CONFERENCE PROGRAM

2015

National Cohousing Conference

"The Next Generation"

Creating community, one neighborhood at a time

May 29-31, 2015
Durham Convention Center
THIS YEAR’S CONFERENCE promises an amazing lineup of offerings, from innovative approaches to developing new and affordable communities, to potent ways to enhance our vibrant communities.

WE WILL COVER cohousing basics as well as hot topics in sustainability, community building, and the evolving definition of cohousing. Our “next generation theme” will explore the new wave of urban, senior and agricultural communities, check-in with our now-adult children of cohousing, and celebrate communities that have thrived for over 20 years.

A PACKED AGENDA yes, but the conference allows plenty of time for networking, tours of cohousing communities, and fun!

THE NEXT GENERATION THEME HIGHLIGHTS
- The now-adult, children of cohousing
- The next wave of urban, rural and senior cohousing
- Emerging trends in financing, design and community models
- The evolving definition of cohousing
- Cohousing as a model for other types of communities
- Established communities celebrating 20+ years

SINCE THE FIRST American cohousing communities were completed in the early 1990’s, more than 135 communities have been built, with more than a hundred in process. Small and large, urban and rural, newly built and retrofits, these communities have consistently been at the forefront creating environmentally and socially sustainable neighborhoods.

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Durham Convention Center
301 W Morgan St, Durham, NC

Registration Fees
| Early Bird | 2/1 – 2/28 | $320 |
| Discount   | 3/1 – 4/30 | $350 |
| Regular    | 5/1 – 5/29 | $390 |
| Student/Low Income | $220 |

REGISTER TODAY!

Presented by:

Creating Environmentally & Socially Sustainable communities - One Neighborhood at a Time!
Welcome,

The National Cohousing Conference provides amazing networking and learning opportunities. Choose from almost 50 sessions profiling innovative approaches to developing vibrant communities. Presentations will cover everything from cohousing basics to hot topics in sustainability, design, community building, and the “evolving definition of cohousing.” The Next Generation theme will explore the new wave of urban, senior and agricultural communities, check-in with our now-adult children of cohousing, and celebrate communities that have thrived for over 20 years. The conference also promises plenty of time for networking, tours of local communities, and fun!

Whether you are already living in cohousing, forming a group, or just curious, this is the place to learn from a whole spectrum of experiences. You will have the opportunity to meet the movers and shakers in this movement. You will learn from, share with, and enjoy the company of some of the most interesting people you will ever meet.

In advance of the conference, consider attending tours of local communities, participating in cohousing intensives, or simply enjoy Durham. Durham is consistently rated among the best places to live. Considered cool, gritty, grand and growing, the “Bull City” has great parks, nationally-recognized farm to table restaurants, is a mecca for artists, and boasts top theatres. We are proud that Durham and close-by Chapel Hill and Carrboro are home to six thriving cohousing communities.

The conference is made possible through sponsorship support from many of our Cohousing Professionals and Cohousing Communities. Take a look at what they have to offer you!

Learn, share & enjoy,

Alice Alexander, Coho/US Executive Director
The Next Generation: A note from Laura Fitch, 2015 Conference Co-Chair

In 2014, my home community, Pioneer Valley Cohousing in Amherst Massachusetts, celebrated our 20th anniversary. A number of big changes here got me wondering - what comes next for my family, my community, and the national cohousing movement? When it came time to think about a theme for our conference, “the next generation” came to me immediately.

The first generation of cohousing has been a success! Research conducted by Coho/US in 2011 confirmed our anecdotal evidence that cohousing is good for children, parents, singles, seniors, the neighborhoods around them, and the environment. We proved the model works, though we stalled (along with the rest of the housing industry) during the recession. Groups are starting up again, but it is time to think about how to advance the movement within a new context. Demographics are changing rapidly with boomers reaching retirement and young adults less inclined or able to enter the home ownership market – all within an ominous backdrop of climate change and uncertainty.

What is in the future for cohousing? There is clearly an increasing demand for senior cohousing for the aging boomers. New cohousing communities are stretching in innovative ways to grow food, reduce energy use, include rentals and group residences, squeeze into tight urban sites, and question previously sacred governing systems. There have even been some interesting spin-offs in affordable and supportive housing projects that physically look and act like cohousing – evidence that others have learned and benefited from our pioneering work.

Yet new cohousing groups are still struggling to find land and developers and are working within antiquated zoning regulations. Some existing communities are either struggling to find new energy or to embrace change that new residents are bringing to them. And young adults who grew up in cohousing are finding their way to communities of their own making and using the skills they learned at our common house dinners and meetings to change the world.

Will the kids of cohousing build their own cohousing communities, come back to revitalize existing ones, or create something entirely new? The grown children in my community are really remarkable. They come and go from college, travels, and interesting jobs, and there is always a buzz around the common meals when a fledgling has returned. They talk about sustainable agriculture, communities they have formed at school, and meeting their cohousing “siblings” abroad. Nearly all of them have written or spoken about cohousing for school projects and shown off the common house and our pedestrian friendly site to their friends. Their social skills are amazing to me and I wonder if this is directly related to cohousing. I will bring some of their stories with me to the conference.

And so you see, the “next generation” theme is really appropriate at this time. Come join me at the 2015 national cohousing conference to celebrate the 20th anniversary of many communities and get a preview of the future of cohousing!
A warm welcome to Durham, NC! The Convention Center is in the heart of a revitalized downtown that has made national headlines, with farm to table eateries, a worldwide ranked Performing Arts Center, and commercial innovation such as Organic Transit, makers of an electric pedal car. As with many urban revitalizations, Durham’s is driven by 20 and 30 something’s desire to work, play and live downtown.

A few minute’s walk from the Convention Center will find you bakeries, restaurants, shopping, theaters, and art galleries. Breweries, local music venues and two performance centers provide lively entertainment. Downtown is home for triple A baseball Durham Bulls, the American Tobacco Campus Underground, and an urban park that hosts the Durham Farmer’s Market. Exploring the city’s streets, alleys and byways is a never-ending adventure.

Between announcing the Durham hosting of the Conference last May, and your arrival, the following will have opened in downtown: three hotels, two large apartment complexes, and seven more restaurants. I could continue but you get the picture. But it was not just 20 and 30 somethings who wanted to live downtown. So did 38 others - mostly older than those 20 and 30 year olds.

And so, in the midst of these openings occurred that of Durham Central Park Cohousing Community, better known as Durham Coho. Durham Coho will host Saturday night’s reception, and we hope “y’all” will take the opportunity to visit a very young community – a community that expects to learn and learn more from the “old hands” at the Conference.

It is my fond hope that Durham and the efforts of all who are making the Conference happen provide a fun and meaningful time for you. Welcome to the 2015 National Cohousing Conference!
Meet the committed, generous individuals who steer the Cohousing Association of the United States. We are actively seeking new Board members to assist us in our mission.

If you feel called to participate as a Board member, please download a BOARD APPLICATION PACKET at www.cohousing.org.

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Jeffrey L. Zucker – Board Member
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ACCOMODATIONS:
Visit our conference website for details - Click Here!

Durham Marriott City Center - Main Conference Hotel
$125 = rate available until 5/11/15  Group Code: CoHo/US

Duke Towers
$88 per night  Group Code: Cohousing Block
Distance from Convention Center: 0.7 miles; 14 minute walk

Hilton Garden Inn Durham/University Medical Center
$121 per night  (Complimentary shuttle service)
Distance from Convention Center: 1.5 miles

Hampton Inn & Suites
$119 per night; includes breakfast
Distance from Convention Center: 1.7 miles (5 min drive)

Courtyard by Marriott - Durham
$104 per night
Distance from Convention Center: 3.6 miles (7 min drive)

21c Museum Hotel Durham
Across from the Durham Convention Center.
$279 per night

B&B OPTIONS:
Durham Bed & Breakfast - Inns
Airbnb Durham

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Durham’s premier meeting and event destination located in the heart of downtown, the newly renovated Durham Convention Center is steps away from vibrant local restaurants and entertainment districts.
Downtown Durham Map
Including Dining, Shopping, Nightlife, Parking, and Other Points of Interest

LOCATIONS:
1. Convention Center
   301 W. Morgan
   919.623.9404

2. Durham Cohousing
   130 Hunt Street

3. Durham Main Library
   300 N. Roxboro Street
   919.560.0100

4. Self Help Credit Union
   302 W. Main Street
   919-560-27701

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An evolving and not inclusive list of offerings by “next generation” themes

- **Children of cohousing (Laura Fitch and Ben Hartzell)**
  - Facilitated discussion “Growing up in Community” Saturday late morning, facilitated by Ben Hartzell and Jessica Durrett
  - Gathering of the “Children of Cohousing”
  - Videos from Kids of Cohousing Friday 5:00 - 6:00 pm

- **The next wave of urban, rural and senior cohousing**
  - **Urban Cohousing (Patrick Han & Doug Henderson-James)**
    - Intensive: Urban Innovation: Durham Coho Case Study (Weinstein Friedlein Architects and Durham Coho founders)
    - Session: Creating A Dense, Affordable Urban Cohousing Project (Grace Kim, Capitol Hill Urban Cohousing)
    - Session: Urban Cohousing: Affordable, Sustainable, Adaptable (Tom Barrie, NC State University)
    - Session: The N Street Model - Retrofitting Existing Neighborhoods
    - Exhibits will include schematic designs of an urban model
  - **Rural Cohousing (Bill Hartzell)**
    - Session: Agricultural Communities - Working Farms & Enterprises
    - Gathering “Agricultural Communities” hosted by Bill Hartzell (Hundredfold Farm), Mary Vallier-Kaplan (Nubanusit Neighborhood & Farm) with Mike Ortosky, Earthwise Company (and Keynote)
    - Friday Dinner Keynote speaker: Mike Ortosky, Earthwise
  - **Senior Cohousing (Jane Calbreath)**
    - Intensive - How to Get a Senior Cohousing Started (Charles Durrett)
    - Session - Aging Better thru Elder Cohousing (Anne P Glass)
    - Facilitated Discussion - Blooming where you are planted: issues unique to senior cohousing (Dene Peterson)
    - Facilitated Discussion - How do Existing Communities Deal with an Aging Population? (Cindy Turnquist and Dene Peterson)
    - Gathering - Senior Cohousing Advocates (hosted by Sage Cohousing Advocates)

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Join us at the Sunday AM gathering session!
An evolving and not inclusive list of offerings by “next generation” themes (continued)

- Emerging trends in financing, design and community models
  - Financing (Patrick Han)
    - Session - Financing Your Community: Applying Affordability (Wendy Wiesner)
    - Gathering - Partnership for Affordable Cohousing (PFAC) Gathering
    - Training - FHA and Fannie Mae Approval and Compliance (National Condo Advisors)
  - Design and community models (Jeffrey Zucker)
    - Numerous sessions incorporate design and community models
    - Exhibit on emerging trends in design and community models

- The Evolving Definition of Cohousing (Peter Lazar)
  - Facilitated discussion - The Evolving Definition of Cohousing (Peter Lazar)
  - Interactive Wall posted at the conference “What defines cohousing for you?”

- Cohousing as a Model for other Communities (Laura Fitch)
  - Session - More Than Just Cohousing (Laura Fitch with Bryan Bowen)
  - Sat Lunch Networking for “More than Just Cohousing”
  - Sat Lunch presentation (potential): Memel, South Africa (Steven Ablondi)

- Established communities celebrating 20+ years (Jeffrey Zucker)
  - Recognition at the Friday Dinner & Keynote
  - Special name badges for 20+ year cohousers
  - Slide Show highlights

- Sustainability (Jeffrey Zucker)
  - Facilitated Discussion - How Green is Your Community’s Footprint? (Bryan Bowen)
  - Session - Net Zero Energy and Energy Positive (Mary Kraus)
  - Session - The Village Green (Jeffrey Zucker)
PRE-CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

FULL DAY INTENSIVE: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Facilitation & Leadership $115.00
Includes lunch & Materials
Laird Schaub
Location - Durham Cohousing

DINNER: On Your Own

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS:
7:00pm History of Cohousing in North America
Kathryn McCamant & Charles Durrett
Location: Durham Main Library
300 N. Roxboro

7:30pm Singing in Community
Location: Durham Cohousing
130 Hunt Street

ONSITE REGISTRATION & INFO DESK

Pre-Conference Location: Durham Cohousing

Thursday, May 28
8:00am - 9:00 am
12:30pm - 1:30 pm
5:00pm - 6:00 pm

Friday, May 29
7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 30
7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 31
8:00 am - Noon

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## FRIDAY MAY 29, 2015  DAY AT A GLANCE

### INTENSIVES

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<td>Jerry Koch-Gonzalez, Diana Leafe Christian</td>
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<td>Mary Kraus</td>
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<td>Ellen Weinstein</td>
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### NETWORKING/GATHERINGS  OPEN TO ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS!

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<td>Fred Olson, Cohousing-L Manager</td>
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### EXHIBITS  | Noon - 6:00pm

### LUNCH  | 12:00pm - 1:30pm  Lunch On Your Own

### ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS  | 8:30am - 4:00pm  **Cohousing Research Network: Presentations/Networking**  Diane Margolis  Location - Self Help Credit Union  
|                            | 3:45pm - 5:00pm  **How Do Cohousers Compare? Findings /2013 Survey**  Diane Margolis  Location - Self Help Credit Union

### KEYNOTE DINNER  | 6:00pm | Mike Ortosky w/Earthwise  | Grand Ballroom

### GATHERINGS  | 8:15pm | Building Skills and Community in South Africa  | Meeting Room 4

### COMMUNITY SHOW & TELL  | 8:15pm | Slide Show  | Jr. Ballroom A2
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**EXHIBITS** | Open All Day

**BOXED LUNCH** | 12:00pm - 1:30pm *(Included in registration)* Pick up your lunch in Jr. Ballroom D

Then feel free to join in a conversation in one of these meeting rooms or take your lunch outside to enjoy some fresh air.

Open Seating - Create your own conversations
More Than Cohousing Networking
How Do Cohousers Compare? Findings from the 2013 Survey
Facilitated Discussion (TBD)

**RECEPTION** | 5:00pm - 7:00pm **Celebrating Cohousing Hosted by Durham Cohousing**

**DINNER** | 7:30pm Facilitated Dinners Off-Campus

**COMMUNITY SHOW & TELL** | 9:00pm Slide Show | Jr. Ballroom A2
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## EXHIBITS

- **8:00am - Noon**

## CONFERENCE ENDS

- **12:00pm**
Join US at the Conference

Join Me at the Conference

Taken from Coho/US blog submitted by: Carol Raphael, March 16, 2015

Cohousing is becoming increasingly more attractive to all segments of the population: young families, seniors, single mothers, and just about everything in-between. For me personally, cohousing pulls together a number of my life’s activities and interests into a meaningful and purposeful whole. That’s why I’m going to the 2015 National Cohousing Conference this spring—learn from others’ experiences, to understand what makes cohousing communities thrive, to contribute to growing the cohousing movement, and to help spread the word about how each one of us can take responsibility for creating the types of homes and communities we want.

To read Carol’s full blog - CLICK HERE

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The Conference is a matchless way to learn the technical/cultural aspects of cohousing and meet the people who are behind it all.

- Bryan Bowen, Caddis

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- Jim Leach, Wonderland Development

Absolutely your best opportunity to get burning questions answered - from the people who live it - about how cohousing can change your life.

- Laird Schaub
Benefits of the conference, Even to a Veteran Cohouser!

Taken from Coho/US blog submitted by: Sarah Ross, April 8, 2015

I attended the Cohousing Conference in Seattle, WA in 2009 and had an amazing time. I’d been living in Cohousing for 6 years and thought I had a pretty good handle on the challenges and solutions for all the typical issues that come up in community. I was curious to see what other communities were doing, but fully expected the experience to reinforce my perception that I already know how it works.

Then I got there, and I was blown away to be in a setting with so many people interested in Cohousing and community living. I learned A LOT! I left feeling re-inspired and re-energized about my community and about the incredible amount of creativity, interest and commitment that is in the Cohousing community as a whole. It was great fun and very affirming to be with “my people.”

I highly recommend the conference to anyone who is interested in Cohousing. It’s a wonderful opportunity to meet and learn from experienced Cohousing professionals and to connect with Cohousers of all kinds.

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