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# RESONANCE

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## Around the Place

Winter usually settles in during December, giving us cold sunny days and even colder clear nights. After the bustle of Thanksgiving, we start to stay indoors more, turning our attention to projects put off during the busy summer months.

December began as usual, but by the end of the month, things looked very different. Snow began to fall on the day of winter solstice, and by dusk the following night, well over two feet of snow had fallen. Another six to eight inches accumulated over the next several days.

Home Farm looked beautiful, draped in pristine white. The valley, too, assumed a very different aspect. The flat whiteness of everything transformed our valley vista into something that, although lovely, looked quite unfamiliar.

All this snow gave our new snowplow a good workout. A new snowplow blade, purchased in early December, was mounted on one of the tractors here at the School. The snowplow/tractor combination does a good job on the roads, and cleared not only our roads, but also helped some of

our neighbors get out of their driveways, too. The trusty old International truck still has its snow blade, and it will be used for fine tuning and finishing the plow jobs.

Once the majority of the snow was cleared, the remaining layers of snow turned into ice over most of the plowed and shoveled areas. The bitter cold ensured that the ice lasted well in to January, when a thaw arrived, creating acres of mud that we slog and slip through, albeit very carefully.

The snow led to the cancellation of Christmas dinner, since it was so difficult to get from one place to another. However, we made up for this by having a lovely potluck dinner on New Year's Day. Home Farm residents and neighbors arrived with delicious food, and we had the opportunity to visit with one another after the isolation brought on by the snow.

Although the bitter cold dropped temperatures in the greenhouse to the point where the tomatoes inside froze, an experimental 'crop' of spinach is being grown in an old stock watering tub placed on one of the greenhouse

shelves. So far, the spinach is doing well, although growing slowly.

A seed inventory has also been completed. We have on hand most of what we will need for this coming growing season, although we will put in our orders soon to be ready for spring.

Our root cellar continues to hold vegetables from the fall. Periodically we bring boxes of delicious onions, potatoes, and squash from the root cellar into the food room for residents to use.

The work on the south unit has almost been completed. This past week a work crew installed the carpet in the living area. The bathroom, with its new shower and lavatory, sparkles. The insulation in the walls not only holds the heat in much better, but acts as sound-proofing as well. With just a bit more work, the unit will be ready for guests.

One of the areas we have been focusing on through our Buildings and Grounds Committee is upgrading the facilities here at the School. Last spring we worked on the guest rooms, painting and redecorating each one, including the purchase of new mattresses for every bed. This past fall and winter the south unit has been the focus of

attention. The next big project, once the weather cooperates, will be siding the meditation center. The stucco (which was put up thirty years ago) is cracking due to the effects of our high desert weather, and the committee decided to put siding up in its place.

The Seminar Committee has prepared a survey for our mailing list. This survey has several goals. First, we are asking our students about preferences for School of the Natural Order seminars. We also have requested information to update our mailing and email lists, and have included some general information questions as well. We will mail this to you by mid-February. Please be on the lookout for it, and return it promptly to us in the enclosed stamped envelope. Thank you for your help.

And now, may the peace and 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  
January, 2011

Long time Home Farm residents Jane and Pat Murray would like to let SNO folks know that they are selling their 6.24 acre lot in "Parkview Estates." For those of you unfamiliar with that area, it is property across the paved highway from Home Farm that Vitvan bought when he purchased the Fielding property for the Home Farm site. Over the years it has been subdivided and sold to people associated with the School. The lot for sale has easy access to Highway 488 (the paved road from Baker to Great Basin National Park), has panoramic views with pinion and juniper trees, and is unimproved. It is bordered by Highway 488, Baker Ranch property, private property, and BLM land. It is zoned residential and cannot be subdivided. The asking price is \$15,000. If interested please call Jane or Pat at 775-234-7254 or email them at [patmurster@gmail.com](mailto:patmurster@gmail.com)