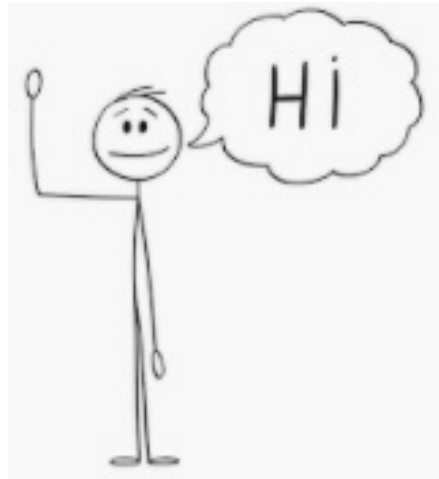




March 2020

Cohousing Now!



Physically Distancing, Socially Connecting

WOW. What changes the world has seen in the recent few weeks. CohoUS saw rapid change happening worldwide and believed that we could provide a platform for cohousers to do what they do best: Connect and Collaborate.

CohoUS has been hosting once or twice weekly a series of free WebChats 'Cohousing and the Coronavirus'. Here are some of the concepts collected thus far:

BE KIND with each other

The unknown is scary, and fear often leads to resistance.

Remember that as a community you love each other, or like each other, or at least have learned to accept differences and tolerate each other.

LISTEN to each other

Give plenty of opportunity for your community members to share what their feelings are, to voice their concerns, to ask for help.

BE GENTLE with each other

Often people don't like to be told what to do or what they are not allowed to do. Note that the CDC guidelines are recommendations; they are using their knowledge to suggest what they think is best practice in this specific situation.

REMEMBER

That people may have differing views. Consider giving to the more conservative if that will allow a community member to feel safer. Truly hearing others opinions can challenge our minds.

THINK outside of the box

Consider meeting weekly instead of monthly for the time being.

Don't let the social stuff disappear. Be creative when thinking about how to do the fun stuff! Dice games while on zoom, virtual knitting circles, share recipes, trade books, 'meet' for happy hour.

HELP keep the parents from imploding!

Think of fun stuff to do 'with' the kids. Eat ice cream for breakfast 'together' on zoom; offer riddles to kids, create scavenger hunts, share art supplies, help the kids create a virtual band!

SUPPORT

Local restaurants, trade workers, teachers, health care workers. Order takeout if your budget allows; paying for services if you can, even if temporarily not happening

SHOW appreciation by sincerely thanking grocery workers, delivery drivers, health care workers, teachers, volunteers

GIVE

Find out what local needs are and give. Hand sanitizer for the homeless shelter, food to the food pantry, etc

LEARN how to use things like Zoom, Facetime, WhatsApp, Snapchat, etc

A few fun ideas ...

Play an entire game of monopoly

Learn how to play ukulele

Start and finish a puzzle

Write a book or a song

Clean out your spice drawer

Write letters to distant family, to old friends

Dress your animal up in clothes and take photos

Bake bread from scratch

Take an online dance class

Sort through old photos

Color your hair purple

Watch your Netflix list

Plant a garden

Read through your stack of books

Learn a language

We are Stronger Together (even if at least 6 feet apart)



Watch our [website for more Simple Series](#) events and conferences as details are confirmed.

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online event
[register here for recordings](#)

Affordable Conference on Affordable
Cohousing
online conference
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Rocky Corner Cohousing
online-only-event
April 25
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The Heart of Community
online conference
May 30

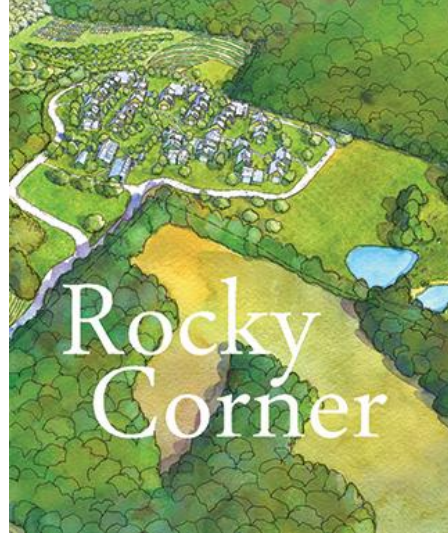
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July

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Fair Oaks in CA
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The Commons in NM
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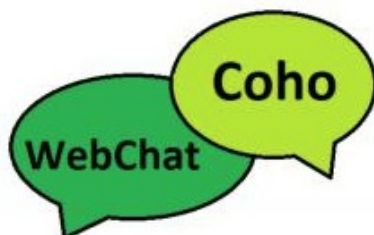
Rocky Corner Cohousing
Now Online-only-event
April 25, 2020
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submit a speaker proposal for one, two
or all three upcoming online
conferences!

Submit proposals
(by April 9th) [here](#).



Cohousing and the Coronavirus

This series will continue every Tuesday as
long as they are needed. Send your topic

Tues, April 7, 2020

Karin Hoskin - Community Check in

Almost a month since we first came together to share our ideas for weathering coronavirus together, we'll come together as a community of communities to check in. How's it going? What's working? What new struggles have arrived?

We will share our resilience as a community of communities. We'll also check in on how communities are managing the age old community question, "What do we do when we disagree?" – in this case with life and death consequences as the disagreement is about how rigorously to respond to the CV19 threat.

Tue, April 14, 2020

Karen Gimnig - Connect across the country as we play with tips and tricks for using online connection tools.

All WebChats are at the same time:

5pm Pacific, 6pm Mountain, 7pm Central, 8pm Eastern

Please register [HERE](#) to attend any of the upcoming Cohousing and the Coronavirus WebChats. A single registration will give you access to all Coronavirus WebChats. You will then receive the zoom link by email.

Previous WebChats are available for view at the button below. Recordings are posted as we are able to process them, usually 2-3 days after the event.

[View Recordings](#)



The spotlight is on:
Skagit Cohousing

Healing Beauty

From the beginning it was clear that the four acre property with a view of Mount Baker was a great fit for cohousing. When Bill and Ann Testerman began to think about simplifying life and moving away from their home of 35 years in Anacortes,

WA, they gave a lot of thought to what should follow them. They knew they didn't want to simply sell it to a developer. They wanted the property that had nourished their family to be something more than the next set of condos. They wanted it to be used for building community, an asset to the city they love. When they met the members of Skagit Cohousing, they knew it was the right fit and have gone out of their way to support the new residents through the development process.

The cohousers are delighted. It's easy to be smitten by the mountain views and nearby community forest lands. As they've begun to explore Anacortes, they are falling in love with the city's 18 city parks, community theater, arts of all kinds, farmers market, bike trails and ferries to the San Juan Islands. More than that, as they walk this land,

they feel a connection to the life that has been here before. The generosity and kindness practiced here seem to live on in the land, and create the perfect foundation for a community.

Jerry and Frank have spent many hours on the land, some of them taking cuttings from the dozens of fruit trees, which Frank will nurture into new trees to plant on the property after construction. Shelly and Charles think about transplanting the thousands of daffodils and watching those blooms come up with their new neighbors year after year. The group has worked hard to create a caring and connected community as they make their way through the development process.

Like all of us, the group is feeling the impacts of Covid-19. The members worry for their health and for the economy. They know that their ability to depend on each other matters now more than ever.

In this time of social isolation, they are particularly glad for the relationships they've built. Even as they call to check in with each other and share their stories on zoom, they look forward to the day when even a global pandemic won't keep them from seeing each other. If a crisis like this arrives after they move in together, they will enjoy the ease with which they can drop off groceries from the local market for the friend afraid to go out, and the greetings they will call out from window to window. They'll enjoy the music that will travel from house to house as Tom practices his guitar or jams with Kathy, their very own rock 'n roll star!

When hard times come in whatever form, the neighbors of Skagit Cohousing will have all the healing beauty of both nature and community. They'll feel the long tradition of love and care that the previous owners poured into the land. They'll enjoy the privacy afforded by their 2 acres of wetlands, and all the amenities a small town can offer.

If this sounds like your dream home, some of the 30 units are still available. Shelly will be delighted to walk you through the process of reserving yours.

www.skagitcohousing.org

National Cohousing
Open House Day
Sunday April 26, 2020

It is important that our communities open our virtual doors (using Skype, Google Meet, Zoom or Whereby) to seekers.

This unprecedented time is creating a unique opportunity for



communities to introduce and host more people than might come in person.

Be creative and have FUN as you reinvent your Open House event!

For ideas watch this "[Open House Options](#)" WebChat #44

Register your community [here](#)
For more information, click [here](#)



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We are thrilled to announce the 2021 National Cohousing Conference will be in Madison, Wisconsin!

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Forming Communities and Communities Seeking Members



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[Skagit Cohousing -- our design is in process!](#)

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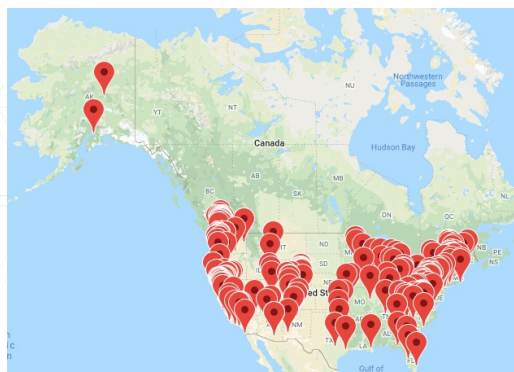


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If your community has not created a new and accurate listing for the new website, please do that now. As part of that process you will need to create a new user account which will allow you to update your directory listing and access other website features.

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