



House Healing with Heidi

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The House on the Top of the Hill

Ever notice how some houses take on a mythic character in a neighborhood? Especially as children, we characterize houses—and often the people who live in them—as creepy, foreboding, magical or just plain different. These observations, readily recognized by children—which include an element of the community agreement—are apparent at an energy level, too.

As houses change hands, often their role in the community will remain the same. In this way, people tend to choose to live in houses whose function in the community matches the people's concept of their own role in the neighborhood. Because of this law of attraction between the role of the house, and the type of people who feel comfortable in it,

oftentimes houses will attract people who are amazingly similar to the ones who just left. Interestingly, though, sometimes the match between the energy of the house and its new owners is at a different level and not immediately obvious.

Consider an older Boulder neighborhood full of quiet, brick houses and mature trees. While I was reading the energy of one of these homes, I continued to see images from World



War II, full of Nazi-style zeal and control. I confirmed that the original owners of this house had arrived from Germany. This house contained bottles of liqueur in the walls, and other hidden treasures in the attic. It was a house out of another time and

place. Because of its strong, commanding character, set by the initial owners, this house assumed the role of overseer in the neighborhood. It held a level of scrutiny that acted to maintain a strict code of conduct within the neighborhood.

The current owners of the house had recently moved in, and were in the process of remodeling the house — in more ways than one. I saw the current owners' energies flooding out to the neighborhood in an attempt to encourage camaraderie and team spirit — as well as a willingness to lead by example in lending a helping hand. The new owners of the house clearly value a strong community bond, based on supporting one another through all of the experiences of life.

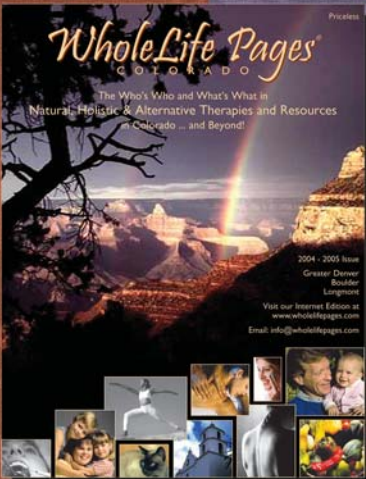
So where is the match? This family, too, has strong values and ideals, a sense of working together for the greater good, a little perfectionism and strong leadership skills. Only a strong family could have taken on the challenge of living in this house, especially considering its role in the neighborhood. This house has maintained its position of setting the tone of the local community. However, with the new owners, that tone has changed. The scrutiny that once dominated the subdivision has been replaced by a vision of neighbors who are willing to uplift one another in their community interactions.

It may be fun to notice the energy of the houses in your neighborhood. Are any of them scary, fun or eccentric? How do you and your abode fit into the neighborhood?



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It is the 5th Annual Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Fair scheduled for a two-day weekend at the Lincoln Center on September 18 and 19. Each year has attracted more fairgoers, and a total of 10,000 are

Headline Speakers:



Nationally known figures such as Nick Forster (left) and Gary Erickson (right) will round out the Fair's extensive list of workshops, demonstrations and seminars.

expected this year. In addition to a large number of vendors presenting information booths, the fair features numerous hands-on workshops, demonstrations, live music, nationally-known speakers and special activities for children.

Workshops:

Windmill: Learn how to make your own electricity-generating windmill by energy maestros Dan Fink and Dan Bartman in the Sustainability Fair's hands-on workshops.

Veggie Van: Learn how to run your vehicle on cooking oil with workshops that take you "from French fries to fuel" or buy biodiesel ready-made from Fair co-sponsor Blue Sun Biodiesel.



Straw bale: It's not just for cows anymore: straw bale houses can be elegant, spacious and energy efficient. Learn how in a hands-on workshop.

The fair organizers are serious about their commitment to the environment. This year features a "zero-waste" goal where no waste will go to the landfill. All food utensils and containers will be reusable, compostable or recyclable. Where the first year's fair sent only 17 pounds of waste to the dump, this year's target is zero! The food service for this event will be directed by Mitch Orland, manager of the local Wild Oats store, the same store that popularized the recyclable "comtainers."

Fair organizers are also serious about their commitment to renewable energy. The entire

event will be powered by solar, wind and biodiesel energy.

Headline speakers for this year's event include Nick Forster, host and co-producer of the popular "E-Town" radio program based in Boulder, and Gary Erickson, owner and CEO of Clif Bar, Inc.

Fair director Kellie Falbo emphasizes that this year's fair will expand to include such topics as Achieving Sustainable Communities, Sustainability for Educators, the global impact of coffee growing and the value of grassroots organizing. Her goal is for the fair to "reflect the nature of the realities of our ever more interconnected global village."

For more information and details on the current and prior fairs, visit the Web site at www.SustainableLivingFair.org or phone 970-224-FAIR. Vendors can obtain a 10% discount by signing on before July 15. Fairgoers can purchase one or two-day passes at the gate. A one-day pass is \$5, two days for \$8, with discounts for seniors and students. Kids under 12 are free.



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