



Winter 2011-2012

From the Board President:

Greetings Pinewoods,

I hope you are well and enjoying the run-up to the Holidays. Otto, Georgia and Felix have been good this year and so are very excited; maybe not iPad 2 good, but good nonetheless. Their visions will move from sugarplums to water skis once the excitement of Christmas dies down. And by then, I'm usually so fed up with the God-forsaken weather here in Britain that I start daydreaming about Higgins myself. Only six months to go...

The Pinewoods Board: Phil Will, Lauris Wade and I, have had smooth sailing as we continue to benefit from all the changes put in place by the previous administration. (Thanks again, Sharkey!) Lauris has been very busy moving across the country so the newest Board member, Phil, has stepped immediately into the role of Treasurer rather than following the usual Secretary – Treasurer – President progression. I'm very happy to report that he has kept us precisely on the budget we set for ourselves last year. We're in the black and the 2011 financial picture looks good, but as ever, it is dependent on receiving timely payments. You should have received your Fall invoices recently (If not, contact accountant@pinewoodscamp.org) so please get your payments in before the end of the year.

Finally, most of you will have heard that the Harmon Cottage was recently put on the market. I called the listing agent (Diane Babcock, who just happens to be Ed's sister-in-law) to explain the costs and promote the benefits of the new owners joining our Association. She said there had been a surprising amount of interest, including some 'internal' interest, so here's hoping we can soon welcome the new owners into our community.

Best regards and Happy Holidays,
Erik Geupel

From Kathy Piehl:

On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the tip fun. My staff works very hard to make your dining experience a pleasant one and the tips are very much appreciated.

My family is on the "grow" again. Alexandra and her boyfriend are expecting in June. So now I'll be a great grandma. Not sure if I should feel older or not. I think Tricia's having a hard time picturing herself as a grandma. I suppose that would be hard when you have a 4 year old at home!

Anyway, best wishes to all. Have a wonderful winter and we'll see you before you know it!

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From Liz Wade:

Our Wade report is short. Jack and I celebrated our 50th anniversary here in Fort Myers over the Labor Day weekend. Several friends joined us from all over the country which made it great fun.

We had two grand trips which included an anniversary river cruise in Europe and then Denver/Boulder where we toured Killian's new school (U of Colorado) and saw the new 'digs' for the Lauris Wades in Highlands Ranch, spent time with the Sherwoods in Cambria (CA), and Liz's group of gals in Dallas. We've just returned from a quick trip to Annapolis for the funeral of a good friend from Harvard, and hope to stay home now for quite a while.

All kids are happy and enjoying their respective educational experiences. (Exception: Michael who has a post U of Vermont job!)

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From Frank and Nancy Karger:
(friends of Rocky Flintermann)

Our Time Up Here

*Written by Celia Hanson Rattner, 9 years old;
Performed by Celia and Elsie Rattner, the Kargers' grandchildren, at Midsummer's Night 2011 at the Schultz Cottage*

Listen to our story of our time up here,
So sit back, relax, and listen with your ears.
We come from Chicago every year,
And the memories we're making are very dear.

When we play ping-pong we have lots of fun,
But sometimes we wish it could never be done.

When friends come over and ask us to play,
Me and my sister both yell hurray!

The dining hall meals are always great,
Except for breakfast, if I stayed up too late.
But soon our stay is over, and we have to say goodbye,
Me and my sister can't help but to cry.

We thank you Pinewoods for taking us in.
We feel that you have made us kin.

WE LOVE YOU PINEWOODS!

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From Andy Gaus:

The *North Dakota Quarterly* has had the good taste to publish three of my verse translations from the German of Stefan Georg and Rainer Maria Rilke and the French of Paul Verlaine in their latest issue, which is strangely dated "Fall 2009." Single copies of the issue are available from their website <http://arts-sciences.und.edu/north-dakota-quarterly/>

Poetic fame seems to come in milliliters rather than gallons, so this is rare and gratifying news.

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From: Mary Highberger:

This has been a busy fall for the Highbergers. While we were still at Higgins Lake, Sam was featured in our local Hendersonville, NC magazine. He was very pleased to be interviewed and photographed. You can see the article on the BoldLife website:

<http://www.boldlife.com/gyrobase/Content?oid=oid%3A19732> Quite a guy, my Sam!

Soon after returning home from the cottage I was told I would have to have a knee replacement. (Not to be outdone by Rockey's hip replacement). My sister Jane Hoey came down the first week in November to be my coach through the surgery and beyond. She was a godsend for 3 weeks doing the driving on these curvy, hilly roads, plus all the cooking, cleaning, and laundry.

Brother John Kohring joined us for Thanksgiving which was lots of fun.

Now I am on my own, working hard on getting that knee bent more everyday. No, I am not jogging yet, but Rockey keeps encouraging me in that direction. I look forward to being pain free next summer and to be walking and golfing again.

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From Ann Taylor:

After leaving the lake when the Dining Hall closed, Alyssa and I along with Lucas Taylor returned in mid-September for the wedding of our Cottage Grove special friend Sara Almirall to Jaime Takikawa. Our ancient furnace in the cottage permanently collapsed the day before we were to arrive. Fortunately, Ed secured electric heaters for us but, my goodness, it was chilly.

In our family Alyssa has been hard at work in her art studio. Her work has appeared in several exhibitions this fall in New York. At the first of next year, she is temporarily moving to Austin, Texas for five months. Wonder what new art she will produce there?

P3 is working on the online version of his new game POWERZ while counting the days to 4th of July at Higgins next summer.

And Morgan was off in September to Macalester College in St. Paul. She is still determined to master the Mandarin language and is also studying Japanese! Her plans to continue with international Asian studies are flourishing and so is her relationship with Killian Wade.

Last summer, I announced a painting sponsorship to the Li River in southern China. The response has been wonderful! I will be leaving in April for three weeks in that spectacularly beautiful landscape. The trip should be a great inspiration. I'm looking forward to creating a painting for each of my sponsors.

The winter is the loveliest season out here in Arizona, and we are enjoying it immensely.



Alyssa, Ann, P3, Morgan on their swing.

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From Tommy Tinkham:

Here's a link to a short story that I recently published in *The Adirondack Review*.
<http://wwwtheadirondackreview.com/tinkham.html>

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From Phil and Karen Will:

We spent Thanksgiving week in Moscow with Kayden and Colleen to celebrate Bryn's marriage to Dima Fakeev, well-known Pinewoods ping pong contender! Bryn wanted to do a full holiday turkey dinner for her new extended family, which ended up including their contributions of fish pie and beets with herring! Not your traditional menu, but maybe closer to what the pilgrims actually ate.

The wedding took place in the "Fourth Palace of Marriage Unions" in an assembly line process with a dozen other wedding parties milling about waiting to be called into the official room for a six-minute ceremony! It was followed by champagne and photos, then a festive party with DJ at a very nice rented bar the next night with friends and family.



Dima, Zhenya, his daughter, and Bryn



Phil, Karen, Bryn, Dima and his mother Irina.

Bryn looks forward to being at home in Hartford during Christmas break while Dima takes his 11-year old daughter Zhenya to Cuba. Bryn and Dima plan to be at the lake in July, don't know yet if Zhenya can come this time.

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From George Wilson:

Brad and Diana and Olive are expecting number 2 any time in the next few weeks. The gender is as yet unknown. Olive has told us that she has a duck in her tummy, but I am skeptical.

Suzanne gets lots of exercise and is full of energy, which is lucky because I decided to get the right ankle replaced and am pretty much laid up for a couple of months. I did the left ankle a couple of years ago, but for some reason the mobility with crutches is harder this time. Why would that be? The surgery was Nov 30 and I am not supposed to put weight on it for 7-8 weeks, then I increase weight for a month and then finally I am able to begin PT and walking without aids. I have no idea when I will be able to drive again.

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From John Kohring:

After nearly forty years of making abstract paintings, I have been concentrating on photography for the past five years. You can see my work at www.johnkohring.com.

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From Anne Sloan:

Summer Paddle Champs:

Paddle tennis

Erik Geupel & Suzanne Wilson

Ping pong

Singles: Dima Fakeev

Doubles: Sharkey Fink & Otto Geupel

International: Rocky Flinterman

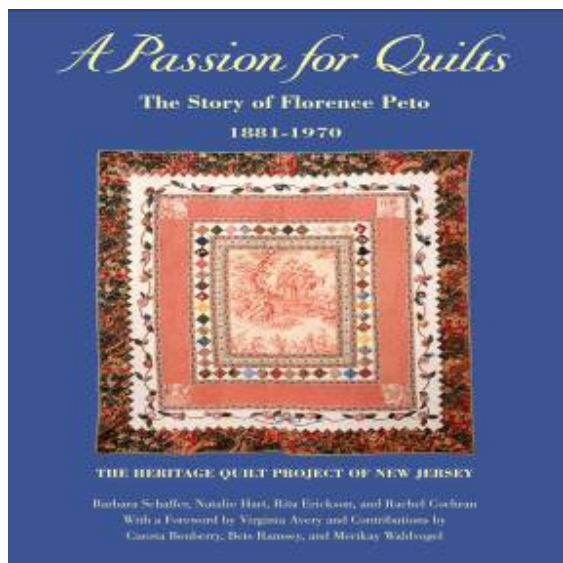
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From Rachel Cochran:

I'm the editor and a co-author of "*A Passion for Quilts: The Story of Florence Peto*," which was recently published by The Heritage Quilt Project of New Jersey.

Florence Peto (1881-1970) was a quilt collector, quilt historian, and quiltmaker. The quilts she collected and those she made were of such high quality that they became significant parts of museum collections. Florence's enthusiasm for life, thirst for knowledge, and love of quilts led her on a path she might not have expected as a young woman at the end of the nineteenth century. Through books, magazines, lectures, and exhibits, she shared the stories she found in quilts and created a legacy that endures into the twenty-first century.

I would be happy to send you an autographed copy of this 8 1/2" x 11", 174 page, full color paperback with more than 120 illustrations. The cost is \$32.95 plus \$5.00 for domestic shipping or plus \$14.00 for international shipping. Send a check payable to The Heritage Quilt Project of New Jersey to: The Heritage Quilt Project of New Jersey, P.O. Box 341, Livingston, NJ 07039 OR go to www.newjerseyquilts.org where you can order through PayPal.



From Andy Fink:

Our daughter Sofia had little sister Lucia join the Fink family 9/28/11. Looking forward to introducing her to Pinewoods and the Lake this summer!



Sofia and Lucia

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From Sharkey:

John and I stayed in Pinewoods through October. Along with Stephanie Fitzgerald and Frank Cochran, Blake and Marian Wattenbarger and Michael Taggart, we experienced a beautiful Indian Summer. We were still jumping from the Destroyer at the edge of black water on October 9!

As you can see, our little family is growing in leaps and bounds; Lily and John are expecting a baby in May.

I'm working on the 2012 Pinewoods Directory and am hoping to have it accessible online soon. If you have any corrections or updates, please email them to me, sharkeyfink@cox.net.

Happy winter to all!

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Expensive, Exotic (?) Water

(as reported to this editor)

Last year John and Sharkey Fink went to NYC to see their children, Andy and Lily. While visiting with her parents at the hotel, Lily eyed a bottle of water in the fridge. Mom (being Mom) admonished her not to open it, "It's much too expensive from there." But

Lily kept looking at it. With a price tag of \$14 a bottle, she thought it must be some really special water.

Suddenly, Lily exploded with, “Holy S_____! And she proceeded to read the label aloud: *Natural artesian water...bottled at source from a world class pristine aquifer completely surrounded by thousands of acres deep in the AuSable Forest....Bottled at the source: Roscommon, MI.*

You, too, can purchase 1 Liter, at The Cherry Street Market in Kalkaska – for \$2.35 per bottle, or alternately, drink the water from your tap at Pinewoods.

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From Rocky Flintermann:

Gracie has been in Bali since August, teaching at The Green School. She had a chance to visit Thailand to spend some time with some elephants. See attached photo. She'll be in Santa Barbara for Christmas, then I get to help her transition to Berkeley in mid-January. I hope Jack can join us. He is working at eHarmony in Santa Monica and is happy, especially with the climate change from Providence to southern California.



Gracie Flintermann with elephants

As for me, I finally took the plunge and got a hip replacement in October. Went really well and I was walking within a couple of days. Very happy with the whole thing. Next week I'm off to Argentina and Brazil

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with Cristina for Christmas and New Year's. I'll really miss the cracked fingers and chapped fingers back here in Chicago! Happy New Year everyone. See you in 2012.

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From Bitsy Fitzsimmons:

The main thing to report is that Bob's younger sister, Martha, died on December 4th after a 16 month battle with pancreatic cancer. She was brave and determined in her fight, and I've never seen anyone face impossible odds with more courage and grace...she was one of a kind. Her illness, as well as other family issues kept Bob in Terre Haute for most of the summer, so I guarantee that he is looking forward to more Higgins time in 2012.

On another front, Alex and family moved back to London in August, and although we hate to have them so far away, London is one of our favorite places to visit. Hmmm - Olympics 2012. I wonder.... Meanwhile, they will spend the last two weeks of December in New York, FL and the Bahamas, and we are eagerly anticipating an early Christmas with them on the 23rd, as well as a belated 10th birthday party on the 22nd for Kate. The Eubanks will be in on both celebrations.

Susan and Jennifer missed the lake last summer, as did the Bob Jr's, including Rob and Jaclyn. They ALL promise to be in Pinewoods this summer, so it will be a wonderful summer, full of family, fun and adventures!! Can't wait to see everyone - friends and family are what make Pinewoods so very special to us all.

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From Erik Geupel:

Here's a link to what's sure to be the next must-have water toy on the lake:

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xmtto7-the-dolphin-jetpack-that-lets-you-swim-like-one_news#from=embediframe

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From Dan Wilson:

This is how they teach drumming at Interlochen -- between the lakes -- drummers have to be able to get to the other side of the lake at any time



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From Jane Link Ferguson:

We were in Indy for Dad's (Bill Cline) 80th Birthday over Thanksgiving. Big Milestone!



Bill's 80th

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Dad with four Cline kids



BoBo with grand kids

It has been a tough time for Dad since he was in Pinewoods this summer. He is fading mentally but continues to improve physically. He is now in an ALF in Indy near his home. Many Woodsers have sent cards and birthday wishes which were greatly appreciated by all of us.

Thanks so much for everyone's prayers and thoughts of my Dad. Pinewoods is his great love after his family, and he has passed that love to the future generations of Taggart-Clines.

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From Beth Schultz:

My life continues to intersect with matters Melvillian. The New Bedford Whaling Museum accepted the gift of my 100 some *Moby-Dick* inspired artworks. I together with the local curator exhibited these pieces in the show *Imagining Moby!* (which continues at the museum through April 2012). Friends and family came from far and near in early November to see the opening exhibition which allowed me, in turn, to see this art, which I had lived with so long, through their eyes.

Jody Foster's *Queequeg* (2001), a large woodblock on mulberry paper was part of the exhibition.



Rosa, Gabriela, Nico and Jody



Look at all those Pinewoodsers partying in New Bedford!