

Atalanta Association  
November, 2018 report

Since the Subud World Congress in Freiburg, much has been happening with the Atalanta project. We would like to share what we are up to in addition to the use of our grant money.

Summer 2018 proved to be another successful growing season for the cooperative orchard garden, providing 17 families with fresh produce and surplus going to the local food bank.

Atalanta is in the middle of their second annual SeedMoney fundraiser. Last year over \$2000 dollars was raised which helped purchase table height garden beds, orchard trees and upgrade the solar system and water delivery systems. Funds from this years campaign will be used to improve paths and the footing under the raised accessible garden beds for a solid, firm, level surface for gardeners of all abilities. Additional grant money would be used to improve our solar well and gravity feed drip irrigation system. You can view this ongoing campaign by visiting <https://donate.seedmoney.org/2937/atalanta-community-garden>

We had two wonderful educational interactions with Colorado College faculty and students with the theme of environment and spirituality. Students were hosted by various spiritual groups and then they and their hosts had a sharing and discussion presentation and luncheon. Each session was very special and rewarding.

Atalanta provided equine therapy over a weekend in August to survivors of a mass shooting. It was a moving, uplifting experience. We will continue to work with therapists and groups to provide this service.

In early November we had a productive board meeting. We discussed our building plans, infrastructure installation, and upcoming projects and gatherings.

We are excited about hosting the Human Force Project participants next summer and hopefully hosting a regional family camp/gathering as well. Through our partnership with Human Force volunteers will apply stucco to the cold storage room that is part of the existing straw bale garden building and greenhouse, work on beautification projects and on the land and interact with the local community and Subud group with a variety of activities and workshops. <https://susiladharmausa.org/human-force/>

**We would like to thank the \$100K fund and WSA for their work and for the gift of \$3500.00 to support the development of Atalanta Association.** Our proposal requested funds to complete the installation of utilities to the property. This is necessary to fulfill our mission of having dormitory/educational/latihan space as Colorado water law will not permit this type of development on our well. Due to Colorado's strict water use laws and the location of Atalanta's property this has been a slow and costly

process. We are making progress working with the Water and Sanitation district, the county land use office, the Baca Grande Property Owners Association and our lawyers to insure that every step is completed correctly.

Because of our immediate need for housing and meeting space and the schedule delays we have come across, we have decided that our next project will be an off-grid, multi-use building while continuing the process of bringing infrastructure to the land for future expansion. **The \$3500 we have been granted for utility development is being used to assist in the legal and engineering part of bringing utilities to the site** while the construction of this off grid building will benefit Subud, the local community and Atalanta's volunteers and interns earlier than if our construction was to wait for the infrastructure process to be completed. To date, \$1000 of the grant has been spent in legal for the final steps to secure our utility easement. We are continuing our work with the water and sanitation district on our district zoning application and engineering and anticipate additional costs.