Learning Lab at Grailville

“Called by our spiritual values, we envision a world of peace, justice and renewal of the earth, brought about by women working together as catalysts for change”

When The Grail founded Grailville’s Year School (est. 1944) a supporting belief was in “doubling one’s ability.” The women of The Year School believed that everyone had a talent, a gift with which they were born. At the Year School women were encouraged to flourish and grow that gift while simultaneously be challenged to step completely out of one’s comfort zone and take on a new skill. Learning, trying, failing, learning and trying again in a safe environment taught the women who came here how to excel once they left; confident leaders who understood the value of failure and who were unafraid. They had “doubled their ability.”

Today The Grail in the US invites Community Partners (schools, community-based organizations, faith communities, nonprofits, etc.) to “double their ability.” If your organization would like to try-out a land-based project but do not have the land necessary, you may submit the attached application for use of land space at Grailville, for a limited time, free of charge with the understanding that a project report will be submitted at the end of the project or year. These micro-“land use” grants will:

• Support test projects or pilot programs,
• Utilize small land space,
• Not rely on land development or long-term investment,
• Be operated/staffed/conducted by the applicant, and
• Will be temporary, portable, and replicable.

The Grail has NGO observer status at the United Nations (UN) which has identified 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The Grail strives to make these SDGs a daily part of its work and mission. In addition to the parameters listed above a Learning Lab project should correspond to at least 1 of these SDGs.

Over the next 3 to 5 years these land-use Learning Lab projects will showcase to community members utilizing our outdoor space (through passive education) how they too can take small steps in supporting the renewal of earth at their homes.

We recognize that in America people are fluid—they change jobs, change homes, change communities. There is also a strong movement embracing micro spaces and ever smaller carbon footprints. The current and upcoming land-based micro-projects at GV target these changes and expectations and embrace the Grail’s role in providing knowledge for today and the future.

Welcome to the Learning Lab at Grailville!

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