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# RESONANCE

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Autumn shortens our days and slowly transforms our surroundings from summer's dusty greens to yellows, scarlets, and browns. Up in the mountains, the aspens in the long canyons have started to blaze golden, and here in the valleys where the rabbit brush is in full bloom, its mounds of yellow blossoms are visible along the roadsides and in areas where there is a bit more water.

We have received a wonderful harvest from the garden this year. Many people helped to plant, water, and weed, and the garden rewarded all this effort. We have enjoyed greens, beets, carrots, tomatoes, beans, squash and corn. The shorter days have caused our vegetables to begin to slow down production and their leaves to turn brown, but this has been a very good garden season, with enough vegetables to freeze, can, enjoy at dinnertimes and share with neighbors.

Our lush potato patch is still flowering, so it will be another three or four weeks before we harvest any potatoes, but we have hopes of many pounds of lovely potatoes ripening in the ground underneath all those thick

potato vines we have watched grow all summer long.

Our drying shed has already been used for drying some of our herbs, and it is ready to handle some of the orchard's bounty as well. The apples and pears are almost ready to pick, and we have enjoyed plums and peaches as snacks on these late summer days.

A work crew has begun to remodel the south unit, beginning with new double-pane windows. The garden shed has a new roof, too. Work continues on the Weese and Cozzie residences. A housekeeping crew has begun to inventory our guest rooms and plans to update some of these as time and finances allow.

Down on the pond, a new float has been constructed. This will allow us a platform to cut back the cattails that are slowly taking over the pond. We have several kinds of cutters, including a gasoline model that can be used underwater. Although we have begun to remove the cattails along the shore, we are hopeful that the float will help us reach the growth that is occurring farther out in the pond itself.

Several other groups have been meeting since early summer. The housing committee has been looking at long-range planning to meet the School's needs. The residency committee has met to consider ways to integrate guests into Home Farm life and to clarify financial guidelines and expectations. The preparedness committee has discussed ways to prepare for whatever might be coming down the 'financial pike' in terms of food, energy, medical needs, etc., and has begun inventorying supplies currently on hand.

In addition, we continue to meet on Thursday evenings after dinner to read and discuss various selections, concentrating to date mostly on general semantics. The texts give us many opportunities to ask questions, discuss and clarify. The various points of view help each of us gain understanding of ideas and of each other.

The past several months have been a time of much coming and going as Home Farm residents have left the valley to visit family and friends throughout the United States. We have left for summer vacations as well as for family reunions and funerals.

Ric Satriano, a life-long student of the wisdom teachings and of the School of

the Natural Order, made his transition in August. Ric studied with several teachers during his life, beginning with Vitvan's student Laurel Chivington Keyes, his neighbor in Denver, who first taught him to meditate. In the mid-seventies, after long study of Vitvan's teachings, his quest brought him to Baker to meet with Anita. This visit inspired him to write *Vitvan, An American Master*.

Ric donated the book and all proceedings from its sales to the School. His book and his classes introduced many students and Home Farm residents to Vitvan's work, and continue to do so today. We are indebted to Ric for his love of the wisdom teachings and his generosity to the School. He will be missed by those of us who knew him and are here because of his guidance. ON INTO LIGHT!

May the peace and the Power of the Infinite Spirit, which passes all understanding, hold us and keep us in the love of the Christed Consciousness, while we are seemingly separated one from another.

— Susan Wetmore  
with Val Taylor, 2009