

Cohousing Now! #12: New Coho-News, Final 2009 Tours, Classified Ads, GreenFest, 2010 Conference and Colorado Cohousing Month

Cohousing Now! provides timely information on Cohousing... Now! It's from the [Cohousing Association of the United States](#), highlighting new information from Cohousing.org. This email is assembled at www.cohousing.org/now for those who prefer to web browse its content. This issue features the latest news, info on the final Cohousing Tours for 2009, some great **Classified Ads**, info on the Coho/US presence at SF Green Festival, 2010 Conference update, and the **Featured Professionals** section.

COHOUSING BUS TOURS: LAST CALL FOR 2009

Looking for more community in your life?

Curious and ready to learn more about Cohousing?

Here is how.... [Four incredible Coho/US bus tours](#), each visiting several communities in four very different geographical areas rich in Cohousing communities. Wherever you live, wherever you are in your Cohousing journey, you will learn a lot and enjoy touring with us on a cozy bus with like-minded folks, on one (or more) of our educational, inspiring and fun-filled tours.

- [Oct 10: Boulder and Denver \(Colorado\)](#)
- [Oct 24: Boston Area and Peterborough \(Massachusetts and New Hampshire\)](#)
- [Oct 31: San Francisco Bay Area: Sacramento/Davis and East Bay \(California\)](#)
- [Nov 7: Portland \(Oregon\)](#)

In the company of an experienced tour guide, you will visit 5-7 rural and urban established communities, learn about each one and get a chance to talk one-on-one with their residents. This direct experience is by far-and-away the very best way to learn about Cohousing, learn about its roots, what about is attracts so many. You might even find your future home. Like many before you, you will get inspired by all you see and hear, and possibly take some community goodness back to your life and community.

Many of our participants report that they finished the tour with a much deeper sense of what living in community is about. You will learn about available resources and about the ingredients required to create and sustain a vibrant Cohousing community.

[To learn more and to register, click here.](#)

Some Coho/US tours sell out - **register early** to be sure to get your seat - it's both fast and easy. Looking forward to having you join us!

"These tours are the most convenient, efficient and affordable way to learn about Cohousing AND visit several communities in a single day. Our guides and community hosts were friendly, knowledgeable and very welcoming. Everyone was eager to share." Scott - a 2009 National Cohousing Conference tour participant.

OCTOBER IS COLORADO COHOUSING MONTH!

In addition to the Boulder, CO Cohousing Tour on Saturday, October 10 (see above), there are four other Cohousing events in the Denver Area:

TWO FREE SENIOR COHOUSING BOOK SIGNINGS

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm

Maria's Bookshop,

960 Main Avenue, Durango, CO

Contact: 970-247-1438

Details: <http://www.mariasbookshop.com>

Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 7:30 pm

Tattered Cover,

9315 Dorchester Street, Highlands Ranch, CO

Contact: 303-470-7050

Details: <http://www.tatteredcover.com>

FREE ARIA DENVER SENIOR COHOUSING AT HISTORIC MARYCREST CONVENT

Thursday, October 15, 2009 Tours of site at 6:30 pm, Presentation at 7:30 pm Aria Denver Senior Cohousing Presentation with architect and author Chuck Durrett and developer Jim Leach, plus a tour of the Aria Denver Senior Cohousing site with Urban Ventures and Perry Rose LLC. Where: Denver, address given at reservation Contact/RSVP: Georgette Vigil 303-449-3232 ext 203 (Georgette@whdc.com) Details: <http://www.whdc.com>

COHOUSING ASSOCIATION AT BOULDER BIONEERS!

October 16, 17, 18, 2009 University of Colorado, Eaton Humanities Building Local Contact: Tere Mann 303-449-3232 x201 Contact: bioneers@colorado.edu (preferred) or call 303-492-8308

Main Event Registration Rates include admission to Plenaries, Sessions, Films; Additional options are extra. Three-Day Main Conference Package: Regular Rate: \$55 Student, Senior, Educator and Activist Rate: \$33 CU-Boulder Students: Free Single Day Regular Rate: \$20 Student, Senior, Educator and Activist Rate: \$12 CU-Boulder Students: Free Details: <http://ecenter.colorado.edu/bioneers09>

We hope to see you at one or more of these exciting events.

2010 NATIONAL COHOUSING CONFERENCE - NEW CONFERENCE FORMAT

After carefully studying data and input on our past conferences, the 2010 Team is trying something new. Each of the three conference days will have a different focus. You can create the conference experience that best meets your needs (and budget).

Friday (6/18): New Communities - primarily for forming and building groups, professionals, and others wanting to transform a community vision into a new Cohousing community. Topics such as getting it built, marketing, project management, and group building.

Saturday (6/19): All things Cohousing - for forming, building, and established cohousing communities. Topics such as facilitation methods, decision-making, organizing work, and the cohousing movement.

Sunday (6/20): Helping Your Communities thrive - primarily for established or newly built communities. Topics such as HOA management, reserve studies, having fun together, and food programs.

Four different packages will be available

1. Saturday-only - for those with limited time (lowest price) 2. Friday-Saturday - for those interested in new communities (mid-priced) 3. Saturday-Sunday - for those interested in built communities (mid-priced) 4. Friday-Sunday - for those who want it all (best value)

All four options include a free ticket to the Saturday night fundraising banquet, it's sure to be a night to remember!

We hope you are able to join us in Boulder, CO for the 2010 Conference. More information will continue to roll out on the [2010 Conference Website](#). It will change right up until the conference on June 16-20. To learn more about the National Cohousing Conference experience, you can review [information on past conferences](#).

We look forward to even more folks coming together to help us strengthen our resolve and capacity to build a more sustainable world, one neighborhood at a time.

FEATURED CLASSIFIED ADS

COHOUSING EVENTS

[Last Cohousing Bus Tours of 2009: Boulder/Denver, Boston, San Francisco and Portland. Sign-up Now!](#)

US [FREE Cohousing Event Listings in Community Events section of Tours & Events page](#)

CA [Bay Area events: Austrian Cohousing founder; Sierra Club talk; West Coast Green & Bioneers](#)

COHOUSING GROUPS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

CA [Wolf Creek Lodge - Cohousing for Active Adults](#)

KS [Living Simply and Sustainably in Lawrence, KS](#)

COHOUSING HOMES FOR RENT

CA [Choose to Rent or Buy in the Beautiful San Joaquin Valley](#)

AZ [3 BD/2 BA Townhouse for Rent](#)

COHOUSING HOMES FOR SALE

OR [Ashland Cohousing Home for Sale - A wonderful community in a wonderful town!](#)

OR [3 Bedroom Home for sale \(sun, greenery, excellent public transit\)](#)

VA [New listing: Farmhouse style single-family home in Blueberry Hill Cohousing Community](#)

CO [Stellar small town nestled in Nature's beauty](#)

MD [Light-Filled 2-Story Condo in DC Metro Area's Eastern Village Cohousing](#)

CA [Live in a charming village-like community at Pleasant Hill Cohousing! Beautiful 2 BR Townhome for Sale](#)

COHOUSING PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

US [Financing Cohousing CD ROM w/Katie McCamant](#)

ROTATIONS ADS!

Imagine seeing a large graphic about you on the [Cohousing.org Home Page](#). The Cohousing.org website is the world's most heavily-used Cohousing website. Achieve this visibility with a surprisingly affordable Rotation Ad!

Rotation Ads are available to both Cohousing Professionals with a [Featured Professionals directory listing](#) and Cohousing Groups with an enhanced classified ad. Placements are limited to Forming Groups, those Under Construction, and built communities with at least 3 homes for sale. Don't miss out on this great way to get prime exposure! Email Advertising Manager [Barb Bansenauer](#) now to learn more!

JOIN COHO/US AT SAN FRANCISCO GREEN FESTIVAL, NOV 13-15, 2009

The Cohousing Association of the US will once again have a presence at the upcoming San Francisco Green Festival, Nov. 13-15 2009.

A great team will be on hand to answer questions about all things Cohousing, including author, architect and developer Katie McCamant of Cohousing Partners, Raines Cohen of East Bay Cohousing, Karen Hester of Temescal Creek Cohousing, Neil Planchon, Coho/US Tours Director, and other residents of local communities.

A brochure with upcoming events, local resources and contact information will be available.

If you are planning to attend, please stop by for a visit at Booth #1046 in the Community Action section. If you are interested in volunteering for a couple of hours in exchange for a ticket, please contact neil@cohousing.org.

IN THE NEWS

UrbanMamas (Blog) - 9/24/09

[Family-Oriented New Cohousing Project Offers Tours, Price Reduction for New Members](#)

Learn about [Daybreak Cohousing](#) in Portland, one of the top 10 green cohousing developments in the nation, according to Natural Home magazine.

Tonic (Blog) - 9/24/09

[Strong Community in a Weak Economy](#)

Cohousing is a good way to find community savings during times of financial challenges.

Epoch Times (National) - 9/10/09

[Liz Walker's Contribution to Sustainable Culture: EcoVillage](#)

Learn about Liz Walker's background that took her in a direction to help found [Ithaca's EcoVillage](#) and to [write a book](#) about the experience.

Lawrence Journal-World (KS) - 9/7/09

[Shared experience: Co-housing community taking off in Lawrence](#)

Learn about what makes [Delaware Street Commons](#) special, in addition to being the first cohousing community in Kansas.

Charlottesville NewsPlex (VA) - 9/6/09

[Blue Ridge Cohousing: A Close Community in a Beautiful Setting](#)

A new cohousing community, [Blue Ridge Cohousing](#), is starting up in Virginia.

FEATURED PROFESSIONALS

Connecting with Cohousing Professionals just got easier! Featured professionals can opt to be listed in all issues of Cohousing Now! To get your listing in the Professionals Directory (and this section), please contact [Barb Bansenauer](#), our Advertising Manager. Here are some of our Featured Professionals:

[Barrett Studio architects](#)

[Blunden Studio](#)

[bryan bowen architects, p.c.](#)

[Cohousing Coaches / Planning for Sustainable Communities](#)

[Cohousing Collaborative, LLC](#)

[The Cohousing Company: McCamant & Durrett Architects](#)

[Eris Weaver, Facilitator & Group Process Consultant](#)

[Kraus Fitch Architects, Inc](#)

[Schemata Workshop](#)

[Wonderland Hill Development Company](#)

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