



Cuvilly Connection

New Additions for Cuvilly Campus

Two unique structures have found a home at Cuvilly Arts & Earth Center. The buildings – one a 1634 timber-framed house and the other a model of 21st-century sustainable architecture – were built by volunteers last summer as part of the Ipswich 375th Anniversary Celebration. In mid-December, both structures were hoisted onto flatbed trucks and transported from property adjacent to the old Ipswich Court House to Cuvilly Arts & Earth Center. They were donated to Cuvilly with the understanding that both will be completed and incorporated into Cuvilly’s educational curriculum and community programming to

illustrate the importance of sustainable living. “We have a history of preserving what is important to our community as we strive to live harmoniously with the natural world,” said Cuvilly Executive Director Sister Pat Rolinger. “These buildings will be wonderful teaching tools.” Local architect Chris Doktor spearheaded the initial building project for the town’s anniversary celebration as well as the transportation of the resulting two structures to Cuvilly. “Cuvilly is, without a doubt, the best place for these buildings,” he said. “The whole idea was to build community in the process of building these two structures. We didn’t want

them to end up as museum pieces, but to be accessible, authentic buildings that people can learn from. Removing them to Cuvilly ensures they will be just that.” Sister Pat hopes the two structures can be completed this summer.

To donate funding for this project, please contact her at sisterpat@cuvilly.org.

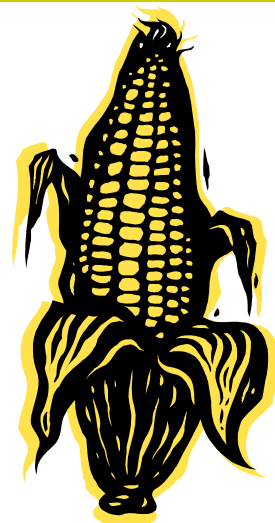


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Dates to Remember Board of Directors Corporation Members

March

1– Mission Outreach begins to benefit Partners in Development

April

10- Student Art Show
17- Stories and Music
19-23 Spring Vacation

May

15—Cuvilly Critters’ Trek

June

10—Closing Ceremonies

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Cuvilly Celebrates Landmark Anniversary

When Cuvilly Founder and Director Sister Pat Rolinger launched a modest arts program for children in 1983, there was no way she could have known that it would blossom into the renowned pre-school and organization dedicated to environmental sustainability it is today.

To celebrate its landmark

25th anniversary, Cuvilly threw its supporters a gala celebration on Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at the Hellenic Center in Ipswich. The event, which included live music, a catered supper and auction, also served as Cuvilly’s annual fundraiser. The event generated a total of \$10,000 for the organization. In the past 25 years, Cuvilly’s reach

into local communities has expanded exponentially. Its pre-school and kindergarten program draws students from all across the North Shore. Its newly developed summer program called Simply Keep it Local (SKIL) has evolved from a one-week session with a handful of children to a three-week program with room enough

for 45. Cuvilly plans to continue living out its mission and vision by making its programs and 15-acre campus even more accessible to the general public. “I have so many ideas,” says Sister Pat. “With the continued support of the larger community we will accomplish even more in the next 25 years.”

Annual Appeal Boosts Cuvilly's Coffers



Visit our newly re-designed website at www.cuvilly.org

We want to thank the many generous donors who helped us raise \$5,000 this past school year. Since its inception in 1983, it has been the mission of Cuvilly to model ecological sustainability through our school, studio and programs. This is only possible because of contributions from people like you.

Development at Cuvilly Arts & Earth Center **supports** the mission and goals of the Center by conducting fundraising

activities and maintaining parent, alumni and general constituent donor programs. The Development Program raises funds deemed necessary for current operations and special projects as required. The Annual Fund supports programs at the school and enables the school to raise environmental awareness and model ecological sustainability. In addition, it allows Cuvilly to expand options in the area of family programs, maintain our beautiful campus, barn and

grounds and to continue the growth of our SKIL (Simply Keep It Local) summer program. Funds also enable us to encourage active outdoor pursuits through education, agriculture and the arts. We ask that you consider a yearly gift to our annual fund. This gift can be pledged and billed however you would like. In addition, you can also visit our website (www.cuvilly.org) and make a donation online. We thank you for your support.

Cuvilly Critters' Trek ~ Saturday, May 15th

Donate to Cuvilly by donating your car to the Car Program, Inc.

1.800.513.6560

Cuvilly is launching a new fundraiser to help offset the costs of feeding our barnyard animals and give the participants an opportunity to get healthy. Enjoy the beautiful Ipswich landscape by picking either a 6-mile walk or 25-mile bike ride. This fun event

will also include a picnic lunch and great musical entertainment. A wonderful family day and an easy way to raise much needed funds for Cuvilly. The event is free but please note that all participants must be willing to gather enough walk/bike

sponsors to garner at least \$30 for the care of Cuvilly's animals. Please contact erika@cuvilly.org for an official sponsor sheet and to register for the event. Please join us on Sat., May 15, 2010 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

SKIL Program—Simply Keep it Local

This year, Cuvilly is expanding its summer program to three full weeks. Each one will be chock full of different outdoor adventures and activities. Known as Simply Keep it Local (SKIL), the program is designed specifically for nine to 12-year-olds with limited space for seven and

eight-year-olds. Based on the idea that it's only natural to live off local surroundings, the program encourages a sustainable life style and sensitivity to the environment. Participants in this year's program — **Story Weavers Summer Adventure** — will weave

their own stories with the stories of Cuvilly's pond, woodland, marsh and pasture. At each step of the way, children will be encouraged to explore and investigate. Contact erika@cuvilly.org or visit www.cuvilly.org for more information and to download a registration form.



Register Early for the SKIL Summer Program!

Cuvilly's Expanding Community

Cuvilly's cyberspace community is alive and well and living on Facebook. As of mid-February, the page boasted 67 members. A lot of them are alums. A lot of them are parents of alums and many are parents of current students. Some of them belong simply because they love Cuvilly.

"We're thrilled," said Cuvilly Founder and Executive Director Sister Pat Rolinger. "Connecting and strengthening the Cuvilly community is important for our mission — whether it's in cyberspace or the real world."

To encourage alumni to reconnect with their pre-school alma mater,

Cuvilly's new web site www.cuvilly.org has a dedicated alumni page where alums can take an alumni survey and gain direct access to the Cuvilly Facebook page, which allows for information sharing or discussion, or simply finding out what has and has not changed over the past 25 years at Cuvilly. "Is Sister Pat still there?" asked one Cuvilly alum in a recent Facebook posting. (Yes!)

As unusual as it is to reconnect with a school you attended when you were four or five-years-old, it's even more unusual to return as a staff member. Just ask Cassandra Maker, who returned to Cuvilly as a barn assistant last summer.

Cassandra attended Cuvilly in 1987 before attending Ipswich Public Schools and graduating from Emerson College in 2007. She reconnected with Cuvilly while scrolling through help wanted ads on Craigslist. It wasn't until after she applied for the "Barn Worker" position that she discovered the job was located at Cuvilly — working inside Cuvilly's beautiful 19th-century reconstructed barn teeming with farm animals.

Connecting with the Cuvilly community as an adult gave Cassandra completely different experiences and perspective, something she would readily recommend to other Cuvilly alums.



Interested in donating to Cuvilly? Call to arrange a tour and learn how your donation can make a difference.

Cuvilly Updates and Notes

Cuvilly Arts & Earth Center launched its revamped web site in December with a bold new colorful design, easier navigation system and more in-depth information. Simply click into www.cuvilly.org and join the virtual Cuvilly community.

Interested in our Pre-School and Kindergarten Programs? Please contact Kate Dwyer at 978-356-4288 or kate@cuvilly.org, for a tour and for enrollment information.

Calling all Green Thumbs for Cuvilly's Garden Community. Call Sister Pat Rolinger for more details. 978.356.4288

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Classroom Reflections by Kate Dwyer, School Coordinator

There is not a moment that my thoughts are not revolving around life in our Cuvilly classrooms — those indoors as well as out. I think of how the children are settling in, how they are responding to the learning materials, what we can do to increase their enrichment and enjoyment during the few hours we are privileged to be with them every week and, of course, I

worry about the weather, hoping it will be cooperative. Every one of us, teachers as well as students, loves to spend lots of time outside— especially in the garden. Last summer, the teachers read Richard Louv's, *Last Child in the Woods*, which made us feel good about the philosophy of Cuvilly's curriculum and re-affirmed that we were doing what we should be doing with our students. The

book indicates that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development and for the physical and emotional health of children. Sister Pat gave me an excerpt from David Sobel's, *Beyond Ecophobia*. "If we want children to flourish," says educator David Sobel, "we need to give them time to connect with nature and love the Earth before we ask them to save it."

This book reaffirms that we are on the right track at Cuvilly as we are attempting to engage children more deeply in the flora, fauna and character of their own local places. As we share stories, songs, art, science experiments, food gathering and more, I keep David Sobel's word front and center.