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Wood engravings, paintings in oils, acrylic and gouache, drawings, etchings, glass engravings, handmade books and letterpress work are what you will find when you visit Wesley Bates' gallery, studio and printery in Clifford Ontario. Wesley has provided these 2 wood engravings for this issue. Both engravings were used to illustrate Wendell Berry's poetry in the book *Roots to the Earth: Poems and a Story*.

Finding Our Place

A Year of Reflection and Discussion
exploring the Thought of Wendell Berry

by Isaiah Ritzmann

The environmental crisis is overwhelming. The sheer scale of climate change and the potential consequences of environmental overshoot is hard to handle in our heads let alone our hearts.

Since the beginning of the modern environmental movement a handful of writers and thinkers, modern-day prophets, have cast a holistic vision not only of these hard-to-fathom dangers but of alternative possibilities for building a better world.

These writers perceived that it was our displacement, not from the earth in general but from our unique, particular places, which helped shape our present crisis. Simply put our problems were rooted in our uprootedness. Renewal would come if people fostered a sense of belonging to their communities and these communities fostered a sense

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of belonging to their particular places.

One of these people was Wendell Berry – farmer, essayist, and poet from Henry County, Kentucky. With an academic background in the Humanities, having taught in Universities across the United States, he returned to farm in his hometown where his family had farmed for over five generations. From this vantage point, being firmly rooted in his place and the

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Institutional Inversion

By Joe Mancini

We were honoured to have David Cayley as the speaker at our first Fermented Thoughts evening this July. 50 people at the Fermented Thoughts event heard David describe the roots of Illich's thinking. Earlier in the day David joined us for a roundtable discussion on Illich. This all led up to our second Summer Institute. David offered an outline of how Ivan Illich understood the evolution of institutionalization and how it then moves beyond limits, fostering dependency and reducing native capacity.

David is a retired broadcaster whose work was featured on CBC Radio's Ideas over three decades. David's 1991 book *Conversations with Illich* was instrumental in helping The Working Centre establish our approach that works against bureaucratizing services, that emphasizes reciprocity, hospitality and virtues and creates Community Tools to help build community. We consistently revisit Illich's ideas as a tool for rethinking our work.

"Illich's core idea is not that the Church was fallible, wayward and corrupt but that it had lost sight of its own temptations, its temptation to substitute itself for the Kingdom of God." Illich deplored that an institution that should be self-aware could not see its own temptation. What does this mean for any institution? pCertain institutions reach the point of grandiosity, when the institution puts itself on a pedestal and in a sense demands to be worshipped. This to Illich is an example of succumbing to its own

temptations.

Cayley then summarized this process. "The point I want to make is how Illich thought of contemporary institutions as a continuation and elaboration of the path taken by the Church. For example, most modern institutions in some ways attempt to overcome the human condition; medicine for example blurs the boundary line between life and death. But for Illich, the institution of schooling is the most obviously Church-like, it is only in the wake of the church's institutionalized of salvation, Illich says, that it is possible to imagine something like a contemporary school system.

"What we have is a compulsory ritual, that turns knowledge from a means into an end (a mere stepping stone), which confuses what is done for love for what is done for advantage and which concentrates privilege while claiming to increase equality. The ritual character of this institution is what is important to Illich, the repetition of the same steps, gestures, formulas, that generates a myth of progress or what Wendell Berry calls the idea of a better place, that which we want and need is not available here and now, and only as a shining pot of gold at the end of unending curriculum.

"I want to stress these are institutions of a peculiar kind, when they become total, when they have breached their containment, what Illich called 'paradoxical productivity' the point and moment at which the institution runs out of control, begins to get in its own way, and frustrates the purpose for which it was established."

Illich described how people had progressively lost the capacity to think for themselves, to speak for themselves, to act on their own terms, and to stand on their own feet. This is another way in which institutions become total, they gradually eliminate all vestiges



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28th Golf Tournament

By Dave Thomas

The 28th Annual Golf Tournament held at Rockway Golf Course on August 9th raised over \$14,000 to support The Working Centre and St. John's Kitchen.

There were 108 golfers with 14 sponsors for each green. Our main sponsor was Unifor and Breckles Insurance. The Patron Sponsor was MTD and the Prize Table Sponsor was Strassburger Windows & Doors.

Awards were presented for men's and women's longest drives, the putting contest and a closest-to-the-pin contest. The top foursome was Mark Cook, Mark Harnock, Lance Passmore and John Moreira. Candice Basma, Nancy Brissett, Ruth Pryce and Dayle Steadman were the top women's group; and the top mixed team who won for a second year in a row, was made up Greg Tomori, Melanie Kacic, Cynthia Matheson and Jeremy

Sands. No one was successful in either of two possibilities for a \$10,000 hole in one.

The tournament's organizing committee - Dayle Steadman, Bill McLachlan and Jim Woods from Unifor - helped make the day successful. Jim Woods keeps everyone laughing as the MC as he rolled through all the announcements, draws and awards

We are thankful for the long-term support of Unifor, Breckles Insurance, MTD and Strassburgers Windows & Doors whose long term support for their sponsorships. There were also 19 hole Sponsors: Unifor Canada, Breckles Insurance, MTD, Unifor Local 504, Unifor Local 302, Unifor Local 252, Unifor Local 1451, Unifor Local 414, Bluewater Thermal, Unifor Local 527. Unifor Local 4304, Unifor Local 1106, Erb and Erb Insurance, and Dana Canada.

CAB Develops Partnership with Dropbike

The plan is to work together to build up bikesharing infrastructure

By Jane Snyder

In 2013, 2 years after our pilot project, we launched CAB – Community Access Bikeshare and have operated each year with the help of many partners like the City of Kitchener, City of Waterloo, Libro Credit Union, Kindred Credit Union, Ontario Centre's of Excellence, Laurier, Region of Waterloo, KW Community Foundation and this year, the University of Waterloo. We have run a small but vibrant bikeshare focused mainly in downtown Kitchener, presently operating 15 stations between Kitchener and Waterloo. Our main limitation has been waiting for the development of mobile lock technology. This year in Waterloo we piloted the Bitlock mobile lock and immediately saw an

start-up that has developed an easy to use mobile lock technology. Their bikes, technology and their operating approach easily fits into our network of stations. DropBike operates without subsidies mainly through its mobile app, an easy to register affordable membership (\$1 an hour per use) and a simple approach to distributing bikes to where people are. Dropbike will be managing almost all the day to day

COMMUNITY ACCESS BIKESHARE

bikeshare work.

Qiming Weng, Dropbikes leader describes its mission in this way. "When we started Dropbike, we did so with a simple vision: more Canadians riding bicycles more often. Our bikes would be more affordable than buses or cabs, faster than walking or being stuck in traffic, healthier than any other transit option, and better for the environment. Many of us never have, and never want, to own a car. Our product will dramatically change how people think of bicycles, but how we do our work has always been grounded in one value—we are friendly, respectful and considerate, to every city and campus."

The Working Centre and CAB will be on the ground in KW with Dropbike helping to build and expand bikesharing. this is a good time to thank past members, interns, volunteers and staff who have put lots of time and energy into the development of CAB. We are looking forward to this next phase.



increase in users.

Over these 6 years, it is now understood that bikesharing systems are most effective when the bikes are widely distributed in areas where people live. Installing docking systems is prohibitively expensive. The alternative is affordable and mobile lock technology which is now available. This means that bikes can have a wider distribution in neighbourhoods and in multiple locations without incurring extra infrastructure costs as the bike and its on-board lock is the main capital cost.

This fall CAB is partnering with Dropbike, a Toronto based bikeshare



This summer Recycle Cycles started refurbishing bikes in the Bike Pit at 256 King. This new space will allow volunteers to focus on preparing bikes for sale.

If you would like to learn more or to volunteer call

Recycle Cycles at 519-804-2466 or

email: recyclecycles@theworkingcentre.org



Graduation of the
8th Local

Democracy Class

Wed November 15th

7:00 pm

Fresh Ground

256 King Street East

Next Diploma in Local Democracy Class begins
Wednesday January 3th 2017 7:00pm

For more information: localdemocracy@theworkingcentre.org
or call Isaiah at 519-743-1151 x 175

Special Thanks to Jim and Sue Hallman and Jim and Marianne Erb

In the spring of 2015, Jim and Sue Hallman and Jim and Marianne Erb agreed to lead our capital fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$1 million dollars towards establishing 18 units of housing for the most persistently homeless.

The launch date was June 24th 2015. Ten months later we announced at the Mayors' Dinner that we had met our goal raising over \$1.2 million dollars. We also announced that the renovations of the units were completed and all the apartments were filled by people who had typically not lived in housing for over 10 years.

We are deeply grateful for the effort, imagination, cooperative spirit and commitment that Jim, Sue, Jim and Marianne offered The Working Centre to make this campaign so successful. Thanks also to those who sat on the wider campaign committee for following through on this project. Thank you to Doug Letson for raising \$76,000 in honour of Bob Liddy towards the Youth Opportunities space at Fresh Ground.

This creative and dedicated work was a delight to be a part of – we enjoyed the company and the good work as community members stepped up to support this responsive housing initiative.



Institutional Inversion

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of an opposing or complimentary space which can limit their action or penetration until eventually a condition of complete saturation is reached.

Illich sought out a balance, a way to limit institutions and to create community spaces that can complement and counter institutions. Illich warned us about grandiosity and he offered alternatives which take continuous effort to teach and create.

David has made many of his memorable podcasts available at <http://www.davidcayley.com/>.

Fresh Ground Open House June 2017



256 King Street East is a space that invites people into new ways of thinking about food, local democracy, and the building of community. The space combines facilitation, digital skills, conversation, and co-working opportunities to support enterprise and community engagement.



Serving plant-based, whole grain foods; hosting learning and conservation about healthy, sustainable food alternatives. Primarily a drop-in and take-out café, within the larger gathering space.



Used for events, workshops, Enterprise Facilitation, Co-Working Cafes, and markets on Saturdays. It is a community space for dialogue, connections, and skill building. Anchored by the Fresh Ground Café, it is a space with creative possibilities for groups up to 50 people.



Bookable desk space in a community of entrepreneurs and self-employed individuals. Opportunities to make connections, network, and attend events in the business community.



In the Bike Pit, staff and volunteers from Recycle Cycle repair and refurbish bikes. This is also where Community Access Bike-share (CAB) repairs its public access bicycles.



Resources for filmmaking and storytelling. Encouraging both professional and community filmmakers through the sharing of skills, knowledge, equipment, and resources. The studio makes movies, screens films, hosts discussions, and builds connections.



The 256 project started because of The Working Centre's commitment for establishing for the most vulnerable. After renovations in April 2016, the top floor became home to 8 people experiencing persistent homelessness. Thank you to all who contributed to the Housing Campaign to make this possible!

Thanks to Darin White of Makebright for pictures from the open house event.



Fresh Ground Café

We hope you will enjoy our Whole Food Plant Based Menu

We are excited to present food options that can help us all to walk gently and eat lightly. We aim to present plant-based foods in forms as close to their natural state as possible. We will focus on vegetables, fruits, raw nuts and seeds, beans and legumes, and whole grains. These foods are the best sources of fibre, vitamins, and minerals. Our goal is to avoid heavily processed foods like oils or too much sugar. There will be no frying at Fresh Ground! You will notice how this changes the taste to be lighter and more flavourful.

Come in and learn about new ways to care for our common home

Freshly Roasted Coffees

Our coffee beans are Freshly Roasted daily in our fluid bed micro roaster. Enjoy the unique flavours of fair trade coffee beans from around the world. We feature Pour-overs and Aeropress coffees to highlight the coffee flavours.

Breads, Flatbreads & Pizzas

All our breads use wheat and other grains that are freshly milled in our kitchen. Try our whole wheat breads, flatbreads and pizzas that all use natural sour dough leavens.

Desserts

Try our Plant Based Whole Grain desserts all of which have lots of fruits, vegetables and nuts. Our unique versions of coffee cakes, brownies, cookies and muffins have already built a daily following.

We are currently adding more salads, soups, and entrees.

Catering

We are slowly adding Fresh Ground options to our regular catering menu.

Fresh Ground Event Space

Fresh Ground lends itself to events for up to 50 people. It is a bright space that benefits from big windows looking on to King Street. The space is divided into two sides by two glass walls that make both spaces airy and bright. This allows the café to operate while a group can use the other side. Fresh Ground has already hosted book launches, university classes, an anniversary party, a church retreat to name some of the events. If you are interested in booking events at Fresh Ground call 743-1151 x166 or eventbooking@theworkingcentre.org



Come visit us!

Weekdays: 8:30a to 4:00p
Saturdays: 8:30a to 2:00p

Seniors Oral History Project

By Martin de Groot

Raj Saini, Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Centre, on behalf of the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development announced on Tuesday September 12 a grant to support the work of The Commons Studio, a community tools project of The Working Centre.

The Studio is receiving \$25,000 for a new project entitled “Explorations in Oral History”, funded through the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP).

We will use the funds to purchase a camcorder, LED lights and a microphone to support volunteerism through seniors’ interviews that highlight oral history.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is funding 1,800

meaningfully involved in the civic, social, cultural and economic life of their communities through engagement with oral history undertakings.

Oral history can be defined as “the systematic collection of living people’s testimony about their own experiences”. This is normally done through video and/or audio recording, processing and archiving.

The goal is to directly engage individuals of all ages in project activities, including as interviewers, interviewees, audio and video recording, mentoring, research, scheduling, indexing, transcription, analysis, dissemination, preservation, as well as in general project leadership and support.

Whenever feasible, oral history



community-based projects through the 2016–2017 call for proposals.

Since 2004, the NHSP has funded close to 19,700 projects in hundreds of communities across Canada, with a total Government of Canada investment of approximately \$417 million.

Explorations in Oral History is a one-year pilot project to assemble tools, develop resources, build partnerships, hone practices, and explore possibilities for Commons Studio community support services in the field of oral history.

The overarching objective is encouraging and enabling people of all ages, especially seniors, to become

interviews done during the pilot phase will be done with a community partner.

In addition to the archival objectives, the materials generated can be incorporated into other projects in countless ways, including promotional materials, large scale documentaries and smaller digital storytelling projects.

After the announcement at the Commons Studio at Fresh Ground, Raj agreed to tell his story, oral history style, in front of a special camera and lights acquired for the program in the video and audio studio in the basement of the Commons Studio’s new digs at 256 King Street East.



Fresh Ground Open House :Catherine Fife MPP talking with Stephanie Mancini, Mike Erb providing music for the event, Jim Erb greeting guests, Ken Seiling talking about the Regional housing contribution with Harold Albrecht MP.

Innovative Partnership helps Non-traditional Learners Access University

At 27, Paul didn't think he'd get a second chance to pursue a postsecondary education.

He had attended community college after high school. While he enjoyed his classes, like many first-year students he got involved in a lot of extracurricular activities and left after one term due to severe stress and anxiety.

"I had too much going on," said Paul, who was later diagnosed with schizophrenia. "I didn't know how to manage stress, and I didn't know how to slow things down. I had my first episode of mental illness and I had to recuperate because I was just burned out."

Paul sought help and was able to recover with the aid of the Trellis First Step Program, a mental health support initiative.

Through volunteer work in the community Lao learned about Access to University (A2U), a collaborative program offered by Wilfrid Laurier University and The Working Centre, a non-profit community agency in downtown Kitchener. Laurier and The Working Centre have worked together on other programs that connect the university's academic resources with the community support services that The Working Centre has provided for more than 30 years in downtown Kitchener.

The A2U program is designed to improve access to university for non-traditional learners, including first-generation students, new Canadians, Indigenous people, older workers, people living on limited income, and people who face other barriers to entering university.

"The A2U program demonstrates that with sufficient preparation and supports the students who would otherwise be excluded from higher education can access the system," says Bob Sharpe, an associate professor at Laurier and faculty liaison for the project.

The Lyle S. Hallman Foundation has provided \$400,000 to fund the A2U program. The funding will help provide two cohorts of 15 people with the opportunity to take five Laurier courses each.

Laura Mae Lindo, director of the university's Diversity and Equity Office, taught one of the two introductory courses, which are designed to aid the cohort as they transition into university classes.

"At Laurier there is a culture of collaboration, and a culture of real relationship building," says Lindo. "It's not just theoretical, these are real supports.... Knowing that the support is there has made a big difference."

Upon completion of the introductory courses, students are funded to take three first-year classes of their choosing from the Faculty of Arts.

Paul has already completed one English course, EN119: Reading Fiction. Through this course he has developed an interest in literary genres such as science fiction.

Paul has also made use of individualized student support systems that Laurier offers through its Accessible Learning Centre. The centre offers numerous programs to help students succeed and learn according to their own unique learning profile. Supports include: tutoring, note-taking, learning strategies, peer support, exam support, assistant technology, transcription technology and consultant support.

About nine percent of Laurier's undergraduate students at both the Waterloo and Brantford campuses use the supports offered by Accessible Learning. Each year the number of students who use the system increases by approximately 10 percent, which reflects a growing need for individualized learning supports.

Paul wants to continue his education in the hopes of becoming a teacher and sharing his passion for the arts with others.

In addition to his studies, Paul volunteers with the kinds of mental-health awareness and support programs that helped him during his recovery. It's a way to help him use what he is passionate about to help others.

For example, Paul volunteers with Spark of Brilliance, a group that promotes the use of expressive arts for healing, recovery and discovery for individuals living with mental health and addiction issues. He also volunteers with Beautiful Minds, an organization that provides school-based education programs that focus on positive mental health and the reduction of stigma.

Rather than viewing his struggles with mental health as a hindrance to his pursuit of higher learning, Paul has a positive outlook on his experience.

"I've gone through a change and a kind of metamorphosis into something different," said Paul. "I appreciate life at a different level."

The first A2U cohort finished its last required class, and The Working Centre has recently enrolled 16 new participants in Cohort 2.

We continue to work together with Laurier about ways to include students with diverse life and learning experiences.

This article first appeared on the Laurier website under Admissions telling the story of new access opportunities for learners.

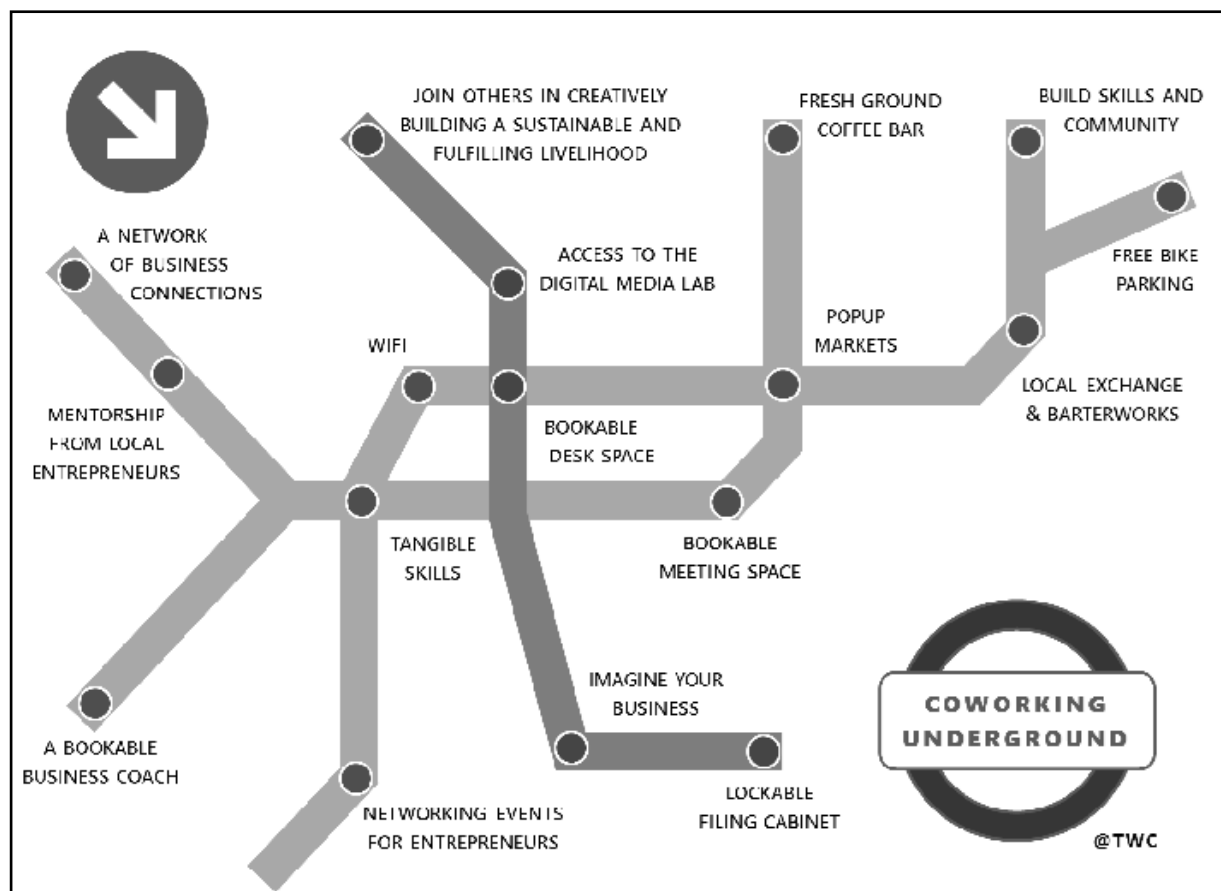
Co-Working Underground

The Coworking Underground space at 256 King St. E creates community among self-employed entrepreneurs by providing reasonably-priced hotdesk space, access to business tools, events and business/employment coaching. Free "try-it" workdays available! Email coworking@theworkingcentre.org to learn more.

Try out coworking by coming to our Co-working Cafés - contact us to learn more!

Coworking Underground memberships give you access to:

- A network of business connections and a community of creative entrepreneurs
- A bookable business coach (supported self-directed entrepreneurship, sales & marketing training, business templates & best practices)
- Fresh Ground coffee bar
- Wireless internet
- Rentable meeting space at The Working Centre
- Placement in pop-up market space at 256 King on Saturdays
- Free membership in the working Centre's Local Exchange
- Networking events for entrepreneurs
- Employment counsellors to help you find a part-time/seasonal job while your business ramps up
- The diverse social enterprises at the Working Centre to help you build skills, create community and to make it possible to live better on a limited income.



It Was the Right Thing To Do

Theron Kramer's commitment to community

By Margaret Nally

It is the right thing to do. These words rang out to me in an op ed article that Theron wrote on a community concern some years ago. They were the words of a critical conscience on an issue that enveloped the community of the day. But those words ring true and have been a constant in the consciousness, life and values which were a bed-rock of motivation for the life and actions of Theron Kramer.

And these words, It is the right thing to do, which carry great weight today in light of the passing of Theron Harold Kramer, husband, father, grandfather, brother, neighbour, advocate, champion and friend to many.

This phrase is the underpinning of a philosophical stance and gives identity to a choice to live with integrity. That integrity came from a confluence of inner-core values with a life that embodied those values.

From his early post university years where he responded to a job application at the K-W Regional Folk Arts Council to his retirement from the Trillium Foundation there has been a long journey on the same road of intentional and transformational living. This life, noticed and celebrated with many awards and citations, was deeply grounded in the common experience of life lived deliberately close to others

I first met Theron in the early '80's when I was a staff person at Global Community Centre. He was a very engaged Board person who was knowledgeable and critical about world issues of poverty, militarism, and international relief and development.

He remained educated and committed to these issues both near and far all the days of his life. He remained an active supporter of The Working Centre and its community development work. He was the founding chair and a life-long

champion of The Multicultural Centre and its work of welcome and integration.

Theron was a consistent and outspoken advocate for Refugees entering this community. Theron's life was enriched and fulfilled by sound, colour and form. He enjoyed and was a fierce supporter of the importance of the arts in the texture of a community. This global thought and local action marked his working and personal life.

Theron might be described as one who has what is called the moral imagination, the unique capacity to live out of that moral faculty of the mind that enables us to experience the human world around us with sympathy. A sympathy that enables affection, connection and thus action. And this action of the moral imagination led from the internal to many external manifestations.

Theron was never afraid, never ever, never ever, afraid, to raise his voice to speak his truth in many public arenas. You, like me, might have been on the end of a phone-call when he wanted your attention and action on something that mattered in our community. He had a strong voice and a deep sense for what didn't quite smell right!

Theron had a particular presence in the local media. He was the voice of the community on election night on many TV broadcasts. He gave useful insight to the issues of the day and spared no-one his full and forceful thoughts on inadequate response to human need and a vision of a Region where all citizens were represented and allowed to participate. He knew it was the right thing to do.

The world comes here to K-W and Theron used his place in the community to move towards the gifts and challenges that he encountered. Theron was instrumental in early race relations work with School Boards, Police and other agencies and saw the need for this

work to be an ongoing commitment in all social spheres.

Theron is known and celebrated as a person who modeled inclusion in public and private life. He would say it was the right thing to do.

His way of engaging people was on a personal level through life-long friendships but also in the challenge of advocacy in the systemic and political areas where barriers to participation are evident.

He gained and gave much in his friendships. He is known by all as a loyal and dedicated friend to not only many individuals but also to many institutions. He made a commitment that is substantial and would say that in order for relationships and organizations to live, grow and be healthy that loyalty is the right thing to do.

Theron opened space to share generously and abundantly as a facilitator and resource person on community development, refugee concerns, the needs and aspirations of the artists and to community issues. He was a skilled negotiator, listening deeply across division and calling for respect and reconcilia-



tion. I have been privileged to watch him in action on many occasions.

Croatian author, Miroslav Volf, describes his vision of inclusion in the following which echoes much of my experience of Theron:

"I open my arms to create space in myself for the other. Open arms are a sign that I do not want to be by myself only, an invitation for the other to come in and feel at home with me. In an embrace I also close my arms around the other. Closed arms are a sign that I want the other to become a part of me, the other enriches me. In the mutual embrace none remains the same because

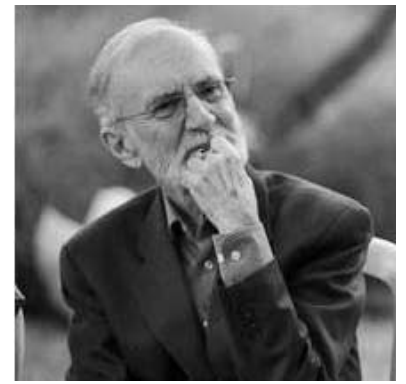
each enriches the other, yet both remain true to their genuine selves".

Theron's life demonstrated that difference is not a cause of division but rather honouring difference brings enrichment and unity based on justice and respect for truth. This vision respects borders and boundaries but welcomes the stranger in. It allows for difference and provides for positive and life-giving relationship. The vision of embrace is an aspect of love of neighbour.

And Theron was a very,

Margaret Nally read this memorial tribute at Theron's Celebration of Life.

In Memoriam



Theron Kramer 1942-2017

very good neighbour – present, pleasant, helpful. On the doorstep, in the streets, at the concerts, at the gallery, at the festivals. Being a good neighbour - It is the right thing to do.

Our cities, our social services, our government agencies, our universities have all benefited from the clarity of his thought, his wisdom, his ear to the ground, his pulse of the community, his centeredness in our reality and we are richer for his participation in forming this community.

Theron's passion for participatory democracy and social justice have taken years of his life but have given life to our days here. He is known and respected across all cultures and faith traditions in our community.

Theron inspired and encouraged us to be informed and in turn, take responsibility for forming this community - in participation, in inclusion and celebration of all that is shaped by intention, by talent, by gift.

In David Stevens' book: The Land of Unlikeness there is a passage that reminds me of Theron. He states:

"How we relate to the "stranger" the "other" is a key category of ethical and moral thought and often a measure of a community. The stranger, socially and psychologically vulnerable because he stands outside the network of community reciprocity, needs shelter and food as well as recognition and orientation in an unfamiliar place.

However the stranger in turn can offer stories, thus opening up new worlds and the relationship changes and becomes more balanced. Now the stranger becomes host and the host becomes stranger, having to enter new worlds too. Each becomes gift to each other. For positive co-existence to occur, we have to be prepared to enter each other's worlds".

Theron has, in his lifetime, called us to engage with the stranger to enter new worlds and hear stories that will be richness for our common life.

Today we gather, in both sorrow and joy to hear and to tell stories of Theron's contributions to life, and in doing so to recognize, remember and celebrate Theron: It is indeed the right thing to do.



In 1988 Theron Kramer was a founding member of the group that started Tri-Tech Recycling, a project of The Working Centre that operated between 1987 - 1991, often recycling over 400 tons of material a month. Theron is fifth from the left beside his long-time friend Michael Graham.

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people of his place, he began writing about the struggles of the family farm in the mid-20th century United States under variegated pressures to industrialize. Early on he published *The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture* (1977) where he expanded his analysis of the problems facing the farming community to issues of ecology, culture and community. Berry critiqued the industrial mindset which saw bigness and uniformity as unqualified goods, machines as unquestionably helpful and tended to reduce the complex mysteries of land and people into simple solutions. A sustainable society cannot be achieved by this kind of mindset. Instead what is required is a robust attention on the particular, both people in their particularities and the land in its unique features and requirements for care. For a society to be sustainable it needs people who care for their places, for people to care for their places they have to know their places and for people to know their places they have to learn to stay, to be rooted, to be 'placed.'

The Working Centre has been nourished by Wendell Berry's ethic of community rootedness and writings on care for the land for well over

twenty years. Following the success of our July 2017 Daily Circus event on the thought of Ivan Illich we were inspired to have a similar event to explore Berry's thought. When the Princess Cinema invited us to co-host the documentary *Look & See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry* the stars aligned in just the right way. With a clear hunger and interest in our community for exploring Berry's thought we decided to launch a whole year of study, reflection and discussion on the thought and themes of Wendell Berry which we are calling "Finding Our Place." In the next eleven months, from October of 2017 to July of 2018 the Working Centre will be hosting a whole of series of educational events including a monthly book club, a documentary film series and more installments in our Fermented Thoughts speaker series. For our initial list of events and for contact information see Page 7 in this issue of Good Work News. For updated information on events please follow



Fermented Thoughts

Our new forum for imaginative thought on social, economic and ecological issues. Join our guest speakers for discussion over wine and snacks.

Wednesday November 29th 2017, 7pm-9pm
Fresh Ground, 256 King St E, Kitchener

A panel of local farmers who market garden including the Pfenningers from Baden, the Gmaches from the Kitchener Market, Angie Koch from Fertile Ground and Adam Kramer from Hacienda Sarria Market Garden. The goal of this panel is to discuss the realities and challenges of market gardening.

Tickets are \$25 per evening, including food and drink.

A Year of Reflection and Discussion exploring the Thought of Wendell Berry



Fermented Thoughts

Our new forum for imaginative thought on social, economic and ecological issues. Join our guest speakers for discussion over wine and snacks.

For our launch year of Fermented Thoughts we will focus on the ideas of Wendell Berry. Evening discussion topics will include:

Local Food – Fad or Future?

Exploring the many reasons for local food, and challenges in the food system.

Slow Work, Rooted in Community

Exploring the commitments to slow, attentive work and long-term rootedness in Wendell Berry.

Landless Peasants Movements

Exploring the history and role of global movements seeking land and ecological justice.

The Thought of Wendell Berry

A special Fermented Thought focused on the life, work and thought of Wendell Berry.

Monthly Reading Group

We are gathering together a group to read through Wendell Berry's essays in the collection "The Art of the Common Place." This collection contains 21 of Berry's most significant essays and we plan to read 2-3 essays a month from September 2017 until July 2018. We invite you to join this monthly reading group.

Wendell Berry Daily Circus

A gathering scheduled for July 2018 to explore the continued significance of the thought of Wendell Berry. Come join us for a day-long, Berry-inspired gathering of friends with food, drink and clarification of thought. We invite you to contribute to the gathering by writing a short article which explores or applies an aspect of Berry's work. At this gathering you will have a chance to share your thoughts with others.

Ecology-To-Scale Film Series

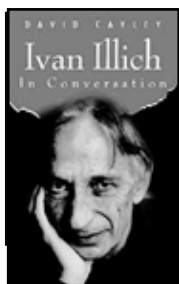
A documentary series that deals with ecological issues from a local perspective. So much of public discussion on environmental issues is at an unimaginably large scale that leaves many people feeling hopeless and powerless. For nearly forty years Wendell Berry has insisted that it is at a local scale that environmental issues are most properly and effectively addressed. Films to-be-announced soon.

Contact Us

If you are interested in being part of our groups or have questions, you can contact us at:

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We will be posting periodic updates on our website with information about dates for our Fermented Thoughts, films for our documentary series etc.

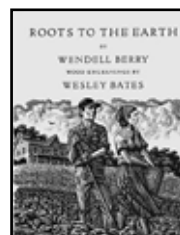


Ivan Illich in Conversation

David Cayley

In the late 1980's, David Cayley started interviewing Ivan Illich and these fascinating conversations for radio are gathered in *Ivan Illich in Conversation* and range over a wide selection of the celebrated thinker's published work and public career. Illich's brilliant mind alights on topics of great contemporary interest, including education, history, language, politics, and the church.

320 pages, 21.95 softcover



Roots to the Earth Poems and a Story

Wendell Berry and Wesley Bates

In 1995, *Roots to the Earth* was published alongside the wood etchings of celebrated artist and wood engraver, Wesley Bates. Bates viewed his wood etchings as companion pieces to Berry's poetry, revealing "tenderness and love as well as anger and uncertainty" as well as expressing concepts of how farming is viewed by an increasingly urbanized society.

96 pages, 26.99 hardcover



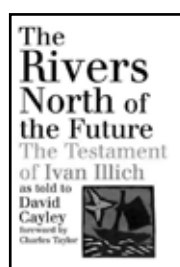
Art of the Common Place

The Agrarian Essays of Wendell Berry

Wendell Berry

A gathering of twenty-one essays by Wendell Berry that explore ideas such as Why is agriculture becoming culturally irrelevant, and at what cost? What are the forces of social disintegration and how might they be reversed? And, how does the corporate takeover of social institutions and economic practices contribute to the destruction of human and natural environments? These essays express support of local economies, farming communities, and family integrity.

352pages, 17.49 softcover



The Rivers North of the Future

The Testament of Ivan Illich

as told to David Cayley

"Ivan Illich was an iconoclast who urged a fundamental rethinking of modern institutions. He believed that Western civilization can only be understood properly as a corruption of the New Testament" Charles Taylor notes in his foreword, that the significance of the Good Samaritan story appears as a stage on the road to a universal morality of rules.' Illich's analysis a bold historical hypothesis and an invitation to understand Christian faith."

256 pages, \$24.95 softcover

Hacienda Sarria Market Garden



Long time volunteer Ross Keimapple looks over the Hacienda Sarria gardens
Photo by Vanessa Tignanelli, courtesy of the Record

Hacienda Sarria Market Garden Reaches 100 CSA Members

Editors Note:

Over these past 5 years the Hacienda Sarria Market Garden has been growing naturally, fresh vegetables just 3 kilometers from the downtown. The healthy lush produce is evidence of how the growing conditions and the soil are meticulously prepared by the hard working crews at the garden. This report is made up from the weekly CSA newsletter that describes the progress of the crops.

By Adam Kramer and Rachael Chong

Thanks to a lot of hard work put in over the past few weeks, the gardens have turned the corner into these last weeks of summer. Planting is more-or-less done for the season, so harvesting and weeding are our primary tasks these days. There is still plenty of time left in the season and we are feeling good about how we've set ourselves up for the fall. Once the frost hits in October, we'll say goodbye to the tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers, which is when our late season and storage crops will help round out your shares. Squash, shallots, garlic, onions, spinach, chard, beets, choy, radicchio, radishes, turnips, arugula....

Since the rain has held off for the last while, we've taken the opportunity to bring in our harvests of shallots and cippolini onions! We pull them all out of the ground now, and will then dry them for a few weeks, which preserves them for future use. Though it is tempting to start giving them out now, we will hold off a while longer till later in



the CSA season. Specialty onions like these are a real treat!

After school starts, we always lose some of our regular volunteers, so please put out the word for us. Working at the Hacienda this time of year is a great experience since we have a wide range of tasks folks can help us with. We had a couple new gardeners with us last week and they got to do just about everything! Planting, harvesting, weeding, cultivating, and even making a few flower bouquets.

Though the nights have been a bit cool, the weather has otherwise been absolutely perfect. Harvests are abundant and colourful, as usual, we had lots of gardeners helping us harvest the veggies.

Carrots

Plenty of carrots are growing out in the fields right now! They will definitely be a staple food for us this fall, but we are happy to start adding them to the shares. As the weather cools, the carrots will begin converting their starches to sugars and actually get sweeter! An added bonus to an already tasty crop!

Garlic

Last Saturday we spent some time at the Stratford Garlic Festival, which was both informative and tasty. We lost about two-thirds of our garlic crop to rain and disease this season, so we were eager to purchase some new seed garlic to get us back into production. We found a good price on two new varieties that we think will do well – Music and Yukon. This fall we'll plant about 3000 cloves of garlic, which will over-winter and sprout in the spring before being harvested next July.

Tomatoes

The cool overnight temperatures last weekend had us a bit spooked, but we've actually ended up with a sizeable harvest of tomatoes this week. Our larger slicing tomatoes, though often looking a little worse for wear, are absolutely amazing!

If you don't mind cutting around the odd rough spot, you are in for a treat!

Green Onions

Since these are another cold-hardy crop, we've got lots of beds of green onions planted for the fall. This week we're clearing out a few of the summer beds, so will be able to send some home with everyone at the Hacienda pick-up.

Eggplant and Peppers

Have you been noticing the cool nights we've had this past week? This has meant that our harvests of eggplant and peppers are on the small side. We're hoping for a few warmer days in the coming month, which will help increase the yields of these crops. With the wet cool season we've had so far, it isn't much of a surprise that our heat loving plants are a little less prolific. We just take it as it comes!

Spinach

People love spinach! It is one of our most popular bagged greens at both CSA and at the stores. This season, for the first time, we had spinach in May that had overwintered. A few beds of spinach survived the mild winter and grew enough leaves in spring to garner a few decent harvests! We got lucky with a mild fall and winter last year. We don't know what this year will bring. We had a poor crop of spinach mid-season due to weed pressure. That bindweed was brutal! We are trying to stay on top of the bindweed this round by cultivating with a hoe, as well as good ol' fashioned handweeding!



Volunteer Gardeners Welcome!

You may get a little dirty and sweaty, but the Hacienda Market Garden is a great spot to enjoy some sunshine and good times working together.

No experience necessary!

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Photo courtesy of the Kitchener Post

Eco Courier CSA Deliveries

Together with KW's emission-free delivery company Eco Courier we are happy to offer you home or office delivery of your veggies. Eco Courier is a local business and 100% emission-free thanks to their fully electric car.

Eco Courier is Kitchener-Waterloo's local emission-free delivery company. They deliver corporate documents, dinners and lunches from KW's premier food places and fresh vegetables for the Working Centre's Hacienda CSA program to homes and offices across the twin cities.

You'll love the convenience of receiving your fresh veggies at your doorstep. Individual deliveries are just \$3.49.

Can't make it to your pick-up this week? Simply email hacienda@theworkingcentre.org with your name, address and preferred delivery time by Wednesdays at Noon.

Delivery Window 1: Wednesdays between 4pm and 9pm
Delivery Window 2: Thursdays between 2pm and 6pm

For more information call Brian at 226 791 4257