



## The Village View

May 12, 2021

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### Upcoming Events, on Zoom:

- Third Age, Friday May 21
- Pathwork, May 23

# Emergence

*(arise, come up, crop (up), materialize, spring (up), surface)*

*In philosophy, systems theory, science, and art, emergence occurs when an entity is observed to have properties its parts do not have on their own, properties or behaviors which emerge only when the parts interact in a wider whole. Emergence plays a central role in theories of integrative levels and of complex systems. (Wikipedia)*

*"Spiritual emergence is the process of personal awakening into a level of perceiving and functioning, which is beyond normal ego functioning. At its peak, **spiritual emergence** is the experience of the ultimate unity of all things, a mystical experience, a merging with the Divine which transcends verbal description."*

([www.centerforspiritualemergence.com/spiritual-emergenceemergency.html](http://www.centerforspiritualemergence.com/spiritual-emergenceemergency.html))

It is springtime and the natural world is emerging into life from the sleep of winter. Some plants, trees and flowers look the same as every spring but there is always change – new sprouting growth, a different quality of color in flowers, change in the land where winter flooding took over and more.

### On-Line News of the Goodenough Community System

The American Association for the Furtherance of Community  
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Sahale Learning Center / The EcoVillage at Sahale

From another perspective, we are all emerging from over a year of isolation and different daily life due to the pandemic. Now we are looking at re-engaging with each other *in person*! Will we just go back to ways of relating and being before COVID came along? Or as we emerge into the world together has there been a transformation of ideas, what we value, and a desire to not just “go back” to the way it was?

Right now some of us in the Goodenough Community are preparing for our annual Human Relations Lab (August 8-14). In our Sociocracy system of governance, the Lifeways Circle is responsible for program. I’m noticing how the individual ideas and thoughts about Lab brought forward from the Annual Meeting are coming together with new ideas as discussion continues. As you read in the eView last week, Colette describes the role of creative expression and how creativity emerges not in isolation but from group intentions. The Lifeways team has been developing ideas about Lab and then, this Saturday, the Lab leadership team meets for the first of two meetings to create the Lab experience. As I listen to people bring forward ideas from their knowledge over the years on what makes the Human Relations Lab work, and as new thoughts come forward given the times we are in, what I see happening is **emergence**. Ideas and concepts are enlivened by live learning along the way in individual and collective life. Gradually the themes and ideas for this year’s Lab begin to take shape.

Speaking of emergence, Marley and friends at Sahale are offering flower and veggie seedlings, grown from saved seed and all organic, no bee harming pesticides. It costs a lot to get the same quality at a commercial nursery. If you reserve some now they can be ready for you to pick up this month through Memorial Day. Scroll down just after page 4 for details.

### Support Sahale endeavors!

## Save the date!

This summer’s Human Relations Laboratory will be held  
August 8 to 14, 2021.

We are praying for an in-person Lab.

*Let Elizabeth know of your interest.*





## Programmatic News & Events

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### Women's Gathering: Regeneration

At the beginning of May, as women gathered by Zoom, a common theme was eagerness to see the end of pandemic isolation. We celebrated the convincing arrival of Spring and recognized that the world is regenerating itself. Earth herself is pushing forth fresh sprouts and the world is beginning to rewarm after a long, bleak pandemic winter. People are emerging from seasonal blues and are at least partially overcoming pandemic-inspired dreariness. We, too, are regenerating.

To regenerate is a choice. We can choose to remain as we are, or we can choose to renew ourselves. We also can choose *what* we wish to make fresh again. If, in our inner winter, we have harbored seeds that we prefer not to nurture, we can choose to begin uprooting their sprouts. And if we have nurtured comforting or inspiring visions of re-entering this new and as yet unexplored post-pandemic world, we can tend and nurture those visions.

As we begin to look forward toward a brightening future, we may harbor ambivalence even though we are eager to re-enter a world of relationship. After a year or more of relational distance, we may need to coax ourselves into deeper, closer relationship.

Whether we find the thought of re-entry a wee bit intimidating or breathlessly enticing, re-entry can be thoughtfully prepared for and practiced. What are some principles of re-entry to keep in mind as we prepare for new relational encounters? Well ... To regenerate a relationship, we need to choose to *want* to be closer and to send out inviting and welcoming energy. Remember that others have had their own experience of the pandemic, isolation, and unusual times, and it is important to show genuine interest in their experience. It is possible, too, that our friends (and maybe we, too) are so attuned to maintaining social distance that it is hard to immediately move close again, physically or (and) relationally. Above all, be kind to yourself. After all, your relationship with yourself has also been affected by wintery isolation and may need to thaw.

### Third Age

Our next Third Age gathering is set for Friday, **May 21 at 7:00PM**, and we hope you'll be able to attend. How is your "Third Act" going? What's been happening in your life that you'd like to share? Our meeting will begin on Zoom at 7 p.m. and the Zoom link will be sent on Friday. Looking forward to seeing you. Warm regards, [Kirsten](#) and [Joan](#).  
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## Memorial Day Weekend @ Sahale

Colette Hoff & Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson

**W**e are inviting you to spend time at Sahale over Memorial Day weekend, e.g., May 28 – 31. Sahale is inviting guests who are vaccinated; but if you are unvaccinated, we will make special accommodations for you. *We must know in advance if you want to attend as space is limited.* If you would like to attend, please email [Colette](#) or

[Elizabeth](#) as soon as you can and include the

dates you are requesting to arrive and depart. *Thank you!*



*We believe in the power of stories to help support an ethic of care for each other and the Earth. In an era of immense environmental destruction, fueled by finite and faltering narratives of progress and power, we look to stories that reveal the emerging connections between ecology, culture, and*



# plantapalooza

a living goodenough fundraiser  
APR 22 - MAY 12



## YOU ARE INVITED TO SAHALE FOR OUR FIRST PLANT SALE!

Delicious  
Nutritious  
Good for the Soul

Welcome to the garden corner!  
This spring the Natural System  
Circle is hosting Plantapalooza!

The intention behind  
this call to action:

- 1 Food security
- 2 Seed sovereignty
- 3 Developing a healthy relationship with food

### QUESTIONS

I hope to answer within and among community:

- 1 Where does our food come from?
- 2 How long does it take to grow one vegetable?
- 3 What is the size of homegrown fruits and vegetables?
- 4 What do homegrown fruits, and vegetables taste like?
- 5 Why is having a direct relationship to food important?

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VEGGIE BABIES	INVENTORY
Heirloom Broccoli (2 pack)	25
Bok Choy (2 pack)	10

## FRUITS

FRUIT BABIES	INVENTORY
Banana Pepper	38
Mixed Cherry Tomato	36
Heirloom Tomato	30
Viva Italian Sauce Tomato	8

## FLOWERS

FLOWER BABIES	INVENTORY
Tall Marigold (4 pack)	25
Calendula	22
Cosmo (2 pack)	4
Zinnia (2 pack)	2





*Now we (members and friends of the Goodenough Community) are taking a stand for love and equality over all the expressions of racism and injustice and inequality against People of Color. We, as mostly white, will educate ourselves and learn to make a difference. We will continue to speak out about the racial injustice in our country.*

**I recommend this 56 minute recording -wonderful to listen to. Kirsten**

Here is the URL for Jazz Night with DeeDee Bridgewater. It features her music at the Jazz at Lincoln Center and her recollections of the music and connection with Ma Rainey, Nina Simone and Abbey Lincoln. Through their music the experience of Black people historically is powerfully represented and so relevant to our times. And it is great music!

<https://www.npr.org/2017/04/27/525854612/dee-dee-bridgewater-fearless-and-free>

*Nina*



*Simone*



**Here is some information about clearcutting in Washington passed on by Teresa Jacobson**

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

There has been an alarming uptick of clearcutting in Mason County, and no end in sight.

Here is the link to a petition to stop clearcutting in Mason County, WA, restore our shared waters and forests, and protect our community's future.

Can you join me and take action? Click here:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/lorax?source=email&>

PS. You can also find out more about the Lorax Coalition at [wespeakforthe forests.org](http://wespeakforthe forests.org)

We've been working hard on organizing to protect our forests! Stay tuned for our documentary, coming soon!

*What we need is a great, powerful, tremulous falling back in love with our old, ancient, primordial Beloved, which is the Earth herself."*

*~ Martin Shaw*



## **Mindful Mike's Blog: The Well of Forgetfulness**

*Mike deAnguera*

If I am Divine I should be at the same level, right? But I am not. I have an ego which comes from a fearful place. I have a unique way of expressing my fearful self: as Mike. Is there a Loving way to express myself as Mike? Of course. Since the Divine is automatically Love I should be also.

Should? There is that word again. It is hard to avoid using this word in my articles. I instinctively resist this word yet I use it. Fixing people including myself doesn't work because it doesn't honor the mystery of who I am.



These pictures convey an image of heaven I am sure. Yet they were photographed right here at Sahale. Shown are Larry Hoff, an adult along with Wylie and Juniper. Wylie is 5 years old and Juniper is 2. These two youngsters have just started out on life. Larry by contrast has been here quite a few years and is even raising two children of his own.

Every lifetime starts out with birth. Why are we so small and helpless? Why not start out as adults? Sounds easier, especially if we all come from a Divine place to begin with.

Do I always want to be aware of myself as the Divine? Maybe not because then I can't be Mike. Mike is a character role just like the ones I make up when I write fiction. To totally get into my role as Mike I have to forget my Divine origins.

Being aware means being awake not asleep like I am in my dreams. In my dreams I seldom realize I am in the dream state until I wake up. Lucid dreaming is not one of my talents. Be nice if it was since then I could fly and do other fantastic things.

When I was young I played with many different things just like Wylie. I wanted to be an astronaut, a ferry boat captain, a minister, even a soldier. The one role that did work out for me was caretaker of Sahale. Now I want to be like John Hoff. That is a real change agent unlike the previous ones. Did I ever think about being a writer? That never crossed my mind. Wonder why?

Thich Nan Hanh wanted to be a monk ever since he was 7 years old. Parahansa Yogananda wanted to study with the great gurus up in the Himalayas. John Hoff wanted to run a school for

folks to learn how to be like Native Americans. I have not known anybody like that as a youngster. All my dreams were just on the surface.

Astronauts want to travel to other planets. Ministers want to minister about Christ and save your soul. Thich Nan Hanh wanted to be otherworldly. Be a wise Zen monk. I have never known any kids who wanted to be wise Zen monks. In fact monks and nuns are roles I have understood least of all. How does a child play with that?

In the Sound of Music Maria Von Trapp wanted to live in a particular convent ever since she was a child. But she was DESTINED to be the

mother of Captain Von Trapp's 7 children. Hmm. Have trouble figuring this one out.

Well, maybe life isn't about figuring it out. Maybe it is about living in the moment like Juniper and Marley Long.



*Updated through June 2021*

## **Programs and Events of the Goodenough Community**

*Because of our unpredictable times,  
dates and descriptions shown represent our plans for now.*

**Community is about adapting to change, and that has been the case with the pandemic as we have adapted many of our ways to connecting, many of which are via Zoom.**

Throughout the year our intention is to offer programs that help you participate in your own development, learn about relating well with others, and help you discover your potential to have a good time in life and with others.

Information about programs and upcoming events can be found on our website:

[www.goodenough.org](http://www.goodenough.org)



**The Goodenough Community's governing body, the General Circle, meets twice monthly, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. Below are dates for our spring meetings:**

- May 10, 24 and June 14

For additional information, contact [Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson](#)



**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.

*May annual gathering – May 8, time TBA. For more information, contact [Hollis Ryan](#).*



**The Third Age** - Those age 60 and older have been gathering monthly, Friday evenings. 7:00 PM. With the pandemic, meetings are virtual. Contact [Kirsten Rohde](#) for more information.

- May 21 is our next gathering

**The Men's Program** - 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 circle. A weekend is planned from June 4 & 5, 2021.



**Pathwork, a Program of Convocation: A Church and Ministry** – Pathwork offers you a spiritual home in which to rest and to share your heart and mind as you move through these unpredictable times. We come together under the leadership of Pastor Colette Hoff and find support and encouragement as we clarify our personal goals and develop the practices we choose for a spirit filled life, gaining wisdom from the world's faith & wisdom traditions. All are welcome to join. Meetings are held via Zoom on alternate Sundays from 7pm to 9pm. Contact Colette: [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org) for Zoom information. *\*Note the next Pathwork will be May 23.*



**True Holidays Celebration, Saturday, December 4, 2021**

We are planning our 2021 event! Hold this date on your calendar. We traditionally hold this event on Mercer Island. Stay tuned for details.



**Human Relations Laboratory, August 8 to 14, 2021**

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 52 years! Contact: Colette Hoff, [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)

**Work and Play Parties throughout the Year.** Traditionally, the Goodenough Community sponsors work parties over Memorial Day weekend as well as other times 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 questions during these times of the Pandemic.



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