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Dear Friends,

The Nature Institute was founded 15 years ago, in 1998. Four years later we moved into the building in which we have since carried out ongoing research and offered adult education programs. This spring the construction of a new wing and the renovation of the old building have been completed. With a beautiful, bright hall, office and research spaces, and a welcoming foyer, we have doubled the size of our facilities. And already in February we were able to use the new spaces in our course for farmers and apprentices. The spacious new rooms allowed for hands-on learning for the 25 participants. Photos in this issue will give you an impression of the new interior and how old and new harmonize with each other.

Work on this project spanned several years. Now, at its completion, we take a deep breath to appreciate everything and to express our gratitude to everyone who helped to make it possible. On May 25 and 26 we will celebrate the opening of the new wing with the community and friends of The Nature Institute.

Much has been going on at the Institute besides construction, and this issue of *In Context* lets you participate in three major strands of our work: Our effort to take up and illuminate new developments in science; the articulation of a truly holistic view of the world, here in the words of Henri Bortoft, who recently passed away and whose writings have stimulated so many people; and the engagement with the concrete phenomena of the world in a way that allows something of their essential nature to come to expression. We hope you enjoy this issue!

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