We Are All Fractals

The community garden: a space for gathering, abundance and meaning. As many of us place our hands in the soil of our community gardens for the first time, we are called to reflect upon nature as a metaphor for well...everything. Specifically, I’m reminded of a concept illuminated by one of my favorite authors, adrienne maree brown, who writes about fractals. “Fractals are infinitely complex patterns that are ...created by repeating a simple process over and over in an ongoing feedback loop.” We see fractals everywhere, from snowflakes and seeds to succulents and stars. And fractals exists where we cannot see them, too. Our patterns of being together, of growing and changing, can be viewed as infinite replications. In other words, “how we are at the small scale is how we are at the large scale. The patterns of the universe repeat at scale.”

We often dream of a world where the patterns established in cohousing are replicated in the communities and neighborhoods that surround them. Patterns like mutual support, intentional dialogue and conflict, ecological regeneration. We seek to nurture patterns that foster a cooperative society, and challenge those that keep us locked in competition, individualism and oppression.

April is National Volunteer Month
A more cooperative society starts with our communities, our committees, our neighbors. As a grassroots nonprofit, much of what we do is made possible by folks who graciously donate their time to advance cohousing. Members of our board, committees and initiatives create patterns of support and cooperation that are replicated at scale. As April is National Volunteer Month, I’d like to extend my deepest gratitude to all those who offer their time and labor towards the advancement of
Inside Community Podcast
This month, we are also excited to announce our support of the Inside Community Podcast. CohoUS is a sponsor of the podcast for its second season which will focus on the messy (and beautiful!) realities of living in community.

Open House Weekend
And of course, in one week we will open our doors for National Cohousing Open House Weekend. This is our opportunity to show the world why we believe cohousing is part of a better world. With over 40 events nationwide, this weekend is a powerful representation of dreams replicating at scale.

National Cohousing Open House Weekend
May 6-7, 2023

In just a few days, cohousing communities across the country will open their doors to neighbors and friends from their surrounding communities. National Open House Weekend is our chance to share the story of cohousing - who we are, how we live, and why we love this way of life.

There are two ways to engage with this weekend:

1) Host a gathering of your own. Events can be virtual or in-person, and we welcome participation from existing, forming and regional groups. Submit your event here.

2) Attend an Open House in your area, or virtual event anywhere! Our list of events will be updated regularly, so check back often to see what’s happening.

There are already over 40 events registered all across the country! Sign up today to add your event to the map!
The Cohousing Institute’s first spring training program may be winding down, but you can still catch the replay! All events are recorded, so if you missed one of our previous sessions, you can still register and access the video. Partners, remember to use your code at registration to receive your discount.

- **Cooperatives as a Tool for Inclusive Communities**
- **Together By Design**
- **Prepare for Property: Cultivate Your Local Market**
- **Financing Your Cohousing Development with Katie McCamant**
- **Social Media 101**

*(Need based scholarships are available supporting our commitment to inclusion)*
Curious about cohousing but don’t know where to start? Want to meet with cohousing newbies and experts alike? This (free) monthly gathering will include a Cohousing 101 presentation and ample time to connect and ask questions. We’ll share cohousing lingo, best practices and more information on how to continue your cohousing journey. Join us once, or every time – we’ll be here every month on the 10th at 10am MT.

REGISTER

Great opportunity to learn about cohousing!

Want to get the scoop on cohousing “from the horse’s mouth”? National Cohousing Open House Weekend, sponsored by Coho U.S., is coming right up on Saturday and Sunday, May 6–7. Dozens of cohousing communities across the U.S. are holding open houses, either in person or virtual, on these dates. This is the perfect opportunity to get answers to questions directly from people who live in these communities.

Read the full article.
Upcoming Events:

**What’s It Like to Live in Cohousing?** featuring Shelly Parks  
*May 1, 2023, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Central Time*  
Presented by Heartwood Commons on Zoom.

**Reclaiming Death & Dying in Community** featuring Lee Warren  
*May 1–2, 2023*  
Workshop sponsored by FIC (Foundation for Intentional Community)  
Presented on Zoom; recording available after workshop  
Discounts available.

Will you share your community stories with us?  
Submit anecdotes, photos, videos and stories so that we can help tell the story of life in community.

Cohousing is part of a more sustainable, democratic and connected future.  
To date, CohoUS has helped enable the development of over 200 cohousing communities in the US. These communities serve as examples of the sustainable and community-based neighborhoods our country will need in the future. Please support CohoUS and help us double that number in the next few years.

**Your monthly gift** will both support new initiatives as well as the continued nurturing of our communities and growth of our movement. As an Evergreen Neighbor, you can take pride in creating a legacy that will live on to support future generations.

Donations, as a community or as an individual, are accepted year round and can be made to:  
Cohousing Association of the US  
3860 Chase St  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80212

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Upcoming events hosted by our partners and friends:

May 1st & 2nd: Reclaiming Death & Dying in Community
May 4 & 5: Annual Global Sociocracy Conference / May your power be with you
May 8th: Reclaiming Permaculture and Placemaking
May 9th: New! Exploring Raising Children in Community
May 9th: GEN Global Community of Practice
May 10th: Legal Basics for Forming Communities
May 11th: Working with Conflict in Community

Classified Listings
Forming Communities and Communities Seeking Members

Sunnyside Village Cohousing
Seattle, WA

Adams Creek Cohousing
Hood River, OR

Mission Peak Village
Fremont, CA

Burns Village & Farm Cohousing and Agrihood Community
Burns, TN

Cohousing Houston
Houston, TX

Rachel Carson EcoVillage
Gibsonia, PA
Homes for Sale or Rent

- **Eugene, OR**
  - For Sale: Community by the river, 4bed/3bath, brand new community

- **Bozeman, MT**
  - For Sale: Studio, 2br, 3br units available. Move in starts this summer!
Salt Lake City, UT
For Sale: 3-Bedroom for sale at Wasatch Commons

Santa Cruz, CA
For Sale: 5 bedroom light-filled beauty at Coyote Crossing

Durham, NC
For Sale: *price reduced* LBGT-focused 55+ community - 2 bedroom, 2 bath home available in Village Hearth Cohousing

Boulder, CO
For Rent: Furnished 4BR / 4BA available this Summer at Multi-generational Cohousing in Boulder, CO

Iowa City, Iowa
For Sale: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, architecturally designed, first floor home available at Prairie Hill Cohousing.

Fair Oaks, CA
For Sale: 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs flat with well-designed floor plan, efficient storage, and large windows in Fair Oaks Ecohousing
St. Louis Park, MN
For Sale: Delightful Cohousing Cooperative Apartment available this Spring in the Minneapolis, MN

Prescott, AZ
For Sale: Sweet and cozy, craftsman-style home in Manzanita Village, Prescott Arizona

Fort Collins, CO
For Sale: Beautiful three bedroom, two bath townhouse nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains

Fort Collins, CO
For Sale: Large home in Greyrock Commons in Fort Collins, Colorado - Semi-rural, 17 acres on edge of city limits, 2 mi to downtown, close to foothills, trails, Horsetooth Lake

Spokane, WA
For Sale: 1 bed 1 bath home for sale or lease in Haystack Heights Cohousing Spokane WA

Prescott, AZ
For Sale: Craftsman style 2000 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 office custom home in one of the most livable small cities in the country.
Durham, NC
For Sale: Village Hearth Cohousing
LGBTQ and Allies 55+ Cottage Style 2 Bed/2 Bath

Durham, NC
For Sale: Village Hearth Cohousing
LGBTQ and Allies 55+ Single Level 650 Sq. Ft. 1 Bed/1 Bath home

Durham, NC
For Sale: Village Hearth: Charming 2BR/1BA in LGBTQ-focused 55+ Durham, NC, Community - UNDER CONTRACT

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By The Numbers

172 Established Communities
105 Forming Communities
20 Communities Under Construction

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