

Collection Summary

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Title: Sparrow Hawk Village

Extent: 3 Folder(s)

Span Dates: 1986-2004

Language: English

Geographic Location: Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Abstract: This collection consists of newsletters, programs, and catalogs.

Historical Notes: In 1959, Carol W. Parrish had a near-death experience that spiritually transformed her, and she thus set off on a spiritual quest. In 1974, she and her husband, Charles Harra, founded a New Age community called Villa Serena in Sarasota, Florida, but soon the Parrish-Harras felt guided to move their community to Oklahoma. In 1981, they and four other families moved to Sparrow Hawk Mountain near Tahlequah, Oklahoma. On a campus that has grown to encompass 440 acres of land they developed several interrelated projects, including the Sparrow Hawk Village settlement, the Light of Christ Community Church, and the Sancta Sophia Seminary. Carol Parrish-Harra has continued to be the group's director and teacher; her distinctive teachings combine esoteric Christianity, Kabalah, and Agni Yoga, among other things. Sparrow Hawk Village has grown to have dozens of homes, reaching a population of 97 by 2006. Individuals and families build their own houses; many work in Tulsa or nearby Muskogee or are self-employed, coming together for meditation meetings, and other community activities. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2nd ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2015. pgs. 417-418.

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Communal living; Collective settlements; New Age movement; International Council of Community Churches; Tahlequah (Okla.); Interfaith worship

Administrative Information

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