

# THE GROVE'S

## Family News Update



### Warm year-end greetings!

This year was filled with the enjoyable rhythms of work, family and personal life. A huge highlight was our summer weekend with the whole family at a lodge.

Mel & I have found a new favorite sunset spot by a walking trail. We can picnic overlooking Lake Washington and the Olympic mountains. At times we bring our instruments; people have stopped to listen. :-)





Our furnace died and needed to be replaced, so of course I completely gutted and refinished the room. [beware the dangerously growing house project] :-). This took up a large part of the beginning of the year, but since this also is our laundry and storage room, everything is so much better now!

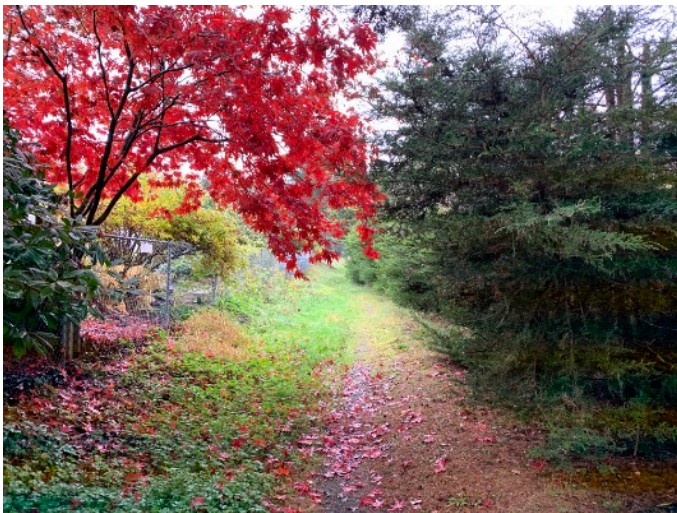
A good friend from Germany stayed with us about that time. Conversations were fascinating! We were able to take her kayaking with us on Lake Washington in the beauty of nature.



A business trip brought Alan to the west coast and home from New York for a few days. We set up a surprise dinner and had him walk in on Andrew and Austin without them expecting him. It was classic!

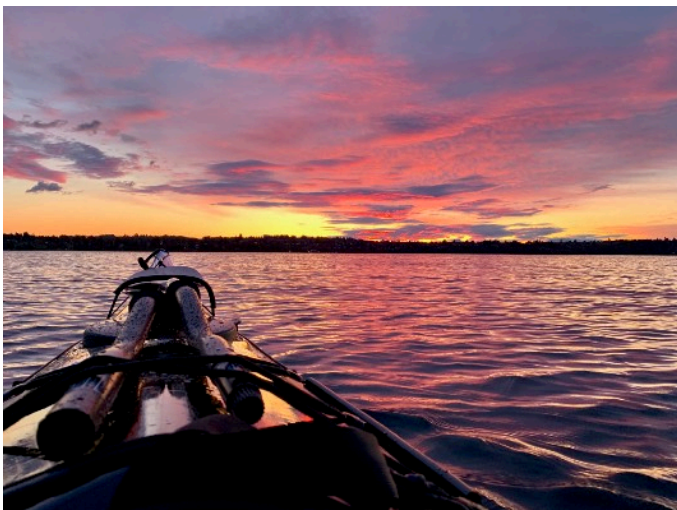
He came back in the summer. By coordination, Jessi flew in from Germany the same afternoon. It was a grand few weeks of doing stuff all together. That lodge we went to was right overlooking a river, and we had a photographer come preserve it.





Urban hiking and water hiking (kayaking) continue to recreate my soul. It's hard to think of better places to be. Playing the cello is pretty good though too.

Melanie recreates with fibers by knitting with her little buddy. :-)



May you have a great new year!

*Larry & Melanie*