

# September 2009

## SUMMER TO FALL AT THE CENTER

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As I write this newsletter article summer camp is in its last week here at The Center. What a great season we've had. 156 resident campers and over 100 Junior Farmers came to camp this summer. With the generous help of your individual contributions, donations from service clubs, churches, businesses and our memorial endowment funds, we were able to provide 52 scholarships to children and teenagers this year. That is a record for us! Thank you very much for all your help! For those of you who experienced our camp program first-hand – we would greatly appreciate your comments and feedback so we can share it with all those who contribute and make this program possible. I would also like to give recognition and thanks to our camp staff who were just exceptional this year in providing leadership, guidance, and positive energy to the camping program. You were exemplary in your actions as role models and mentors to all the children and teenagers who attended camp this summer. On behalf of the permanent staff, board of trustees and fellowship of The Center we thank you for doing your very best this summer and we wish all of you much success. We're going to miss you!

It's hard for me to believe that September is already here. It seems like summer just flew by...but here we go! We have many programs that take place and start up in September. First off, our annual Rummage Sale is Friday and Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and rummage shop! We have a lot, and I mean a lot of stuff – priced to go. Your purchase helps The Center a great deal. The Palos Kiwanis Club is again providing a pancake breakfast at the farm during the rummage sale on Saturday so you can eat and shop...what could be better?

On the following weekend, Saturday, September 12, we have our Barn Dance. This is a wonderful evening for families with country dancing, karaoke (I'll be doing that!), night time hayrack rides around the farm, food and marshmallow roasting on the fire, and the farm is also open for those of you who want to see the animals. Our annual barn dance is the kickoff fundraiser for next year's camp scholarship fund. All proceeds go directly to the scholarship program.

Our Tuesday Luncheon programs begin again in September. Jackie has been cooking hamburgers, tacos, hotdogs and pizza all summer long for camp. She is ready to go with the good cooking! The lineup of programs includes labor reforms, cruising around South America, walking the labyrinth, and the art of printmaking.

The Log Cabin Center for the Arts program bustles in September with fall classes beginning in earnest. Please view the schedule and start times in this newsletter. We have much to offer for those of you who wish to get your creative spirits in shape again...or maybe you've been exercising them all along this summer. Either way our staff and charmingly rustic facility are here to inspire you.

The Fall Festival and kick-off to harvest time at the farm is Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and join us for this fun day at the farm. Food and festivities begin at 10:00 am.

Dave Heinemann and the Windy City Corvette Club graciously donated the funds needed to purchase a low-boy trailer so that we can now offer hayrack rides to individuals who need a wheel chair. This will be a fantastic addition to our farm tour program in continuing to provide more accessibility to groups with special needs. We're very excited about this and Andy Maricle is making the necessary conversions to the trailer right now. The farm will also be hosting a spina bifida outing for the first time to families on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us for worship and meditational Vespers Services every Sunday in our Wayside Chapel. Frank and I would love to see you there. Services begin at 4:30 pm followed by fellowship, coffee and cookies in the lodge at 5:00 pm. For those of you who wish to learn more about alcoholism and substance abuse – don't forget we have an open AA breakfast speaker meeting every Sunday morning in the Anderson Center at the farm. Breakfast is served from 8:30 am to 10:00 am and the meeting begins promptly at 10:00 am.

There are many more activities and programs happening this month and I invite you to read our newsletter. Please know the staff and volunteers here at The Center welcome you with open arms and we hope somehow we can brighten and enrich your life. Please come see us this September!



### **FALL RETREATS:**

**You deserve a break! Treat yourself to a retreat...Now is the time to register!**

**WOMEN'S AUTUMN RETREAT: *Garden Folkcrafts and Harvest-time Art***  
Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10, 5 p.m. Fri – 5 p.m. Sat

In this creative weekend, artist Lois Hrejsa and program director Lois Lauer will help participants enjoy and capture the beauty and essence of The Center's autumn splendor, along with some delightful garden folkcrafts. Choices will abound at this retreat, with opportunities to leaf-print on t-shirts, make flowerpot windchimes, and make some autumn-themed block prints. Participants are also invited to bring art and writing supplies, cameras, etc, for engaging in their favorite art form. As always, the retreat offers the opportunity for contemplation, relaxation, and fellowship, as well as creativity and fun. Cost per participant is \$110 which includes leadership, accommodations, meals, and all major supplies. Early registration is advised!

**WOMEN'S PERSONAL GROWTH RETREAT: *Inviting Mara to Tea***

Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, 5 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Using the story of Buddha inviting Mara (his "demons") to tea, instead of banishing them, social worker Linda Whittaker and program director Lois Lauer will lead participants through a dynamic weekend in which we learn to appreciate all of the parts of our personalities, including those we tend to deny or hide. We invite you to join us for a transformative weekend of dialogue, reflection, and personal growth exercises, plus great fellowship, fun and relaxation. Retreat cost: \$110 which includes leadership, 3 meals, accommodations, and retreat supplies.

### **Farm and Nature Discovery Preschool**

We have had a busy summer getting ready for school to start here at Farm and Nature Discovery Preschool. Our first day will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have our open house on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for registered families. We are anxious to show off the first phase of our new outdoor nature-based play area that we will be ready to use in a few weeks.

In addition, we are looking forward to a fabulous year full of exploration, learning, and discovery on our farm. We would love to have your child join us. We still have openings for 3 - 5 year olds. If you would like information mailed to you or a tour of the school, please call Kristin at the preschool 708-361-8933.

## **Rummage Sale Rummage Sale September 4th & 5th**

**Friday and Saturday, September 4th & September 5th  
from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Palos Kiwanis on Saturday morning starting at 8am. Come eat and shop at The Center

# Fractured Quotes

## (A Thank You to Junior Farmers)



Familiar quotes took on a whole new meaning at the Children's Farm this summer. Let me share a few with you:

**Quote #1** "As Maine goes, so goes the nation."

**Children's Farm Version:** "As Bounce Goes, so do all the other goats"

**Quote #2** "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush"

**Children's Farm Version:** "A bird in the hand will soon be dropped at least once by every Junior Farmer."

**Quote #3** "Be content with your lot, you cannot be first in everything."

**Children's Farm Version:** "RIGHT! Try telling that to a Junior Farmer."

**Quote #4** "Keep your eye on the ball."

**Children's Farm Version:** "If I hear Miss Kay say, Keep your eye on the kids one more time, I am going to scream!"

**Quote #5** "Too many hands spoil the broth."

**Miss Kay Version:** There's no such thing as too many hands, especially if those hands belong to Junior Tour Guides who gladly (well, maybe reluctantly) gave up cell phones and texting to spend quality time listening, teaching, laughing and keeping an eye on the Junior Farmers for 8 weeks this summer.

Really I can't thank you all enough. You made my summer easier and interesting. Bless all your little helping hearts.

Love, Miss Kay

**NOTE:** To all my younger helpers, check out all the Fall and Winter programs you can join. This year we are offering a 6-week fall session and a 4-week holiday winter session. To all my older helpers, come volunteer and help make all these programs happen. Good luck to all of you in the upcoming school year. I hope to see you all soon!

### **2009 Fall Junior Farmers**

**\$72/6 week session**

**Beginning September 12th.**

**3-6 year olds**

**Saturdays 10 - 11 or 11:30 - 12:30**

**Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesdays**

**10 - 11 or 1:30 - 2:30**

**6-8 year olds**

**Saturday 2 - 3**

**Monday or Tuesday 4-5**

**9-12 year olds**

**Saturday 3:30 - 4:30**

**Wednesday 4-5**

**Saturday classes will SKIP Sept 26th and meet October 24th**

### **2009 Winter Holiday Junior Farmers**

**\$48/4 week session**

**Beginning November 9th.**

**3-6 year olds**

**Saturdays 10 - 11 or 11:30 - 12:30**

**Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesdays**

**10 - 11 or 1:30 - 2:30**

**6-8 year olds**

**Saturday 2 - 3**

**Monday or Tuesday 4-5**





**9-12 year olds**




**Saturday 3:30 - 4:30**



**Wednesday 4-5**





## **The Log Cabin Center for the Arts: You Never Know Where A Crayon Can Lead You...**

 I remember sitting on the kitchen floor as a child, cutting, pasting, coloring—lost in my own little world of creativity.  Some people say that art can be a spiritual experience, and I guess those early moments of being totally focused on what I was creating came as close to heaven as anything I've experienced since. Even today, when I take the time to draw or paint or turn clay into interesting shapes, I find myself unaware of anything else, lost in the creative experience.  Time stands still and for a brief time, I can be somewhere else, what seems like another plane of existence. And of course, my experience is in no way unique. Artists have always known nirvana. 

 To some, art is as necessary as daily bread. Albert Einstein even said “Imagination is more important than knowledge.”  President Obama has officially championed the arts, and his wife has been vocal about her commitment to arts education. Some would argue that we were born to create, that art is an inherent and essential part of who we are—that our creativity is what makes us fully alive. 

 I invite you to register for an art class this fall, or at least to stop in the art center and see what's going on. I can guarantee that you'll be glad you did. I think the Log Cabin Center for the Arts offers a unique experience—skilled teachers, comfortable classrooms, natural beauty, rustic charm, welcoming hospitality, friendly students, and even a cup of warm herbal tea to soothe your soul. Such a great variety of things go on in the art center—flagship classes like drawing and painting, folkart classes like basketry and pottery, short workshops like silver earrings and wreathmaking, and new offerings this fall in printmaking, creative writing for kids and teens, cross-stitching, and knitting. Check out the art schedule. If you feel even an itch of curiosity about a class, at least stop in—give us a chance to get our creative hooks into you! You don't need to think of yourself as an artist – it's okay to just be curious. Please—come and visit. 

 In addition to checking us out in person, you can visit us online—either by clicking The Center's website, [www.thecenterpalos.org](http://www.thecenterpalos.org), or.....by finding us, you'll never believe this but it's about to be true....on Facebook! Yep, Facebook.com. There will soon be a Facebook link from The Center's website. When I went to The Center's Development Director, Mark Walker, a few weeks ago and asked for a new promotion idea for the art center, he lost no time in saying “Facebook.” I've already admitted to Mark that I promptly decided he'd lost his marbles. But then I started seeing, almost daily, that everyone was going “Facebook.” This was no longer a networking strategy for teens or young adults, but the wave of the future, the very near future, for mainline institutions, businesses, and yes, even those of us in that older adults category. I went to a concert mostly attended by senior citizens at Moraine Valley's Performing Arts Center, and they were spouting “Find us on Facebook.” I saw a country Creamery billboard saying “Look for us on Facebook.” I received a Beyond Pesticides magazine from an environmental organization saying “Be our Facebook friend.” And so, this week I am setting up my very own Facebook profile, with links to a Log Cabin Center for the Arts Facebook page which Mark is organizing for us. You'll be able to find the art center's page off my page. And your friends, once you've set up a profile page, will be able to find the art center page off your page. It's a way of saying to your friends, “hey, this is a place I like-check it out.” At least I think that's how it works. If all goes according to plan, we'll be asking you to become one of our Facebook fans in future newsletters. I think many of us never thought we'd find email so convenient and useful, but now it's part of everyday life. I think it's time for our next step deeper into cyberspace. We've come a long way since those days of sitting on the kitchen floor with our scissors and paste and crayons. See you on Facebook! 

*Loree Lauer*

 **Become a Facebook fan of the Log Cabin Center for the Arts:**   
 **Go to facebook.com (or follow link from our website [www.thecenterpalos.org](http://www.thecenterpalos.org))** 



### **WANTED....**

- A new or used CD player or “CD boombox” for the fireside room for retreats**
- Many 2” – 4” Clay Flower Pots for art projects**
- Straw hats, plaid shirts, and overalls for Fall Festival scarecrows.**

## SEPTEMBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY VESPERS IN THE CHAPEL

*Every Sunday, 4:30 p.m.*

We invite you to join us each Sunday for an inter-denominational worship service of music, meditation, and prayer, led by Rev. Frank Sanders. According to Frank, the Chapel stands on the highest point of The Center's grounds, and symbolizes the underlying spirituality of all Center programs. After the service, we invite all who participate to join for fellowship and coffee down at the lodge.

### FELLOWCRAFTERS GIFT SHOP

The next time you are at The Center, we hope you will notice the new sign, which points the way to the Fellowcrafters Gift Shop. It hangs from the bulletin board near the Main Lodge and was hand painted by Lois Hrejsa and weatherproofed by her son, Jim. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank them both! Now, visitors will be sure to find their way to our little shop. Once inside the shop, you will find darling crayon box holders for the little ones returning to school. There are also cute, squiggly hand-crocheted bookworm-bookmarks, in addition to the lovely hand-beaded versions. All of our crocheted necklaces sold out, and now we have a new supply! For those chilly fall days and evenings, we have darling hand-knit baby sweaters—some with hoods and matching booties. The Fellowcrafters hope you will stop in soon to see their new sign and their new hand-made items. All proceeds from the sales go directly to support The Center!

Join Fellowcrafters on September 1 and 15: They meet the 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10 am – 2 pm, to make items to sell in the gift shop. See Blanche Sanders or Carol Alesia to find out more about this generous and creative way to support The Center.



### THE CENTER SINGERS

*Every Monday, beginning September 14, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

The Center Singers, a choral group consisting of members of The Center's fellowship, has rehearsals each Monday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Lodge. The group sings once each month at Vespers in the Wayside Chapel and occasionally at special events. The Center Singers always welcomes new members. If you are interested, please call the office for information.

### ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND RENEWAL OF VOWS

*Sunday, September 13, beginning with 4:30 p.m. Vespers.*

All September Anniversary couples are invited. The evening will begin with a Vespers Service at 4:30 pm, following which the couples will enjoy a gracious candlelight dinner in the lodge, and then return to the Chapel for Renewal of Wedding Vows. For reservations, send \$70 for dinner for two, to be received no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### SPIRITUAL COMPANIONSHIP

A spiritual companion helps others freely explore what God is doing in their lives and guides them toward determining their own response. Spiritual companionship is not psychotherapy, although a person in therapy may also seek spiritual companionship, in order to explore how God's call and compassion are present during life's toughest moments. We all need the love, support, and witness of other travelers on this, our spiritual journey. Spiritual Director Kathy Fontaine donates her time and expertise to The Center, by offering her one-on-one spiritual companionship services to anyone seeking spiritual direction through prayer, meditation, and dialogue. The cost is \$20/hour, which Kathy donates to the camp scholarship fund. Please, call the office at any time for details about setting up appointments with Kathy, who is here as a spiritual companion all day every Tuesday.

### CONTEMPLATIVE MEDITATION GROUP

*Every Tuesday, beginning September 15, 5:30 – 6 p.m., in the parlor*

Please join us for a brief period of silent meditation each week. Come whenever you are able.

## **SCRIPTURE STUDY: THE LETTERS OF PAUL**

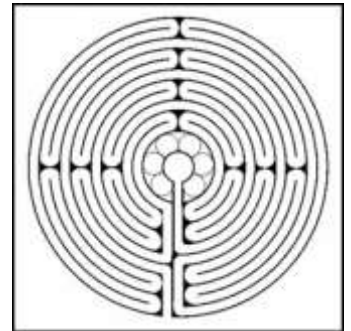
*Three Tuesdays, September 15, 22, and 29, 6:30 – 8 p.m.*

We invite you to join us for a new look at the Bible, led by spiritual director Chris Hopkins, MDiv. The class will discuss Paul's letters to the early Christian communities. In addition, we will look at the letters not written by Paul, but written by one of his followers, and then focus on Paul's understanding of Christ and how that understanding has shaped Christianity today. Please call to register.

## **WALKING THE LABYRINTH: A Contemplative Spiritual Path**

*Tuesday, September 29, 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.*

Spiritual Director Chris Hopkins is loaning us her beautiful huge labyrinth to roll out on the lawn all afternoon and evening. Chris is our luncheon speaker for the day (see details on the next page) and will be encouraging luncheon participants to use the labyrinth, plus we invite anyone else who would like to experience this walking meditation tool of contemplation and serenity. Weather permitting, the labyrinth will be available to anyone who stops by to walk it, on the lawn past the Chapel and Brick House.



## **REIKI**

*Sunday, September 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

Reiki (pronounced Ray-Key) is a gentle, relaxing and peaceful form of energy healing, especially beneficial for those suffering from physical or emotional pain. Reiki Master and Social Worker Judy Wiggins will be joined by fellow Reiki practitioners to offer their healing services, asking a suggested donation of \$10 per participant to The Center. Advance registration is necessary; as participation is limited. Until September 15, registration is limited to new participants in our Reiki program. After that time, returning participants may register for any remaining spaces.

## **TOASTMASTERS!**

*Wednesday evenings, September 2 and 16, 7-9 p.m.*

How to keep your voice from cracking and your knees from shaking .....

In other words, learn to communicate effectively to groups, large and small, with poise and confidence. How?...Through practice and the support of our troop of fellow Toastmasters, all of whom are trying to improve their public speaking skills, just like you! We take turns leading the meetings, giving speeches, giving evaluations of each others' speeches. And...we have fun doing it. You are invited to come as a guest to see what happens at our Toastmasters meetings. For further information, contact Dave Sanders or Frank Sanders at The Center.

## **GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP: Human Rights in a New Era: Wars for Peace?**

*Sunday, September 13, 6:30 p.m.*

Great Decisions is a Sunday evening monthly discussion group for folks interested in broadening their knowledge and their understanding of the world, using the Great Decisions book published annually by the nonpartisan Foreign Policy Institute. Bea and Steve Brasel will lead the discussion about topic 8, which discusses the complex moral questions raised by using armed humanitarian intervention to protect human rights. Briefing sheets are available in the office for new participants. Please call to let us know you are planning to attend the discussion.

## **WOMANTALK COFFEE HOUR!**

*Tuesday, September 29, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

WOMANTALK! is a wonderfully nurturing and supportive women's discussion group, led by Mary Ann Grzych, and focusing on the month's readings in Sarah Ban Breathnach's "Simple Abundance," "Romancing the Ordinary," and "Moving On" books, or any other inspirational resources that ladies would like to bring to share. The focus of Womantalk is on learning to live authentically, joyfully, simply, and gratefully. Womantalk Coffee Hour cost: \$5. Please call to reserve a spot.

## **AUTUMN WALKING CLUB**

*Every Monday and Friday morning, beginning September 11, 7:30 -8:30 a.m.*

If you'd like to focus on fitness this fall, please join Lois Lauer and Kathy Mical for morning walks at the farm and in the woods. Please call ahead to register. Meet on the lodge front porch.

## MIND-BODY FITNESS

*Monday evenings, 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Anderson Center at the Farm (Skip 9/7, Labor Day)*

Wellness/fitness educator Pam Johnson leads this experience, using the NIA mind-body technique-- a gentle blend of yoga, tai-chi, and the grace of dance. Pam offers an opportunity to listen and be in-tune with your body, to learn how it feels to be in balance without aches and pains, able to move freely like a child, to experience grace and beauty in movement, to reconnect with your breath and yourself, and to peel through layers of stress. This class is beneficial for all fitness levels and is designed for the beginner as well as for those who have taken some form of mind-body classes already. Pam volunteers her services to lead this healing experience, asking only a free will donation each week. Please call to pre-register for your first class. After that, please call the office or check with Pam Johnson at class the week before about further schedule changes.

## CHAIR YOGA---for those who want to stretch but don't wish to get down on the floor!

*6 Thursday mornings, beginning September 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

Yoga instructor Maureen Ryan will lead this yoga class, in which participants can stretch and twist and balance, either sitting or using a chair for balance. We meet in the parlor of the lodge. Class fee: \$60 per 6 week session. Pre-registration required.

## TUESDAY LUNCHEONS -- 12:00 NOON - 2:00 P.M.

Every Tuesday at The Center, we have a delicious luncheon followed by an enlightening program on travel, nature, art, book reviews, personal growth, world affairs, spirituality, or other topics of interest. Cost is \$15. Please make reservations by the Sunday before the luncheon.

### ***Tuesday, September 8: "Mother" Jones: A Dramatic Voice for Workers***

Professor Nancy Huse from Augustana College will portray community organizer Mary Harris "Mother" Jones to share the inventiveness, energy, and activism of this "most dangerous woman" in our country's labor movement. This first-person presentation highlights issues in the coal mining industry and their relevance to contemporary environmental issues.



### ***Tuesday, September 15: South America by Cruiseship***

Our friends Susan and Bill Dunlap will share their slides and stories of their 19 day oceanic cruise around the southern tip of South America, from Chili to Buenos Aires, plus a 3 day extension to the amazing Iguacu Falls - 2.5 miles of waterfalls plunging down 269 feet on the border between Argentina and Brazil.



### ***Tuesday, September 22: Printmaking!***

This fall we are adding a new printmaking class to our art schedule, and teacher Kris O'Reilly has volunteered to share a bit of her printmaking expertise at this luncheon, so that prospective students might get a peek at what's in store. Kris will discuss and demonstrate several printmaking techniques, including Monoprints, Linocuts, Collographs, Screenprints, and Chop Stamps. The luncheon will conclude with a 5 minute mini-project in which each participant can create a tiny hand-printed bookmark.

### ***Tuesday, September 29: Labyrinths: Walking Meditations***

Spiritual Director Chris Hopkins will discuss this walking meditation tool, which has been a part of Christian tradition since the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Labyrinths are contemplative tools for spiritual growth. Chris is loaning The Center her beautiful huge labyrinth to roll out on our lawn for you to walk. The labyrinth will be available from 11 am to 8 pm on this day, for anyone who wishes to journey on this path. Chris will guide luncheon participants up to the labyrinth at the conclusion of the program.

### ***Raise Some Dough for the Center...***

On October 3rd from 7am to 5pm you can help The Center raise some money at the Great Harvest Bread Co. Center Volunteers will bake and sell bread that Saturday, and we get to keep TWO BUCKS a loaf!!! Call Great Harvest at 708.361.6016 for pre-orders, and there will also be a lot of bread on hand in the store. Great Harvest is at 6946 W 131st, near Jewel. You can also look for a white cow.





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**THE LOG CABIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
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 Classes and workshops for adults and children in fine arts and folk arts  
**FALL ART SCHEDULE 2009**



### **LOG CABIN ART FOR KIDS!**

- Grades K-1                    Instructor: Jessie Schaar
- Grades 2-3                 Instructor: Sarah Heflin
- Grades 4-8                 Instructor: Amy Bennett

Every Saturday morning our Log Cabins are filled with the creative energies of young artists. The young people delight in these hands-on opportunities to see and express the beauty of life and nature surrounding them at The Center. The classes are kept small to encourage individual self-expression. Drawing, printmaking, pottery, papier-mâché, painting, papermaking, and more!

Drawing is the basis of the fun and varied projects created by young artists in the Log Cabin classes. The natural areas of The Center's farm and woods provide fascinating subject matter, plus inspiration and sometimes the raw materials for our children's classes. Enthusiastic instructors teach the children to use a variety of artistic media and techniques. Each season of the year offers new projects and new areas to explore, and so kids are encouraged to return session after session. Each student is encouraged to bring a personal sketchbook.

New 6 week sessions begin Saturday mornings, September 19 and November 7, 9 am and 10:30 am  
 The September-October classes end with pumpkin painting and a hayride at the farm on Oct 24.  
 The November-December classes end with a party around the big Christmas tree in the lodge on Dec 12.  
 Choose either the 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. class, or the 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon class  
*Class Fee: \$66 per 6 week session*

### **LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY?**

The art center is available for Saturday and Sunday afternoon birthday parties. Our children's art instructors will organize fun and creative projects for the party. Each party guest will create a project to take home, plus contribute to a group project for the birthday boy or girl. You supply the cake and balloons. We supply the creative fun! \$10 per child plus \$2 - 5 per child supply fee for chosen projects. Talk to one of the art teachers or call Lois Lauer to schedule your child's party today!



## MEET NEW CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER, DEAN FRANCK

(deancarstenschurioschronicles.blogspot.com)

September 23, 5:30-6 pm for kids' writing class, 6:30-7 pm for teen writing class

Please call to register for these no-obligation, free orientation sessions. Meet Dean. Hear about the classes. Then decide to register for 6 weeks of creative and enjoyable writing.

### CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS: (GRADES 4-8)

INSTRUCTOR: DEAN FRANCK

6 Wednesday afternoons, beginning September 30, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Poetry and creative writing, a great way to communicate emotions and perceptions: learn to write descriptively, use imagery and metaphors, add rhythm and rhyme, and develop a sense of literary creativity. *Class Fee: \$60 per 6-week session Bring a notebook and pen.*

### CREATIVE WRITING FOR TEENS: LYRICS! (GRADES 8-12)

INSTRUCTOR: DEAN FRANCK

6 Wednesday evenings, beginning September 30, 6:30-8 p.m.

In addition to the above description of the creative writing classes, Dean will focus on writing song lyrics in this special section for teenagers. *Class Fee: \$60 per 6-week session. Bring a notebook and pen.*

### TEEN JEWELRY WORKSHOP: AUTUMN BEADS (GRADES 7-12)

INSTRUCTOR: LINDA HARTY

Thursday, September 24, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Make a beautiful bracelet of autumn-colored stones for your wrist or ankle. Linda will supply a variety of beads, silver-plated fittings, and everything you need to create your own jewelry, perfectly sized for your own body. *Class Fee: \$10 plus \$12 materials fee*

### FAMILY ART CLASSES

INSTRUCTOR: SHARI WENZEL

Sunday afternoons, 1-2:30 p.m.

Sept 13: Natural Birdfeeders and Stick Art! Make new decorations for trees as their leaves fall.

Oct 4: Mum Basket Art! Paint a basket, plant a mum.

Nov 15: Table Art! Make "Give Thanks" placemats and placecards for your Thanksgiving table.

Dec 6: Charlie Brown Christmas Trees. Each person decorates their own 2 foot tall tree.

*Class fee: \$6 per person for Sept, Oct, and Nov classes. \$9 per person for Dec class*

## ADULT CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Each autumn, the Log Cabins are filled with the busy hum of creative adults. The adult classes feature hands-on opportunities for creativity and the development of excellent artistic skills as students learn both the techniques and joys of creative expression. The Center's beautiful environment is used as a source of inspiration and even as a source of supplies for some classes. We believe in the therapeutic benefits of creativity and in the celebration of beautiful expression. We welcome adult art students of all skill levels. We have a superb teaching staff and a group of volunteer hostesses who welcome students into the warm and supportive atmosphere of the log cabins.

### PEN AND INK DRAWING

INSTRUCTOR: LOIS HREJSA

6-week sessions begin Thursday mornings, September 10 and October 29, 9:00-11:30 a.m. (skip 11/26)

Pen and Ink classes include instruction and critique in shape, value, texture, shading, shadow, composition, and perspective. Pen and ink is an interesting way to focus on basic drawing, with the added interest of stark black and white contrast. Students learn to capture with their pens what they see and feel. Lois Hrejsa welcomes students of all levels to work in pen & ink, or, if they choose, in pencil, colored pencil, and charcoal. Beginning students will start with simple exercises, while those with drawing experience will be encouraged to work on further development of techniques, landscape drawings, portraits, and individual style. Weather permitting, students have the option of working outside. *Class Fee: \$98 for 6 week session. List of required supplies available in office.*



## **WATERCOLOR PAINTING**

**INSTRUCTORS: LOIS HREJSA AND LENOX WALLACE ([WWW.LENOXWALLACE.COM](http://WWW.LENOXWALLACE.COM))**

6 week sessions begin

Wednesday evenings, September 9 and October 28, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (skip 11/25)

Thursday afternoons, September 10 and October 29, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. (skip 11/26)

Thursday evenings, September 10 and October 29, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (skip 11/26)

The watercolor classes feature expert critique and guidance in composition, values, textures, negative painting, brush stroke usage, and more. The Wednesday evening class, taught by Lenox Wallace features structured lessons for beginning watercolorists. The Thursday evening class, taught by Lenox Wallace, is an ongoing class of experienced painters, each working individually with occasional guidance and critique. The afternoon class, taught by Lois Hrejsa, will provide instruction in techniques, color mixing and theory, washes, light and shadow, etc, for beginning painters, while ongoing students will receive advanced assignments and also have the opportunity to further explore watercolor with attention to their particular area of interest. *Class Fee: \$98 for 6 week session List of required supplies available in office.*

## **POETRY**

**FACILITATOR: MARYANN GRZYCH**

Every other Friday, beginning September 11, for 6 sessions, 9:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Under MaryAnn Gryzch's guidance, the poetry class shares and supportively critiques each others' works, as they learn together to express significant feelings and ideas through their writings. New participants are welcome to join. *Workshop Fee: \$49 for 6 class sessions*

## **CREATIVE WRITING: FINDING YOUR VOICE THROUGH WRITING**

**INSTRUCTOR: FRANK COUGHLIN**

6 week sessions begin

Wednesday afternoons, September 16 and October 28, 1-3 p.m. (skip 11/25)

Wednesday evenings, September 16 and October 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (skip 11/25)

Writer/poet Frank Coughlin, helps students work on short stories, memoirs, editorials, journaling, and maybe even the beginning of a first novel! In class, students write and work on written exercises, and share and critique each other's writings in a fun and supportive atmosphere. No previous writing experience is necessary. Check out the class website: [www.want-to-be-writer.blogspot.com](http://www.want-to-be-writer.blogspot.com). *Class fee: \$78 for each 6 week session*

Introductory sessions (No-cost, No-obligation) of Creative Writing are offered on Wednesday afternoon, September 9 (1-2 p.m.) and Wednesday evening, September 9 (6:30 - 7:30p.m.), to provide an opportunity for students to talk with the instructor and learn about the class. Please call to register for one of these intro sessions.



## **QUILTING**

**INSTRUCTOR: DENISE DULZO**

6 week sessions begin Wednesday afternoons, September 9 and October 28, 1-3 p.m. (skip 11/25)

Create a four 9-patch block sampler, to be used as a baby quilt or wall hanging. We encourage you to bring a sewing machine to piece your blocks, but you may also use hand-stitching. Everyone will do the final quilting by hand. *Class Fee: \$ 78. Purchase your own fabrics and batting before the first class. A list of required fabrics and supplies is available in the office.*

## **STONEWARE POTTERY**

**INSTRUCTOR: KAREN STASKY**

6-week sessions begin Thursday evenings, Sept 10 and Oct 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (skip 11/26)

Under the guidance of potter/nature-lover Karen Stasky, students make strong professional-looking stoneware pottery, often embellished with nature designs. Students create beautiful stoneware bowls, mugs, and vases,

in addition to interesting decorative pieces. New students can expect to learn a variety of hand-building techniques and returning students can learn to throw pots on one of the wheels. *Class Fee: \$78 plus \$15 materials fee for each 6 week session*

## GOURDCRAFT

**INSTRUCTOR: KAREN CALDWELL ([WWW.PICTURETRAIL.COM/KARENCALDWELL](http://WWW.PICTURETRAIL.COM/KARENCALDWELL))**

Monday afternoon/evening, October 12, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. or 6:30 – 9 p.m. (see note below\*\*)

**AUTUMN LEAF BOWLS and BIRDHOUSES\***: Create a unique bowl with a design in autumn leaves or a birdhouse, using assorted coloring media. acrylic paints, pigment inks and glazes to color the designs, and a protective coat for a finishing touch. *Class fee: \$17 plus \$15 materials fee.*



3 Monday evenings, November 2, 9, and 16, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.:

**OCEAN DRUMS\***: Create a beautiful gourd drum, starting with a dried gourd, and then drawing, painting, and woodburning on designs. The Ocean Drum represents love of natural sound and our attempts to capture the uncapturable as if we could hold the sea in our hands. *Class Fee: \$49 plus a \$60 materials fee for a 13" drum or a \$80 materials fee for a 16" drum.\**

Mon, December 7, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. or 6:30 – 9 p.m. (see note below\*\*)

**WINTER WHATNOTS AND WHIMSEYS\***: Create hanging "whatnots" to hold holiday goodies or mistletoe, plus make gourd ornaments for special gifts and a "Naughty or Nice" cup for a favorite child on your gift list. *Class Fee: \$17 plus \$15 materials fee*



**\*Early registration is necessary in order for Karen to have your gourd type or size ready for you.**

**\*\*NOTE:** On the October 12<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> dates the class room will be open from 1pm to 9pm so if you have already attended a class with Karen and have an unfinished gourd at home, you may want to bring it during that time to finish the project, burn a design, add a rim, or other embellishments. There will be patterns, tools, rimming materials, beads, available. Register as a Follow-up student. *Class Fee: \$6.50 per hour plus \$5 materials fee.*

## WOODCARVING

**INSTRUCTOR: KEITH MILLER**

6 week sessions begin

Wednesday evenings, September 9 and October 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (skip 11/25)

Thursday mornings, September 10 and October 29, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (skip 11/26)

Woodcarving students learn and practice the tools and techniques of different styles of woodcarving in the round, using basswood and butternut. Master carver Keith Miller humorously and capably teaches his students to produce beautiful animals, objects, and faces. Each new student makes 3-6 projects such as a goose, a shoe, an egret, and miniature people. Returning students may design their own projects. *Class Fee: \$78 per 6 week session. Wood and bench knives are available for purchase in class for approximately \$25.*

## PAPERMAKING

**INSTRUCTOR: MARLYN VANDENBOUT ([WWW.VBARTWORKS.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://WWW.VBARTWORKS.BLOGSPOT.COM))**

Wednesday evening, September 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening, October 21, 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

The fun and creative art of making textured handmade papers is the focus of the papermaking classes. The September class will focus on making papers which can be framed or used as stationery, from recycled papers and flowers and fibers from the end of the summer garden. The October class features making an accordion-style scrapbook with handmade paper covers for photos, journaling, or mementos. *Class fee for each workshop: \$13 plus \$5 materials fee*

## COLLAGE

**INSTRUCTOR: APRIL SCHABES ([WWW.APRILSART.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://WWW.APRILSART.BLOGSPOT.COM))**

6 week sessions begin Wednesday mornings, Sept 9 (skip 10/7) and Oct 28(skip 11/25), 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Artist April Schabes leads this creative class in which she encourages you to experiment with color and composition to create your own mixed-media collages. April sees collage as an opportunity to "play in your own world of artistic expression with a fun and easy art form!" *Class Fee: \$98 per 6 week session. List of required supplies available in office..*

## BASKETMAKING

**INSTRUCTORS: JANE DWYER (EVENINGS) AND ANN FOWLER (MORNINGS)**

6 week sessions begin

Monday mornings, Sept 14 and Oct 26, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday evenings, Sept 10 and Oct 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (skip Nov 26)

New basket students start out making easy and beautiful wood-bottomed baskets, with their choices of colored trim. Everyone's turns out great! Basketry students continue on to learn techniques for weaving a variety of shapes and sizes of baskets. After their first session, students choose their own projects in consultation with the instructor. Students can expect to make 2-3 baskets in 6 weeks, depending on their style and choice of projects. *Class Fee: \$78 per 6-week session, plus \$25 materials fee per 6 week session*

## CALLIGRAPHY

**INSTRUCTOR: MARGE BOYD (PENANDPAINTS.BLOGSPOT.COM)**

Every other Monday afternoon for 6 classes, beginning Sept 14, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Calligraphy students work on the beautiful art of fine lettering. In the course of a year of calligraphy classes, you will learn the graceful uncial, italic, and book-hand styles of writing. You construct a small book in whose pages you add lettering and other decorations. *Class Fee: \$98 for 6 classes. List of required supplies available in office*

## WEAVING

**INSTRUCTOR: NETTIE BOTTS**

6 Monday evenings, beginning September 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (skip 10/5)

3 Monday evenings, beginning November 9, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. (skip 11/23)

Weaver Nettie Botts teaches students on convenient portable 4-harness table looms, which they use to create beautiful woven scarves and other items. In the 6-week class, each new weaver makes a sampler and then is assisted in choosing projects of their own design and color scheme. In the Introductory 3-week class, students will create a small Christmas weaving, while learning basic weaving techniques. Returning students and experienced weavers may choose their own projects, on either the table looms or the floor looms. *Class Fees: \$78 for 6 week session, plus \$10 materials fee for new weavers. \$39 for 3 week session plus \$10 materials fee for Christmas weaving. Students will purchase own threads and yarns for future projects.*

## SILVER JEWELRY WORKSHOPS

**INSTRUCTORS: SONYA AND DAN SNYDER**

Monday evening, Sept. 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.:

Earrings! Choose from several design ideas to make your own stamped silver earrings. *Class Fee: \$13 plus \$8 materials fee*

3 Monday evenings, beginning October 5, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Work magic on pieces of silver, turning them into uniquely beautiful pieces of jewelry. Learn to saw, file, and solder as you complete two projects selected from pendant, pin, earring, or bracelet ideas. Advanced students may select their own projects. *Class fee: \$49 plus \$35 materials fee*

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Christmas pendant. Choose from several design ideas for a special holiday pendant that you can wear all year. *Class fee \$13 plus \$7 materials fee.*

## KNITTED NATIVITY FIGURES

**INSTRUCTOR: PAT BURGER**

3 Wednesday mornings, beginning October 21, 9 – 11a.m. (for experienced knitters only)

Knitter Pat Burger will teach you to make beautiful knitted nativity figures. In three sessions, you can expect to make Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. If you are speedy and work at home, perhaps your crèche will even have shepherds and wisemen by Christmas Eve. *Class fee: \$39. A list of required supplies is available in the office.*



## **NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS: CATCH THAT BRILLIANT AUTUMN COLOR!**

**INSTRUCTOR: RICK STEFFEN**

Monday, Oct 5, 6:30 – 9 p.m.:

Basics of Photography: Indoor session to discuss camera types, digital and film media, and camera settings.

Saturday, Oct 10, 9-11:30 am:

Tools of the Nature Photographer: Outdoor session demonstrating filters, lens, tripods. Bring your camera.

Saturday, Oct 17, 9-11:30 am:

Field Techniques of the Nature Photographer: Outdoor session, focusing on exposure and composition. Bring your camera.

Monday, Oct 26, 6:30-9:

Nature Photography Review: Indoor session to critique composition and exposure of student photos, projected on the large screen. *Class Fee: \$65 for 4 session series*

## **"ARTIST'S WAY" CIRCLES**

12 Tuesday mornings, beginning September 22, 9:45 – 11:45 a.m.,

Studying "Steering by Starlight: Find Your Right Life, No Matter What!" by Martha Beck

12 Wednesday evenings, beginning September 23, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., (skip 11/25)

Studying "The Artist's Way" by Julia Cameron

*Prospective students are invited to a one hour course overview session on Tuesday, Sept 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m., for the Tuesday morning class, or on Wednesday, Sept 16, 7-8 p.m., for the Wednesday evening class. (No-charge, no-commitment necessary, for overview sessions, but please pre-register).*

*Returning students are also encouraged to attend the introductory sessions, and all students are asked to read the first assignment before the Sept 22 and 23 classes.*

Continuing our very popular Artists' Way series, Social Worker/therapist Linda Whittaker returns to lead two classes this autumn. On Tuesday morning, students with previous Artist's Way experience are invited to study Martha Beck's powerful book, said to reconnect readers with their authentic hopes, needs, desires, and sense of purpose for their lives. The Wednesday evening class is open to both new and returning students who will study Julia Cameron's original "Artist's Way" book, which is described as a "journey to a more joyful life." Linda facilitates group discussions and sharing, as she guides participants through the inspiring readings and exercises in each class. Linda has facilitated Artist's Way groups for over ten years and is committed to creating a safe and respectful environment, which allows group members to discover/recover their creative spirits. Join us on Tuesday mornings or Wednesday evenings this autumn, and be part of this exciting creative journey. *Class fee for each 12 week class: \$130. Students also need to purchase the text-book for their class; both books are available online or at some local bookstores.*

## **NEW! PRINTMAKING**

**INSTRUCTOR: KRIS O'REILLY**

Artist Kris O'Reilly is our luncheon speaker on Sept 22: Come and meet Kris on Sept 22 and learn about the fascinating world of printmaking.

Monday afternoon, October 19, 1-4 p.m.:

INTRODUCTORY PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP: A chance to explore several methods of printmaking and create your own original print. Class fee: \$20 plus 6 materials

4 Monday evenings, October 26, November 2, 9, and 16, 6:30 – 9 p.m.:

PRINTMAKING CLASS: Learn several different printmaking methods, and create an original print from each. Choose from Monoprints, Linocuts, Collographs and Chop Stamps, and Screenprints. *Class Fee: \$65 plus \$12 materials fee*

## **NEW! CROSS STITCHING**

**INSTRUCTOR: KATHY MICAL**

Thursday, October 1, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

ORIENTATION: No cost, no commitment necessary—just call to register. Come and meet Kathy, see some of her beautiful stitchery, and learn what supplies to buy for the class.

6 Thursdays, beginning October 8, 6:30 -8:30 pm. (skip 10/22)

CROSS STITCH CLASS: Learn basic cross-stitching, a form of counted-thread embroidery in which X-shaped stitches are used to form amazingly beautiful designs. *Class Fee: \$78. A list of required supplies is available in the office.*

## **PAPER-CRAFTS**

**INSTRUCTOR: ANN FOWLER**

Tuesday mornings, 9:30 a.m.– 12 noon:

September 22:

**GIFT TAGS.** Make gift tags for every month of the year, using pre-printed tags, to embellish with glitter, 3-D, ribbon, and much more. Great to give as a gift set, or for your own presents.

October 27:

**WASHI QUILTS AND FLOWERS.** Make 4 cards using beautiful washi papers. Quilted effect for 2 and wired flowers for 2.

November 24:

**PAPER FUN FOR CHRISTMAS.** Make 4 holiday papercraft projects.

*Class fees: \$17 plus \$6 materials fee per workshop*

## **STORY JEWELRY**

**INSTRUCTOR: CATHERINE MYERS**

Thursday evening, October 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Storyteller Catherine Myers will begin with an autumn story and then help you create beautiful personalized “story jewelry.” You choose beads and stones (from Catherine’s amazing collection) to represent personal aspects of your life. If you have a beloved but broken piece of jewelry, perhaps a keepsake from a relative, you can incorporate some old stones into your new jewelry. *Class fee: \$13 plus \$15 materials fee*

## **CANDLE-DIPPING: BAYBERRY FOR CHRISTMAS!**

**INSTRUCTOR: LOIS LAUER**

Friday, November 6, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Create your own hand-dipped candles for your Christmas table or to give as gifts. We’ll make several pair of both green bayberry and red pine candles. *Class fee: \$13 plus \$5 materials fee*

## **TIN BELLS - AN OLD-FASHIONED LOOK FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DOORWAY** **INSTRUCTOR: LOIS LAUER**

Monday, November 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

These antique-looking bells, made from old tin lids, provide a pleasant tinkle when nestled amidst a swag of evergreens on your front door. Each participant makes a string of tin bells, and a swag of fresh balsam and pine. *Class Fee: \$13 plus \$5 materials fee (Bring work gloves, needle-nose pliers, pruners, and 12 tin can lids)*

## **EVERGREEN WREATHS A CIRCLE OF FRESH GREENS FOR CHRISTMAS**

**INSTRUCTOR: GEORGE MITCHELL**

Monday evening, November 30, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Professional floral designer George Mitchell will help each student create a beautiful fresh balsam fir wreath complete with pine cones and a red velvet bow, just in time for the Christmas holidays. *Class Fee: \$10 plus \$10 materials fee (Bring pruners)*

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Pre-registration is required for all Log Cabin classes and workshops. Class and materials fees are due at time of registration. All class fees include a \$10 non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee. No refunds or transfers of fees are available for cancellations made less than 24 hours prior to the beginning of class. To register by mail, send check and the following information: Name, address, phone, email, name and date/time of class, and if registration is for a child, send birthdate and grade in school this fall, plus parents’ names and emergency contact information.

### **ART SHOW: Sunday November 15, 12 noon – 4 p.m.**

All of our Log Cabin instructors and students will join together to participate in a pre-Christmas art show and reception. The show will include Watercolors, Drawings, Pottery, Woodcarvings, Poetry, Creative Writings, Collages, Tole-painted Objects, Handmade Paper, Prints, Gourds, Photography, Baskets, Quilts, Calligraphy, Knittings, Stitchings, Weavings, and Jewelry for show and for sale, plus an exhibit of the Children’s Art and Family Art work. Christmas wreaths, log reindeer, and other Christmas decorations will also be for sale.

## Summer Camp 2009

2009 was a wonderful season of camp and friendships at The Center. The kids enjoyed a summer of fresh air and exciting, memorable experiences. Horses were a favorite activity of both Farm and Ranch Camp--plus lots of campfires, crafts, fun with the farm animals, and water games on hot days. Our Outdoor Leaders-In-Training program participated in great adventures canoeing, hiking, camping at the Indiana Dunes, and more. Many thanks to an outstanding bunch of campers, to an incredible staff, and to many dedicated volunteers for making this summer such a success. Special thanks to our camp doctor, Dr. Robert Boll, and our camp nurses: Cheryl Gallet, Ann Sheridan Pullos, Georgina Corona, and Jane McCarthy, who each donated their health care expertise during a 2-week session of camp. Thanks too to the rest of our camp committee, who advised and counseled us through a fun and healthy summer!

### **Wanted: Sunship Earth and Earth Caretakers Counselors for September and October**

We have a wonderful fall Sunship Earth camp program and Earth Caretakers program for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. We will be interviewing prospective counselors for our environmental education programs in late August and early September. Please call if you have a love of the earth and would be interested in being employed part time this fall-- leading nature activities for 4th, 5th & 6th graders on Wednesday, Thursday, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Fridays. Minimum age 18.



### **BARN DANCE**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 9:30 pm**

**Mark your calendars for a night of great music and fun at the farm!**



Rain or shine at the Children's Farm

We have a wonderful evening planned in our indoor riding arena—you won't want to miss our tenth annual Barn Dance! A DJ playing country western music will have us out on the dance floor line dancing and singing karaoke; or just come and enjoy a night with family. Food and rootbeer will be sold from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hayrack rides around the farm, visits to the barn, and a bonfire will continue all evening long. Tickets are \$5 per person. All proceeds benefit the camp scholarship fund.

## **Fellowship Corner**

# **Meagan Maricle**

I first became involved at The Center in 1994 as a camper. I attended camp for seven years as a camper and 2 as a CIT, and it was always something I looked forward to the most during the year. The Center quickly became my second home. I have always tried to spend as much time here as I can; much of my spare time over the years has been spent on the farm with my uncle who was a former farmer of The Center. I worked on the camp staff for 4 summers as I developed a passion for children and making a difference in the lives of others. I returned to The Center in May to take on the role of the Assistant Program Director and to train to be the Camp Director. I am truly blessed to be working in this new position. I know that great opportunity and growth lies ahead.

*We feel blessed that you are here, Meagan. We are confident that your energy, passion and leadership skills will be great assets to our programs. Welcome to The Center Staff, Meagan!*



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## Rummage Sale Rummage Sale September 4th & 5th

### FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We're looking forward to our 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival at The Center. Crafts and collectibles booths, flea market vendors, garage sale vendors, a Farmers' Market with pumpkins and gourds, children's games and crafts, hayrack rides, horse rides, live entertainment, and farm tours to see the animals will fill the day with fun. Hamburgers and hot dogs and other goodies will be on sale for lunch. Festival admission is \$2 for children and \$4 for adults. This is always a great day for all ages!

Friends and volunteers are asked to contribute baked items for the festival bake sale; AND to come out and help at the festival. Vendor spaces are still available (\$25 each) - call The Center to register!

Plan to bring the whole family to the Fall Festival. Stay all day and enjoy a delightful autumn day in the country. We hope to see you September 26th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



### Visit The Children's Farm in October

Make sure to visit The Children's Farm for all of your fall decorating needs! The Children's Farm is open every day in October to provide you with all of your essential fall items. Straw bales, corn stalks, gourds, pumpkins, mini pumpkins, local honey and more! Our pick-your-own pumpkin patch is open on weekdays from 3pm-5pm and weekends from 10am-4pm. We offer complementary hayrack rides and pumpkins are sold by the pound. Weekend guests are also welcome to visit our petting farm and enjoy lunch from the farm grill. Please call for more information.