

# The Village eView

March 7, 2018

Colette Hoff, Editor



*The Teacher*

*Paul Njalamba*

## **Coming Up:**

**Council**, March 12

**Pathwork**, March 25

**Celebration of Life for John Hoff,**  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Women's Weekend**, April 13-15 at  
Sahale

## **The Teacher**

Colette Hoff

"The first word I think of when I remember John is that he was a teacher." When those words were shared at the cremation ceremony for John, those present felt the rightness in the statement. Teacher became the first word to describe John in his obituary which follows. Many of the cards and messages I have received in the past few weeks describe John as a passionate teacher, mentor, coach, and of course friend. John taught with his life wholeheartedly and wanted to demonstrate a way of life based on life-long learning, good feeling, and connection. A few years ago, an old friend sent John the image above letting him know how much his teachings continue to shape her life.

Passion for teaching, love of the students, and love of the subject being taught are the first three of 12 qualities of that great teachers share according to a Washington Post article by Valerie Strauss.

As I was talking around the fire with our three returning workaway friends: Ashley, Maddie and Peter (without prompting) each let me now how much they learn at Sahale and love the

### ***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*

culture that encourages learning.

Having just returned from 10 days away, I'm happy to be home and was warmly greeted. I knew I needed to be away from busyness and have time to reflect, feel, cry, meditate, read, rest, share time with an old friend, and experience the comfort of the natural world of the Pacific Northwest. Especially relaxing was the flotation experience I had of floating in a dark, small pool for an hour in a spa in Blue Lake, CA.

John and I had many road trips in our life together and they often included planning and writing for the next project. As a visionary, John was always looking ahead for the next right subject to address and the inspiration often came during a long drive.

The Celebration of Life for John on **March 17** will provide an opportunity to share our feelings and put words to some of what John taught. John's ashes will be spread in four areas on the land at Sahale—the empress tree near the white tent site, the grieving tree in the meadow, the river, and the cedar grove. We will gather at **3:00** p.m. in the Kloshe living room to receive directions and come together as a group. We can't fill the hole that John has left but we can make a whole to honor him and the Teacher he is.



# The Seattle Times

This announcement of John's passing was in the **Sunday, March 4** edition of the Seattle Times:



John Lawrence Hoff, beloved teacher, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018. He died peacefully at his home in Mason County surrounded by family and friends after being in Hospice care for 10 weeks.

John was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, July 7, 1935. His father was part of the team building the Alaska Highway and John spent his early childhood years in the Yukon, a source of many wonderful stories. He was graduated from the Canadian Nazarene College in 1959 and obtained a doctorate in Theology from the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, in 1966. A post graduate program in Community Mental Health prepared John for his private practice in marriage and family counseling. John dedicated his life to community development and was the Executive Director of the Goodenough Community in Seattle until his retirement in 2013. In John's words, "I have become a communitarian and believe that the influences that make us distinctively human come from participating in a community. I express my appreciation to the leaders,

members and friends of the Goodenough Community. I have valued the opportunity to serve and teach spiritually, relationally and educationally helping people develop their fullest capacity." With a very big heart, John was a loving friend to many. John valued creativity and encouraged people to take their creative impulses seriously. John has left a vast legacy of teachings and he will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Colette (married 1980), sons David of Seattle and Larry of Burien, daughters Laura Young of Phoenix Arizona and Amie Aylward of Seattle. Three grandchildren, Sophia, 11, Liliana 8 and William Raymond (Wiley) almost 2, gave John great joy.

A Celebration of Life will be held March 17, 2018, at John's home in Mason County at 3:00 p.m.

Charitable contributions can be made to the American Association for the Furtherance of Community and Providence SoundHomeCare & Hospice (4200 6th Ave SE Suite 201Lacey, WA 98503).

## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOHN L. HOFF

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

**Sahale Learning Center**

The Celebration will start at **3 pm.** in the Kloshe living room.

We will spread John's ashes in several places on the land. Happy hour and dinner will be served following. For dinner we are suggesting Pot Luck style, please bring something **creative**. There will be corned beef as one entrée. If you are not a cook, bring your favorite beverage to share. You are welcome to spend the night at Sahale.

There will be time to share memories and stories about John. You are also encouraged to bring photos and other items for a display table.

Please **RSVP** your plans to Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson:  
[elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com)

## Pathwork

Our Pathwork Circle will meet again on **March 25**. After three rich sessions, Tom Gaylord will not be with us. Due to the nature of the time we are in, all are encouraged to come. We will continue to talk about dying, death, and grieving and the impact on our work with our selves. Pathwork provides many with a feeling connection so necessary for a good life. Please consider coming if you are a little curious.



We meet at the Barton Street community home, 3610 SW Barton, West Seattle from 7-9:30.



## Women's Gathering

**Y**ou are invited . . .

To join the women of the Goodenough Community 's cultural program for the

### Women's Weekend, April 13-15, 2018

Come to the Women's Weekend and spend a full weekend celebrating who you are as a woman!

In the company of other women, you will find time for deep and stimulating conversation, a chance to become better acquainted with yourself and with other women, and encouragement to reach a greater connection with your inner source of feminine strength.

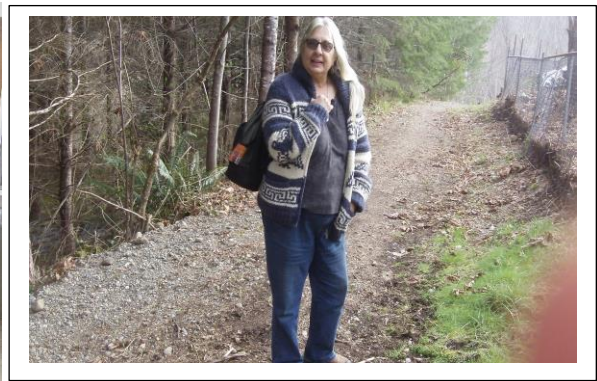
This weekend workshop will take place at the **Sahale Learning Center**, near Belfair, Washington. The natural setting of Sahale invites you to periods of relaxation and reflection as well as invigorating activity. Our program will start with **dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday evening**, and our weekend will formally end at **3 p.m. on Sunday**.

**Save the Date – and Please Plan to Join Us!**





## The deAnguera Blog: The Flowing River of Vision



Peter and Mattie are chopping us firewood for the evening. They are working to support Sahale. Pedge Hopkins wisely leads us all in our work around the place.

Sahale is an expression of our vision of community, of folks helping folks. A daily practice.

Vision is where everything begins. We all live according to a vision. We flow down it. That's easy to do. It is something we are all given by parents, schools, and our friends. It is also echoed by all the media, even the funnies. We are flowing towards a vision of a glorious future brought to us by the corporate world. That vision is even in my alumni magazine. The magazine sounds great letting me know what a fantastic place my university is. Things are getting better and better. I just have to work harder and be more ambitious. Get more education. The carrot is dangled in front of my nose so I will chase after it.

Isn't it odd that our cultural vision does not value friendship? I wonder if that's why I didn't bother to stay in touch with my friends. I left them to go chasing after that carrot.

Right now our country's vision is being imparted by its wealthy elite who control virtually all of our media and educational institutions. This vision is leading us to a place we don't want to be. We need an alternative vision.

I can talk about the military industrial complex and the deep state until I am blue in the face but ultimately it is our country's cultural vision that needs changing. It takes education to do that. Most specifically it takes relationship.

Would it not be nice if we could be exposed to people from all over the world? Especially from different ethnic groups? Networking with others will help us get out of our little corners. That's what it takes for me to have an impact.

No matter our political views, we are all hungry for people to be real with each other. That's what is necessary for trust. Without trust we will not be able to hold our ruling elite to account. Relationship is essential to democracy.

I need to be listened to and drawn out. The Goodenough Community have had nearly 50 years of practicing to do just that. For me the Human Relations Laboratory is the foundation for a sensibly built culture able to wisely choose its leaders. Relationship should be basic to our whole educational process starting with kindergarten and continuing through life. It doesn't end with a university degree.

It is important that I can trust the adults in leadership to make the right choices, to actually have my interests at heart. When leaders ignore us we all suffer as a result. Our nation's leaders at all levels need to be trustworthy. Too much is at stake.

Next month we will have a workshop on Sociocracy facilitated by Diana Leaf Christiansen, a well-known community leader. Tools for the tool box. This will enable us to link up with other communities to accomplish what we can't do alone. An alternative to the hierarchy our nation has now.

I can remember when I was the only person at Sahale most of the time. Now quite a few folks are living with us. Our numbers have grown.

When we work together we grow together. That gives us power we otherwise would not have.



The river of vision. Should I get my feet wet?



### **A Silent Auction Offering**

Colette Hoff

A piece of advice that I read for people grieving is to try new things. Snow shoeing with Lisa was a new experience and I loved being out in the winter on a beautiful day. The Silent Auction offering was actually an after ski warm up at the Geracis Condo on Snoqualmie Summit. Carla and Paul served us a wonderful soup and wine and was the catalyst for snow shoeing. Also a good way for me to begin 10 days away. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! to Lisa Leibfried and Carla and Paul Geraci for a wonderful time.



## Register Now for early discount rate!

On-line registration at <https://sahale-sociocracy.brownpapertickets.com/>

### Planning our Spring Workshop – Sociocracy

Bruce Perler

I'm appreciating the process of collaborating towards a training event at Sahale, our Spring 2018 Sociocracy Workshop. Collaborating with Syd Fredrickson of NICA, the GEC Council and Diana Leaf Christian of Intentional Communities (.org), this project is addressing several areas important to the Goodenough Community's time of life, in its own story. Working together for a regional event, increasing our shared understanding about hosting and planning workshops with a national presenter and, building our connections as sister communities is great stuff to be doing together.

Personally I'm anticipating an important and enjoyable experience for our community, one which represents positive action on behalf of our own sustainability and beneficial collaboration with the larger community's movement. What a great way to enter the spring of 2018!

## Sociocracy for Intentional Communities

### Save the Date!

Gather Thursday evening, Workshop begins  
Friday AM April 27 to Sunday, April 29, 2018

A Three-day Workshop

Led by Diana Leaf Christian

At Sahale Learning Center



Sponsored by The Goodenough Community and

The Northwest Intentional Communities Association (NICA)



## 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.



Jesus Christ Superstar will be playing in Tacoma, and there are still some less-expensive tickets available at the link below (Goldstar).



Here is the information:

<https://www.goldstar.com/events/tacoma-wa/jesus-christ-superstar-tickets>

Its last performance is a matinee on Easter Day, April 1.



## Mark Nepo at Harmony Hill, May 7-8

*This path is a continuous inquiry into what it means to be human, to be here, and to care for each other. My hope is that through this workshop you will deepen your conversation with life. That through your own path of obstacle and surprise, you will be opened to your gifts and become somewhat freed of all you carry. My hope is*



*that this time together will support you in becoming skilled at living with both effort and grace.” – Mark Nepo*



Beloved as a poet, teacher, and storyteller, Mark Nepo is a bestselling author and one of Oprah’s favorite spiritual guides, using his gifts and his talents to elevate humanity. He returns to Harmony Hill May 7-8, 2018 to lead a special two-day workshop, **The Struggle to Be Real: The Journey of Transformation.**

As a poet, philosopher and teacher, Mark Nepo has been breaking a path of spiritual inquiry for more than forty years. This workshop affirms how precious this one life is and opens the chance we have to be fully alive and to be of use to each other and the world. Drawn from his years of teaching, Nepo explores how our hard work and authenticity ready us for meaning and grace. He unfolds how our sincerity and labor help us to survive and thrive through the journey of transformation. Being human offers a path of soul work that can help us find our way, as Nepo puts it, “to discover the story behind the story, and to find what can last.”

For more information: Phone: 360.898.2363 x36 Email: [programs@harmonyhill.org](mailto:programs@harmonyhill.org)

## **NICA Monthly Meetings**

We've been having NICA Board Meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month, usually meeting @6:30 PM at Bengal Tiger, an Indian restaurant in the Roosevelt/Grn Lake area of Seattle. We settle in and order food, then start the business meeting at 7:00 PM, and try to wrap up by 8:30.



## **Reflections of an Air BnB Guest**

Colette Hoff

Avraham from Isreal chose to Sahale as an Air BnB experience for two weeks as he was having medical treatments in Gig Harbor. He arrived on February 11 and left on February 27.” I’ve never felt such comfort and belonging so early. These two weeks has felt like I’ve been here for a long time. Your community is a gift.” These are the words from a note he left. He also commented that Sahale felt more like a Kibbutz than many he had visited.

Avie as we came to call him was here at the most unusual time in our life together. He acknowledged the openness with which we managed John’s passing. And, Avie was a full participant in the wonderful “wake” we had for John on February 22. We wish you well and hope you will return!



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- ❖ **Erin Jarrett** - March 10. Happy birthday, Erin!
  - ❖ **Pamela Kay Jefferson**- March 17. Happy birthday!

### Hope Springs Eternal (Limerick)

Though tomorrow's the first day of spring,  
My seasonal thoughts can't take wing  
Cuz of snow-forecast-blues-men  
And wet blanket newsmen.  
Are they wrong? To that dream I shall cling.



## **Calendar of Programs and Events, 2017 - 2018**

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 Third Age:** Those of us age 60 and older have been gathering every other month, Friday evenings in Seattle. **Future meetings: June 1.** Contact Kirsten Rohde for more information: [krohde14@outlook.com](mailto:krohde14@outlook.com)

**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. Contact Hollis Guill Ryan for more information and directions to our West Seattle community home: [hollisr@comcast.net](mailto:hollisr@comcast.net). Dates: **Saturday 10 – 2 in West Seattle: June 9.**

**Women’s Weekend: April 13-15 at Sahale.**



**The men’s program** is 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. The fall gathering at Sahale will be combined with the white tent take down and continue into the rest of the **weekend as a men’s gathering. October 6-8, June 8-10** at Sahale. Contact Bruce Perler for more information: [bruce\\_perler@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_perler@hotmail.com)



**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 p.m. 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 at the Community Center in Seattle: Mar 25, Apr 8, 22, May 6, 20, June 3, 17.** Contact Colette Hoff for more information: [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)



**Summer Camp for Youth, June 24 – 30, 2018**

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 5 to 11, 2018

This intense and joyous week-long event is a communal experience of personal growth, and has been presented annually and is now in its 49<sup>th</sup> year! Contact: Colette Hoff, [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)



**Annual Community Day at Sahale: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** This gathering is foundational to all programs and events within the community. Come and be curious! Please contact Kirsten Rohde [krohde14@outlook.com](mailto:krohde14@outlook.com) for more information. **UPDATE: due to our decision to schedule the Memorial for John Hoff on March 17<sup>th</sup> we are postponing this annual community meeting.**

**The Goodenough Community Council** meets alternate Monday evenings in Seattle to discuss the day-to-day activities of the community and engage in planning, evaluation, and more. Contact Colette Hoff if you are interested: [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)  
**Council meetings are Feb 26,  
Mar 12, 26, Apr 9, 23, May 7, 21, Jun 4, 18**



## True Holidays Celebration, Saturday, December 1, 2018

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: Kirsten Rohde, [krohde14@outlook.com](mailto:krohde14@outlook.com)

## Work and Play Parties throughout the Year.

Traditionally, the Goodenough Community sponsors work parties over Memorial Day weekend (May 25 – 28, 2018), 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.

We often gather at Sahale on the Labor Day weekend to enjoy the end of summer and you are welcome to join. This is also a great time for those who attend the Human Relations Laboratory to reconnect. We will have good meals together, relax, and possibly do some early harvesting of apples or other produce depending on what is ripe. To confirm your plans to come out to Sahale contact: Colette Hoff, [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)



### **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) or at Sahale – 360 275-3957. In Seattle, Colette meets with clients at the community center, 3610 SW Barton Street, Seattle 98106, as well as at Sahale.

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