

Pine Needles

Circle Pines Center

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Director's Report

Tom VanHammen

It is late November and we have been enjoying an unusually warm fall so far, but that is about to change. We are expecting snow this weekend and temperatures plummeting into the teens at night. Still, we are thankful for the beautiful weather we have been experiencing. We have been trying to make good use of it, getting a few more outdoor chores done before the weather changes. Volunteers will be arriving this weekend for our first workbee this season. This follows a great Equitable Pioneers Co-op Retreat last weekend and precedes another wonderful Thanksgiving event next week. We will soon have Christmas trees and wreaths for sale to raise money for the CPC scholarship fund. You can come to CPC for a tree or wreath, but we also deliver to Hyde Park in Chicago and take a load to the Grand Rapids holiday party.

This has been a year of change and positive growth at CPC. For instance, big changes in staffing recently. Rachel Zegerius left CPC this summer after six years as Program Director. Rachel was instrumental in developing the Buttermilk Jamboree, People's Institute, and the Equitable Pioneers Co-op weekends among other things. She also oversaw the CPC kitchen and developed our local food connections. Rachel brought dairy goats to CPC and they have also found new homes this year. A party honoring Rachel was held during Apple Cider Weekend. Rachel has moved to Petoskey, MI and is working with the Cornucopia Institute which deals with food and farm issues.

Also moving on this year were Lori Sanders, Emilie



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Anderson and Rob Cole. We appreciate all they did for CPC in their short time here and wish them well in their new endeavors. All three of them have been back to CPC since leaving; as volunteers, participants and/or contract labor. We hope to continue a strong relationship with them and all our other former staff.



Staff leaving opens new possibilities for others. We have several new folks to introduce to you. Shea Fuller is not new to CPC, but she is filling a slightly different role as she will now be on year-round staff. She is still Summer Camp Director, but will have more of the year to plan, recruit, hire and connect CPC summer campers, staff and families to what is going on at CPC throughout the year. This will be Shea's first real winter as she grew up in Florida and has lived the last few years in Portland, Oregon. Mike Evans is our new Fund Development, Marketing and Buttermilk Coordinator. Mike lives down the road from CPC and been helping with Buttermilk and other projects around CPC for a number of years. Mike and his wife Christyl and daughter Jonah care for several farm animals, including one of our former goats, Widget. Danielle Hoskins-LaJoye has moved into a part-time position as Buttermilk General Coordinator. She has played a key role with that event for several years and is excited to make a bigger commitment to the project. She and her husband Tony and her parents, Vance and Diane have all become CPC members in the last year. Iris Freridge has been taking on kitchen duties this fall after helping in the camp kitchen this summer. Iris and her husband Derek and their boys Ray & DJ, live near Lansing and come out on event weekends, when needed. Iris's older son Henry worked on staff this summer and is now at Michigan Tech in the UP. This year, we have also contracted with a local friend of CPC, who owns a cleaning service, to do the main cleaning of Swallows and the farmhouse. This has freed up staff to do the other jobs they were hired for.

Another change this year is our decision to cut back on new programs and to concentrate on existing programs (like summer camp and the Buttermilk Jamboree) and give priority to rental business, instead of holding back dates for possible new programs. This has worked out well for the rental business. Income from rentals went up by 74% over the previous year (and the historical average of the last several years), to over \$42,000. We hosted four weddings, two family reunions, one book club, three school groups, two groups of friends/families, two men's groups, a birthday party, a political group, two faith based groups, a peace group and a university planning team. Dates are filling in for next year, with two weddings, two groups of friends/families, a music camp, a student housing co-op group, a school group, a men's group, a political group, and a faith based group.

Summer camp 2015 was the catalyst for a tremendous amount of growth at Circle Pines Center. We, as a staff, tend to focus on the opportunities for growth and new experiences that we can offer to campers while preparing for the session to begin. We strive to offer a fresh and authentic combination of work and play each year with new programming, new activities, and new approaches to classic work projects. This year, our team of exceptional counselors, work project leaders, waterfront staff, and volunteers made great strides on this front. We collaborated to plan 2 field trips, 3 new theme days, 5 new all-camp evening activities, and a new style of natural building called SuperAdobe for campers interested in conscientious construction. From “Labor bonkers” to “Environmental Justice Day”, it was an innovative year in terms of programming and we couldn’t be prouder of the attention staff paid to applying the CPC mission to their projects.

With the mission in mind, several returning staff took on extra leadership even before arriving on site by designing a series of facilitated discussions targeting racism and sexism. Special thanks to Jackie Soro, Ari Levin, and Chaz Calendar for confronting these complex issues and raising the caliber of our staff training. The conversations generated there stuck with us throughout the weeks that followed, influencing our mentorships and personal interactions. Then, during session 1, NYC



artist, Tara Mooney, joined us for a week of circus style yoga, acrobatics, and theater games. Campers practiced plate spinning, juggling, and creative improvisation. Things got very silly and kids gave excellent reviews! We also had help from member and local teacher, Amy Clay. She and resident artist, Kat VanHammen lent their creative expertise for our afternoon activity line up, leading simultaneous cumulative art projects in the forest and the art tent. Some participants cooperated to build a natural art space in the woods near the Rec Hall. Others went home with simple creative treasures like “scene in a box” to show their parents and friends. Third session featured a hilarious folk opera written and directed by Young Adult Leaders Annalise Nordgren, Iris Postma, and Suzy Guttman. Registration was at maximum capacity during this final session and the Rec Hall on that final night, brimming with laughing campers and families, was a beautiful sight to behold.



Youthies Completed this 2015 Summer Camp Mural Project Led by Camper Casey Klobucar.

Summer Camp cont'd...

In our eagerness to teach peace, social justice, and environmental stewardship to campers, however, we can sometimes forget that the best method of instruction is modeling principled, cooperative behavior. While we did provide a safe and nourishing environment for campers, this year senior staff at Circle Pines discovered room for improvement in our approach to conflict management and staff communication that would ensure our workers this same safety and nourishment. From this struggle to meet our own standards of integrity and accountability is born a new dedication to policy reform. Circle Pines has reassembled its Personnel Committee and its Summer Camp Committee to give these issues the attention they deserve in the coming months. Board members, former staff, camp parents, and community members have come together on these teams to brainstorm and facilitate a better summer camp experience for campers and staff alike.

Some projects in motion include more intentional staff recruitment and training, more integration between counselor and non-unit staff during orientation, stronger, more continuous leadership in our camp kitchen, and more emphasis on stress-management opportunities in the daily schedule. It is an exciting time to be working on summer camp with so much momentum and introspection at work. There will be plenty to keep us busy this winter, but there is no doubt a cause as worthy as Circle Pines Summer camp will keep us motivated!

Summer Camp 2016 July 3-16 July 17-23 July 24-August 6

**Help children in need attend summer camp.
Consider contributing to the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund.**

Circle Pines Center Staff

Tom VanHammen—Director
Shea Fuller—Summer Camp Director
Patrick Irving —Grounds Coordinator

Ron Knutson—Facilities & Tech Mgr.
Kat VanHammen—Gardener & Artist
in Residence

New Staff

Iris Freridge Interim Kitchen Manager

Iris and Derek Freridge of Haslett, MI stumbled upon a flyer for Circle Pines Center at the East Lansing Food Co-op less than a year ago. Iris says she fell in love with the people on her first visit. Following Spanish Immersion Weekend they became members and Iris applied to work in the Summer Camp Kitchen. She brought all three sons with her - DJ and Ray were acorn campers while Henry joined the staff as Nitty Gritty Coordinator. She is a skilled chef (just try the Pappusas!) and has a background in both nursing and police work. She enjoys running, dancing, and crocheting.



Danielle Hoskins Buttermilk General Coordinator

Danielle came to Circle Pines in 2010 as a First Aid Instructor for Summer Camp staff and has been here ever since—joining in on the Buttermilk planning team from the beginning. Passionate about music, summer camp, and CPC, you’ll find Danielle’s welcoming smiling face every time you turn around during Buttermilk. She lives locally with her husband Tony and her son David, raising dairy goats, pigs, turkeys, and chickens. She is currently working on her Masters in the Practice of Teaching in Early Childhood at Western Michigan University. Danielle enjoys kayaking, swimming, watching David play soccer, camping, playing the trombone, and making jewelry.



Mike Evans Fund Dev, Marketing & Buttermilk Coordinator

Mike has been a neighbor and friend to Circle Pines for 15 years and has served on the Buttermilk team as the festival volunteer coordinator from year one. With a background in business, environmentalism, homesteading, local food, collaboration and cooperatives, he’s a natural fit at Circle Pines Center. Mike and his wife, Christyl, a potter, have a gallery, three goats (including Widget-formally of CPC), any number of chickens, a cow, and a daughter named Jonah. All are humanely raised.



Buttermilk Jamboree Celebrates 5 Years

June 12-14, 2015

*Danielle Hoskins
Buttermilk General Coordinator*



Artwork by Michael Hoskins

The Buttermilk Jamboree keeps getting better every year!! This incredible CPC program celebrated its fifth installment in style this past June with new additions, old favorites, lots of familiar faces, and an overwhelming spirit of community. This year welcomed new additions to the grounds including stages, campsites and interactive art installations. New for 2015 was the Beer Tent Stage, and the newly dedicated Broonzy Stage on the front steps of the Farmhouse. Many new and local artists performed on these stages throughout the weekend, and brought another layer into the already eclectic musical variety seen at Buttermilk for the past five years. Also new this year, an artists' playground, the heARTland, held a magical collection of interactive art pieces tucked just off a trail in the woods.

We welcomed over 1,600 festival-goers to Circle Pines for a weekend full of music, art, dancing, food, workshops, fun and more than a little rain. When Sunday came, there were puddles the size of small ponds and some truly spectacular mud fit for sculpting. But despite the downpours and overall misty weather throughout the weekend, spirits weren't dampened. Even the muddy crew of volunteers pushing cars out on Sunday still had smiles on their faces. We owe an extra special thanks to everyone who volunteered before, during and after the festival this year- it's your shining examples, hard work and sunny dispositions that keep this wonderful event a place that people want to return to year after year, rain or shine.

Now that the seasons have changed, we are hard at work getting started on the 2016 Buttermilk Jamboree with even more surprises in store for next year. We are excited to announce that we have once again received a generous grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs along with the National

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Endowment for the Arts in order to support the development of the festival. Their continued support of the arts community and the Buttermilk Jamboree helps to ensure a rich cultural experience for all who attend. Make sure that you mark June 10-12, 2016 on your calendars for a memorable weekend of music, art, dance, food and fun at the Buttermilk Jamboree!!

Art in the Pines *Kat VanHammen—Artist & Gardener in Residence*

Visual Art has always had a place at Circle Pines along with all of the singing, dancing, music and theater that we enjoy. Many members have fond memories of Bacia Gordon and other artists who taught at CPC during Summer Camp and at other times. We are blessed to have art from members and their students gracing the walls of the farmhouse and our other buildings. A few years ago I led a visioning/values sessions with members and Art was right up there at the top of the list!

This year we had some wonderful things happen that reignited the art making adventures here. In the spring, during Buttermilk Jamboree, we created a whole new area called the heARTland. Myself and some wonderful volunteers, particularly a friend and fellow artist, Karen Godfrey, and our very own Bonnie Bluestein, set up five different interactive arts areas using many natural materials. These included a giant nest that people could get into, a river with fabric water drops on which to write blessings for our waters, a place to create with stones and a place of light with chandelier crystals hanging amongst the trees. Many of the festival attendees walked the road that held these spaces and enjoyed the quiet appeal of the heArtland. We



hope that this will become a yearly part of the festival and will continue to grow. Summer Camp also added a new development. Counselor, Sonya Ochshorn took a special interest in trying to develop the visual arts more. We set up a large tent so that there would be a designated space and then did some special projects with the kids. Amy Clay came as a visiting artist and brought some great ideas with her and we also did a special collaborative installation in the woods near the Rec Hall. Everyone had a lot of fun with these activities and we hope to continue to expand upon them with more visiting artists. Eventually we hope to have a permanent arts space. Many thanks to all of those who have supported the Arts at CPC! It nourishes us all.

Donor & Volunteer Thank You's

On behalf of Circle Pines, its staff, Board and members, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all individuals and organizations who donated generously of their financial resources in support of our programs and in memory of others. Additionally, thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who tirelessly give their time and talents to maintain the cooperative spirit of CPC. We wouldn't exist without each and every one of you! THANK YOU!

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Capital Improvement Report

You may recall as we were gearing up for the 75th the CPC board decided to raise money to enclose the Rec Hall. We had plans drawn up and estimates made. The estimates came in higher than expected, the funds raised were not enough to complete the project, and work was needed on staff housing and other capital improvement projects around camp. Many of these projects were included in the 75th fund drive: Staff housing (the hexagon), the old youth unit, Swallows furnace, and farmhouse insulation. The Rec Hall was put on hold for now.

The mansion (2012) required mold remediation, electrical and foundation repairs, a sump pump, new insulation, some new windows, new sheathing and siding and the eaves were wrapped with aluminum to keep the critters at bay. This work has improved the curb appeal as well as the living conditions.



The hexagon (2013) needed mold remediation and new roofing, squirrels and bees removed from the area between the roof and the ceiling, and the rafters



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over the kitchen needed replacing. The kitchen wall that was holding up the roof was rotting away and needed to be rebuilt. The siding, which was never completed when the house was built, was replaced. The old recycled windows that were originally installed were replaced with energy efficient ones. The eaves were wrapped with aluminum to keep the critters at bay. New kitchen cabinets, counters and flooring were installed. And thanks to a dedicated gift, a sunroom and porch were added to the south side.

The former youth unit by the lake (2013) was rehabbed for use by our young adult leaders. The large cabin got a new metal roof. We built new bunk beds and shelves, replaced screen doors, rebuilt the wood and screen walls and replaced the underground and interior electric wiring.

The furnace and ductwork in Swallows (2013) needed replacing. We now have a super high efficiency gas furnace and ductwork that distributes the heat more evenly. We also had bed bugs to deal with (2013). This required the purchase of some new equipment (heaters and steamers) and special mattress covers throughout camp. We also had to rehab some rooms in Swallows to cover some of the old barn beams that provided cracks and crevasses for bugs to hide. Members, staff, campers and other guests are once again sleeping at ease.

The septic system for Kings and Queens (2014) required a major upgrade, and this had to be done soon and professionally. Then the pump and drop pipe on the main water well (2014) failed and needed to be replaced. And thanks to a dedicated gift, we were able to purchase a new(er) tractor (2014) to replace the 1958 model that died.

This last year we decided to take a break from major projects, but there are always repairs to do and summer campers that want construction projects to work on. The campers constructed an outdoor pizza oven in 2014 and a roof was built over it prior to camp this summer.

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We still need to replace the furnace and ductwork in the farmhouse, and insulate the attics of the farmhouse and orchard bathhouse to meet fire codes and to lower our heating costs and our carbon footprint. The lower barn needs a new roof and another new sleeping cabin in the Youth unit is becoming more of a priority.

The Rec Hall is still on our minds and is a project that would be beneficial to CPC in a number of ways. We intend to find a way to pay for this in the coming years.

In summary, you should know that all donations designated for the building fund were spent on building projects, all projects have been discussed at member meetings, approved by the board, and large donors were consulted. In addition, all donations designated for scholarships have been used for scholarships and all endowment fund donations have been deposited there. General fund donations have been used as needed. The CPC board and staff appreciate all of you who continue to support CPC financially and otherwise. Here is a summary of project costs (not including staff and volunteer time), scholarships and donations **over the last four years.**

Staff Housing	\$78,956
Young Adult Leaders Unit	\$10,783
Equipment & Furnishings	\$28,520
Rec Hall plans	\$4,675
Electric upgrades	\$10,112
Swallows furnace & repairs	\$14,244
Septic & well repairs	\$20,414
Other buildings	\$9,860
Total building projects	\$177,564
Building donations	\$151,624
Scholarships granted	\$85,531
Scholarship donations	\$77,037
Endowment donations	\$905
General fund donations	\$143,970

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Circle of Life

Imogene “Genie” Catherine Harder Huffine

March 20, 1924-July 4, 2015



Genie Huffine passed away July 4, 2015 at her home in Portland, Oregon.

Genie was born March 20, 1924 in Carlisle, PA, to Paul Ellsworth Harder and Iva Wagner Harder. She graduated high school in 1942, the last graduating class before the U.S. became involved in World War II. She became a USO hostess in Carlisle and greatly enjoyed meeting soldiers from all over the country. After the war, Carlisle returned to its sleepy town status and Genie, itching for more excitement, followed two friends to the big city of Chicago in 1948.

She met her future husband, Eugene “Gene” Huffine, in Chicago in the mid 1950’s at a social gathering hosted by Friendship House, an interracial justice organization where Gene worked. This was a fitting start to their partnership since both they and their children would be involved in social justice causes throughout their lives. They married in 1958. Genie had her first child, Chris, in 1963 when she was 39 years old, an unusually advanced age at the time to start a family. Two more children followed with Rachel in 1964 and Beth Anne in 1966.

The family moved to Hyde Park in the early 1960’s, where they would remain for more than 30 years. Hyde Park’s intellectual environment, progressive politics, and racial and economic diversity were a perfect fit for Genie’s values and led to their introduction to Circle Pines.

The first time Genie & Gene tried family camping with their kids was at Circle Pines (a friend told them about CPC and lent them a tent to try it out). Needless to say, it was successful enough for them to return often to Circle Pines: Apple Cider weekend (collecting apples and seeing how the cider is made, worms and all); Maple Syrup weekend collecting the tree sap and making the syrup (and of course consuming the tasty results); cross-country skiing (and having fun staying at the A-frame chalet); Memorial Day weekend; membership meetings (She and her husband Gene both served stints on the board), folk dancing and singing. Genie always enjoyed catching up with old friends at Circle Pines as well as meeting new people and making new friends.

In 1997 Genie and Gene relocated to Portland, Oregon to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Her final trip to Hyde Park and Circle Pines was in the early summer of 2011, accompanied by her entire family.

She is survived by her husband, Gene, their three children, Chris, Rachel, and Beth Anne, grandchildren Kevin Rieschel, Benjamin Huffine, & Jeffrey Ottenad.

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This strategy worked well for Buttermilk too, with our total ticket sales income up by 41%, pre-sale tickets (up to one week prior to the event) up by 62% and early bird ticket sales (up to April 15) up by 106%. Getting tickets sold early is a key factor to making the Jamboree sustainable. The event itself went well too, even with the crazy rain we got Saturday night and Sunday morning. Some estimates say that we received up to seven inches of rain. We found out about some things that needed improvement, but we also managed to keep most folks happy and the music went on in the more intimate setting of the Rec Hall all day Sunday.

We didn't do as well with summer camp recruitment last year as we were hoping, but that is being addressed in a better way this year with Shea coming onto year-round staff. Look for recruitment parties in Chicago and other locales in the months to come. Let us know if you want to help with organizing a recruitment party in your area.

Adult Camp was revived this year, thanks to the volunteer leadership of Sarah Younger, Meryl Domina, and Mira Rodwan. They built the camp around the theme of Climate Change and did a great job of finding folks in the CPC community to come present on a variety of topics that all tied into the over-arching theme. During discussion at the CPC Membership meeting it was suggested that rather than limit the camp to adults we make it intergenerational. The committee will discuss the change as they develop the 2016 program and look ahead to 2017. Dates for 2016 will be August 30 to September 5, which again includes Labor Day weekend. Watch for details on the CPC website in the months to come.

Speaking of the website, we had a team of folks working on upgrading our website last year, until a key member of the team had family members in the hospital, which threw the project off course. We hope to revive the efforts this winter.

Many committees are being revived this year. If you are interested in helping on the summer camp, land use, or membership committees, please let us know. The personnel, finance and Buttermilk music committees are also active, but are not actively looking for more members. We also have a Buttermilk planning team and a Buttermilk grounds committee that are open to new members.

Thank you to all who have volunteered, donated or helped out in any way over the years at CPC. We are all in debt to those that came before us. As it has been said, we sit in the shade of the trees others have planted. Come sit in the shade/sun/snow at CPC sometime soon if you can.

The land and the buildings have been cultivated and remodeled by some over the years and handed down to this generation. It must be part of our legacy to future generations to enrich what has been given.

—George Thomas Martin *Pine Needles June 1974*

Thank You Volunteers!

If we missed your name, we apologize. We love our volunteers! Let us know and be sure to sign into our new Volunteer Hours Log Book next time you come out to volunteer.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

New Years Getaway: Dec 30-Jan 3
Cabin Fever Weekend: Feb 5-7
"Equitable Pioneers" Co-op Winter
Retreat: Mar 4-6
Maple Syrup Weekend: Mar 11-13
Spring Immersion: May 20-22
Membership Weekend: May 27-30
Buttermilk Jamboree: Jun 10-12