

*Camphill Village Kimberton Hills*  
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**2023 Summer Newsletter**



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# Caring Into the Future

*Felicity Jeans, Executive Director*

We are blessed to be living in a time when there is so much opportunity for so many people. We hope for continuing awareness in society of inclusiveness for all people. With this incredibly opportune time in the world's evolution comes our increasing awareness of the fragility of our earth's health and well-being, and of how dependent we are on our Mother Earth. There is no planet B, however far we go with sending rockets, astronauts, and telescopes into deep space.

With a deep calming breath, we increase our sense of appreciation for all the precious, miraculous, everydayness of life that we can take for granted. It can deepen our sense of responsibility towards our Earth and each other.

We can feel so helpless when assailed by media news telling of disasters of global proportions, but we have also learned some valuable lessons from the recent past. It is directly relevant to our immediate well-being to support the local farmers and growers and to be involved in our local community-supported agricultural enterprises.

Here in Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, we are incredibly fortunate to be able to steward the land that has been entrusted to the Camphill community.

We are currently embarking on a three-phase project to improve conditions at our Dairy Farm; the first phase provides inclement weather housing for our herd of cows. This first-phase structure will replace an array of old buildings and have a south-facing elongation reinforced to be able to hold an array of solar panels with the capacity to provide significantly to our community's supply of energy. The high-quality Biodynamic milk from grass-fed cows has been supplying the larger community through Kimberton Whole Foods stores for many years. We also have begun providing milk for the Moms Organic stores in north Philadelphia. The second phase would address another gift of the cows, the rich, digested manure that is so beneficial for the fertility of the land and is a main component of a good healthily balanced Biodynamic farm.

Then we would address a processing plant to be sure the milk continues to be stored and distributed in an efficient, hygienic mode.

These upgrades to the dairy farm have been needed for a long time. We are delighted that the dairy team and community can coordinate such an undertaking, helping to ensure the continuing well-being of the cows, and the ongoing local supply of top quality, most delicious Biodynamic milk. We have also been making cheeses with the rich spring milk.

As well as having a strong collaborative relationship with the Kimberton Whole Food Stores, we also have a strong collaborative relationship with our farming neighbors at Seven Stars Farm, with whom we recently co-hosted a national Biodynamic conference. The conference created a wonderful atmosphere of inspiration for the ongoing well-being of land and the planet Earth, our home.



# News from the Office of Development

Robert Martin, Director of Development

I'm delighted to introduce two new members of the Camphill Village Kimberton Hills Development team. Fernanda Ribeiro, Development Associate, comes to us from a career in marketing and strategy in Brazil, her home country, where she received Bachelors and Executive MBA degrees. Fernanda and her husband live in Chester Springs with their three children: Victor, a student at The Camphill School, and Jojo and Olivia who attend the Kimberton Waldorf School. Amanda Cook, Publications and Marketing Associate, has extensive experience at The Arc of Atlantic County and more recently with the Animal House Project in Pottstown. A graduate of Atlantic Cape Community College and Stockton University, Amanda and her husband live in nearby Elverson (in Chester County). We're off to a good start, writing grant proposals, making plans for future events, and enjoying the very important process of getting to know our community. Our office is on the second floor of Kepler. Stop by and say hello!



Pictured Left to Right: Amanda, Bob & Fernanda

## It Had to Be You

Emily Jones & Derrick Collin

### How We Met

(Emily) am an art teacher at Kimberton Waldorf School and have been blessed to rent the apartment in Rose Hall and partake in community life in Kimberton Hills since July 2018. The longer I have lived here, the more I have valued all that it has to offer, and the more I want to contribute to its vibrant future. Derrick arrived as a volunteer in November of 2020 after his position as the photo lab assistant at the Maryland Institute College of Art was discontinued due to Covid. He did not want to be confined to the computer and felt a pull toward working the land. Being a seeker of spiritual truths, he had heard of Camphill and the founder of Anthroposophy, Rudolf Steiner, through multiple avenues. One of my wishes in moving to Camphill was to study Anthroposophy with other people. Derrick and I independently joined the same book study and enjoyed grappling with these intriguing and important ideas. Because of our artistic backgrounds, we also had an instant understanding and became good friends. We had opportunities to work on artistic projects for the Village and for my school several times. After being friends for a couple of years, I invited him to join me at a concert at my school. As we enjoyed the students sharing their musical talents, I was overcome by the feeling of recognition that I had found my life partner. I later learned that he felt the same.

### Our Engagement

Everyone asks me if I knew he was going to propose...as unexciting as it might sound, I did! We both felt so clear about this that we were very honest with each other and had all of the important conversations right up front. However, I did not know how he might do it. In May of this year, we attended a Camphill Youth conference in Scotland. I had ALWAYS wanted to go to Scotland and had yet to have an experience of traveling outside the country. It was incredible on so many levels! After a very inspiring conference, some new friends generously offered to take us sightseeing. Little did I know that there was some plotting and conspiring afoot. May 15th was a cold, cloudy, misty day (as usual in Scotland) and I was to see my first real castle, or I should say, the ruins of it, majestically overlooking the cold North Sea. It was once a stronghold and is famously known for being the place where the clever Scots bested the English when they were trying to abscond with the Scottish Crown Jewels. At the base of these massive cliffs, just as the sun rayed through the clouds, Derrick got down on one knee and asked me to spend the rest of my life with him. Delightfully, a couple nearby on the beach took notice and captured the moment for us in a photograph!

### Our Wedding

To share our joy with the greater village, we had an engagement party in June. Everyone brought food and beautiful cakes and we were surprised by some hilarious games to test our compatibility. We are just in the beginning stages of planning our wedding, but one thing we know is our deep desire to celebrate here with our Camphill community. It will be full of folk dancing, live music, singing together, and fabulous food, perhaps potluck style. We both feel blessed to have so many friendships that have been a part of our unfolding story, and we look forward to celebrating together next Spring.

The Proposal



Engagement Party: "The Shoe Game" answering questions to reveal how compatible we are.





# A Gift that Reached Across the Years

Robert Martin

In 1962, when Joan Roeske married James Moore, her father, Henry H. Roeske, presented her with a gift of 62 shares of AT&T stocks. Joan kept these stocks until June 2023 - 61 years - when she presented them as a gift to Camphill Village Kimberton Hills. Henry Roeske's gift to Joan represented a father's desire to care for his daughter even as he "gave her away". He had been raised by a single mother who managed to send her son to college, and Henry knew how important it was that a young woman have some funds of her own. Joan's gift to Camphill Village Kimberton Hills is a way of caring for her own daughter, Cindy Moore, since CVKH is Cindy's home. Joan Moore's gift, fittingly, honors the memory of her father.

Henry H. Roeske was born in 1898 in Hartford, Connecticut and grew up in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He graduated from Boston University in 1923 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. While in college, Henry met Dorothy Cates Taylor, the sister of one of his fraternity brothers, and they married in 1934. Joan, the second child of Henry and Dorothy, remembers her father as an avid golfer who also enjoyed curling and bowling – "mainly a family man." He worked as a comptroller and financial manager in a variety of companies.

Joan Moore asked that a portion of her gift to CVKH be used for the construction of the new dairy barn, meeting the challenge from an anonymous donor who pledged \$100,000 to be paid when that amount was matched, thereby achieving the goal for Phase I of the Dairy Renovation Project. Joan feels that her father would have been pleased, not because he particularly loved cows, but because he loved his children. This gift, across the years, is an inspiration to us all.



Henry H. Roeske



Cindy Moore, Henry Roeske, and Lori Moore eating popcorn.



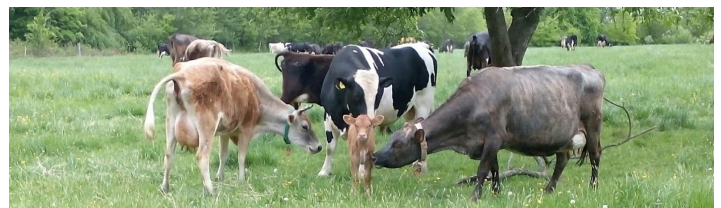
## The work on the Dairy has begun!

**Phase I-** New 17,280 sq. ft. animal housing and manure stacking facility, this year!

**Phase II-** (2023-2024) Renovation of the milking parlor.

**Phase III-** (2024-2025) Storage and marketing improvements

Phase 1: New Dairy building design 288 ft x 60 ft



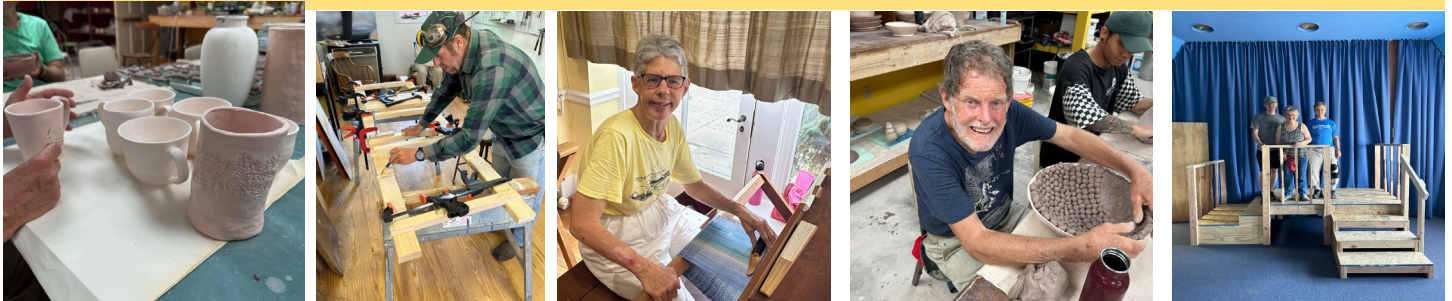


# Whats Happening in the Workshops

Amanda Cook, Marketing and Publications



Camphill Workshops have been busy and productive in the past months. The **Weavery** has been busy making denim rugs, scarves, cloths, table runners, and placemats. **Pottery** has been working hard on bowls, vases, mugs, and more! **Woodshop** is working on building mini cars, shelves, a plaque board for Rose Hall and a set for a play at Camphill School. In **Mosaics**, Cindy has just completed a mirror frame using recycled tiles, beads, glass gems, and pieces of old jewelry. Glass-on-glass mosaics have also been popular in the Mosaics workshop. Camphill Village Workshops do more than produce beautiful objects; they help people develop skills and provide a purpose and sense of accomplishment. Check out some of our artisans' works in our craft shop!



# Village Vacations: Surf, Sun, Fun, & Friends

Farm House and friends enjoyed a nice vacation at Broadkill Beach in Delaware.



Residents from Springfield, Sankanac, and Helios enjoyed their summer vacation together. "We had a good time at Bethany Beach in Delaware. The accommodation was close enough to walk to the beach so that we could walk around the area, and the weather was nice! We spent many times at the beach, especially Johnny and Justin enjoyed being there and getting into the water. Sunday night, we had a dinner out, and there was live music at the square; Beth and Johnny liked to be there and were dancing to music, and we had ice cream on the way back home! Also, we visited a couple of places around the beach, the Indian Lifesaving Museum, and Bethany Fire Station as Mike's wish list."



-Heenam Kim  
Co-Worker





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**ONLINE CRAFT SHOP**  
Monday- Friday 9 AM- 5 PM  
Weekends by Appointment

**CAMPBILL CAFÉ**  
Reopening in the Fall!

**SANKANAC CSA**  
Harvesting May-November

*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.  
Contact Craig Brown in Admissions at 610-935-0300 ext. 18**

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**Scan to make an online donation.**

**Exciting Happenings!**

- Mosaic Studio and the Pottery Studio will start offering classes to the public. Stay tuned for updates.
- Camphill Cafe' will be re-opening to the public in the Fall!
- Our online website is getting a makeover! Stay tuned for more details.

**Follow us on social media for updates!**

**Upcoming Events**

Harvest Festival  
September 23, 2023

Friends & Family Day  
October 7, 2023

Regional Craft Conference  
October 26-29, 2023

Please consider a tax deductible gift to support our village. One way is to fill out the enclosed envelope and note the designation of your contribution. Another way is at our website, www.camphillkimberton.org. Call Robert Martin, Director of Development, at 610-935-0300 ex.11 for other options.