THE LODGE TRANSFORMED

This Summer we celebrate the completed restoration of the Lodge. In its new vibrant form, the Lodge features a new dining hall, kitchen, bookstore, and front office as well as a second floor that serves as the new home of the Huxley meeting room. For those of you who haven’t visited the Lodge recently – or for those anticipating a visit soon – enjoy this visual tour of some of the many thoughtful features found throughout this iconic building.

HUXLEY CELESTIAL WINDOWS AND MARKERS
Celestial windows on Huxley’s west wall (facing the Pacific) are positioned to coordinate with significant astronomical events. Summer solstice, winter solstice, and the equinox sunsets at the horizon line are aligned with circular porthole windows that illuminate copper marker discs on the east wall as the sun sets. The other windows on the west wall are minimal to prevent overheating of the room.

SECOND FLOOR SKYLIGHT
This skylight offers a serene place for guests, faculty, and staff to gather and enjoy the natural beauty and wonder that is uniquely and ever-present at Esalen. The form, “the flower of life”, has been depicted in sacred architecture across the world and was studied by Leonardo da Vinci as well.

REDWOOD POSTS
Redwood timbers harvested, milled, and donated by a member of the Esselen Tribe support the enclosable dining area and deck above it. The trees were old-growth redwood that had fallen naturally in a fire at the base of Pico Blanco, a peak in the Ventana Wilderness that has been sacred to the Esselen people for thousands of years.

SECOND FLOOR DOOR HANDLES
Copper door handles greet visitors to the new second floor meeting room. Made by artist David Date of Mt. Mandalas, who also created the second floor skylight, the handles are inspired by a dream a guest had before coming to Esalen.
**FIRST FLOOR MOSAIC**
A beautiful mosaic, created in a recent workshop led by Wilma Wyss and Carol Bevilacqua, will be featured in the Lodge’s new downstairs bathroom. Just like a mosaic, Esalen is more than the sum of its parts.

**BAR TOP**
The first floor café features a new bar area, perfect for any gathering or celebration. The top of the bar and stools are made from upcycled oak slats that were once used in wine production.

**SECOND FLOOR TREE COLUMN**
Throughout the Lodge are delightful features including building columns of natural madrone trees. The one pictured here is found on the second floor of the Lodge. The wood was harvested by Esalen President Gordon Wheeler and Property Development Manager Ian-Michael Hébert from trees that needed to be removed in Big Sur.

**CAFÉ DOOR**
All efforts were taken to maintain and repurpose original elements of the Lodge, including the original door to the Huxley meeting room. Many Esalen friends will recognize the beautifully intricate woodwork which now welcomes visitors to the new first floor café. The windows on either side of the door and behind the bar are also reused from the original meeting room to remind people of the many years of teachings and healings that took place there.

**BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION**
Throughout the pages of this special issue of the Friends of Esalen newsletter, you can experience some of the inspiring changes that are propelling Esalen into the future. Through the vision and dedication of our whole Esalen team, and with the generous support of friends like you, Esalen has never been in a more secure and viable position to expand its impact in the world today.

We live in a time of unprecedented challenges…and opportunities. Our strong foundation means we are well-positioned to launch into our second half century of transformational leadership to explore these opportunities. What began as an experiment, in the words of co-founder Michael Murphy, is now a vital catalyst for positive change.

As we experience a transition in our own leadership, we embrace this moment in time to celebrate what Esalen has achieved not only on our Big Sur property, but worldwide.

Sincerely,

Tricia McEntee
CEO

Gordon Wheeler
President and Interim CEO
THE FACES OF CAMPUS RENEWAL
The following donors contributed gifts to Esalen inspired by the Campus Renewal Campaign. We recognize and thank them for their leadership and generosity.

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MARKING MILESTONES
Within the last year, Esalen has achieved a number of milestones in our long-term development plans. We are grateful for the support of our friends and community members who have helped bring to fruition the following accomplishments:

THE ESALEN KITCHEN
The kitchen is the source of our nourishing, farm-to-table experience that sustains approximately 300 people each day. Our re-designed kitchen has expanded to include approximately 2,300 square feet of new/remodeled kitchen and storage space. In addition to replacing aging kitchen equipment, the new kitchen features skylights and solar tubes to leverage natural sunlight, new storage spaces located substantially underground for natural cooling, and low water-use plumbing fixtures for natural resource conservation.

NEW HUXLEY MEETING ROOM
Built upon the foundation of the old Huxley meeting room with similar aesthetics such as beams and tongue and groove ceilings, the new Huxley has been brought up to the second level of the renovated Lodge. This expansive sunlit space is now 35 percent larger to accommodate larger groups. East-facing windows offer beautiful mountaintop views and south-facing windows feature views toward the baths and down the coastline.

SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM
A new 1,000-square-foot meeting room is located adjacent to the new Huxley on the second floor, adding much-needed capacity for workshops. It shares a second-story deck and windows that offer stunning views of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

ACCESSIBILITY
Improvements to the “Path of Travel” addresses guidelines established in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and supports enhanced accessibility to the Lodge. Enhancements include: new van-accessible parking space at the building entrance; barrier-free pathways to the main building entrances; new restrooms for both floor levels; and a 2,100-pound commercial elevator.
It has been more than a year since the Esalen community gathered for a ground honoring marking the public launch of the Campus Renewal Campaign. Prior to that celebration, a number of Esalen supporters already committed to a multi-year campaign to ensure a strong foundation for the Esalen of today and the Esalen of tomorrow.

The following is a conversation with Esalen’s Director of Advancement, Elizabeth Stacey, regarding the status of the Campaign:

*Why is a fundraising campaign necessary for Esalen to advance its mission?*

Elizabeth: Esalen’s mission of personal and social transformation is in service to current and future generations. As a nonprofit organization, we invite everyone who has been touched by this precious place to partner with us in ensuring that Esalen’s buildings and facilities can fully support all those who come seeking to create a better world. We are asking Esalen’s friends to go above and beyond their normal annual giving and support the Campus Renewal Campaign.

*How much has the Campaign raised?*

Elizabeth: We are more than half way toward our campaign goal of $5 million. The two lead gifts, from Chip Conley and Mac and Leslie McQuown, gave the Campaign a tremendous boost. Many others have stepped forward with gifts of all sizes. The Campus Renewal Campaign is part of a larger, comprehensive effort to increase annual giving and major gifts in support of Esalen’s operating costs and programmatic activities such as the Center for Theory & Research, Farm & Garden, Gazebo School Park, scholarships, and much more.

*Is the Campaign over once the Lodge restoration is complete?*

Elizabeth: No, the Campaign continues through 2017. While the Lodge is a highly visible centerpiece of our efforts, this really is about renewing and restoring the Esalen campus. We are building new guest rooms and refurbishing others. The Esalen community is anticipating the start of construction on much needed staff housing at South Coast, and we also are improving Esalen’s infrastructure.

*How much does the property development project cost?*

Elizabeth: This ambitious first phase of Esalen’s long-term development plan comes to $15 million. Esalen obtained a tax-exempt construction loan of $10 million and the goal is for our Campaign to contribute another $5 million.

*Will all these projects change the Esalen I know and love?*

Elizabeth: All of us are committed to the enduring values and practices that Esalen Institute is known for. This place was created as an experiment by visionary, curious, rebellious young people in the 1960s. Today’s guests, students, and teachers embody that same adventurous spirit, and at the same time they want facilities that work in a way that supports their journey and allows them to focus on learning, healing, and exploration. The Lodge renovations are an example of how new and traditional elements are blended together to create a holistic experience that speaks to the Esalen of today.

*How can Esalen friends become involved with the Campus Renewal Campaign?*

Elizabeth: We appreciate gifts of all sizes, and there are other ways to give besides an outright donation. Larger gifts can be made over three to five years. Appreciated stock or property allows some people to make a larger gift than they thought possible. We have an array of naming opportunities for those who seek a lasting legacy. Everyone is invited to contribute by attending our Benefit Weekend this year to be held October 14-16.
Heartfelt thanks to Friends of Esalen who generously support our operations and special priorities. Your contributions are essential to Esalen’s mission of personal and social transformation. It is with gratitude that we present the following honor roll of giving.

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LOOKING AHEAD: STEWARDSHIP OF THE SACRED
IAN-MICHAEL HÉBERT
PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

While sitting in the mountains of Costa Rica recently, I had a vision of the land of Esalen and felt the presence of people that are ready to support the Institute in continuing to realize its potential. We all have this opportunity to honor the sacredness of this land and our earth, and support Esalen in embodying a new level of global, ecological consciousness.

This vision can be realized through the support of those who want to contribute to the stewarding of Esalen’s future. A new day is dawning at Esalen; and a strong foundation is being built for our future in all aspects of our operations, facilities, programs, and global alliances.

The renovation and expansion of the Lodge, the building and renovation of guest rooms, and rebuilding of our South Coast staff housing are three major components in the first phase of implementing our long-term development plans. However, our Campus Renewal has implications far beyond this moment. Esalen has established a coastal development permit that allows us to transform the campus with the removal of 24 buildings and the building of 27 new structures. We intend to implement this plan using state-of-the-art building techniques and with respect to all who grace this sacred place. With the support of Esalen friends, we plan to add new staff accommodations at our South Coast center and build a new bridge over Hot Springs Creek as our next major projects.

Beyond that, our long-term development team and board are working with the community to establish the priorities for the next phase of renovations and construction. We aim to move towards a more energy-efficient and sustainable campus which can hold space for us to gather, share our spirit, and do transformational work.

Our task, in truly stewarding this sacred place, is quite formidable. The roadways, utilities, roofs, and general facilities are mostly in need of replacement or repair. With the help of philanthropic support we can address these issues.

We are all invested in the future of Esalen in different ways, yet the spirit of our contributions is rooted in a similar recognition of Esalen’s role in personal and social transformation. We are all stewards of the sacred, and by contributing to Esalen, we are contributing to a vision of a world where we all can explore and realize our shared human potential.

“A new day is dawning at Esalen…”
JOIN US
Your support of our $5 million Campus Renewal Campaign can help us achieve the largest property development in Esalen’s history. Our Campus Renewal efforts ensure that the Esalen experience can continue today and well into the future.

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CGAs are a great choice for Friends of Esalen who are preparing for retirement and/or life on a fixed income. You receive an immediate tax benefit and fixed annuity lifetime payments can add up to more than former investment income. Upon the donor’s death, a CGA benefits Esalen and leaves a lasting legacy.

In addition to the giving opportunities above, you can also support those areas that are in most urgent need at Esalen, including vital scholarships that ensure greater access to groundbreaking workshops. Gifts to the Friends of Esalen Fund also enable Esalen leadership to evaluate and respond to the Institute’s most pressing needs, for the highest and best use of your philanthropic contributions in service of our mission.

“My experiences at Esalen since 1996 have encouraged an integration of my mind, body, and spirit, fortifying a deeper connection with the peace and wisdom living within me. Having a dependable relationship with this inner peace has given me the clarity and confidence to understand and play my part in serving the greater good. Contributing to Esalen is one of the ways I am helping to bring the vision and practices of expanded human potential to the broader community.” – Meg Coyle, Seminarian since 1996

“Esalen helped enable my success and remarkable enrichment of my life. My donation is a tiny offering for these results. Giving through a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) allows me to make a generous Legacy gift to Esalen, while receiving a new income source that I can count on for the rest of my life.” – Derwin Gilbreath, Seminarian since 1976
BENEFIT WEEKEND 2016

Join us for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Lodge as part of this year’s Benefit Weekend. Mini workshops and featured performances by Vernon Bush, Geeta Novotny, and Nina Wise, among others, will be offered throughout the weekend. Celebrate Esalen Prize Award recipients Ken and Maddy Dychtwald and Spirit of Esalen Award recipients Terry Hunt and Marion Hunt.

Learn more at www.esalen.org/2016benefitweekend

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