



# The Village eView

December 14, 2016

Colette Hoff, Editor

## Coming Up:

Solstice Bus Trip—Saturday, Dec 17

Christmas Day at Sahale

New Year's Eve at Sahale

Pathwork – Sunday, January 8

Council – Monday, January 9

Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn - the cycle and circle of Nature's year. In an age where most of us have lost touch with the life and rhythms of our mother, the Earth, the cycle of the year is a sure way back into the Center of Life. As we struggle to reclaim the lost heritage of our natural life rhythms, it is through the gateways of the Wheel of the Year that we come to understand once again the cycle of birth, growth, fulfillment, decline, and finally death, which turns to birth once more.

Winter Solstice is the birthday of the Sun and of the year. It is a time when we experience the greatest darkness, when the hours of darkness are so much greater than the hours of daylight. And yet, it is within this time of greatest darkness that the Light of the World is reborn, for now the hours of daylight will begin to grow and the hours of darkness will lessen.

In all cultures, the Winter Solstice is a time of rejoicing, a time of thanksgiving and a time of hope, when the beauty and truth of the Light is remembered and honored. We light fires and gather together with our loved ones, we give and receive presents, and we make wishes for the New Year. For this small space of time, we actually come close to living the ideal of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men" which the angels proclaimed in the skies over Bethlehem.

At each of the eight gateways of the year, we connect to the natural laws governing this world and the cosmos. Inner and outer become One, and Life's dramas are manifest.

### ***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**

But it is at Winter Solstice that the truth of our Oneness is most evident, for the darkness that we face is our own darkness and aloneness, and the Light becomes most precious as we realize that it is through the Light that we come to love and appreciate each other.

<http://www.starofthebards.com/wintersolstice>  
Copywrite: Cathy Lynn Pagano

*Whose woods these are I think I know,  
His house is in the village though.  
He will not see me stopping here,  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*

*My little horse must think it queer,  
To stop without a farmhouse near,  
Between the woods and frozen lake,  
The darkest evening of the year.*

*He gives his harness bells a shake,  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep,  
Of easy wind and downy flake.*

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.*

-- Robert Frost

## *Can you hear sleigh bells?*

*Winter Solstice Bus Trip - Saturday, Dec 17:* With your friends and family, enjoy this day-long journey that embraces the longest night of the year.

We will board a chartered bus and travel over Snoqualmie and Blewett Passes to the beautiful Bavarian Christmas village of Leavenworth. Then we'll head to Eagle Creek Ranch, just outside of Leavenworth, where a horse-drawn sleigh ride awaits us, followed by a buffet dinner. [Please register with Elizabeth now at http://www.goodenough.org/solstice.htm](http://www.goodenough.org/solstice.htm)



## A Story Gift from My People, The Bears: As Told by Ursula

This story was written in 2008 by John Hoff and is a good story for Solstice.

I am the bear that rests behind the mask in John Hoff's office. It is not unusual for me to tell stories about my people. We were in this land before people were here and have a lot to teach humans. I tell you this because my story begins a long, long, long, time ago, before humans walked the earth, when the world was the land of the animals. This story starts during a very long winter back then.

**The sun did not come out for three years.** It snowed all the time. The animals were suffering very much from this long winter. The lack of food was bad enough, but the lack of heat made it unbearable. They were greatly frightened. The animals called for a grand council to be held. Animals of all shapes and sizes were invited. When everyone gathered, the animals looked around and realized that one creature from the animal world was missing: Bear. It was then that they realized that no one had seen any bears for three years.

All the animals agreed that the most important thing to do was to find out what had happened to the heat. Without heat their sufferings would never end. They decided that heat must be found and it must be brought back again. It was decided that several quick and brave animals would go on a search mission to the upper world. That's where they believed the heat had been taken. The animals chosen for the mission were Lynx, Fox, Wolf, Wolverine, Mouse, Pike (a freshwater fish), and Dogfish. After traveling far and wide through the air, the group finally found the hidden doorway that opened to the upper world. Excited, they all climbed upward to the world above.

After exploring the upper world for some time, they saw a lake. By the lake, burned a campfire with a tent beside it. By the tent were two young bears. They asked the cubs where their mother was, and were told she was off hunting. Inside the tent, a number of big, round bags were hanging up. The animal visitors pointed to the first bag and asked the cubs, "What is in this bag?"

"That," they said, "is where our mother keeps the rain."

"And what is in this one?" the animals said, pointing to the second bag.

"That," the cubs answered, "is the wind."

"And this one?"

"That is where mother keeps the fog."

"And what may be in this next bag?" said the animals.

"Oh, we cannot let you know that," said the cubs, "for our mother told us it was a great secret, and if we tell, she will be very angry and will bop us on our heads when she returns."

"Don't be afraid," said the fox. "You can tell us. She will never know."

Then the cubs whispered, "That is the bag where she keeps the heat."



The visitors said, "Aahh ..." They glanced at one another, and said their good-byes quickly. Once outside the tent, they rushed to a hidden spot and held a quick council. They agreed that they should leave the bears' campsite at once, as the mother bear might return at any time. After doing this they found a safer spot to hide. The task next placed before them was more difficult. How were they to capture the bag with the heat?

"We need to distract the old mother bear somehow," said Fox.

"I know!" said Lynx. "I'll change myself into a deer on the other side of the lake."

"Good idea!" said Wolverine. "The mother bear will see you across the lake and she'll want to hunt you. She'll have to paddle her canoe across the lake, and that will give us time to get the bag with the heat."

"Better yet," squeaked Mouse, "I'll chew a deep cut in the bear's paddle near the blade, so it will take her even longer to canoe across."

"Yes!" cried the others.

So Lynx went around to the other side of the lake and turned into a deer. Now as a Deer, he wandered near the edge of the lake to attract Bear's attention. In the meantime, Mouse scrambled into Bear's canoe and chewed a deep cut in the handle of her paddle close to the blade. The others hid near Bear's tent. When one of the bear cubs saw the supposed deer across the lake he cried out, "Look at the deer on the opposite shore!" The old mother Bear immediately jumped into her canoe and paddled toward it. Deer walked slowly along the beach pretending not to see the canoe, so as to tempt Bear to paddle up close to him. Then all at once Deer doubled about and ran the opposite way. Old Bear threw her whole weight on the paddle to make it go faster, and the paddle broke suddenly where Mouse had gnawed it. The force of Bear's weight threw her into the water. The other animals were watching the hunt from the other side, and as soon as they saw the mother Bear floundering in the water, they ran into the tent and pulled down the bag containing the heat. One at a time, they tugged the bag through the air toward the opening to the lower world from where they had come. They hurried to get back to the opening as fast as they could, but the bag was very large, and none of them was able to keep up the pace for long. Whenever one tired out, another would take the bag, and in this way they hastened along as quickly as they could, for they knew that the old mother Bear would soon get ashore and return to her tent, and that when she did she would discover the missing bag. Then she'd be furious and follow their footprints to catch them! Sure enough, the old mother Bear was soon in hot pursuit, and had almost overtaken the animals when they spied just up ahead the opening to the world below. By this time the stronger animals were all so tired, they could hardly move at all. Now Dogfish took the bag and pulled it along a good way, and finally Pike (the freshwater fish) managed to inch it along some more. At that very moment, Bear lurched toward them. All the animals together pushed the bag until it tipped through the hole to the lower world and they each jumped in after it to safety, just in time.

The bag dropped to the world below! It broke and all the heat crammed inside the bag rushed out. Warmth spread at once to all parts of the world and quickly thawed the ice and snow. Flood waters ran high for many weeks, but then the waters subsided. The trees, bushes, and flowers which had been covered by ice grew green leaves once more, and springtime bloomed. From that time till now, the world has always seen a warm season

returning after a cold one, just as we see it today. Remember again who is telling you this story. I am Ursula, the great mother bear that now lives indoors with people so I can tell them my stories. Thank you for listening.

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Source: The Long Winter is based on a story in an article called Legends of the Slavery Indians of the MacKenzie River from the Journal of American Folklore, Volume 14, 1901, pp.26-28. Canadian Folktales



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

We enjoy spending the turning of the year in the quiet of the country, creating our own event, with good meals, hot tubs, walks, peaceful sleep, good conversation, and times to reflect together on the year that was and the year to come.

This year New Year's Eve is on Saturday night. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

You are welcome stay over on December 31 or come for the weekend. A donation is requested for meals and room. Please RSVP to Evelyn: [cillevevelyn@gmail.com](mailto:cillevevelyn@gmail.com)



### **The Second Annual Friends of Sahale Weekend, January 13 to 15, 2017**

Dear Friends,  
This second annual weekend is a time for appreciation as well as sharing information and

continuing to envision the future at Sahale. We want to gather all who are connected to Sahale for a good weekend together.

We will have time to share about Sahale: past, present and future. We will have the opportunity to be informed about the various aspects of Sahale: the EcoVillage, the finances of running Sahale, residents and future residents, the retreat business, land use and restoration, food production, educational programs, and more.

We will review what we have learned this year and the status of various projects we agreed to at last year's gathering, including fundraising.

Together we will engage in shared visioning for the future and put some directions, priorities, and plans in place.

Bruce, Irene, Kirsten, Colette and John hope you will join us this weekend. Let Colette know if you are interested. [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)



*In This*  
**DARKNESS SINGING**

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*A Community Solstice Event*  
*with*  
**Michael Meade**

A photograph of two lit candles on a dark surface. The candles are lit, with bright yellow flames and a soft glow. The background is dark, making the light from the candles stand out. The candles are positioned in the lower half of the poster.

Tuesday Dec. 20 7:00 PM  
ALL PILGRIMS CHURCH, SEATTLE, WA  
Tickets: \$15

**Solstice means “sun stands still;” at mid-winter it means the sun stopping amidst a darkening world.** The essence of solstice involves stopping, even if only for a moment. We stop as the sun stops, the way one’s heart can stop in a crucial moment of fear or beauty; then begins again, but in an altered way. Solstice is a time to start anew and begin again after stopping in the depths of darkness.

In the instinctive, intuitive sense of sympathetic magic, everything from a single candle to a huge fire could be offered to assist in the effort to bring the light of spirit and soul back from the far reaches of cosmic darkness.

There may be no better time than the dark times we find ourselves in to rekindle the instinct for uniting together and expressing love, care and community. We stop at the close of a tragic and troubling year to embrace the soul’s capacity to stop in time and touch the holiness and stillness of life.

The darkest time is the exact time to share the gift of life and contribute some warmth and love to the soul of the world as it pivots again towards the light. May the darkness season us and make us ready for the light trying to grow from within our own souls and from the Soul of the World.

Join us for an evening of songs and poetry, rituals of remembrance and forgiveness, and a resounding collective call to bring the light back from the darkness.

Editor’s note: Thanks to Kirsten for this submission.



## **An Evening of Laughter and Consciousness**

Barbara Brucker

Last Thursday (12/8) about 20 people were privileged to spend an evening with Laraaji, a musician and humanitarian artist in a “workshop” involving music and meditative laughter. It’s hard to describe an evening with Laraaji. We chanted, we laughed, we honored our inner children and their beauty and we experienced deep relaxation with sound and music.

Reflecting back on the evening, Joan Valles said, “I especially liked settling back and letting his music wash over me. I found it both peaceful and energizing. I woke the next morning feeling refreshed. A very therapeutic experience. I wish I could have it often.”

As I think back I remember the intentional laughter and smiling. Practicing smiling in a range from 1 to 10 and being conscious of a smile was a fun and challenging experience. I also was touched by meeting the eyes of another – sometimes well known by me and sometimes not – and affirming the beauty of their inner child. I found myself the next day warmed by remembering the connections and choosing to lighten up and smile more.



The evening was a wonderful healing experience in the middle of the uncertain outer times in which we are living. It was a gift I carry into the holidays and it built on the energy of the True Holidays Party the preceding Saturday.

*A bit beyond perception's reach I sometimes believe I see that life is two locked boxes each containing the other's key. ~Piet Hein, poet and scientist, 1905 -1996*

**Save the date**

**A Weekend for Men and Women . . .**

**February 24 to 26, 2017**

**Men and Women Together:  
A New Relationship**

Join a deepening intergenerational conversation about:

- Maleness and femaleness
- Power and love and energy
- Past and future
- Cultural influences
- Tradition and transformation
- Healing and understanding
- A vision of integration of maleness and femaleness

We think the Fantastic Mr. Fox may have something for this weekend. The team planning this weekend will appreciate your input. What are your questions, issues, resources? Send suggestions to Bruce Perler: [bruce\\_perler@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_perler@hotmail.com)





## **Pathwork, Sunday, December 11, January 8, January 22**

Our Pathwork Circle began a study of the practice of loving kindness, based on an article from the most recent Parabola. We offer you the following two versions of a beautiful meditation. These words are a small part of a larger practice that is accomplished in a sequence. We offer this practice as a gift to consider.

***May I be well, happy and peaceful;  
May I feel safe and protected,  
May my life unfold easily,  
May I accept myself just as I am in this very moment.***

***May I be healthy,  
May I be peaceful,  
May all my good purposes be fulfilled.***

Pathwork meets at **7:00 p.m.** at the Community Center at 3610 SW Barton Street, typically every other Sunday evening.

In January, the Pathwork Circle agreed to study the Islam faith as a response to the times we are now in, beginning in January. Using a variety of resources, the group will immerse in the practices and philosophy of Islam. You are welcome to join even if you are only curious!



## Reilly and Maloney Bow Out

Jim Tocher

Saturday night Barbara Brucker, Joan Valles and I attended what probably will be the last concert that Ginny Reilly and Dave Maloney will do together. We have been listening to their music since John and Colette brought them to Lab in 1981 and 1982. Musically, the 1980s and 1990s in the Community were strongly influenced by their music. Ginny has a “bell-like” voice, Dave is a multi-talented musician and their harmonies are wonderful. They both have written many songs over the 40 or more years they have been a performing duo. (One of Ginny’s songs, written while she was doing housework and trying to find time to compose and practice and perform, had the lines “Did Beethoven do the dishes?” and “did Mozart take the garbage out?”).



Saturday they sang both Christmas songs and their/our old favorites. Two that have been with me for these 35 years are:

Delicate Balance: “To worry does nothing but steals from the loving, and robs from the pleasure that’s there”, and The Bramble and the Rose, a song which has always touched me as I work in relationship.

Both Ginny and Dave are now over 70 years old and they have been working at retiring their partnership gracefully. Living away from each other (Ginny in Seattle and Dave in the San Francisco Bay Area) makes traveling and practicing together difficult. They will continue to perform as individuals.

It was a wonderful, heart-full and nostalgic evening and they got the standing ovation they deserved.

*Editor’s note:* Thanks for your article Jim, this music impacted the culture of the Goodenough Community over many years.





## The deAnguera Blog: Holidays Approach 2016



So many things are happening as we approach Christmas day. As you can see Colette Hoff, Sophie, and Liliana built us another gingerbread house. I might add that the gingerbread pieces were baked by Aliko. You can see Aliko working on our granola along with Sophie and Lilliana. Great things to do inside as our weather gets colder.

Speaking of colder I have to remember to get faucets dripping both inside and outside as the temperature is getting down in the low 20's tonight. Days are getting shorter and shorter. Do you know we only have a little over 7 hours' worth of daylight this time of year? Funny thing I was never aware of how long the days were in the winter time before coming to Sahale. Guess that's because working outside at Sahale forced me to become aware of the daylight length.

Last week we were in town for another Laughter workshop by Laraaji, a good friend of Aliko and Ellias' mother Arji. Laraaji knows how to play his various instruments with electronic reverberations. He also had each of us greet each other with really big smiles. One time he had us all lay down as he vibrated a symbol over each one of us.

Laraaji lives in Harlem, New York City while Arji lives in upstate New York. We didn't see her this time because she was not feeling well. I certainly enjoyed experiencing Laraaji again. I loved his totally orange outfit. I asked him how he picked up the idea of orange. It had something to do with the Hari Krishnas when he was younger. Many people were attracted to them back in the 60's. I know from the Ananda folks that the orange was really the ochre color of monk's robes. Ochre was the color used for burial cloths signifying the death of the ego.

A bunch of us stayed in the West Seattle in-town center for the night before going back to Sahale the next morning. It was the fullest the big house has ever been. I slept on a bunch of cushions upstairs. Josh DeMers brought me and Evelyn Cilley in and I rode out with Kirsten Rohde the next morning.

We were afraid the falling snow would cause problems. Fortunately we could still travel around. It was certainly nice to leave the driving to others.

Once again in the cold I am grateful for warm clothes, shelter and food as well as the security of my Goodenough family. I can't think of a better place to call home than Sahale.

Today I helped Josh, Evelyn, and Montana deliver three loads of wood to Bruce and Irene Perler's yurt up on the hill. The chickens were happily wandering around. I have to admire Evelyn's skill in maneuvering the blue truck up the hill to the yurt's woodshed. All I had to do was hand the wood to others for stacking.

My friends are the best asset I have. My friendships will endure no matter what the economy does. They certainly didn't factor in when I planned out my career life during high school days. After college I would have it made, right? Well, things didn't turn out that way. I have a feeling friendship will be the key to survival for an increasing number of us in the 21st Century.



A deer gives our holiday celebrations some thought.



Got some bottles?

Out at Sahale, we're beginning to bottle cider and cyser. We would appreciate any used wine or large (**22oz**) beer bottles. Please email us and we'll be happy to coordinate a pick up or a drop off. Thank you!



Evelyn & Josh



## Relaxed Holiday Gathering

*Pam and Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson*

We invite you and yours to our home to kick back, visit with friends and enjoy some holiday cheer. No program planned! Come for 5 minutes or 50!

**When**

**Sunday, December 18**

**Time:**

7:30 PM

**Place:**

Home of Pam and Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson  
3446 77<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

**RSVP!**

## Christmas Day Open House at Sahale

Colette Hoff

Join us at Sahale on **Christmas day** in the afternoon and welcome others to join. We will provide food and drink and invite any one coming to bring a dessert or a side dish. Please RSVP at hoff@goodenough.org. You are welcome to spend the night. **RSVP!**

This year at **Sahale we will host a fun gift exchange** full of surprises that everyone can join in, regardless of age or economic means. If you are planning to come to join us for **Christmas at Sahale**, please bring a creative gift that is wrapped but doesn't need any tags. Just a wrapped gift. We will have a game for exchanging these gifts. Each person will pick a gift from the group of wrapped gifts and there will be a fun discovery process of finding out what was put into the gift pile. There is no need to spend anything, you are encouraged to make something as a gift! If you do purchase a gift, please limit spending to under \$15. Guaranteed to be fun and you'll learn more about your friends and what kinds of things they are drawn to when the game play begins! =



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Happy birthday - Evelyn Cilley - | 15**
- Happy birthday - Tessa James - E 5**
- Happy birthday - Jeni Hogenson - December 20**
- Happy birthday - Keegan Harshman -**

**December 21**

*From the archives:*  
**Martha Stewart Holiday Calendar**

**December 1**

Blanch carcass from Thanksgiving turkey. Spray paint gold, turn upside down and use as a sleigh to hold Christmas Cards.

**December 2**

Have Mormon Tabernacle Choir record outgoing Christmas message for answering machine.

**December 3**

Using candlewick and handgilded miniature pine cones, fashion cat-o-nine-tails.

**December 4**

Repaint Sistine Chapel ceiling in ecru, with mocha trim.

**December 5**

Get new eyeglasses. Grind lenses myself.

**December 6**

Fax family Christmas newsletter to Pulitzer committee for consideration.

**December 7**

Debug Windows '95

**December 8**

Decorate homegrown Christmas tree with scented candles handmade with beeswax from my backyard bee colony.

**December 9**

Record own Christmas album complete with 4 part harmony and all instruments accompaniment performed by myself. Mail to all my friends and loved ones.

**December 10**

Align carpets to adjust for curvature of Earth.

**December 11**

Lay Faberge egg.

**December 12**

Erect ice skating rink in front yard using spring water I bottled myself. Open for neighborhood children's use. Create festive mood by hand making snow and playing my Christmas album.

**December 13**

Collect Dentures. They make excellent pastry cutters, particularly for decorative pie crusts.

**December 14**

Install plumbing in gingerbread house.

**December 15**

Replace air in mini-van tires with Glade "holiday scents" in case tires are shot out at mall.

**December 17**

Child proof the Christmas tree with garland of wire.

**December 19**

Adjust legs of chairs so each Christmas dinner guest will be same height when sitting at his or her assigned seat.

**December 20**

Dip sheep and cows in egg whites and roll in confectioner's sugar to add a festive sparkle to the pasture.

**December 21**

Drain city reservoir; refill with mulled cider, orange slices and cinnamon sticks.

**December 22**

Float votive candles in toilet tank.

**December 23**

Seed clouds for white Christmas.

**December 24**

Do my annual good deed. Go to several stores. Be seen engaged in last minute Christmas shopping.

**December 25**

Bear son. Swaddle. Lay in color coordinated manger scented with homemade potpourri.

**December 26**

Organize spice racks by genus and phylum.

**December 27**

Build snowman in exact likeness of God.

**December 28**

Take Dog apart. Disinfect. Reassemble.

**December 29**

Hand sew 365 quilts, each using 365 material squares I weaved myself used to represent the 365 days of the year. Donate to local orphanages.

**December 30**

Release flock of white doves, each individually decorated with olive branches, to signify desire of world peace.

**December 31**

New Year's Eve! Give staff their resolutions. Call a friend in each time zone of the world as the clock strikes midnight in that country.



*"We're going to see my family. There's an extra  
twenty in it for you if we never get there."*

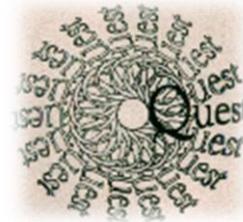
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## Quest: A Counseling and Healing Center

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 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.



## Contra Dancing Schedule

Our dear Sherry Nevins who has called our contra dances for many years, is calling our attention to the Lake City Contra and Old Time Country Dance

- Thursdays, 8:00-11:00 Lake City Community Center, 12531 28th Ave NE, [Lake City Contra/Old Time Country Dance](#), Local & Touring Bands, Sliding scale \$8.00-\$12.00, (kids & first-time contra dancers free).
- Fridays, 7:30-10:00, [Emerald City Contradance](#) at Phinney Neighborhood Center Community Hall (Lower Building), 6532 Phinney N. \$9.00. Beginners workshop at 7:00pm. First time contra dancers receive a coupon for free admission to a future dance.
- 2nd Saturdays, 8:00-11:00, Eastside Contra dance at Juanita Community Club Dance Hall, 13027 100th Ave NE, Kirkland, \$9 (students \$5), lesson at 7:30p. Promoted by [Folk Horizons](#)

[Open Band, Open-caller dance](#). Free dances are held outside at Green Lake every summer, with pick-up band and open mic for callers. 2016 dates are June 29th, July 13, August 3 The regular (year round) monthly dance is in need of new volunteers to organize!



## Interested?



NHT ("Now Hear This" brand) high end surround sound speaker system in excellent shape. The speakers work perfectly. The speaker cabinets are in great shape with a few scuffs here and there.

Back in the day, this complete setup cost upwards of \$2K. The complete setup includes one pair side tower speakers; one pair bookshelf speakers; center speaker; sub-woofer plus sub-woofer amp (seven pieces total plus documentation.) \$450.00. Contact Colette to arrange a viewing or to pick up.

Love,  
Douglas [douglas@douglasdemers.com](mailto:douglas@douglasdemers.com)

**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.

## 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.

**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***

**New Year's Eve at Sahale!**

This year New Year's Eve is on Saturday night. We plan to continue our tradition of good conversation, winter walks, hot tubbing, making meals together, and celebrating the change of year. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Time will also be given for some personal and shared reflection and for joyful celebration.



**The Second Annual Friends of Sahale Weekend,  
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**Men's Culture will be joining the women's culture for creative conversation February 24 to 26, 2017.** A weekend for men is being planned for the spring.

Focal Person: Bruce Perler, [bruce\\_perler@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_perler@hotmail.com)

**Women's Culture**

**Next Saturday gathering is January 21, 2017, 10-2; April 8 : 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](mailto:hollisr@comcast.net)



**Third-Age Gatherings**

**Next gathering will be in Friday, January 20; March 31 and May 12.** Focal Person: Kirsten Rohde, [krohde14@outlook.com](mailto:krohde14@outlook.com)

**Annual Memberships Meeting: March 10 to 12.** It's a good time to support the organization that surrounds all our activities.

Anyone is welcome

**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](mailto: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.

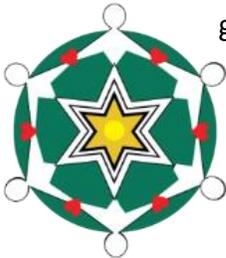
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**Human Relations Laboratory, August 6 to 12, 2017**

This intense and joyous week-long event is a communal experience of personal growth, and has been presented annually and is now in its 48<sup>th</sup> year!

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**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.

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