

# Ecovillages & Sustainable Communities for Architects, Planners, Builders and Homeowners:

## Where They Are, What They're Doing, Why They're Important

With Diana Leafe Christian, author, world class traveler, expert on sustainable communities

Monday evening, August 16, 2010 6 pm – 7:10 pm with questions afterwards.  
Sacramento Historic City Hall Hearing Room 901 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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With over 400 photos, this slide show demonstrates how Ecovillages and sustainable communities worldwide integrate ecological, economic, and social/cultural/spiritual sustainability, through:

- Permaculture design
- Natural building
- Renewable energy/off-grid power
- Alternative technology
- Sustainable agriculture
- Earth-restoration projects
- International peace activism
- Service to populations in need
- Local currencies
- On-site cottage industries
- Participatory decision-making
- Conflict resolution & communication skills

**WHY** people are devoted to developing ecological settlements

**HOW** ecovillages are beneficially influencing the wider culture

**HOW** ecovillages will probably affect patterns of human settlement in the near future

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The presentation is One hour and 10 minutes, with time for questions \* Sliding scale donation of 5 – 10.00 may be asked depending upon whether or not we find additional sponsors. No one will be turned away due to lack of a donation.

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**“Simply unforgettable. Diana delivers the slide show with great style, wit, and heart,** not to mention an encyclopedic authority borne of nearly two decades at the forefront of the intentional communities movement. ‘Don’t miss it!’

—Daniel Drasin, Greenbrae, California

**“The single best visual introduction to ecovillages I’ve seen.** With only two days advance notice for the slide show, we packed the room here at Walnut Street Co-op. **Highly recommended!”**

—Kenneth Mahaffey, Walnut Street Co-op, Berkeley, California

“Upbeat, humorous and highly entertaining — **each new slide and new topic (from composting toilets to rotational grazing) sparks an ever deepening sense of hope for the future.**”

— Angela Manno, New York, New York

**“Meticulously researched and beautifully presented.** Diana shows us how small groups of people are sustaining themselves with cooperation instead of competition; stewardship instead of exploitation; and self-reliance instead of reliance upon a self-destructing economy.

**Diana Leafe Christian** is 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 publishes “*Ecovillages*,” a free online publication [www.EcovillageNews.org](http://www.EcovillageNews.org).

Diana leads workshops, offers consultations, and speaks at conferences internationally. Her articles have appeared in *Mother Earth News*, *Cohousing* magazine, and *Permaculture Activist*, and she has been interviewed by *Time Magazine*, the *New York Times*, *Harper’s Magazine*, *AARP* magazine, New Dimensions Radio, Peak Moment TV, NPR, and the BBC. Diana is a member of Earthaven Ecovillage in North Carolina. <http://www.DianaLeafeChristian.org>