

UN FOLDING THE FANTASTIC

THE INVESTIGATION

POINTS OF INTEREST

- cutting-edge developments and practices
- what's next in sustainability?
- if so... what might that mean?
- is there an emerging global DIY-culture?
- working with nature
- post-industrial reuse, living structures, art projects, greening the city, animals in the city
- the creative adaptability of the built environment
- permaculture, integrative design, stacking functions, niche awareness
- collaborative and functional design
- low-tech, no tech innovations
- hacker spaces, co-working facilities, public workshops, free schools
- novel forms of social organization
- intentional communities, transition towns, slow cities, squats
- support systems and ways to help each other
- participating in the varying bike communities around the world
- re-appropriating public spaces
- self-directed living

SOME WONDERING QUESTIONS

- Questioning the definitions and conceptualization of 'valuables', 'resources', & 'growth'
- how do the citizens of different countries see, understand, & live with these terms?
- what relationships does one's job/occupation/work have with these terms?
- do these terms frame one's ideas of 'success'?
- Is an impending 'collapse' a widespread notion; and can crises be seen as an opportunity

THE ADVENTURE

responsible, human-scale transportation

- foldable bicycle
 - its versatile nature
 - human-powered
- sailboat
 - nature-powered, human-directed
 - retracing Joshua Slocum's solo-circumnavigation, circa 1890

our own adaptability in changing contexts and extremes

- reduce our reliance upon money
 - bartering whenever possible
 - reclaiming 'waste products'
- maintain our low trash output
- carry the least amount of supplies we can
- support local businesses
- embrace the unexpected & the unusual
 - especially when it challenges and/or threatens our personal beliefs

hospitality

- using hospitality networks such as Hospitality Club and Couchsurfing
 - as a way to make friends, meet locals, & engage authentically with the surrounds to receive generosity-based accommodation
 - to promote and strengthen the practice and value of hospitality; without which, this trip would be impossible

THE TREASURE

we expect to be inspired, and inspire, everywhere we go

- building knowledge and connection
- sharing and instigating
- participating in the manifestation of a world-wide community
- sharing our experiences of bicycling and promoting the use of human-scale transportation

collect people's thoughts

- offer those we meet the opportunity to speak
 - what do you want people to know?
 - what is happening in the and/or your world?
 - what strategies would you like to share?
- develop a deserving use for their contribution

an updated blog

- featuring written pieces, pictures, & videos
- yarns & tales from life in the unfolded road

articles

- in magazines
- on websites

synthesize a personal meaning & purpose from the trip

- preparing & strategizing for life-after-the-trip
- applying & building upon what we've learned
- share, share, & share