

Village View

The Newsletter of
Camphill Village



September 2015

A Busy Spring
and Summer
for the
Estate Crew

Anne Ratner
Concert Series

Annual Fund
Update

New Residents

A Festive
Wedding Day!

A New Chapter for
a Village Friend

A Tribute to
David Cochrane

A Trip to Brussels

Brothers
and Sisters Day

Whitsun Eve Celebration

Photo:
House Leader
Tania Zambrano-Goodban



A busy spring and summer for the Estate Crew



This event took place in Camphill Special School Beaver. If you've ever wondered how the Village maintains our beautiful landscape, then you've noticed the important work of our Estate Crew. At any one time, a crew of approximately 15 people – service volunteers and residents with special needs – work on the Estate year-round. They perform all sorts of necessary tasks for the Village (from mowing the lawn to shoveling snow), but did you also know that they are responsible for the maple syrup we make every spring? This year, the Estate was able to make 180 gallons of maple syrup, doubling our production from last year.



These days, the Estate Crew is busy harvesting and prepping wood for our new Sugar House, where the sap is collected and made into maple syrup. The Sugar House, which will now be located near the Estate Shed, is being built using wood from our own forest and our Estate crew will also perform the majority of the construction. So far, we've raised \$10,000 to help build the new Sugar House—many thanks to our donors who have supported this great project.

Announcing the 2015-16 Anne Ratner Concert Series



Ida and Ani Kavafian will be joined by pianist Anne-Marie McDermott on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

After a very successful 40th anniversary season, featuring pianists Richard Goode and Emanuel Ax and the Guarneri String Quartet with violinist Pamela Frank, we are thrilled to announce the 2015-16 Season.

The Series will kick off on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 with a performance from violinists Ida and Ani Kavafian, who will be joined by renowned pianist Anne-Marie McDermott. Performing on the Series for the first time on February 16, 2016 is flute virtuoso Marina Piccinini, who will perform alongside her husband, pianist Andreas Haefliger. Rounding out the season will be a performance by the exciting Attacca Quartet, also making their Series debut, on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

Our artists perform free of charge so that more of the proceeds from the concerts benefit the Annual Fund of Camphill Village.

Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Wolf and Charles Sims and are followed by a buffet supper. Tickets to each concert are \$175 each, and sponsorships from \$5,000-\$1,000 are available. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit our website at www.camphillvillage.org or contact Jennifer Hemmerlein at (518) 329-7924 X134. We look forward to seeing you there!



Flute virtuoso Marina Piccinini will perform alongside her husband, pianist Andreas Haefliger, February 16, 2016.



Rounding out the season will be a performance by the exciting Attacca Quartet, also making their Series debut, on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

An Update on Our New Residents

Bill Spillman *by Emily Gerhard*

In September of last year we welcomed Bill Spillman to the Village.

Originally from New York City, Bill graduated from Triform Camphill Community as a farmer. After living in Troy NY for a short time, Bill, with his family's support, decided to try community living - and came here to Camphill Village!

Bill has many sides. A strong carrying farmer, already depended upon, he also enjoys --and is very good at -- acting, drawing, and painting. In his spare time he loves listening to books on tape or CD. He is also very social, and enjoys the get-togethers with his friends - some new and some he knows from his Triform days. Bill has enjoyed his time at Camphill Village so far.



Christmas was enjoyed by all, especially the clowning antics by an excited Bill, balancing candy canes on his nose. In the winter, Bill

would get up early and face the snow and cold to milk the cows, but on weekends, he loved to ski. With the spring, the cows went out to pasture, and Bill helped collect sap for maple syrup.

We are so glad that Bill decided to leave Troy and join our Camphill community. Welcome, Bill!

David Wallace *by Erin Pascale*

Last September, David Wallace moved to Lirio House after living as a student at the Triform Community for the previous seven years. Currently, David's family lives in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania but David grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and Irvine, California



It is an apt description to call David a "Gentleman and a Scholar" as his manners can be most generous and thoughtful and his intellectual interests in literature and theatre are broad. One can always count on David to share a funny joke or an interesting quote. David is also a world traveler, having visited many countries including South Africa, Russia, Denmark, China, England, Japan and Australia

The vegetable garden and the Healing Plant Workshop occupy David's work life but he is also willing to lend a hand in the house when he sees that work needs to be done. His soft conversation is often appreciated in the kitchen at Lirio House as we do the dishes together.

It is with warmth and love that we welcome David to the Camphill Copake Community.





A New Chapter for a by Yumin Shivdasani Village Friend

My name is Yumin Shivdasani. I'm thirteen years old, and I live in Atlanta, Georgia. Two years ago, I initiated a small project to express my support for my twenty-seven-year-old brother, Rukin. This small act has now grown into a larger fundraiser to extend my thanks towards the phenomenal organization known as Camphill Village. In the summer of 2013, I began creating and selling bookmarks in my neighborhood, but as I roped in my friends, we began sales in holiday markets, summer camps, senior centers, and even my own school to raise money for this inspiring cause.



Yumin
Shivdasani
with her
brother,
Village
resident
Rukin.

ANNUAL FUND REPORT

Last fiscal year, we surpassed our \$1.75 million goal by nearly \$30,000. Thank you for your generosity!

This year, we need your help to raise our goal of \$1.8 million. So far, we've raised just over 31% of this year's goal (or about \$560,000). This fall, there are many ways you can help:

- Make a gift to the Annual Fund using the enclosed envelope, or if you prefer, make a gift online by visiting www.camphillvillage.org and clicking on the "Donate Now" button
- When you visit our online giving page, it's now possible to make a monthly gift to the Annual Fund as well as a one-time gift.
- Sponsor one of our fundraising events, the Joseph D. Freedman Bowl-a-Thon or the Anne Ratner Concert Series
- Donate appreciated stock

No matter how great or small, every gift helps bring us closer to our goal of \$1.8 million.

To learn more, make a gift of stock, or discuss your gift, please contact Assistant Director of Development

Jennifer Hemmerlein at:
jennifer@camphillvillage.org
or (518) 329-7924 X134.

I originally started this fundraiser to show support for Rukin, but as I became more familiar with Camphill, I realized that I also wanted to show my gratitude towards the many volunteers and coworkers from all over the world who guide and look after the villagers in Camphill. Working together, my friends and I were able to donate \$384 in the summer of 2013, and over the course of the last six months, I have raised an additional \$165 by selling the bookmarks at holiday festivals and through my school store.

This year, I hope to expand my fundraiser by reaching out to daycare centers and elementary schools and open sales there as well. I also plan to open a club in my school to involve as many students in our bookmarks fundraiser as possible.

My wish is for children and adults alike to enjoy our bookmarks while simultaneously supporting a very worthy cause—one that has brought happiness to thousands of families worldwide, allowing differently abled adults to reach their full potential in a natural world, with kind and caring people by their side every step of their way.



A Festive Wedding Day

This year, the Village celebrated the annual St. John's Day Festival on June 24th a bit differently than usual. Most years, we celebrate with a bonfire at dusk, but this year, the entire Village came together to celebrate the marriage of Lia Babitch and Ted Sumners, our house leaders at Omaskos House and workshop masters at Turtle Tree Seed and the Stained Glass Shop.

It was the perfect warm and sunny summer day and joy in the air was unmistakable.

Congratulations, Lia and Ted!





A Tribute to David Cochrane

February 27, 1950 – June 28, 2015

Excerpted from eulogy
by Reverend Franziska Hesse

David Cochrane, who lived at Camphill Village for 45 years, died peacefully at his home in Undina House on June 28. He was born on February 27, 1950 in Oberlin, Ohio. On April 26, 1970, David moved to Camphill Village.

David's work life revolved around the woodshop in the morning, helping in the house in the afternoon, working in the healing plant garden and helping out in the office.

David developed a deep friendship with Nico Dobbs. They were longtime roommates and loved to listen to opera in their room and play games in the evening. Nico would tell jokes and David's deep belly laugh could be heard coming from their room. David was gentle, sensitive, caring, and quiet. He had a warm smile and a twinkle in his eyes and loved to play little tricks on people, like sneaking up behind someone and surprising him or her. He was social and loved to be around people. David's love of ice cream was well known to all who knew him.

David taught everyone to slow down and to live in the moment. Over the years David developed great affections for people, and he enjoyed giving hugs. When he came out of his room, work had to stop as David greeted everyone with a hug.

David spent his last years in a wheelchair and needed much care, but his days were spent with his nurse's aide, Tyler, with whom he shared a warm bond.



Poem for David

Each drive to the hospital was either into a sunrise
or a sunset

I went to visit the wise man
some days he was sleeping and would wake
with a laugh that shook his whole body
other days he cried and let the voice of pain
fill the souls of the lesser mortals around him
and then there were the times he lifted himself
out at his body and spoke in tongues
often the afternoons found him sitting in a chair
the blankets wrapped around him Dalai Lama
style

while in the mornings and nights when he was
washed and turned

I saw the body of Christ being taken down from the
cross

Hosanna filled the air on the day he came home
And his 12 holy nights in the hospital
Began to wake a question in my soul
'Can I arrive at the place of seeing
what you have done for us?'

Stephen Steen

Brothers & Sisters Day



On June 5th and 6th, we welcomed families to the Village to celebrate our annual Brothers and Sisters Days. The weekend began with an exciting baseball game and ended with our very first tour of the new work places, which opened officially late this summer. Many thanks to all who joined us!





HELP US TELL OUR STORY

Camphill Village is on the verge of launching an important advocacy initiative, aimed at getting the attention and support of our local and state political representatives. We need your help, and no one is better equipped than YOU to speak to the great services and meaningful life the Village provides for adults with developmental disabilities. We need your stories to help state agencies and lawmakers understand the importance and accomplishments of Camphill Village.

Please contact Nancy Lewis, Camphill Village board member and mother of a villager, to find out how you can help and get involved. Send her an email at nlewis@camphillvillage.org and use "Advocacy" as the subject line.



Camphill Village Residents Attend International Conference In Belgium

by Philip Bombard



On Saturday, May 2nd Danny Miller, Ricky Hauptman, Linda Gradman, Tammy Berman, Lindsayy Katkowski, Tania Zambrano-Goodban, and Philip Bombard flew to Brussels, Belgium to attend the Sixth Congress for people with special needs and extra talents "In der Begegnung Leben", an art conference dedicated to exploring the idea of "social art"—exploring and celebrating how we can work together to both express our individuality and work together to create something new. The conference was attended by approximately 650 people from all over Europe, including groups from Russia, Brazil and Thailand.

The conference was located in the BOZAR museum in historic downtown Brussels. Danny, who is well-known throughout the Village as a music lover, chose to attend the music workshop that took place in the wonderful Museum of Musical Instruments. Ricky's workshop involved activities similar to the circus games we do right here in the Village, and the rest of us attended a drawing workshop. Everyone in the workshops created individual pieces, which were linked together to create social art.

Two days of the conference also included excursions outside of the BOZAR. The first excursion we chose was to the "Grand Place", which is an amazing central square in the



From left to right: Lindsayy Katkowski, Tammy Berman, Tania Zambrano-Goodban, Danny Miller, Philip Bombard, Ricky Hauptman, Linda Gradman.



Linda Gradman (left) and Philip Bombard (right).

heart of the city surrounded by historic buildings with fantastic architecture. The second excursion was a city tour on a double-decker tour bus. We stopped and explored some wonderful sites, such as the Cathedral, the Basilica, and the Atomium, also known as the “Eiffel Tower of Brussels.”

Since we were already in Europe, we knew we had to visit the homeland of so many of our friends in the village—Amsterdam, which is a beautiful city, filled with wonderful architecture. We took a boat tour of the canals, went to Rembrandt’s House, toured the famous Gassan Diamonds, and wandered the shopping districts. We also visited Ghent (in Belgium—not New York!), where we took a self-guided tour of the Gravensteen Castle and Museum and took an amazing tour of Ghent’s canals.

We returned to the Village on May 10th, full of knowledge from the conference and the places we’d been—and also a bit full from the waffles and chocolate we happily ate throughout the trip!

Ricky Hauptman kept track of everything he did every day while away in Brussels. The group ate at cafes and in the park, went shopping, attended a folk ball, visited churches and cathedrals, and experienced German public transportation. Some excerpts from his trip:

Sunday, May 3rd:

We went to a restaurant for a snack (Belgian waffles), went to the garden and walked around, and went to this Italian place for dinner.

Monday, May 4th:

We took the metro train and took the train from Brussels to Amsterdam, took a boat ride, went to different shops and bought a pack of playing cards and two pens: red for Elvira, white for Richard.

So Lindsay, I want to thank you for taking me, Philip, Linda, Tammy, Danny, and Tania. It was a great trip going to Brussels.

Ricky Hauptman (left) and Danny Miller (right).



Whitsun Eve Celebration

The Eve of Whitsun in Camphill Village was a very special and memorable evening. Whitsun, also known as Pentecost, is the seventh Sunday after Easter and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ’s disciples. The evening began with the reading of the Whitsun event as narrated in the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament. After the reading in English parts of the reading were then spoken in at least as many languages here in our own Village.

Then, service volunteers and some of their children shared presentations that represented the thirteen countries from where they came. The evening’s theme was, “As the World Turns,” or, “Follow the Rising Sun.” Beginning in our imaginations at the International Date Line, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, we followed the rising sun almost around the globe, beginning with Japan and concluding with Colombia. The evening was filled with song, dance, and poetry, but also genuine warmth, enthusiasm, and deep joy. While we did not understand all of the languages that were spoken, what was understood was the language of the heart—the language that is universal for all time.



Camphill Village

Camphill Village USA, Inc.
84 Camphill Road
Copake, NY 12516

Village View

September 2015



For more information,
please visit our website at
www.camphillvillage.org
or call 518.329.4851.

Christine Pizzuti
Communications & PR Manager
cpizzuti@camphillvillage.org
518-329-7924, X 133

Nancy O'Leary,
Director of Development nancyoleary@camphillvillage.org
518-329-7924, X 136

Contributing Writers: Christine Pizzuti,
Jennifer Hemmerlein, Erin Pascale, Yumin
Shivdasani, Philip Bombard, Emily Gerhard

Photos: Marc Blachere, Larry Chernicoff,
Michael Cooper, Sabina Curti, Jennifer
Hemmerlein, Teresa Yasuda

Design: WindhorseCreative.com

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
C R S T . N E T
1 2 5 5 0



ECO-FRIENDLY NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is printed
on paper made from
100% post-consumer waste
recycled material, certified by the
Forest Stewardship Council and
manufactured chlorine-free in the
Northeast US, which reduces the
impact of shipping.