

# Camphill Village Kimberton Hills news

**2023 Spring Newsletter and 2022 Annual Report**



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# Change For Good

by Felicity Jeans, Executive Director

Camphill Village Kimberton Hills has a wonderful 50 year history of providing secure loving homes and friendships to many varied people. The ongoing nature of the village might feel as though nothing much changes around here.

At our 50th anniversary celebration there was a selection of newsletters from the past 20 years or so. A friend took several to look through and a week or so later said she was surprised that she noticed how much has changed over the years, as represented in the newsletters.

There is a perceptible air of permanence and continuity in Camphill Village Kimberton Hills as well as innovative development. This can be recognized in the lovely book, *Community Voices*, that Diedra Heitzman created to celebrate the milestone of 50 years. It is filled with stories and photos of the land, animals and people involved in Kimberton Hills.

Change is an ever present factor of life for all of us.

The CSA gardeners are so pleased with the new CSA building to cleaning, storing and distributing the wonderful biodynamic vegetables that are grown for the village and CSA members in the local community.

Our Dairy is supported by committed young farmers. In their dedication to the care of the land and animals, they see the effects of climate change. They experience that a more effective shelter is needed for the cows in the extremes of winter and summer temperatures, for instance. Costs of labor and materials to build such a structure have risen significantly, especially considering the effects that have come to all of us with the repercussions of the Covid pandemic. Yet, it is with concern for the well-being of the herd that there is this commitment to replace the old sheds that have housed the cows for the past 40 plus years, over a decade beyond the recommended replacement time. Our focus on caring for the animals that provide so much for us and the earth is important. As with so much that happens this positive change will not happen by itself. It has had a lot of planning, and it will need a lot of support. For this we are immensely grateful to those of you who, from your heartfelt generosity, are able to support these necessary developments.

We are always working to create positive change for the good of the animals, the land and of course the people of Kimberton Hills and the local and wider community.

With appreciation to you all for your continued support and involvement.



*Community Voices* by Diedra Heitzman is available in our online Craft Shop:  
[www.camphillkimberton.org](http://www.camphillkimberton.org)





# Welcome Robert Martin, Interim Director of Development

Dear Friends,

This is the first time that I write in my new volunteer position as interim director of development. Just two years ago I retired after 56 years of continuous employment. One month later Katherine and I moved to the little red house, our new home at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills where we will live for the rest of our lives. The impulse that brought us to CVKH is the same as that which made me not only willing but excited to take on the job of interim director of development. Put simply, that impulse is love for the place and the community.

In my new position, I will tell all who will listen that CVKH is a treasure, worthy of generous support. Indeed, our community brings honor and joy to those who support it. CVKH is a living, vibrant model of values that are crucially important in our time, including the dignity of all people, stewardship of the land and the plants and animals that inhabit it, and life sharing, whether full-time as at Camphill or as part of everyday life elsewhere. Even in the relatively short time that Katherine and I have lived at CVKH I have seen what a powerful effect this community has on visitors, who quickly recognize the authenticity, warmth, health, and inclusiveness seen in the small details of life as well as in the broader Camphill story.

In the conference that was part of our 50th birthday celebration last October, it was exciting to see our work through the eyes of distinguished national and international experts. The chief impact officer of the Rodale Institute, where a concept of organic farming was first developed, invited us to see achievements in regenerative agriculture, such as our own, as “the most hopeful thing going on in the planet.” The executive director of PASA Sustainable Agriculture and the director of the Union of Concerned Scientists World Food Program, along with our own local leader, Terry Brett from Kimberton Whole Foods, applauded the agricultural work of CVKH as a buffer against increasingly severe food security issues. Dan McKanan, professor at Harvard’s Divinity School and author of *Camphill and the Future: Spirituality and Disability in an Evolving Communal Movement*, and Birthe Holt, a biodynamic farmer who is a founding member of the Danish intentional community Hertha, gave us perspectives on how CVKH evolves and inspires. This is the story I hope to tell potential donors.

I look forward to working with every member of our community and with our families and friends far and wide.

*Robert Martin*  
*Interim Director of Development*



*Robert and friends in the village stand with a newly installed kestrel house*



The Craft Market is held the first Saturday of each month from Spring through Fall. It is located across from Kimberton Whole Foods in the Kimberton Garden & Gifts parking area from 10am - 3pm. Stop by and see us along with many more wonderful arts and crafts vendors!

# Village Happenings



*We know spring is finally here with our annual "letting out the cows" activity!*



*We were happy to have students from Kimberton Waldorf School volunteer recently and help with a variety of projects around the village, seen here with the estate crew!*



We are currently seeking service volunteers to join our community beginning in August. Please visit our website for more information and an application.

[www.camphillkimberton.org](http://www.camphillkimberton.org)



*This ceramic bowl was created by Mary Caroline (MC) Richards and will be up for bid in our "Spring Into Action" virtual auction running May 5th -15th.*

MC Richards was an American poet, potter, and writer best known for her book *Centering: in Pottery, Poetry and the Person*. Educated at Reed College, in Portland, Oregon, and at the University of California at Berkeley, she taught English at the Central Washington College of Education and the University of Chicago, but in 1945 became a faculty member of the experimental Black Mountain College in North Carolina where she continued to teach until the end of the summer session in 1951.

It was her teaching experience and growth as an artist while at Black Mountain College that prepared the foundation for most of her work in life, both as an educator and creator. Later in life, she discovered the work of Rudolf Steiner and lived the last part of her life at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills. In 1985, while living at the Kimberton Camphill Village she began teaching workshops with Matthew Fox at the University of Creation Spirituality in Oakland, CA during the winter months. Mary Caroline Richards died in 1999 in Kimberton, PA.



# *My Experience in Kimberton Hills*

*By Abby Weatherford*

I arrived in Camphill Village Kimberton Hills in January, not knowing exactly what to expect. However, I have been pleasantly surprised by life here, from the strength of knowledge across various domains to the kindness and collaboration evident in relationships among villagers and coworkers. In workshops, a great deal of collective knowledge is evident, and I enjoy learning more about various topics and tasks. I knew little about mosaics prior to my arrival here, and having grown up in Dallas, Texas, certainly did not know how to operate a wood splitter. But in my various workshops, community members patiently teach me, expanding my skills in and appreciation for many tasks.



*Abby and Michele working on a sunflower mosaic piece together in the Kimberton Hills Mosaic Studio*



*Cooking lunch with Eva in Kerria House*

I am also greatly encouraged by the relationships between coworkers and villagers here. Many facilities, even those with the best of intentions, relegate neuro-diverse individuals to busywork of no real importance, or fail to assume competence. But here at Kimberton Hills, individuals of all abilities have real responsibility that contributes to community sustenance and well-being. Community members work together and respect one another, creating a rare and inspiring dynamic. I have certainly benefited from the kindness present in the community – from patient coaching in the art of weaving to effusive greetings as I walk to my workshops, my fellow community members demonstrate a care for others that will be difficult to forget even when my time here has passed.



**Visit the Online Craft Shop!**

**[www.camphillkimberton.org](http://www.camphillkimberton.org)**

**Our Online Craft Shop is filled with dozens of unique, handmade wares made onsite in our Kimberton Hills Village. Peruse wonderful items from our Wood Shop, Weavery, Herb Garden, Mosaic, Fiber Arts and Ceramic Studios, and more!**

# Music Concerts in Rose Hall

## Music in May – two free concerts!



*The Marian String Quartet*

The Marian String Quartet performs in Rose Hall on Sunday, May 7 at 4 p.m. in a concert featuring Schubert's famous "Cello" Quintet, D. 956 in C Major. For this performance they will be joined by the Residency Program Director, cellist Robert Martin. The members of the prize-winning Marian Quartet, named for the great singer Marian Anderson, are advanced students at the Juilliard School. For details on their CVKH residency, see [www.camphillkimberton.org/chamber-music-residency-program](http://www.camphillkimberton.org/chamber-music-residency-program).

On Saturday, May 20 at 4 p.m. in Rose Hall, the Williamsport Civic Chorus comes to Camphill Kimberton with a varied program of choral works. This group, founded in 1944 with the motto, "Music for the people – by the people," performs regularly with the Williamsport (PA) Symphony Orchestra and has toured in Central Europe and most recently in Galway, Cork, and Dublin, Ireland.

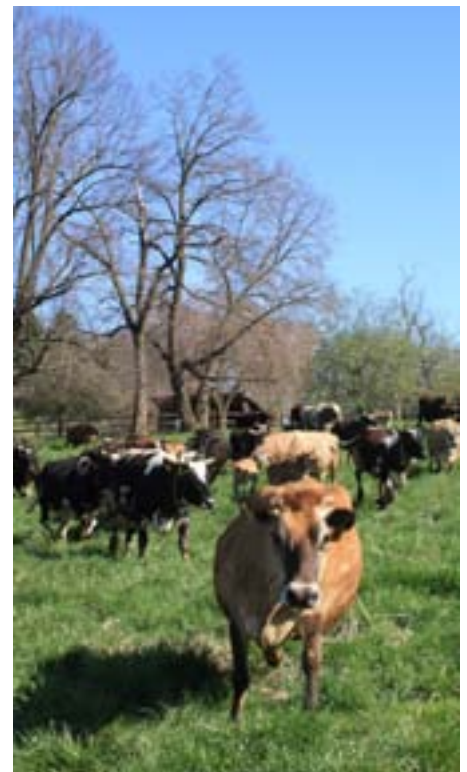
Both concerts are free and open to the public.

# Kimberton Hills Dairy Project Begins

The Kimberton Hills Dairy has long been in need of an upgrade. Beginning with new sheds, the three-phase process begins this year. The upgrades will directly impact and streamline processes on the farm helping to improve overall efficiency. The dairy, which supplies milk to local businesses such as Kimberton Whole Foods and Mom's Organic Market, is home to more than 100 animals including cows and bulls. The new sheds will provide better shade and cooler temperatures during the humid summer months which will help support year round milk production.

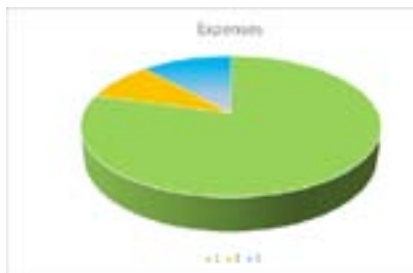
Phase one, which we hope to begin this spring, includes replacing an existing dilapidated 'loafing shed' with an efficient pole building to house and feed different herds and to store manure out of the weather. Metal siding and roof, galvanized metal stanchions and gates, and a concrete scrape alley are designed to last a long time. Large overhead fans will circulate air for comfort and operating curtain walls will allow natural air movement as well. The animals will be better protected, feeding will be more efficient and we will keep our precious manure from polluting the surface and groundwater by keeping it out of the rain. The building will also support a large solar array that will be added later, producing enough electricity to supply nearly 50% of our current demand when fully functioning.

Phase two, still being planned, will focus on the milking parlor with a focus on animal health and safety for all. Phase three will improve bottling, and marketing the dairy.



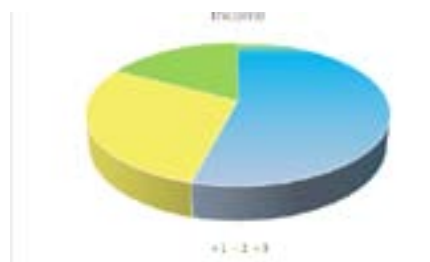


## 2022 Operating Expenses \$2,757,454



- Households & Village Enterprise Support **51%**
- Administration **10.9%**
- Fundraising & Development **10.2%**
- Depreciation & Long Range Funds, Medical, Insurance, Taxes, Miscellaneous **27.9%**

## 2022 Sources of Revenue \$2,719,647



- Family Support & Resident Contributions **46.7%**
- Donor Support **27.5%**
- External Product Sales & Services **17.5%**
- Villager Income **8.3%**

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*Thank you to all!*



### **In Memoriam of Ina Sawitz**

**June 10, 1954 - January 19, 2023**

Our beloved Ina Kay Sawitz, 68, crossed the threshold on January 19th, 2023 in Paoli Hospital. She was born the third child of Peter and Ilse Sawitz on June 10th, 1954. Ilse and Peter strove to give Ina a full and rich life. She attended Stephen Knolls School in Montgomery county Maryland and her education was supplemented with home tutoring by her mother as well as outside reading specialists. In her adolescence, Ina was active in the Special Olympics and was especially proud of her bowling prowess. She was one of the first students at Camphill Special School Beaver Run in Glenmore, Pennsylvania.

After graduating she became one of the earliest members of Camphill Village Kimberton Hills in 1975, which has been her home ever since. Ina was a joyful, generous, affectionate, and playful member of the community touching the hearts of all who met her. She loved dancing, music, plays and concerts. Ina could be impishly stealthy as well. It was not unusual for her housemates to find dollar bills or food hidden in her pockets or bedroom. When confronted she exclaimed "But it's a secret!"

Ina faithfully took on tasks to help make a house a home, wove on hand looms, made mosaics, regularly won recognition for her hand spun yarn, hosted a spinning workshop, and spent years in the herb garden. Ina is survived by her brother Allen (Braxi), brother Eric and his wife Gail Stone, niece Nicole, her husband Andrew Felper, niece Beth, her husband Brian Doucet and their sons Nolan and Joel. There will be a celebration of Ina's life at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, on June 10th, her favorite day of the year.



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*The mission of Camphill Village Kimberton 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.*

**Residential and Volunteer opportunities are available at Kimberton Hills.  
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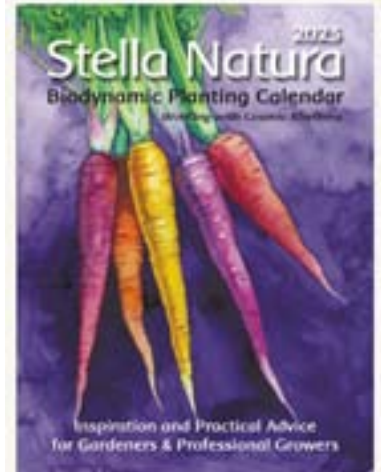
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## Save the Date

**Family & Friends Day  
Saturday, October 7th**

**Support us in July by "Rounding Up at the Register"  
at Kimberton Whole Foods!**





