

Cohousing Now! #13: Bay Area (CA) & Portland (OR) Tours, Coho-News, Online Books, Classifieds, GreenFest, & 2010 Conference

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.

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.... [Two incredible Coho/US bus tours](#), each visiting several communities in 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 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.

IN THE NEWS

Ashland Daily Tidings (OR) - 10/29/09

[Cohousing organizer in Ashland](#)

Charles Durrett talks in Ashland this evening about his new book, "The Senior Cohousing Handbook: A

Community Approach To Independent Living". But for those who can't make it, this article gives you a peek at his approach to cohousing.

ABC News (National) - 10/27/09

[Cohousing Community Forming in Mountain View](#)

Through [Mountain View Cohousing's](#) example in Mountain View, CA, learn what sets senior cohousing apart from regular cohousing in this interesting video.

Sierra Club (National) - November/December 2009

[Yours, Mine, and Arugula](#)

Can't find a community that fits all your needs? Create one yourself, which is what the founders of cohousing community [Nubanusit Neighborhood](#) did, in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Baltimore Sun (MD) - 10/24/09

[Group Dynamics: Cohousing: Neighbors Choose Each Other, Design Own Communities](#)

There are many ways that living in community can be beneficial as we get older. Learn about the first elder cohousing project now developing in Maryland, [Greenhouse Group Senior Cohousing](#).

Neighborhood (Blog) - 10/24/09

[Creating Our Own Neighborhood – Bellingham Cohousing](#)

Watch a video about the beginnings of [Bellingham Cohousing](#) in Bellingham, Washington.

SERIALIZED COHOUSING BOOKS

Recent installments of our Online Cohousing Books.

[Reinventing Community](#)

- [Sharingwood Stories](#)
- [How Sixty-Seven Tons of Brick Connected a Community](#)

[Good Group Decision Tips](#)

- [Pose Alternatives](#)
- [Putting People in Boxes is Not Okay](#)
- [Reflective Pause](#)

FEATURED CLASSIFIED ADS

COHOUSING EVENTS

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

[Now! Last Cohousing Bus Tours of 2009: San Francisco and Portland. Also general tours information](#)

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 HOME EXCHANGES & SHORT-TERM RENTALS

NY [House in New York's Hudson River Valley for rent this winter and spring](#)

COHOUSING HOMES FOR RENT

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

NC [Spend 2010 in Durham, NC, 4 bdrm furnished house for rent](#)

COHOUSING HOMES FOR SALE

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

- OR [For Sale or Lease - Beautiful Home in Trillium Hollow Co-housing Community](#)
- OR [Ashland Cohousing Home for Sale - A wonderful community in a wonderful town!](#)
- OR [3 Bedroom Home for sale \(sun, greenery, excellent public transit\)](#)
- CA [Live in a charming village-like community at Pleasant Hill Cohousing! Beautiful 2 BR Townhome for Sale](#)
- VA [Single-family 4BR home for sale in family-friendly Blueberry Hill Cohousing Community \(VA\)](#)

COHOUSING PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

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

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2010 NATIONAL COHOUSING CONFERENCE - VOLUNTEERS & ACADEMICS!

Volunteers really make or break our National Cohousing Conferences. If you volunteer, you will more fully be part of the event and your work will help control event costs. In 2009, not only was the conference the biggest yet, we also had more volunteers than ever - especially at the event itself.

For the [2010 Conference \(June 16-20 in Boulder, CO\)](#), more will get involved before the event. Come join one of the teams as we kick off the volunteer recruiting effort in the coming weeks.

CALLING COHO-ACADEMICS!

Every year the number of researchers studying cohousing expands. Community residents witness this in the increasing number of surveys. Coho/US will support this energy through the 2010 Conference. Researchers will

have the chance to get together to discuss past research and the potential opportunities. Like many of the Pre-Conference workshops, this will be on Wed, June 16 - Thu, Jun-17, immediately before the main conference. More to come!

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.

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[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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