

Living Localism

GKC Said We Should Do It

I'm Doing It

You Can, Too

God made man so man might become like God

First God made the Garden. Then He made man to participate in creation: families (making more of humanity), clothing from wool, tables from wood, etc., commerce.

Christ participated in this as both God, and as man under Joseph's tutelage.

Localism is a daily participation in Creation.

We're Living This Life Because GKC Challenged Us To Do So

The inn does not point to the road; the road points to the inn. And all roads point at last to an ultimate inn, where we shall meet Dickens and all his characters; and when we drink again it shall be from the great flagons in the tavern at the end of the world.

– Chesterton, *Charles Dickens*

Welcome to Angel Hill Farm



Localist Life goes from Small to Big

- Home
- Neighbors / Village
- Local Community
- Encourages and Rewards Generalization

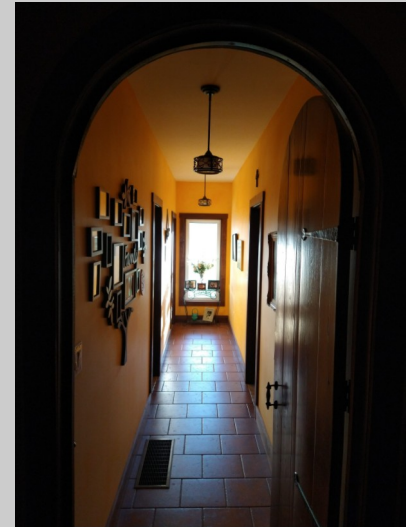
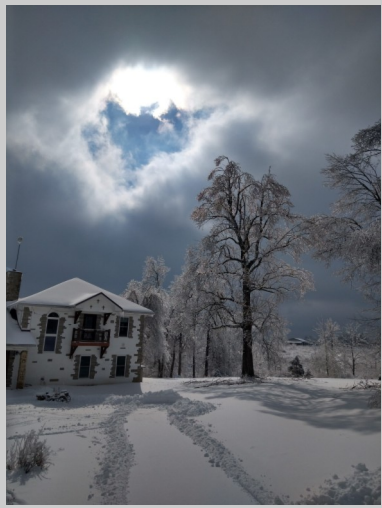
Home

- Combination Dickensian Inn, German Gästehaus, Tuscan villa, Cotswolds cottage
- Place for kids and their families, library, garden
- Last for centuries
- Fit into existing landscape and place
- Age in place; able to make smaller on demand
- Deep respect for creation and existing flora, fauna

“If a thing is worth doing it is worth doing badly.”

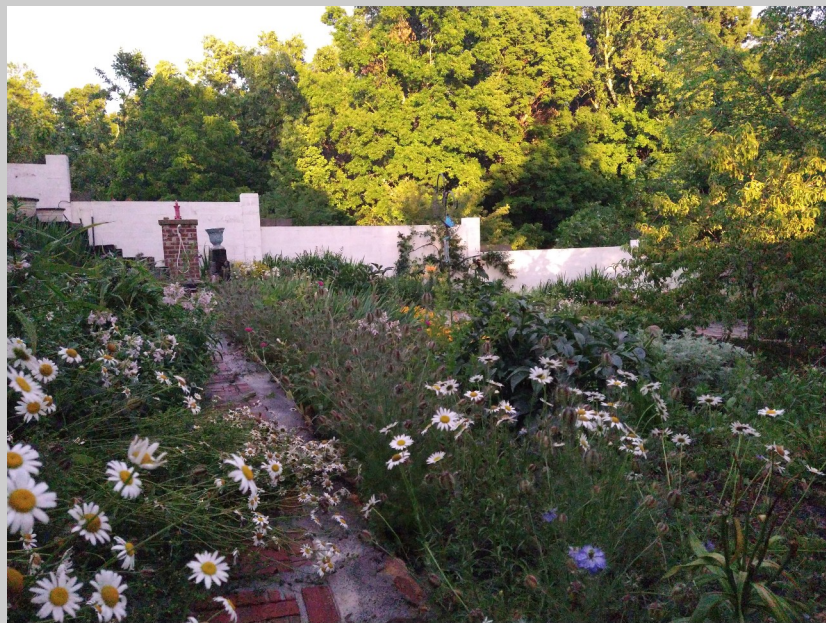
– GK Chesterton, *What's Wrong With The World*

Building a Home





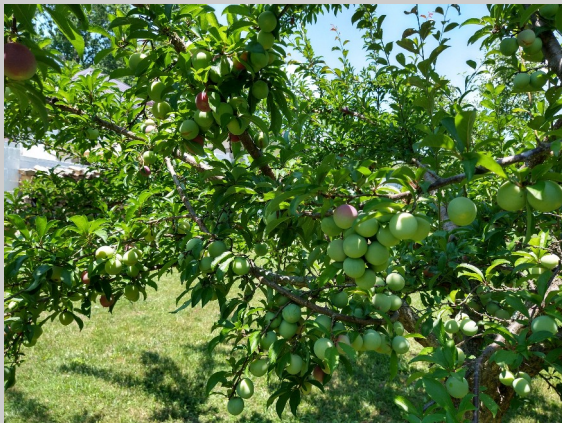
Garden



Forest



Orchard



Home Made Liqueurs



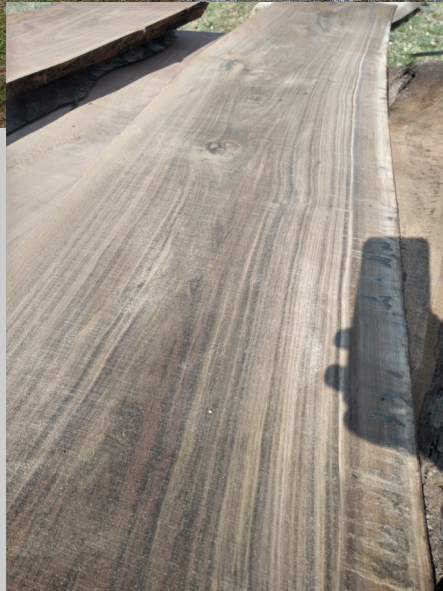
Farm Table



Charcuterie Boards



Sawmill



Fr Vincent McNabb: Back to the Land

“Lastly, the men and women who are preparing to quit the towns for the land of their native country are prompted by the love of their country. They recognise that no town feeds or clothes itself, but must necessarily be fed and clothed by the dwellers on the land. Moreover, they go on to recognise that the more people dwell in the town, the more people must dwell on and till the land. Hence, a State so organised that town-dwellers increase and land-dwellers decrease is a State bleeding to death.”

“Neighbors” into a Village

- Meet and get to know neighbors
 - The Ball and the Cross
- Gather neighbors regularly (summer, winter)
- Help neighbors and instill culture of helping
- Work on projects with neighbors
- Plan for future resilience with neighbors

Community

- Exercise your franchise and your voice
- Help make Parish Strong
- Extension Service Board
- Make Friends with State Forester
- Coach High School Soccer
- Planning and Zoning Commissioner
- All Night Book Club
- Local Coffee Shop Regular
- Know People at Mexican Restaurant and Valvoline

Women's Walking Club



Presumption of Impossibility is Both Predictable and Incorrect



*Jim and Deb Fallows, *Our Towns Civic Foundation*

Take Localism Beyond Local

- Join Localist or homesteading groups on SM
- Find people, make friends, encourage others
- Support others trying to live authentic localism

Trade with Other Localists



Cultural Debris Excursions



Localism Lessons

- Live with Creation: time and seasons
- You don't have to be a homesteader
- You can't do what you don't try

In Closing

“I have been accused of considering nature no more than free larder from which to take gourmet food, but this is not true. My love affair with nature is so deep that I am not satisfied with being a mere onlooker, or nature tourist. I crave a more real and meaningful relationship. The spicy teas and tasty delicacies I prepare from wild ingredients are the bread and wine in which I have communion and fellowship with nature, and the Author of that nature.

– Euell Gibbons, *Stalking the Healthful Herb*