
~ John Lawrence Hoff, 1994



The above words were written by John Hoff in preparation for the 1994 Human Relations Laboratory, *Heaven on Earth: Expressing Creativity Socially*. It also happened to be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lab. Some of the Lab leadership are amazed that we chose a theme so closely related the theme of 1994! Now, 25 years later, we are offering, *How to Live in Heaven Here!* Believing that humans can actually grow beyond old ideations, transform to have much better lives, and share with others in effective relationships, the leadership of the 2019 HRL hope you will consider joining.

As I have observed the application of mindfulness and flow, our eView theme of last week, there is flow of social creativity when gifts are utilized well, collaboration is happening, and people working together are in sync. Social creativity draws out the best in people when there is adequate flow. Sahale has been a demonstration of social creativity of the Goodenough Community for 18 years. Many stories about many projects are all over Sahale about the creativity of several heads getting together and growing themselves in the process!

*When the decision is made to serve or to have a creative impact, individuality is released for collaboration with others in the creative process.*  
~John Hoff



## Social group may be key to fostering creativity by University of Queensland

Creativity and genius are commonly seen as attributes of an individual, but new research indicates the role played by the surrounding group may be just as important. A brief excerpt.

... The role of the group, or community, is also highlighted in providing both the audience for creativity and the nurturing environment in which it can happen, the researchers argue.

"Creativity does not take place in a social or cultural vacuum," Professor Haslam said.

"Some might suggest we don't need to fund the Arts, or invest in Universities, because there will always be a handful of exceptionally creative people who can come up with good ideas when they are needed.

"But our research shows you can't just rely on creativity to spring from nowhere.

"Artists, writers and scientists often do their most creative work when collaborating with one or more people—with like-minded friends, colleagues and peers."

Dr Adarves-Yorno said the research findings show it is acceptance by the group – or rejection by the group – that ultimately determines the value of creativity.

"For the creativity of individual creators to be celebrated, and to make a difference in the world, it has to be enthusiastically embraced by others," she said.



Professor Haslam poses the question of whether, if Mozart were alive today, he would be writing symphonies. "It's unlikely, and without a well-funded and publicly valorised group of classical musicians to nurture and encourage him, it's probably more likely that he'd be writing jingles for laundry detergent," he said.

An important finding from the research was that in order to get the best out of creative individuals, society needed to invest in the groups that made certain forms of creativity possible.

"Even Steve Jobs needed a group to treat his ideas seriously and to cultivate them," Professor Haslam said.

"Indeed, it was precisely because people refused to be 'trapped by the dogma of another person's thinking', that Jobs' idea of the personal computer was initially dismissed as lunacy."

<https://phys.org/news/2013-10-social-group-key-fostering-creativity.html>



You are welcome to join with others at Sahale to celebrate the holiday. Sahale Summer Camp is over on July 3. Come any time after 3:00 p.m. and stay through Sunday, July 7. Come relax, spend time in the river or hot tub, enjoy good conversation and good food!

**RSVP!** Please email Elizabeth at [elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com) and let her know your plans: when you are coming, when you are planning to leave and how many in your party.

### **Tahuya Day Celebration & Parade** Saturday, July 6, 10am to 4pm

Tahuya Community Club presents this unique celebration, featuring a fun-loving parade at 1 pm with everything from pirate ships to water cannons, horses, classic cars, and more. (Irene Perler is helping out at the parade this year.) Everyone is invited to participate! Some 2,000 people attend this event which is hosted by the town, celebrating its unique and quirky heritage. It is a major fundraiser for the Tahuya Community Club's North Mason High School scholarship fund. Proceeds from the miniature American flags and raffle tickets sold go toward the \$2,500 fund. Expect many activities for kids, homemade arts and crafts booths, and live music. Check it out on [Facebook](#). There is also a huge "haggle" sale at our local Episcopal Church.



Creativity puts order into chaos, life into the inert, and beauty in the ordinary. Edward J. Lavin

The Communications Circle is coordinating the eView, identifying themes, and sharing the editor function. Future themes of the eView include:

June 12 – **Receptivity**, Kirsten Rohde, Editor

June 19 – **Allowing Change**, Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson, Editor

June 26 – **Audacious**, Colette Hoff, Editor

July 3 – No eView





50th Annual  
**HUMAN RELATIONS  
LABORATORY**  
*Sponsored by the Goodenough Community*

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AUG 4 to 10, 2019

*How to Live in Heaven, HERE!*

Lab feels like heaven – right here and right now. Heaven is not a location but a state of mind, an attitude of **AWE** and **WONDER**. We can create heaven inside ourselves through spiritual and psychological development, and between and among individuals through relationships, collaborative circles, and the culture we create together.

**FOR SEVEN DAYS YOU CAN:**

- Practice radical openness in a safe context
- Connect deeply with others who are also growing themselves
- Dissolve barriers to love
- Enjoy creative expression of all kinds
- Live in the natural world, explore freedom and energy, and live in the present

**\$750** | The Lab fee includes accommodations and learning materials.

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Held within the magical 68 acres of Sahale Learning Center, on the Kitsap Peninsula.



Come **CELEBRATE** with us!

The HUMAN RELATIONS LABORATORY is  
**50** years old — and we are having a party!

Dear HRL Alumni,

All Lab alumni — *you!* — are invited, along with your family, to our anniversary party celebrating 50 years of the Human Relations Laboratory. Please bring your memories, reflections, and photos to share.

**The celebration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10, and we hope you will share this event with us. We will have a program beginning at 4:00 p.m., followed by a celebratory dinner.**

Fifty years of Lab ... what a remarkable achievement! Each Lab has had a unique theme, an ever-evolving structure, and a changing array of participants. After many years at many locations, the Lab has settled at Sahale Learning Center and has been welcomed here since 2002.

At this reunion, you can reconnect with Lab friends, and meet Lab alumni from other years. What an opportunity to share stories and learn how things were then, and how things are now. You will also be able to explore the Goodenough

Community's beautiful retreat at Sahale Learning Center on the Tahuya River, Kitsap Peninsula, and to learn what our community is about now. The community and Sahale are a tangible legacy of John Hoff, who passed on February 14, 2018. In memory of John, let's let our hearts sing together again. Please let us know whether you plan to attend, and how many guests you are bringing. We want to hear from you by **August 1** so we can make our plans. Please send your **RSVP** to Colette Hoff: 206 755 8404 or [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org).

With anticipation,

Colette Hoff



**RSVP** to [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)  
**TODAY** or by  
Aug 1st.



## Kirsten is turning “70” !

Will you join a celebration, **Thursday, June 20** with dinner at the Bistro at Lakeland Village, close to Allyn, WA, about 35 minutes from Sahale. Here is a link about the place.

<https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/entertainment/2019/01/29/hesher-brings-wealth-restaurant-know-how-lakeland-bistro/2680014002/>



We will gather at Sahale at 4:00 for a brief “Happy Hour” and car pool to the Bistro at Lakeland Village for a no-host dinner, and sharing the cost of Kirsten’s meal. Please RSVP by emailing Joan Valles at [joanvalles70@yahoo.com](mailto:joanvalles70@yahoo.com) Could be a great party! And Pedge’s birthday is June 23 so we’ll have a double celebration!



## Goodenough Men’s Circle: Upcoming Activities

Bruce Perler

Our Men’s Circle is an expression of brotherhood and practice with wisdom, gathered from own lives, other men’s work advocates and, the founders of this men’s circle. Much appreciation to John Lawrence Hoff for his years of love and dedication.

In the fall of 2018, during our annual retreat and event-tent take down weekend, we acknowledged authentic interest by several young men and began preparations for a young men’s rite of passage experience the following spring. As preparation for this important event in a young man’s, I’ll be leading a small backpacking weekend and vision quest into the wild country of the Olympic National Park.

These two events are now scheduled. **Our annual tent raising ritual and retreat will be at Sahale on 6/21-23.** The young men’s backpacking trip, June 7-9, is full for this season. For more information or questions, please contact me: [bruce\\_perler@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_perler@hotmail.com)



**Sahale Summer Camp**

**June 27 to-July 3, 2019**



Now is the time to register!



Register online or mail this form and deposit(s) to:

**SAHALE SUMMER CAMP**

2900 NE Tahuya River Road, Tahuya, WA 98588

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) Name(s) & Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Method (\$100 per child) Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost** includes food, lodging, materials.

One child \$650 | Two children \$1050

**Full refunds** no later than May 25.

**50% refunds** after June 10. (No refunds after June 17th.)

**Scholarship funds** may be available before June. Please reach out to Irene Perler to arrange. 206-419-3477.

**Preparation materials**, what to bring, maps & directions will be sent upon registration.

**Sahale** is 20 minutes from Belfair, WA. The 68-acre center is an easy drive or ferry ride from Seattle, Tacoma and the Olympic Peninsula.

**For more information** please contact irene\_perler@hotmail.com and visit goodenough.org.

Camp is supported by a volunteer staff of 18 trained adults and young people who each give many hours of creative, loving and dedicated service. It's so rewarding that many staff return year after year.

We mentor specific skills and teach by intentionally living collaboratively and joyfully all week. Colette Hoff, professional family life coach and community developer, offers life lessons for staff through leader development.

Our model values having pairs of junior staff who befriend each camper and guide each "kid clan." Counselors take their responsibilities to heart and help campers feel included and cared for. They support skits, play games and sing camp songs. They are friendly role models.





# camp for boys and girls, 9-12

**A week-long, overnight camping experience** designed to help children have fun learning about themselves as a friend, naturally. Your child will leave with a greater sense of confidence and of belonging to the world. Our program builds skills that promote self-esteem, collaboration and social creativity for the future health of your child & society:

- ♥ Self-responsibility, self-care, self-reflection, self-awareness and self-expression
- ♥ Enjoyment of work and play
- ♥ Sharing and active listening
- ♥ Empathy and practical care of others
- ♥ Respect for elders and peers
- ♥ Collaboration and cooperation

*"Building forts & campfires with friends all week long is so much FUN!"*

**Sahale's gift** is a remote and beautiful river valley where we breathe fresh air, swim in clean waters, explore meadows and forested hills. It is home to diverse flora and fauna awaiting discovery. Each day, camp life is filled with natural wonders.

*"Sahale is the best! I can't wait to meet up with my friends from camp."*

**We build our tent village** circled by trees and near the fire circle where we gather each evening for stories, singing, skits, stargazing and more. Each day repeats a gentle rhythm and includes comforting routines.

**Daytime activities include:** Group circles, archery, nature activities, cooking, river play, gardening, quiet time, journaling, drawing, drama, music, story time, free time, group games and crafts such as clay, weaving, beads, drawing and more.

*"I love learning new things at camp and the food is great!"*

**On our last full day,** we celebrate with a big feast and a special camp fire program as we prepare to join our families the next day.



*Co-creating  
memories &  
friendships*



## Pathwork, June 9

*Colette Hoff*

Our Pathwork Circle will meet again on **Sunday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m.** We will be gathering at the home of Barbara, Joan and Jim in Tukwila. The address is 3535 S. 126 Street, Tukwila, 98168. Barbara's cell phone is 206 412-9417.

Pathwork is an excellent context for instituting new spiritual practices, provides support for maintaining current practice, and gives many with a feeling connection so necessary for a good life. Currently, we are exploring the God/Goddess within each one of us and the influences on our spiritual development.



After June 9, Pathwork will meet again on July 14.



### The deAnguera Blog: Social Creativity



What can we do together? Here at Sahale we are not always under direction from above. Things get done with input from all of us.

In the top two photos Kirsten Rohde is helping Amanda Lovett decide what to do with all the brush we had accumulated in various places around Kwanesum and Josh DeMers stomps brush down in the blue truck. The creative part comes in how we all do our work. Often we have a lot of fun together.

This is the place where the skills I learned in the Human Relations Lab get put to the test. Of course I have been doing this kind of work for the last eleven years.

Revolutionaries often talk about how nice it would be if we could do things **THEIR WAY**. Is it the right way? Why don't they often listen to the rest of us?



Our way of doing things begins with the Human Relations Lab. Many of us have learned at Lab the basic skills of drawing each other out and working with splitting. Where these skills get put to the test is during an argument. Thus we can survive relational challenges which often kill communities just starting out.

Making people follow orders shortchanges their ability to be socially creative. Of course that is how hierarchies are maintained. As a result I am not allowed to contribute my ideas for a project. I feel no sense of ownership. Quality can be sacrificed. So can my ability to grow as a person.

We are all a part of a relational whole that would be sacrificed if any of us were just laid off. Our relationship as a group is like no other. That's because we are each unique individuals. Each of us can be creative just by being part of a group. My presence will change the nature of any group I am part of.

If I feel my contribution to the group is not valued then the quality of my work will decline. My part becomes the weakest link in anything being created. That might cause problems later on.

Increasingly society is replacing me with machines. But a machine cannot produce something like I can. It can't creatively think about something. It can only do one function at fast rates. Of course maybe mass production is about making a lot of things all exactly the same.

Store eggs will never be like eggs from our own chickens. We know our chickens, having raised them from little babies. Even the yolks are different. That's because our chickens eat all sorts of good things. Their yolks are orange rather than the yellow of store eggs.

Likewise our relations with each other suffer when they are part of a mass produced

society. I will be less of a person if my relationships are not my creation but rather the creation of those above me.

I need to be around other socially creative folks and my social creation needs to be valued in order to be a healthy human being. If my contribution is not valued then I can't make a good contribution.

Those hat tags can appear in the wrong place at the wrong

time! Pedge pointed out that this hat tag should be in the

back. Now that's a creative photo she took of me. All

she had to do was wait for the right opportunity.





## 2019 Graduations!



**Gillen Martin** has graduated from Brown University on Sunday May 26 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

What an accomplishment for Gillen and Kate! Congratulations.

**Mari Scott** will graduate from Nathan Hale High School on June 14 and is planning on going to Western Washington University in the fall. Best of everything in the future, Mari and Congratulations!



## THE LAUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR THE BUKOBERO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE



**Saturday, June 22, 2019 from  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (PDT)**

**Montlake Community Center**  
1618 East Calhoun Street  
Seattle, WA 98112

**Imagine living in a community where you have to walk miles to access health care.** Now imagine doing that through 5,900 ft hills during the rainy season when 70 inches of rain falls and you are in labor. That is what the people in a remote area of the Bududa District in southeast Uganda have had to do for ten years since a disastrous mudslide destroyed their only health facility.

Now **this community is organizing to build a new health center** and you can help them! It will be a health center owned and operated by the community it serves. Bringing

health care to an area where easily preventable childhood diseases have gone untreated. And, women are giving birth without help from medical providers.

**Please join us** for the launch fundraiser for **the Bukobero Community Health Centre** in Uganda!

With **delicious Ugandan inspired bites** by Chef Chantel Jackson of Thyme Well Spent Catering ([www.thymewellspentinc.com](http://www.thymewellspentinc.com)), a survey of traditional and modern African music by **DJ Jason Turner**, and room to dance, this event is not to be missed! This is a kid-friendly event so bring the whole family. Come early and enjoy a walk by Portage Bay.

**If you can't make it, please consider a gift** through our website, [www.bukoberocommunityhealthcentre.org](http://www.bukoberocommunityhealthcentre.org) or through our GoFundMe Campaign, <https://www.gofundme.com/bukobero-community-health-centre>

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 22, 2019, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**WHERE:** Montlake Community Center (1618 East Calhoun Street, Seattle, WA, 98112)

Hope to see you, Sheila Hosner



**At the “OUR” Ecovillage – in British Columbia**

**September 13 - 15**

**Friday 2:00pm - Sunday 5:00pm**

This conference is an intentional experience of

community. Whether you live in an intentional community / ecovillage / co-housing and are interested in joining or starting one, are a networker or organizer, or are new to intentional communities, this conference will have something for you. Come learn about the intentional communities of western North America, gain skills and understanding for living in and developing intentional communities, and find mutual support and camaraderie with others involved with intentional community. Come celebrate the diverse types of community that exist, expand the potential of increased inclusiveness, and explore Intentional Communities and Ecovillages and Co-Housing as a model for impacting wider social change. The Goodenough Community is a sponsor for this event!



### Spatialist for Hire

*Pam Jefferson*

**Do you need help** with organizing a room for more efficient storage and use of the space? Do you need help sorting and organizing your stuff? I can do all of it for you or just give you some ideas for you to work with. My hourly rate is \$25.00. You can reach me at **206 372 9801**.



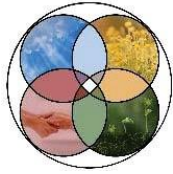
## Programs and Events of the Goodenough Community

**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 ... and more.

In the Goodenough Community, we recognize such ways to connect as expressions of living life fully and in communities of all kinds. Throughout the year we offer programs that help you participate in your own development, learn about relating well with others, and discover your potential to have a good time in life and with others.

We welcome your interest and your participation, and hope that you will join us at any – or many! – of this year's events. More information about programs and upcoming events can be found on our website: [www.goodenough.org](http://www.goodenough.org)





The **General Circle** meets Mondays at 6:30 for light dinners & business at hand. The next meeting will be June 9 at the home of Tom George (8708 182<sup>nd</sup> Place SW Edmonds, WA 98026). Future meeting is July 15.

**The Women's Program** 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.



**The Third Age** - Those age 60 and older have been gathering every other month, Friday evenings in Seattle. The next meeting will be June 14. Contact Kirsten Rohde for more information: [krohde14@outlook.com](mailto:krohde14@outlook.com)

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**Pathwork, a Program of Convocation: A Church and Ministry** On alternate Sunday evenings an interfaith circle of practice meets between 7:00 and 9:30 PM under the leadership of Colette Hoff. This is a time to learn together about our personal development, to talk out our chosen practices for the development of a spirit filled life, and to learn the skills of joining with others in service. **Gatherings are in Seattle, June 9 and July 14.** Contact Colette Hoff for more information: [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)

### **Summer Camp for Youth**

**Announcing new dates for Summer Camp 2019: Wednesday June 27 to Tuesday July 3, 2019.** Summer Camp is a wonderful opportunity for children 9 to 12 to have a full camp experience in a beautiful setting with loving leadership. Contact: Irene Perler, [Irene\\_Perler@hotmail.com](mailto:Irene_Perler@hotmail.com)



### **Human Relations Laboratory, August 4 to 10, 2019**

This intense and joyous week-long event is a communal experience of personal growth and relational development within a rich culture with art, music dance, song, drama and more. This summer we will celebrate 50 years! Contact: Colette Hoff, [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)

### True Holidays Celebration, Saturday, December 7, 2019

Be part of this fun-filled family-oriented evening and prepare yourself for the winter season (whatever faith tradition you follow) that fills your heart. Contact Elizabeth for more information.



### Work and Play Parties throughout the Year

Traditionally, the Goodenough Community sponsors work parties over **Memorial Day weekend (May 24 to 27)** 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. Please email [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org) with information about what may be coming up. It is a great time to bring friends to share Sahale!



### 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 more effective in relationships. Call Colette (206-755 8404) to make arrangements.

