

First Steps in Becoming an Owner/Renter in Wise Acres

You are considering moving into an intentional community with a long and rich history of working and living together. We would like you to get to know us, and for us to get to know you. We want you to thrive here, and for our community to thrive as well. It's important for you to be able to make an informed decision about joining us. Below is the process we have created to support this.

Your potential seller / landlord will act as your primary host, & can tour you around, introduce you to people and answer any questions you may have about Wise Acres & Indianola. If they are unable to do this, they will connect you to a person, or people who will serve this function.

- ❑ **Review the “New Member Guidebook”.** This covers many of the current practices, benefits and responsibilities that joining our community entails. Feel free to ask questions!

- ❑ **Meals:** To learn more about us and become familiar with our community, talk with your primary host to arrange attending a community meal. If you find that you're serious about filling one of our current openings, you may wish to attend a few. As you spend time with us, sharing food, you can experience some of our norms, ask questions of others besides your host, and engage in small group conversations to get to know us.

- ❑ **Meetings:** To better understand how we work together, please talk with your primary host to arrange attending a community meeting as an observer.
 - We have a monthly visioning/business meeting, (viz/biz) where you can see our consensus decision making process in action and how we process ideas.

We also have a monthly community support meeting where we tackle topics that have a higher emotional content, strengthen our community cohesion, work to resolve conflicts, and provide support to individuals or families as the need arises. These are generally closed to non-residents to ensure confidentiality and comfort.

- ❑ **Work Parties:** If we are having a work party within your timeframe of interest, come and join in! Working together is a wonderful way to get to know each other.

- ❑ **Get to know us:** Get together with the folks that live here. Go for a walk, have a cup of tea or coffee, spend time in the garden together, share a dinner. This is a good opportunity to gather different perspectives and see if you are excited about participating in our community. Your host can provide contact info., introductions and can help you connect.

We are happy to get to know you, honored that you're interested in joining us, and value the vitality that new residents bring to Wise Acres.