

Camphill Village Kimberton Hills

news

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Helping Hands

By Felicity Jeans, Executive Director

I love the golden light and gentle warmth that comes in the fall; a fresh lightness is in the air, the abundance of fruit and the harvest to make preserves to feed us through the winter. We are all, world-wide, continuing to be careful regarding virus variants and our interactions with the world around us. We have been unable again to have an in-person Hootenanny or Friends and Family Day. I do hope you have been able to enjoy the short slideshow that Kris has compiled from life around the village to share with you.

In the U.K. there is growing concern on television media news regarding the effects of global warming and what can be done about it. The effects in the west of wild fires are devastating. In Kimberton Hills, we have developed many ecological practices that enable us to tread more gently on the earth. Our life sharing practices give support for each individual to feel supported and for us to care for the land. This provides nourishing fresh produce for us, and hay for the cows who provide us with fresh milk. Visit our website for more of the ecological practices we use. We can always do more and it is an ongoing process which needs a continuous commitment. Thankfully, we have a lifetime in which to develop our skills and awareness of the effects of our actions on the people and environment around us.

For our Friends and Family Day, the Community Health Center was preparing a presentation of some of the therapeutic elements that are available to the residents of Kimberton Hills, such as massage and bath therapies, eurythmy and movement therapies, relationship groups and social therapies. One aspect our friends are supported to develop is 'the helping hand' in which one is encouraged to identify five people one trusts and can go to for help and support if there is a need or concern. We are fortunate to be in a community where we have many friends and a healthy social network and good interactions between each other.

As we have been unable to have our usual events, we will have a virtual online gala, with some live interactive elements involved to share the love and fun of life in Kimberton Hills. We invite you to join us for the event on November 18th and ask you to share with five friends who may like to give Camphill a helping hand. Our love and appreciation to you all. We so look forward to the time we will be able to invite you to join us here again. Thanks to Kimberton Whole Foods for the monthly Rounding Up at the Register campaign benefitting CVKH in Septemebr and other local nonprofits throughout the year. We are also taking our crafts to the Craft Market in Kimberton on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. We so look forward to seeing you there.



**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Join us on
November 30, 2021
for the international
day of giving



Serena House recently took a trip to North Carolina and enjoyed a visit to the Sylvan Heights Bird Park

Our New Home

By Katherine Gould Martin and Robert Martin

We moved into the lovely red house on the meadow down from Kepler on August 3. The huge moving truck brought our furniture from Bard College, in the Hudson Valley of New York, where we had lived for 25 years. It was a beautiful day and we were excited that the time had finally come; we had been thinking about it for two years. Since that day, our hopes have been more than fulfilled; we love being at CVKH and look forward to being part of the community for the rest of our lives.

The path that brought us has been long and interesting. We are fortunate to have reached this point relatively intact, with four wonderful children, four grandchildren, a very cute dog, and many happy memories of life adventures. Katherine was trained in anthropology and has worked in many fields, including epidemiology, urban forestry, college teaching, and managing a program of China-related exchanges and events for Bard College.

Her study of Chinese and research interests in medical anthropology led us to one and a half exciting years in Taiwan. Bob studied music (cello) and philosophy and taught for more than 50 years at various universities; he also played in a string quartet, worked for a computer company, and had the chance to start a new conservatory of music at Bard College. We spent the last two years, since the summer of 2019, in Berlin, Germany, where Katherine worked on a book about her family's history (in the US, Germany and China) and Bob taught philosophy and music at Bard College's campus in Berlin.



The new Gottfried house where Katherine & Robert reside



How did we come to live at CVKH? At first, we were wondering where we might spend a few years as volunteers before moving to a retirement community. We knew about CVKH and, thanks to Leslie Jones and Sherry Wildfeuer, we came for a visit. We were so impressed by the community – by its values and its practices and above all by its people. We loved the landscape. We talked with Sherry and others to see what possibilities there might be for us to return to CVKH after the two Berlin years already planned. After many meetings and discussions, including a second visit, the idea developed that would allow us to join the community without becoming too much of a burden. As part of the plan, we contributed funds to build a house that would belong to CVKH, in which we would live during our retirement years. Diedra Heitzman and Mark Ohi managed the building project with expertise, patience and loving care, and we had the fun of watching from afar as the house took shape. We think it's a beautiful house and we're thrilled to be the present occupants.

Some impressions. The estate is even more beautiful than we remembered it. The meadows, the orchard, the woods, the paths, the farm, the cows, the rabbit at Sycamore – these are our delights every day. We feel so fortunate to be so warmly welcomed by everyone we've met. Katherine particularly appreciates Martha and the Herb Garden, as well as the swimming pool and its regular patrons. Bob was delighted by the concert that took place just days after our arrival, performed by Herta, Sumin, Michele, Kimberly and Sarah and the CVKH chorus. We enjoyed Esther's lunch at Sakanac and look forward to visiting more of the households. Even Pip gets a special treat – a walk from Didi and Claudia every Sunday! We're so fortunate to be among such interesting and kind people!

Cliff Todd and Kimberton Hills

Sometimes we experience “coincidences” that are so touching, we stand in awe. That happened when Cliff Todd came to visit Kimberton Hills years ago with his dear friend Betsy Church, mother of Ross and long- time volunteer and supporter of our community. He recognized something that touched his heart—and without fanfare, gave us a large matching grant. We met Cliff as a Kentucky gentleman and knew a bit of his background—the way he and Betsy re-met after many years...But Cliff connected his life with ours after that brief visit, in extraordinary ways.

We were later to learn of his biography, partly through the book, Corn Bread Mafia—written about a particularly poor Kentucky county Cliff became associated with. We also learned that Cliff came from a poor family, that he had a twin sister Catherine who had various disabilities, and that Cliff had used the payments from his first job to buy her a hearing aid. Gradually other aspects of his life were shared. A few years ago, he offered a large leadership grant toward the Sankanac CSA building, which we have named the Catherine and Cliff Todd Sankanac CSA Building in his honor. Along with his gift, the Camphill Foundation, The Logan Initiative Fund and many years work of our garden teams made the building possible.

Cliff died in July, at the age of 93. In his last weeks, he was able to see photos and videos of the construction progress on our new Sankanac CSA building. He will be with us in spirit as we occupy this important new building. Some of his ashes now reside behind Rose Hall in our Memorial Garden. We remain ever grateful.



Cliff at his home in Kentucky

- Diedra Heitzman

Please join us for our special

All Together One Online Virtual Auction & Fundraiser Event

November 18th, 2021 at 7 p.m.

This special fundraiser event will feature:

- Auction Items
- Fund-a-Need items for the village
- General Giving
- Guest Speakers
- Live Broadcast



The new Catherine & Cliff Todd Sankanac CSA Building



Remembering Cliff as his ashes were placed in our CVKH Memorial Garden



Scenes of Village Life





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CRAFT SHOP

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CAMP HILL CAFE

Currently Closed

SANKANAC CSA

Harvesting May-October

The mission of Camphill Village Kimberlton Hills is to create and maintain a land-based community together with adults with special needs. Inspired by Anthroposophy, members of the community support one another to contribute to the wider society through biodynamic agriculture, handcrafts and other ecological, social, cultural and educational endeavors.

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Stop by the Craft Market at Kimberlton Whole Foods held the first Saturday of the month through Decemeber from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Creating projects in the Kimberlton Hills Wood Working Shop

Volunteer Opportunities Available!

Interested in joining our vibrant life-sharing community? Learn more and apply on our website:
www.camphillkimberlton.org

Visit our Online Craft Shop

for unique handmade items made onsite in our Kimberlton Hills village
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