

Celebrating Our Year Together



Web of Connection
2023

We began
2023 with
a hike at
Turkey
Creek with
friends
from our
sister
Sangha
in Canon
City



Deer Park

A place for nurturing

A place for growth

A place for caring

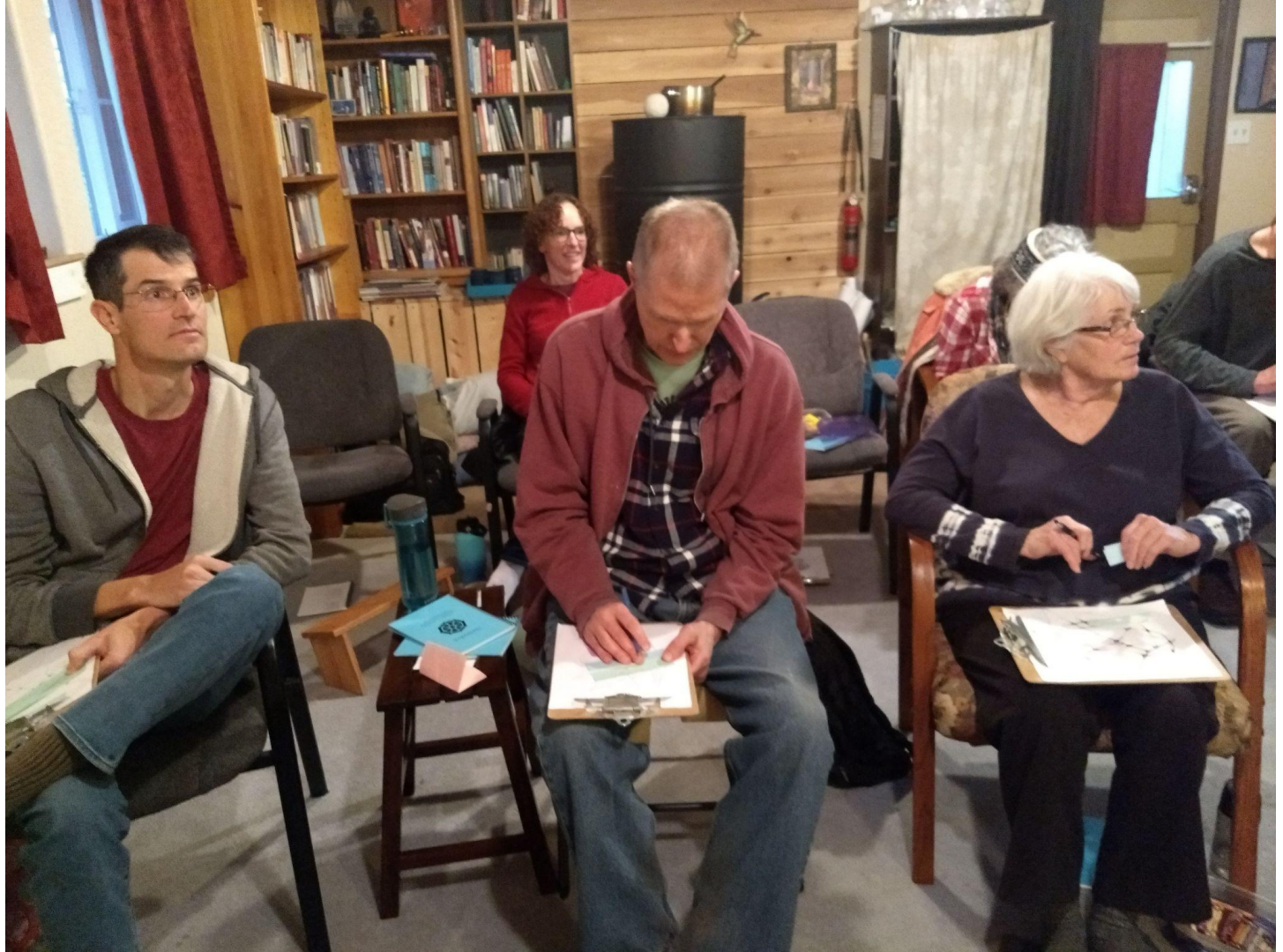
A place for sharing

with all living beings

Sadhu Sadhu Sadhu



What
awesome
learners,
always
ready to
explore and
investigate
more!



Ananda: “I think good friends are half of the spiritual life.”

Buddha: “Don’t say that Ananda, Don’t say that. Friendship with the good is the whole of the spiritual life.”





Friends
relaxing
during a
potluck

Mindfulness in the Garden

This popular program held during the summer gives us an occasion to slow down and notice the changes happening around and within us.





The mysterious
Ollie -
phantom
watchdog for
Deer Park and
Khema's little
companion.

*We miss
you Kathleen,
and wish you
well in France.*

Our “backyard” park - the Garden of the Gods - always welcomes us for an impromptu hike.

Bonjour
mes
amis!



Retreats

This year, Web of Connection sponsored three retreats. Five scholarships were awarded to those in need.

In May, we explored “Mindfulness off the Cushion” at the Franciscan Center in Colorado Springs





Hmm...
how can we
apply the four
foundations of
mindfulness to
this situation?



Mindful
speech
and
mindful
listening.



Mindful
resting.



Mindful
walking

Mindful of thoughts
and feelings
as they arise,
remain
and pass away.



The beauty of the
Aspens greeted us at the
Golden Bell Retreat and
Conference Center in
Divide for our Fall retreat.



Gazing at the solar eclipse reminded us of how our **true nature**, though always bright, sometimes gets obscured by passing phenomena.



We stayed cozy and warm in the beautiful chalet at Golden Bell.



Community Work Days

Spring and Fall workdays provide an opportunity to spruce up Deer Park, and to show our appreciation for the unique space where we gather together.



Community Garden

This year's crew
of blossoming
gardeners at
Deer Park.

Thank you for all
your care and
hard work!





Cultivating

Abundance

Beauty

Health

Pollinators

Interdependence

Generosity

Gratitude

Life



Gathering
the bounty -
healthy food
and healthy
friendships.

Sukie: Our good friend and neighbor, working hard and always smiling.



Lea adds her touch of beauty to Deer Park's entry.



Happy Hikers

Organized by John Moeller, these weekly hikes are a great way to experience connection with the Earth and each other. Together, we did

25 hikes

100 + miles

25,000 feet elevation gain

Group size 3-8 people

(and occasional furry friends)

Including

Catamount Reservoir, Barr trail,
Red Rock Canyon, 7 Bridges,
Buckhorn Loop, St. Mary's falls,
Columbine, Mt. Cutler to Daniel's
pass, Capt. Jack's Trail and more.



Hey, isn't
this a hiking
group?

What's this
sitting down
business?



John, enjoying the view from up high.



Everything's
impermanent.
All that arises
will surely
pass away.

Sister
Khemanandi
returns to lay life.

Our friend
Khema remains.



Friendships endure
beyond change.

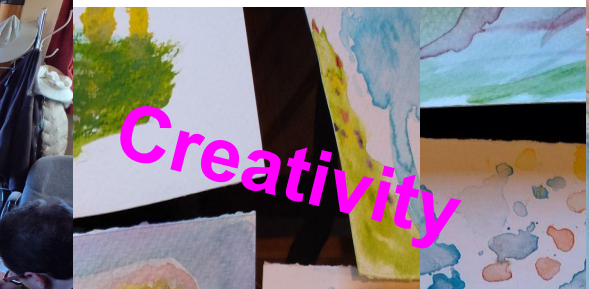




Our annual
New Year's
Retreat brought
out the gifts of
our community.



Trust Emergence



Creativity



Reflection

New Year's Retreat: Peace is Possible

Always willing to share her gifts, Cindi delights us with her music.



With Cheryl's
delicious
cooking, we
know we won't
go hungry at a
WEB event.

Thanks Cheryl!





Peaceful warriors in training.

New Year's Retreat

Let us be prepared to meet the unexpected as the amazing mystery of life keeps unfolding one moment at a time.



Letting go
of the old
and
bringing
in the
new with
our
intentions



Endings
are
New Beginnings

*Thank you to everyone
who is part of our beautiful
community. You make it
rich with your presence.*

