

Sacred Lifeboats

presents:

A Community Building Symposium

Featuring: Diana Leafe Christian Presenting with:
Carolyn Shaffer, David Kaar, Zoe Alowan and Bill Kauth

Location: Transformation Pathways, Ashland, OR
(for registration and directions call 482-2335)

Come for one, two or all three days!

Dates & Schedule: FEB. 1. 2 & 3, 2008

Friday, Feb. 1st: 1:00 until 5:00

**Presentations and conversations: Carolyn Shaffer,
David Kaar, Zoe Alowan and Bill Kauth.**

We will explore what we want in our future community--form, purpose, level of commitment--what we have to build on from the past, and what stage of community we're in right now. We will use inner skills to harvest what we already know intuitively about this and invite one another to share the stories that emerge. We will also address conflict, shadow dynamics, gender safety, spiritual alignment, and models of community-spirited play.

Friday Evening Option: 7:30 Contra Dancing

(the most amazing, simple dance for safe contact, community connection and great fun)

Saturday, Feb. 2nd: 9:00 – 5:00

Diana Leafe Christian

Diana will share an overview of field-tested methods for starting successful intentional communities of all types. These methods include preventing “structural conflict”; mission and purpose; power and decision-making (including

consensus); the crucial relationship between membership process, mission-purpose, and decision-making method; antidotes to four common sources of community conflict; building a sense of trust and connection.

Saturday Evening Option: Community Play Time.

Sunday, Feb. 3rd: 9:00 – 4:00 Two tracks:

#1. Diana Leafe Christian, presenter. For people seeking land-based intentional residential communities: information on finding and financing property, and legal entities for owning land together.

#2. Carolyn Shaffer, David Kaar, Zoe Alowan & Bill Kauth, presenters. For people focused on non-residential community with members living within “bicycling-distance” or in existing neighborhoods.

OUR INTENTION: We are bringing in the best resources we can find on how to build a home town lifeboat community. By the end of this event we want you to feel motivated and capable of starting the community you have always wanted, whether a non-residential one (bicycle distance apart) with friends in your city or town, an organized neighborhood where you live now, or a land-based intentional community such as an ecovillage. We intend that you return home with (1) the basic knowledge and a few of the skills you need to get started, or to go to the next level; (2) clarity about your next steps; and (3) the support of a new network of splendid people taking on the same exquisite challenge.

THE PROCESS: Experiential learning, animated conversations and active listening will be practiced as we learn from skilled presenters and each other. Some community skills will be learned in a creative environment of story, song and ceremony.

WHO IS THIS SYMPOSIUM FOR: We recommend this event for people who feel the current precariousness of our social, economic, environmental situation and recognize the importance of living in a trusted community of friends and

colleagues during the challenging times ahead. Symposium participants are social artists and entrepreneurs willing to call community together, make decisions and hold a safe container in which an emerging community group might bond and eventually self-organize.

PREREQUISITES: We intend this work for people who have already done adequate emotional, psychological and spiritual work. We require mature personal boundaries coming into this learning/conversation. Prior self awareness work, recovery or spiritual practices necessary. Personal interview will take place as part of the application process.

PRESENTERS:

Diana Leafe Christian: Author of ***Creating a Life Together: Practical Tools to Grow Ecovillages and Intentional Communities***, and ***Finding Community: How to Join an Ecovillage or Intentional Community***. Editor of *Communities* magazine for 14 years, Diana now publishes a free online ecovillage newsletter, “*Ecovillages and Sustainable Communities*,” (Diana@ic.org). She speaks and leads workshops internationally, and her articles have appeared in publications ranging from *Mother Earth News* to *The Encyclopedia of Community*. She’s been interviewed by media ranging from *Time Magazine* and the *New York Times* to *AARP Magazine* and NPR. Diana lives at Earthaven Ecovillage in North Carolina. (Website: [http://www.DianaLeafeChristian.org/.](http://www.DianaLeafeChristian.org/))

Carolyn Shaffer: Coauthor of ***Creating Community Anywhere: Finding Support and Connection in a Fragmented World***, Carolyn has been intentionally generating community in residential and non-residential forms since 1970. She also conducts a private practice as a clinical hypnotherapist and life coach. Website: livingwellway.com

David Kaar: As a recovering corporate physicist David has slowly mutated into one of the primer facilitators and leader trainers of the ManKind Project International (MKP). In 2001-03, he served as Chairman of MKP which has 100+ communities around the world. Currently living in Mpls. MN, his passion is training men and women to facilitate process work in any and all containers.

Zoe Alowan: Actively engaged in sacred arts for decades as a painter, sculptor, dancer, storyteller, mime and educator, her work explores transformation, healing and sacred goofy theater. Zoe weaves an inspired

energy of beauty, humor, song, and authentic movement as ways of celebrating essential wisdom.

Bill Kauth: Besides an astonishing string of community building blunders, Bill also visioned and co-founded in 1984 the New Warrior Training Adventure (of the ManKind Project – mkp.org) in 1990 the Inner King Training and the Warrior Monk <http://warriormonk.org/> in 1995. He authored the book *A Circle of Men* published by St. Martins Press. Website: <http://sacredlifeboats.com/>. He never gives up!

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION:

When: This event will be 3 days: Friday 1:00-5:00, Saturday 9:00-5:00 & Sunday 9:00-4:00. **Evenings will be optional community dance events.**

Where: We will meet at Transformation Pathways, 1345 Toman Creek Road, Ashland, Oregon

COSTS:

Optional Room & Board: Will be approximately **\$180.00**

Tuition Costs: By contribution. In the spirit of this work we will use an alternative way of financing this facilitated gathering. At the end, we will ask you to both give us some solid feedback and to make a contribution based on your 1. value received, 2. ability to pay, 3. commitment to furthering this work.

REGISTRATION: Please call Bill or Zoe at 541-535-2462, Or e-mail: bkindman@mind.net or zoealow@mind.net