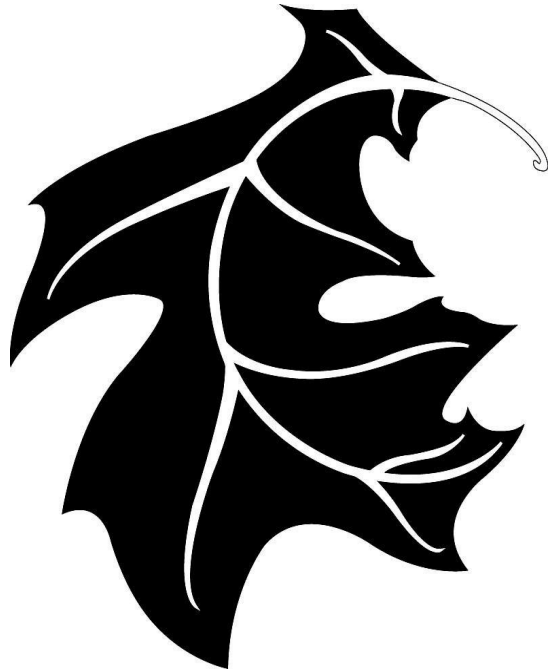


Twin Oaks Communities Conference



2023 Program

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Workshifts for All!

Workshifts are the way this conference works. We count on all conference attendees for two hours of work, as a minimum. We need your cooperation in order to have good food on time, quality childcare, a trash-free site, and quick responses in emergencies. Plus, workshifts are a great way to get to know other people. ***Sign up at the registration table and make sure to show up for your shift.***

Parking

You are free to access your car in the parking field at any time. Please do not make excessive noise in the parking area especially at night. We want to keep our neighbors happy with us. If you have limited mobility there is a special parking area for you. Ask someone at Registration and they will direct you.

Stay in conference areas

Please do not go into the main area of Twin Oaks unless you are on a guided tour, are a properly hosted “guest” of a current member of Twin Oaks, or during the Saturday night dance party at ZK (the community's main dining hall). It's not that we don't love you. This event has a big impact on the community and we need to minimize that where we can.

Announcements

Conference organizers and others will be making announcements throughout the weekend. Please help us out by quieting down when someone is making an announcement. If you want an announcement made, you can write it down and put it in the box at the registration table.

Fires and Quiet Hours

Campfires are only permitted in the central fire circle at the Main Circle. Please observe quiet hours starting at 11pm. Normal conversation volume is fine in the Main Circle, but discontinue drums or other loud instruments, and please be quiet in the camping areas so people can sleep. If people ask you to quiet down please cooperate.

River, Riverfield, and Mudpit

The River, riverfield, and mudpit are available all day for swimming, mudpit, frisbee, etc. Please play carefully—there is no lifeguard. It's a 30-minute walk down the River Trail. Take a map (maps are available on the final 2 pages of this program) and follow the blue dots on the trees and the “River” signs.

See the Information Board for further info & updates about workshops, program changes, and other activities

Schedule

Friday Sept 1	
1pm	Registration Opens
3pm-5pm	Dream Alliance Training in the pavilion
4pm-6pm	Tour of Twin Oaks - meet at Registration
5pm- 6pm	Greeting Circle at the main circle (or pavilion if raining)
6pm- 7pm	Dinner
7pm-7:30pm	Microaggressions presentation & discussion , in the pavilion Required for presenters, open to all
7:30pm- 9pm	Keynote address Generating what we need to manifest the potential of Intentional Community , with Avi Kruley & Sky Blue - in the pavilion
9pm- 11pm	“Firebird- An eco-community in the heat of Crisis”- Film & Discussion
11pm	Quiet Hours Begin

For more info about the Communities Conference, including tickets, packing lists, directions, and other logistics, go to <https://communitiesconference.org/>

If you found a mistake in the program, please let us know by emailing conference@twinoaks.org, or [via the contact page on our website](#)

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Saturday, September 2

8am- 9am	Breakfast				
9am- 9:30am	Opening Circle				
9:30am - 12pm	Meet the Communities				
12pm -1pm	Lunch				
1pm-3pm	Tour of Twin Oaks - meet at Registration				
Afternoon Workshops	Pavilion	Big Dome/ Oasis	Cross Roads	Ladyslipper	Findhorn
1:30pm-2:50pm	Community Harm and Accountability	Community Start-ups Expert Panel	Poly in Community	Agapoli: Building Meta-Communities with Community Power	508(c)(1)(a) Church Association structure for Earth-centered Spirituality Communities
3pm- 4:20pm	The Two Worlds of North America	How to Build Trans Inclusivity into your Intentional Community	How to Develop and Sustain a Small Community	Accountability Groups in Community	Community is the Solution to Climate Change
4:30-5:50pm	Going from all-white to majority POC: Struggles to achieve inclusion, justice and belonging within a (newly) racially diverse community	a playful look at good and evil in complex dynamics	Visualizing and Mapping the Ecologies of Healthy Communities	Creatively Visioning Into Deeper Purpose	Anarchy as community praxis
4pm-6pm	Tour of Twin Oaks - meet at Registration				
6pm - 7pm	Dinner				
8pm- late	No-talent show and dance party - In ZK dining hall (see map)				
11pm	Quiet Hours Begin				

Sunday, September 3

8am- 9am	Breakfast				
9am-11am	Tour of Twin Oaks - meet at Registration				
9:30am-11am workshops	Pavilion	Big Dome/ Oasis	Cross Roads	Ladyslipper	Findhorn
	A Community of Resistance	How to Start an Intentional Community	My keys to creating cohousing or community - french experiences	Community Legal Clinic	Starting and Stopping an Ecovillage: Navigating the Journey
11am- 12pm	Open Space Organizing (For afternoon workshops)				
12pm -1pm	Lunch				
1pm-4pm	Tour of LEF community (meet at Registration to carpool over)				
1pm-2:30pm	Open Space Slot 1				
2:30pm- 4pm	Open Space Slot 2				
4pm- 4:30pm	Closing Circle				
5pm -9:30pm	Tour, dinner, and activities at Acorn Community				
11pm	Quiet Hours Begin				

Monday, September 4

8am- 9am	Breakfast
9:30am	Monday Program at Cambia- See " Monday Program "
9:30am-11:30 am	"Firebird- An eco-community in the heat of Crisis"- Film & Discussion- Pavilion

Workshops & Events

Keynote Address

Doing the Impossible- Generating what we need to manifest the potential of Intentional Community- [Avi Kruley](#) & [Sky Blue](#)

Friday September 1, 7:30pm-9pm, Pavilion

The experience of living in Intentional Communities (ICs) changes us. It expands our understanding of what's possible, and cultivates a sense of belonging and accountability, which inspires us to act from a deep understanding of our interdependence. The world needs this now more than ever. But the world is an increasingly unfriendly place to do this work. Thoughtful attention and intention are needed to generate the inner and outer resources we need to start new ICs and take established ICs to the next level. How do we stay balanced and maintain our ability to rechoose to do this work everyday in the face of so much stress and uncertainty?

We are [Avi Kruley](#) and [Sky Blue](#), working together as [The Next Big Step](#). We have a deep love and passion for IC and the positive impact it has and could have on the world. In addition to trying to help start a new IC, and develop the network of ICs, we want to help bring what's being learned in the IC movement to the world.

Join us for this keynote session where we'll explore the challenges and opportunities of IC movement building, how to stay personally resourced for the long-haul, and what's needed to bring what ICs are learning to the world. We'll also help create a container for you to set some personal intentions for your time at the conference, and explore what happened and what's next for you in a closing session at the end of the conference.

Avi Kruley (She/Her pronouns)

Avi grew up in the village of Oak Park, IL—a diverse community where most people know your name. With a BA in English/Creative Writing from Stanford University and a dual degree MBA/MPA in Sustainable Management from Presidio Graduate School, Avi builds bridges from our ideals to our daily life. She recently served as the Director of Community Well-Being at [Mount Madonna Center](#), and continues to explore the question of how we can make intentional communities more accessible and sustainable. Avi is available for organizing and facilitating workshops and retreats, rituals and ceremonies, and anytime someone says, "It's time to play!"

Sky Blue (They/Them pronouns)

Sky has spent 25 years living, working, and organizing in intentional communities, cooperatives, and community organizations. Their parents met in Twin Oaks Community in the late 70's, where Sky moved as an adult and raised a child. Sky has visited over 130 different communities, worked with the [Federation of Egalitarian Communities](#) and [Global Ecovillage Network of North America](#), co-organized numerous communities conferences, and has served as Executive Director and on the Board of Directors for the [Foundation for Intentional community](#). They contribute to a variety of groups as an organizer, consultant, and speaker.

DEAI focused workshops (Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, & Inclusion)

Community Harm and Accountability

Saturday 1:30pm-3pm, Pavilion

Description: What does accountability look like in a community? How should communities support healing and repair between individuals and groups? In this workshop we'll expand our understanding of harm and how communities can create a culture of accountability that works for one and all.

Presenter Bio: Crystal Byrd Farmer is an organizer and consultant in the intentional communities movement. She serves as a board member for the Foundation for Intentional Community, the BIPOC Intentional Community Council, and The Sum. Crystal is passionate about encouraging people to change their perspectives on diversity, relationships, and the world.

The Two Worlds of North America

Saturday 3pm-4:30pm, Pavilion

Description: How conscious are we of the two worlds in North America? Let's explore different beliefs and assumptions present in the interactions of different cultures. We will engage in simple yet powerful group dances and singalongs sourced from Afro-Brazilian folkloric art traditions.

Presenter Bios: Macaco teaches the Afro-Brazilian art of Capoeira. He has taught to diverse groups including special needs children in the New York Public Schools, in behavioral health facilities and within socio-economically disenfranchised communities. Macaco works as an art circle celebrant in the intentional communities of central Virginia, while also partnering with organizations that build community.

Connor has lived and worked at four Louisa County communes since 2017, and contributed in the formation of three small co-housing groups in Charlottesville. He has studied capoeira since 2019 and became a member of Grupo Liberdade in 2022.

How to Build Trans Inclusivity into your Intentional Community

Saturday 3pm-4:30pm, Oasis/Big Dome

Description: Intentional communities have the potential to be a crucial safe-haven for trans folks in 2023's political climate, but they can also be unintentionally alienating. This workshop will share infrastructural, social, and cultural steps to ensure trans folks are not just accepted but included in ICs. **The workshop will also be a safe, designated space to ask invasive or "stupid" questions about trans and nonbinary folks and our transitions.** That said, it will not be a space to debate the merits of trans inclusion— it will be specifically geared towards those who are interested in making their community a safer place for existing or prospective trans members.

Presenter Bio: Jules Amanita has lived at Twin Oaks for 5 years. They have been Twin Oaks's delegate to the Federation of Egalitarian Communities for the majority of that time.

Going from all-white to majority POC: Struggles to achieve inclusion, justice and belonging within a (newly) racially diverse community

Saturday 4:30pm-6pm, Pavilion

Description: Heathcote, a small community in Freeland, MD, went from being all-white to majority POC in a few short years. Our current membership includes 2 Black, 1 'brown' and 2 white adults. Our children are all POC - 1 Black and 2 'brown'. This workshop will begin with a presentation of Heathcote's history of racial awakening – the period of time when the community became aware of its whiteness, the community's efforts to become anti-racist and increase racial diversity, and how the transition occurred. We will then share the experiences of our POC members and our many intersecting struggles to achieve inclusion, belonging and justice. We will conclude with a few pointers to predominantly white communities who want to attract and retain POC. The last 30 mins of the workshop will be interactive.

Presenter Bios: Karen Stupski has lived at Heathcote since 1993 and fills many roles within the community, including administration, finance, facilities management, and grant writing. She works as a grants and program manager for an environmental nonprofit and is a faculty member at Goddard College.

Shilpa Reddy is a new member at Heathcote. While this is her first time living in a community, she has visited communities over the last 5 years. She is a sociologist, college professor, gender scholar, professional cuddler, former journalist, aspiring DEI trainer, a mother, and is very passionate about smashing the patriarchy!

A Community of Resistance

Sunday 9:30am-11am, Pavilion

Description: Let's compare the Afro-Brazilian quilombos to contemporary intentional

communities of North America. In these maroon settlements culture and community thrived at a tenuous distance from colonial activity. What can we learn from this contemporary of our own Intentional Communities movement?

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General Workshops

Community Start-ups Expert Panel

Saturday 1:30pm-3pm, Oasis/Big Dome

Polyamory in Community

Saturday 1:30pm-3pm, Cross Roads

Description: Let's talk about having multiple consensual romantic relationships in community. The attending participants will help shape this workshop through questions, concerns and discussion. Possible topics include "Dealing with misconceptions and stigma", "Building a community of support", "Maintaining privacy", "Maximizing love and freedom in relationships", "Intersectionality and polyamory", and more.

Presenter Bio: Daniel Greenberg is... a sustainability educator; serial social entrepreneur (you'd think I'd learn); climate activist; ecovillage consultant; hopeful utopian; vegetarian for 35 years; father of two wonderful daughters; audiobook narrator, and avid swimmer. After serving as President of GEN and Director of Education at the Findhorn Foundation, I am now Co-Director of the Foundation for Intentional Community.

Agapoli: Building Meta-Communities with Community Power

Saturday 1:30pm-3pm, Ladyslipper

Description: What is Community Power and where does it come from? Why should we help and how do we trust each other? How can we build Meta-Communities able to stand up to

anti-communal forces in society? Is love really all you need? Agapoli has some answers, with practical applications for any community.

Presenter Bio: Ian has been a 12-year affiliate and 4-year member and resident of the Baltimore Free Farm, an urban food-justice oriented family of projects including a housing co-op, community gardens, livestock, and food rescue and Food Not Bombs activity. He's also a self-described agapist, avid chicken tender, and homebrewer (and the guy you've seen bringing the kegs to every CommCon in recent memory).

508(c)(1)(a) Church Association structure for Earth-centered Spirituality Communities

Saturday 1:30pm-3pm, Findhorn

Description: Introduce new or forming communities to the ideas, advantages and activist possibilities of using 508(c)(1)(a) Church/Private Member Association structure as the legal form of organization. Explore, in workshop format, ingrained cultural blocks to liberatory organizing: forming organizations that work by manifesting liberated possibilities for being and living together on the Earth, rather than starting from "what can we do/how can we set this up within the current regulatory environment?" Many would-be liberatory and/or egalitarian communities default to co-housing developments to conform to local laws and regs re: property purchase and ownership, taxation, organizational structure, building code etc. Workshop establishes the psychological possibility of holistic Earth-Centered Spirituality, of whatever stripe or denomination, as a legally protected category of religious worship, empowering organizations individually and collectively to worship the Earth in the way they live.

Presenter Bio: Valerie Hahn is the founder and director of Via Lactea Sanctuary, PMA, a 508(c)(1)(a) Church Association and small agrarian spiritual community outside Ithaca New York. Via Lactea's mission is to recover and develop Earth-honoring and regenerative practices of European, Eurasian and Mediterranean regions that represent the intersection of agricultural and spiritual practice.

How to Develop and Sustain a Small Community

Saturday 3pm-4:30pm, Cross Roads

Description: Join David and Victoria in a conversation about what it takes to develop and sustain a small community with stories and examples from their experience at the White Lotus Eco Spa Retreat. The discussion will explore topics such as values, personality types, communication, and how to evolve together.

Presenter Bios: David VanDerveer, founder and architect of The White Lotus Eco Spa Retreat

has worked professionally as an electronic technician, yoga instructor, builder, and heavy equipment operator, but he is best known as an international comedy juggler.

Victoria Bryant is an educator, performing artist, and serves as the event manager and retreat facilitator at the White Lotus.

Accountability Groups in Community

Saturday 3pm-4:30pm, Ladyslipper

Description: This is a workshop for people who are interested in learning what an Accountability Group is, why they might want to start one, and how they might do that. Informed by concepts of transformative justice, some communards have been experimenting with the implementation of Accountability Groups at Twin Oaks. This workshop will include talks, resources, small group discussion, and Q+A.

Presenter Bios: Summer moved to Twin Oaks in 2003. She is passionate about growing a culture in which people have the material and emotional resources to live their values and be free from harm and oppression. She likes drawing and listening to music with her 14 year old daughter.

Raen moved to Twin Oaks in January of this year. They have studied and practiced NVC, meditation, group facilitation, and empathic dialogue for around a decade. Creating containers for authenticity & vulnerability really fires them up!

Community is the Solution to Climate Change

Saturday 3pm-4:30pm, Findhorn

Description: Community is the magic bullet that makes renewable energy work. We will talk about efficient building design, direct drive DC microgrids, solar thermal energy, and biogas. We will work with people in the group to figure out how to maximize your self determination.

Presenter Bio: Alexis Zeigler has lived in intentional community all of his adult life, and founded several. He has extensive experience in a wide range of trades related to sustainable building practices and renewable energy. He is the chief designer of Living Energy Farm, a community that produces most of its own food and energy.

a playful look at good and evil in complex dynamics

Saturday 4:30pm-6pm, Oasis/Big Dome

Description: This workshop takes a radical look at peoples hidden motives and how they play out in the social sphere, from the interpersonal to the global. This workshop we will be playing a giant board game of colonizing an alien planet by different civilizations.

Presenter Bio: Gil Benmoshe has been living in communities for over 20 years, and has

started several communities which some, surprisingly, still exist today. Gil also works professionally in developing and facilitating group dynamics activities and consulting for various groups, from students, to government executives, banking CEOs, and military personnel.

Visualizing & Mapping the Ecologies of Healthy Communities

Saturday 4:30pm-6pm, Crossroads

Description: Come play with us as we design and map what constitutes the values, elements, resources and flows within the living ecologies of healthy communities. How do you put love, interdependence and systems on a map? Let's find out! Bring your experience, ideas and dreams. We'll bring the art supplies.

Presenter Bio: Charles Planck is a life long entrepreneur, creator and community builder. He was co-founder of Affinity Lab, one of the world's first co-working spaces, and a 13 year Burning Man theme camp and community systems organizer. He now runs Articulated, a special projects facilitation consultancy, while he and his collaborators launch HomeWorlding, a community creation, development and support agency.

Creatively Visioning Into Deeper Purpose

Saturday 4:30pm-6pm, Ladyslipper

Description: This workshop will offer participants a fun and creative experience of exploring different ways of understanding and communicating a community's purpose. Through several quickfire challenges and sharebacks with each other, participants will have ample opportunity to iterate on the why of it all.

Presenter Bio: Avi is the co-founder of The Next Big Step and currently resides in The Sanctuary, a small community house in Oakland focused on Sacred Living. She draws upon her background in theater, film production, creative writing, and systems thinking to facilitate spaces for connection and reflection that are playful, meaningful, and nourishing for the soul.

Anarchy as community praxis

Saturday 4:30pm-6pm, Findhorn

Description: Demystifying "anarchy" and sharing examples of how it shows up in various communities as healthy culture and praxis.

Presenter Bio: Oufgar/Ozgard/-ozzlegommet et al (they/them) is a genderfluid fae changeling critter who has been traveling for over a decade, visited over 45 communities in that time.

My keys to creating cohousing or community - french experiences

Sunday, 9:30am-11am, Cross Roads

Description: In this workshop, Audrey shares her ingredients for successful community building. She will give us a lively, playful and interactive show. She will start with a short presentation of “Les Choux Lents”, her community outside of Lyon, France.

Presenter Bio: Audrey Gicquel is a co-founder of a community in France, where she has lived for 10 years. In 2018, she became a group facilitator to help people to create their communities. She has written a book and has a Youtube channel on the subject and is currently on a 6 month trip in US and Mexico with her family to visit communities (video in english) :

📺 Gicquel's trip to US & Mexico - 2023

How to Start an Intentional Community

Sunday, 9:30am-11am, Oasis/Big Dome

Description: When you hear stories of how established ICs were founded, it often feels like fate. We also know that there are lots of different best practices to help us tempt fate. Come explore common pitfalls, strategies, frameworks, and key choice points for those embarking on this monumental undertaking.

Presenter Bio: I am a gender-fluid SAM of European heritage, coming from a weird mix of working-class, counterculture, and college-educated, by parents who met on a commune, and raised me non-christian, feminist, anti-capitalism, with a deep reverence for nature. I'm a massive intentional community nerd, and the movement has been my world for 25 years.

Community Legal Clinic

Sunday, 9:30am-11am, Ladyslipper

Description: Starting a community? Planning to share resources? Then you need agreements among members and possibly legal status with the state. This workshop covers possible corporate and tax structures and addresses the various policies any new intentional community should have.

Presenter Bio: Jenny Hoffpauir is a lawyer and experienced comunard who helps forming communities navigate the various legal, financing and other landscapes to create lasting

structures which reflect community values. Jenny has particular expertise in the structures and agreements which enable income sharing communes.

Starting and Stopping an Ecovillage: Navigating the Journey

Sunday, 9:30am-11am, Findhorn

Description: As a founder of two intentional communities (one urban, one rural), I have distilled many of the issues we face when embarking on the founding of an ecovillage. From vision, to land, to financing, to facing challenging realities, the journey is usually complicated. I will unpack many of the issues faced. (See my article in the current issue of Communities Magazine: Starting and Stopping an Ecovillage.) A concise overview of the founding journey. Where do you start, what is a "vision," what are your expectations, what will you do when things become difficult, "should I stay or should I go," etc.

Presenter Bio: Dan Antonioli is a seasoned green builder, permaculture designer, general building contractor, and ecovillage founder. Founder of the Laytonville Ecovillage in rural Northern California, he navigated a conventional system to create a permaculture paradise and opportunity to legally develop an intentional community. Putting round pegs into square holes. going-green.co

Tours

Tours of Twin Oaks Community

Friday 4pm-6pm, Saturday 1pm-3pm, Saturday 4pm-6pm, Sunday 9am-11am

Twin Oaks is the country's oldest and largest secular, income-sharing, intentional community. Get an extensive look and an understanding of how this unique model of cooperative living functions. Tours involve significant walking, we suggest wearing comfortable shoes and bringing a water bottle. **Meet at the Registration Tent.**

Tour of Living Energy Farm (LEF)

Sunday, 1pm-4pm, carpool from conference site to LEF

Louisa County has had several new communities start over the last few years. Living Energy Farm aims to be a fossil fuel free community. Spend some time Sunday evening at one or more, find out what life in a new community is like, and get inspired.

Tour, dinner and activities at Acorn Community

Sunday, 5:00 – 9:30pm, Acorn Community

There is a shuttle service for travel to and from [Acorn Community](#), see the **Shuttle Schedule** posting on the bulletin board. Tours will be available at Acorn beginning between 5pm and 6pm. Meet your tour guides in the volleyball court, next to the parking lot. Tours will include our business ([Southern Exposure Seed Exchange](#)), gardens, and community buildings, with a different focus depending on your requests and the tour guide's inclinations. We will serve dinner around 6:30pm, and light a bonfire when it gets dark. Feel encouraged to bring musical instruments and games. Activities at Acorn end at 9:30pm

Other scheduled events

Dream Alliance

Friday 3pm-5pm, Pavilion

Description: Often what prevents us from realizing our desires is not having a clear formulation of what we are actually looking for. The Dream Alliance process uses the candor of strangers and the transparency of the participants to leverage clever suggestions into actionable ideas.

During a dream alliance we break into small groups and have a facilitated conversation sharing our dreams and/or unrealized goals. The other participants share two different types of advice. The *Best Friend Advice* is what someone concerned with our welfare and long range well being might select. The *Reckless Advice* is what someone might recommend for you to think differently about the situation and allows risk involved. The workshop will also explore the role of being a temporary [perfect nag](#), who is an accountability buddy where you design their responses to you missing deadlines or under performing.

Presenter Bio: Paxus Calta has lived at Twin Oaks for a long time where they manage the hammocks business and do sales work for seed racks. Paxus is one of the QuinkFair disorganizers. Calta designs [transparency games](#) and blogs about community at [funologist.org](#)

Firebird- An eco-community in the heat of Crisis

Friday, 9pm-11pm, Pavilion

Monday, 9:30am-11:30am, Pavilion

Description: The Findhorn Ecovillage in The North of Scotland, one of the oldest ecological and spiritual communities in the world is preparing for its 60th anniversary under a cloud of growing uncertainty as the community struggles to navigate one crisis after another. Over the past three years, the whole world has suffered from existential threats, affecting economic, social and emotional security, and The Findhorn community is no different. This feature documentary explores the sequence of pivotal events which has inflicted significant and detrimental blows to The Eco Village, impacting individuals and the community as a whole.

However, despite this series of setbacks, the community is hanging in together in an effort to transform and restore negative situations into positive opportunities for the future. The symbol of the Firebird is a significant as a title and metaphor in the documentary, as for me, it represents the element of fire and the transformative energies of love and hope.

Presenter Bio: Daniel Greenberg, the most recent Director of Education at the Findhorn Foundation, will set up the film and do Q&A after.

Microaggressions presentation & discussion

Friday, 7pm – 7:30pm, Pavilion

Presentation by a member of the BIATF (Accountability Taskforce for Black Inclusion in Intentional Community) regarding microaggressions including what they are, their impacts on individuals, and ways to respond to them using the Microaggression Triangular Model.

Meet the Communities

Saturday, 9:30am – Noon, Main Circle

In the first part of this activity, each community represented will have 1 minute to describe themselves to the crowd, and then identify where they'll be sitting. In the second part, participants mill and mingle amongst the congregated communitarians, asking questions and networking.

Open Space Workshops

Sunday September 3

Organizing session from 11am-12pm at the Pavilion

Workshop sessions 1pm-2:30pm, and 2:30pm-4pm

Open Space is an opportunity for any participant to offer a workshop or catalyze a discussion on any topic you want. Participants will make their pitch during the Organizing session, and all participants will work together to determine the schedule for the afternoon sessions.

No-talent Show and Dance Party!

Saturday, 8:00pm – Late, ZK dining hall

Join us for the return of the No-talent Show at the Communities Conference. Space will be limited! Look for the sign up sheet on the info board. And what conference would be complete without a dance party? Come get down in the heart of Twin Oaks. Dessert will be served.

Monday Program

On Monday following the Communities Conference, Rustling Roots Ecological Education Center as a part of Cambia Community will host a series of workshops on topics ranging from permaculture and ecology to community building to music and dance.

Tickets are \$40, or \$20 for those who only attend one session (morning or afternoon).

Tickets include lunch and dinner. Food will be vegan and include local produce from our network of community farms.

Workshops will include:

Morning 9:30 am Tree House Construction

Introduction to tree house construction.

- What is the purpose
- Techniques equipment, materials
- Hoisting, pulleys and platforms
- Using harnesses to belay and rappel
- Use to timber and other materials
- Knots, lashings and fasteners
- Safety - How not to die

After lunch 1:30pm

Mind Bending Games

Games for the revolution. How to overthrow dictatorship. How to combat disinformation. These games are mingling games, something between the game Mafia and tag.

Afro-Brazilian Folkloric Arts

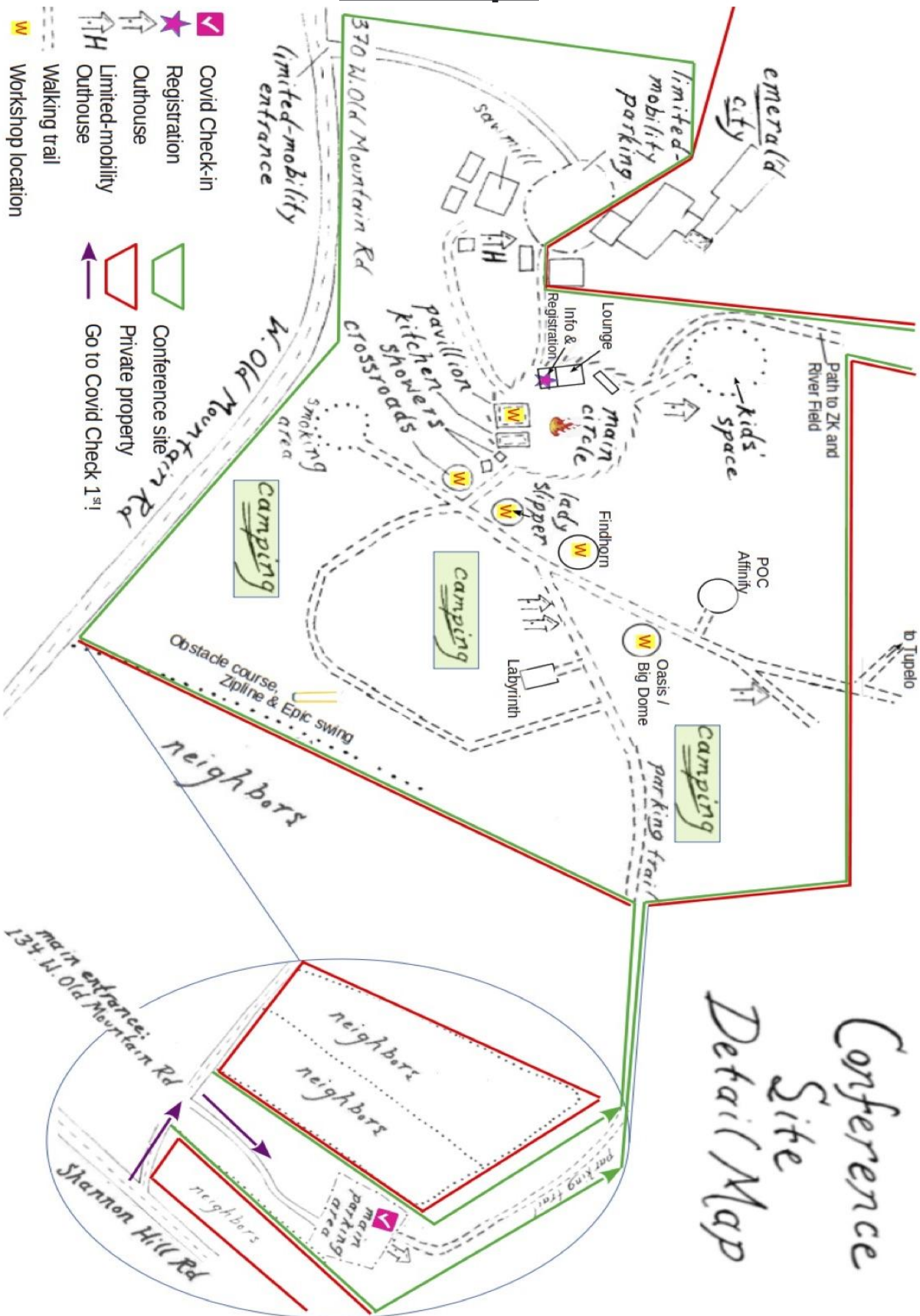
Capoeira - Often referred to as the Dancing Martial Art, Capoeira is self defense training and also practice for the 2 person game played in a ceremony with call & response music.

Maculêlê - This Afro-Brazilian style stick dance uses free-form, synchronized, and choreographed movements in the playful combination of physical style and athleticism.

Samba - Dance for sheer joy and to reflect and empower our life stories, our Samba uses the supportive structure of Afro-Brazilian Samba de Roda

Venue: Cambia Community is an income sharing community less than two miles from Twin Oaks. Cambia is dedicated to promoting sustainability and whimsy. Come by, it might be your cup of tea. Cambia is located at [9562 Shannon Hill Road, Louisa](https://www.cambia.org/9562-Shannon-Hill-Road-Louisiana). No one is turned away for lack of funds.

Site Maps



Conference Site Extended Map

