

Hello, my name is Margaret Roesch and I have been lucky enough to share the past 22 years with my wife, Pat McAulay, by my side. I am a transplant to NC from West Lafayette, IN, and it was the best thing I ever did.

When I left Indiana, I was 36 years old, ready to try a new career (Music Therapy), a new geographical home (Greenville, NC) and I finally came out to myself (and everyone) else as a lesbian. Finally, all the pieces in my life were fitting in the right places and by the time I was 40, I had a fledgling Music Therapy business in Durham, had bought a small townhouse to call my own and was soon to meet Pat.

I have always enjoyed quiet pursuits: reading, crocheting, visiting with friends and amazingly, can watch women's pro or college basketball with the best of them. I value friendships and have tried often to create events and gatherings which will allow a variety of acquaintances from various parts of my life to gather for awhile and see what they have in common. These can be anything from a shared meal, an open house in our home, a trip to the NC beach, now, a cohousing community for many of us to call home.

I picture living in Village Hearth as a little piece of summer camp with our own cozy home and the shared campus and Common House right outside our door to allow for spontaneous gatherings whenever we choose. I can just hear the laughter from neighboring porches or the common terrace. I look forward to having folks to share a meal, a night at the symphony or singing folk songs around a campfire.

I'm learning that as I age the most important thing to me is my connection to the people in my world (but, of course, my favorite recliner chair takes a close 2nd!)

