



# Village Life

## Mark your calendars for High Desert Village’s 2024 Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th

11 AM to 3 PM

Bend Golf & Country Club - 61045 Country Club Drive

This is a members only event. Reservations can be made at the HDV website or by contacting Jane McEldowney at [<ladybugmce@gmail.com>](mailto:ladybugmce@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, May 7**

**Luncheon** will include dairy-free and gluten-free options.

### Village News

#### Website Tutorial

If you haven't had a chance to learn how to use the HDV website and would like more information, there's help. Below is a link to the recorded training session. The link is to an "unlisted" YouTube video which means that no one can search for this video but anyone who has the link can view it. So please do not forward this link to anyone.

[https://youtu.be/D5\\_qpKmvqwY](https://youtu.be/D5_qpKmvqwY)

#### Time to Pay the Piper

May is membership renewal time, with a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for submitting your payment. Individual membership is \$120 annually with a household level of \$180 per year. Renewing is easy on the HDV website. Once you've logged in, click on the Members tab at the top, scroll down to the Renew Membership tab where you will be able to make a payment with a credit or debit card.

### Lines Written in Early Spring

By William Wordsworth

I heard a thousand blended notes,  
While in a grove I sate reclined,  
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link  
The human soul that through me ran;  
And much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,  
Their thoughts I cannot measure;  
But the least motion which they made  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan,  
Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man?



### Earthly Observations

In light of the recent Earth Day with events continuing for an entire Earth Week, we might listen once again to the prophetic words of American astronomer, planetary scientist and science communicator, Carl Sagan.

In 1990, Sagan, who had collaborated with NASA, suggested that the Voyager 1 spacecraft take a last look at its home planet as it was departing our planetary neighborhood for the fringes of the solar system. Sagan's book Pale Blue Dot was inspired by the Voyager 1 image taken. Here is Sagan's reading from that experience.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRcxjprhTGM>

Sagan's prose inspires this observation. Our species is a curious lot. With our supposedly superior intelligence we are capable of great literature, beautiful works of creative arts, human kindness and compassion and the emotion of love.

Conversely, we commit atrocities against our own and other species, the environment that sustains all life, wallow in avarice and engage in the most egregious of human activities, war.

*Gene Storm, Editor*

### Music Corner

Often times it is from the arts that we get direction. In an earlier time of conflict, Buffy Sainte-Marie, an indigenous singer from Canada provided such an observation. Here her song, **Universal Solider**, is performed by Swedish sisters Johanna and Klara Söderberg, with an update to some of the lyrics. Peace!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Xq831bztPg>

