

Cohousing Now!

Cohousing, Continuing Connections



Reflections on Alice Alexander's tenure from Peter Lazar



As Coho/US launches into a new phase with our new Executive Director, Karin Hoskin, this is a good time to also reflect on how far the organization has come in recent years. It's also a good time to pause and appreciate the work of former Executive Director, Alice Alexander.

After unfortunate setbacks and bad luck, by early 2014 Coho/US found itself in a tenuous position. Revenue was slow, cash on hand meager, and activity levels marginal; the future of Coho/US looked murky. Despite all that, in April 2014, Alice agreed to take the position of Executive Director. From her home base in Durham Central Park Cohousing, she launched her organizational rejuvenation program on all fronts simultaneously.

Relying on decades of management experience in the not-for-profit world, she completely reorganized operations, led an increase in donations and advertising revenues; modernized the website; and lead us in four successful national conferences (Boulder, Durham, Salt Lake City, and Nashville). The list goes on.

Alice brought to Coho/US an authentic, infectious enthusiasm and optimism. She advocated cohousing at each available opportunity. She was famous for accessibility and responsiveness: most emails and phone calls were answered same day, or next day. She made people want to work with her. She became a cheerful public face of the national cohousing movement. Thanks to three years of Alice, Coho/US has been restored to financial stability, reliable performance, and national credibility. As of July, she has moved on to other ventures, and she leaves Coho/US in very good shape for the next Executive Director, and the next round of Directors.

The Board of Coho/US is intensely grateful for all she has done for us. But this is not the end of our relationship with Alice, for we know that, from her base in Durham NC, she will stay engaged in many aspects of the cohousing lifeway and mission, and be joining us at future conferences and other activities. And, of course, we know where she lives.

Peter Lazar, President
For the Board of Coho/US

Conferences & Events

2018 Regional Conferences

**Do you live in community?
Are you a cohousing professional?**

**Are you passionate about sharing cohousing
concepts that help create community**

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one neighborhood at a time?

Please consider presenting at a CoHoUS conference
now accepting proposals
please send to conference@cohousing.org

Previous Conference Presentation Documents
Still Available [here](#)

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Aging Successfully, Study Group 1 Online Facilitator Training
Presented by McCamant & Durrett Architects
Wednesdays, Oct 11 - Dec
9:30am - 12:30pm PST (3 hrs) [for more information...](#)

Cohousing Blogs

Cohousing, The Age-Old Antidote to Isolation
Grace Kim Capital Hill Urban Cohousing in Seattle, WA

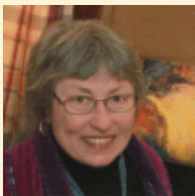


Loneliness doesn't always stem from being alone. For architect Grace Kim, loneliness is a function of how socially connected we feel to the people around us -- and it's often the result of the homes we live in. She shares an age-old antidote to isolation: cohousing, a way of living where people choose to share space with their neighbors, get to know them, and look after them. Rethink your home and how you live in it with this eye-opening talk.

[watch video](#)

Marketing Your Cohousing Project With A Blog

Sharon Villines, Takoma Village Cohousing Washington, DC



I love blogs and blogging. Blogs are supposed to be personal and unique. A blog post can be anything from a meeting announcement to a thought piece on "why is it raining again and what to do about it." Being a writer helps but every group must have some writers. If you don't, find some. I'm serious.

Blogs started as "web logs." Serious, personal, and frequent posts about many topics. Like a diary. Mommy blogs are huge now. Cooking blogs. But so are blogs about typewriters and antique musical instruments.

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Living in Community

[New Resources](#)

Classified Ads

Homes for Sale

[Westwood Cohousing: Energy-Efficient Condo in Urban West Asheville](#)

[Nature abundant; 3BR, 2BA, 2 story condo for sale \(Portland OR\)](#)

[Downtown Durham, NC -- urban cohousing](#)

[Santa Cruz CA, New Brighton Cohousing -- Townhome for Sale](#)

[Emerson Commons - Cohousing near Charlottesville, Virginia](#)

[Energy Star Home for Sale at Cobb Hill Cohousing, Hartland, Vermont](#)

[Washington Village in the Heart of Boulder](#)

[Homes for Sale in New Hampshire's Greenest Community](#)

Seeking Members

[Going Street Commons](#)

[Join Iowa's first cohousing community-- Prairie Hill, in Iowa City](#)

[Bristol Village in Vermont to be ready for move-in this summer. Come join us!](#)

[Last two townhomes available this summer! Elderberry Cohousing](#)

[Village Hearth: Adult Cohousing on 15 Beautiful Acres in Durham, NC](#)

[Join a Green, Intergenerational Community near Sacramento!](#)

[Permaculture oriented community forming in stunning Vermont location](#)

Homes for Rent/Exchange

[3BD Townhome in Greyrock Commons, Fort Collins CO -- Aug 1](#)

Senior Cohousing

[Phoenix Commons on Oakland Waterfront - -- 1 & 2 bdrm Condos](#)

[Oakcreek Senior Cohousing - 2BR Available](#)

[Wolf Creek Lodge, California - Home Available](#)

Cohousing Professionals

[Caddis Architecture](#)

[CoHousing Solutions | Sustainable Neighborhood Consultants](#)

[Fitch Architecture & Community Design | Home - Community - Planet](#)

Thankful To Be Living In Community

Karin Hoskin Wild Sage Cohousing in Boulder, CO & ED CoHoUS



There are many of you that I do not yet know and this is a personal story, but I feel comfortable sharing because we are in community, so each one of you is like my distant second cousin three times removed :)

[read more](#)

Coho/US Notes

Whatcha Thinkin'?

Karin Hoskin Coho/US Executive Director



I would love to hear from each and every one of you, seriously, flood my inbox with comments and suggestions!

Tell me please, what do you like to see on our CoHoUS website? Which blog authors or topics do you enjoy? What would you like to see in our monthly Cohousing Now! monthly eNews?

Have you been to a CoHoUS conference? What is your favorite thing about attending? Is there a keynote speaker you would like to hear? How about specific topics or presenters?

Share with me your thoughts! How would you like to become involved in this amazing movement called cohousing? Let me know!

Contact me at karincohous@gmail.com

Cohousing Directory Metrics

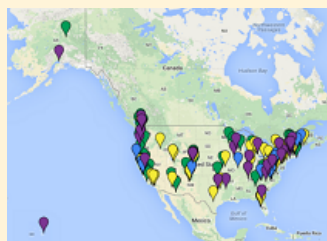
Established Communities = 166

---Completed = 149

---Building = 17

Forming** = 141

**Thirty five forming groups have acquired land they plan to develop



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In the News

Generation Us, Nelson County Cohousing Project Aims To Build Community



As she set out to do some chores, Nelson resident Connie Brennan glanced around her

3,000-square-foot home in Faber and felt a little overwhelmed with the tasks she faced. Brennan, who represents the Central District on the Nelson County Board of Supervisors, said the house seemed so big for her and her husband. She didn't need all that space, she said, especially since she's getting older and now must think about future living plans and what she realistically can take care of herself. So about a year and a half ago, Brennan and her husband, John Hasselbart, along with friend Gordon Walker and his wife, Dottie, began working on the "next-phase" cohousing site Buck Creek Village.

Cohousing grows as people look for a caring sharing place to live



Often misinterpreted as a kind of commune, cohousing has reinterpreted some of those hippy ideals while ditching others that clearly did not work. Now each household has its own self-contained private home, along with community space, where residents can come together, share activities and occasionally eat together. The UK Cohousing Network, which promotes awareness of this new way of living, says this reduces isolation and living costs.

Getting Along on Purpose: Berkeley Cohousing Neighbors Share their Wisdom

Listening
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Learning

Have you ever felt the call to community, in

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your bones? Do you know deep down that you are built to live with a wider family, a neighborhood, a village, where people know each other and care about each other? Do you dream of having neighbors who share your investment in the neighborhood and the people there? There are many folks creating Intentional Communities to fulfill these dreams, all around the world

Resources

[The Importance of A Common House](#)

[Striving To Be Inclusive](#)

[Meals](#)

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[Policy Database](#)

[Tag Cloud](#)

The Cohousing Directory

New listing:

[Skagit Cohousing](#) Mount Vernon, Washington

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