

The Center

July/August

2009

BARN TO BE WILD

So many people have asked me how my stay in the pig pen was – I figured I would just write about it. When this whole thing started it was kind of a joke. Mark Walker proposed this “out of the box” fundraiser, and soon I could see he wasn’t joking. He honed in on it and presented this plan in detail to the fundraising committee. A gentleman named Andrew was going to do the dirty deed (sleep with the pigs) and he was well suited for it – a witty man with a great sense of humor and able to speak off the cuff for hours at a time. Andrew would make this very entertaining, especially on web-cam. Everything was coming together when suddenly the ball was dropped on me. “We think you should do this Dave!” the fundraising committee said...and I took two weeks to make up my mind. The original plan was to spend 50 hours in the pig pen.

When you really start thinking about living in a pig pen for 50 hours, being on 24/7 web-cam, no showers, lots of visitors, some with pranks, and your roomies...two pigs named Wilbur and Charlotte...well I don’t know...I could think of better things to do. I was thinking I might get a little cranky and somewhat agitated, especially towards the end. “Where is my bathroom?” I exclaimed. “We’ll have a porta-potty delivered!” responded the committee. I told them “I have never sat 50 hours in one place in my entire life!” “We’ll make it 27 hours.” responded the committee. I said “Our monetary goal is what again?” “\$8,500 to the camp scholarship fund!” responded the committee. \$8,500 to the scholarship fund, I pondered. That’s around 14 full and partial scholarships...14 kids coming to camp that otherwise wouldn’t be able to. Well...you know what I had to say...alright.

The day of, I showed up at 1:00 with my sleeping bag, a cot, several books, a change of clothes, and my toothbrush. I went into the pen and Mark introduced me to the world on web-cam. I then introduced the pigs who were not very responsive...they were sleeping. The first four hours were great with lots of people and lots of excitement. Miss Kay’s Junior Farmer class fell in love with the web-cam. They introduced every chick, bunny and goose on the farm. Then we led in other animals like Bounce the goat, Bella the donkey, and one mean looking rooster who wanted no part of this. Technical difficulties arose when Bounce pulled the Ethernet cable out of the computer. The pigs got in on the action as they began to eat and push around my plastic chair. Then as quickly as it began, it ended. The farm was closed, the people were gone, and the pigs...were sleeping. Mark said to me “32 people are watching you Dave.” “What?” I said. “32 people are viewing you on the Barn to be Wild web-cam. You need to do something.” ...and that’s when it all sunk in.

I sat down and began reading “Hidden Heart of the Cosmos” out loud to the pigs. Mark played opera music. The goats next door were totally fascinated by this, poking their heads through the fence as my swine friends quietly slept. Then the phone rang off the hook. “Hello. Barn to be Wild!” Mark said. The first caller requested we play something besides opera. A second caller, from New Jersey of all places, wanted to know the title and author of the book I was reading. The third caller was Sonya Snyder, who said she was bringing me over a new book to read. Mom and Dad came by and we did an interview about The Center. That went really well and many of you called to say how much you enjoyed it...thank you. Dinner was provided by Francesca’s of Palos Park. I sure appreciated that! There in front of that web-cam Mark and I sat at a card table in the pig pen dining on carpacio and quattro stagione pizza...Charlotte and Wilbur at our feet. The men of Pathway came in to give me support. Sonya and Dan Snyder (by the way - my most frequent visitors and cheerleaders) came to deliver the new book “House by the Side of the Road” about my grandparents and the early days of The Center...which I read until bedtime.

WE WANT YOU TO READ OUR NEWSLETTER

Due to economic necessity, we can mail the newsletter *only* to those of you who indicate that you want to receive it via the U.S. Post Office. If you love the hard copy of the newsletter, you’ll still get one in your mailbox. We just need to know! Thanks very much to those of you who have already gone paperless by opting to read the online version only.

Please let us know if you’d still like a mailed copy of the Newsletter: Respond online or by phone today!!!

No Sleep for the Weary...

I set up my cot outside the barn because the Guinea-hens always roost in the rafters right over the pig pen – and that spells trouble if you know what I mean. It was a beautiful night and I was about to sleep under the moon and stars – not bad – just like camping out. I fell asleep thinking what a nice fellowship we have to join in on this wacky fundraiser and support The Center and our efforts to raise scholarship money. I awoke to Wilbur chewing on the corner of my cot – right next to my head. I shooed him off and drifted back to sleep...only to awaken again to Wilbur chewing on the corner of my cot. This time his wet nose on my ear! I did not like this. I couldn't help but think he might chew on my ear and I wouldn't know it because I was sleeping. I never fell asleep again...and here's what pigs do in the middle of the night. Sleep under the hay, get up and eat, take a drink, do their business, chew on my cot, sleep on the cement, get cold, go back to sleeping in the hay, get up and eat, take a drink, do their business, chew on my cot, and so on and so forth...all night long...about every 45 minutes. The cot I gave Mark must have had some rotten canvas in it because he fell through it in the middle of the night. That was kind of funny...I heard this five-second rip and then kerplunk. He slept through it. The mean looking rooster started crowing at 4:00 am in the morning and now I know why. It's wakeup call for all those hens - quite a commotion, hank panky and clucking coming out of the chicken coop. I just didn't get any sleep and Ruth McGuiness was coming to interview me at 8:00 am with some "sharp questions" I was told. I felt anything but sharp.

Well Ruth was very kind to me and she published a nice editorial in the Regional about The Center and our camp scholarship program. Patrick delivered us breakfast and the farm awoke again to a new day of hustle and bustle with feeding, kids everywhere, goats running around, horses turned out, guinea-hens cackling, and the pigs...sleeping in the hay. Karen Stasky, who is just excellent with animals, was asked to give the pigs some "emotional relief" through massage therapy – as if I didn't need it! By the time 4:00 rolled around I looked into that web-cam and said thank you very much – but now I'm going home. 27 hours in the pig pen is enough. I took a long hot bath and went to bed.

Barn to be Wild is a tremendous success and to date \$7,300 has been raised for the camp scholarship fund with contributions and pledges still coming in. Thank you very much for supporting it. Several young children will have memories and experiences that will last a lifetime because of your giving. We sincerely appreciate all of your help!

Dave Sanders

P.S. By the way, will you help me recruit Ann for doing this next year – Don't you think that is just an excellent idea? Go Ann!

Farm and Nature Discovery Preschool

Summer vacation has begun and we are preparing for our new preschool summer program. The program, a two week in depth study of how the farm works, will run from June 8 – June 19th. We are very excited about seeing our students returning and meeting our new students.

Our open house for students registered for fall will be on Thursday, September 3, 2009. We look forward to meeting all of our students and welcoming returning and new teachers to our school. School will begin the following Tuesday, September 8th. There still are openings for fall for ages 3 – 5. Please call the school to request information or a tour. 708-361-8933.

2009 Farm and Ranch Camp Staffs

The common denominator of all the experiences at camp is good wholesome fun, supervised by wonderful energetic college students and educators who are known as our camp counselors. We welcome them - and we thank them, for all that they share with The Center and with the campers - and we look forward to a summertime steeped in outdoor fun!

2009 Farm Camp:

Program Director: Janet Scanlon of Chicago, 2009 graduate of Miami University, Ohio, B.A. in Communication

Wrangler: Kayli Czyzewicz of Joliet, Freshman at Truman State University, Agricultural Science major

Fawn I Counselor: Molly Graham of Darien, Freshman at University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana, Fine Arts major

Hawk's Nest Counselor: Kyle Vogt of Palos Park, Sophomore at Loyola University New Orleans, Louisiana, Political Science major

Fawn II Counselor: Kelsey Flynn of La Grange, Junior at Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida, Communication major

Eagle Counselor: Tom Kocher of Burbank, Senior at Northern Illinois University, Kinesiology major



BACK: Paul, Lindsey, Kyle, Tom, T.J.

MIDDLE: Janet, Meagan, Lois, Kayli

FRONT: Molly, Kelsey, Jesse

2009 Ranch Camp:

Program Director: Jessie Schaar of Oak Lawn, 2009 graduate of Illinois State University, B.S. in Special Education, now teaching at Developmental Learning Program, Midlothian

Counselor: TJ Touhy of Oak Lawn, Sophomore at St. Ambrose College, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice major

2009 Outdoor Leaders-In-Training Program:

Program Director: Paul Purdy of Midlothian, Junior at University of St. Francis, Joliet, Mathematics/Secondary Education major

Counselor: Lindsey Sanders of Santa Cruz, California, Senior at University of California Berkley, Environmental Science major

Camp Directors:

Assistant Camp Director: Meagan Maricle of Homer Glen, 2008 graduate, Western Illinois University. BA in Communication, joined our staff in May 2009 as Camp Director-in-training. I am very enthusiastic about camp this summer and my new role here at The Center. I cannot express how happy I am to be working so closely with the camp staff and campers at a place that I truly consider my second home! –

Camp Director: Lois Lauer, Center Program Director

In addition to employing the above staff to guide our camp through a great summer, we are also fortunate to have the volunteer service of the following high school juniors and seniors and college students, who each serve as assistants to the staff for one of the 2-week sessions of camp.

CITs (Counselors-in-Training): Becca Williams, Kaitlin Maier, Chris Posta, Heather Mundy, Aly Dworsky, Shawn Nienhouse, Torie Krueger, and Gunnar Linden

WITs (Wranglers-in-Training): Evan Vogt, Corrine Stoffel, Madeline Sawyer, and Julianne Touhy

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE....

Thanks to the generosity of many, many people, we have raised \$32,000 for scholarship funding. This funding will provide a wonderful camp experience for children who would otherwise be financially unable to attend. The Camp Committee has worked hard to host wonderful monthly Family Night Dinners, to sell plants and t-shirts, and to recruit donors to the fund. Thanks to all who have helped and special thanks to: Betty Anderson, Beverly Ridge Lions Club, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farmers Market & Café, Howard & Carol Faulk, Kathy Fontaine, Loren & Jane Jahn, Sean & Kim Kelly, New Lenox Rotary Club, Orland Park Kiwanis Club, Orland Park Lions Club, Palos Bank & Trust, Palos Heights Women's Club, Palos Park Kiwanis Club, Palos Park Lions Club, Palos Park Women's Club, Paul & Jan Sanders, Michael & Carol Skala, Ted & Lee Pnazeck Camp Scholarship Fund, Robert Crownson Camp Scholarship Fund, Ronald & Aldona Walker

Also a special thanks to all those who contributed to the: Camp Committee, Family Nights, Barn Dance, Tulip & Daffodil Sales, and Barn to Be Wild

The children who attend camp will have amazing opportunities that can have an important, positive effect on their lives: twelve days of fresh air, caring leaders, healthy food, wholesome learning, group laughter, and new friends. Thank you all for enabling us to provide this very worthwhile program.



Farm & Ranch Camps

(for boys and girls ages 9 - 14)

Outdoor Leaders-In-Training Program

(teens ages 15-17)

We began our 73rd season on Sunday, June 21st!

**FARM AND RANCH CAMP:
A HEALTHY PLACE TO GROW!**

This summer, The Center is providing a wonderful camp experience for 160 young people. They learn and play and grow in the healthy atmosphere of the farm and woods. In each of the 4 two-week sessions, campers are immersed in a world of fun, friendship, and encouragement. They are also totally immersed in nature –literally! They play in the shallow slough, walk in the creeks, discover things growing in the gardens, hug the bunnies and chickens, run in the fields, ride horses in the woods, and even camp out

under the stars on clear nights. We began our 73rd season of camp at The Center on June 21, and we are enjoying a wonderful summer of outdoor experiences!

Each camp session ends with a farm camp animal show and ranch camp "rodeo," that is coordinated by the Outdoor Leaders-In-Training. Anyone interested in the camp is invited to come to the farm and watch the fun at the end of each camp session:

Camp Rodeos

4 Friday Evenings: July 3, July 17, July 31, and August 14

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Camp Wish List:

(please think of us when you clean out your garage!)

Used horse tack, cowboy boots, leather scraps, craft supplies, sheets or large pieces of fabric, volleyballs, softballs, tents, Frisbees, camping gear, canoes, cast-iron cookware, a Dutch oven, gardening tools, canoe paddles, canoe trailer, nature magazines, a sponsor to help us begin to replace our bunkbeds and side walk leading to camp!

What follows is a letter from Andrew H, who is about to complete his program at Pathway and move from our green pastures to others. We're not calling it a "goodbye" letter because we hope to keep in touch for a long, long time. We wish Andrew nothing but the best!

The walls slowly keep closing in on me. The chains are very heavy and seem to be getting more and more tight with each breath. I am running out of room to move much less breath.

The last bits of light faded to black long long ago and the darkness has become so thick I could almost wear it as a coat.

I was certain there used to be a way out of here but I have grown too tired to try and feel around for it any more. Plus the chains, they are so heavy, it hurts to move under the weight of them.

The walls keep closing in on me and I am running out of room to breathe much less live. The chains are getting tighter with each breath and it is very hard to breathe.

All I can think about is hoping to see my mother once more. I miss her and I want to see her so bad but for now it would be nice just to see. I cry out to her from time to time but I must be too far away to be heard. I am trapped in this prison inside of myself and it is so tight that I cannot breathe.

If she could hear me I know she would help me. I wish I was small again and in her arms instead of these chains. What happened between then and now? Why can't I fix it? Why can't I get out? And why is it so hard to breathe?!

What a strange feeling to be reflecting over the seven months I have spent here. The seasons of my arrival and departure could not be more appropriate. I arrived in the middle of fall and am now leaving in the beauty of spring. This transition in nature aptly reflects the changes I have experienced here. Life as I now know it has just begun.

Today, I am a small person in a big beautiful place. I finally have found myself and I have come to know peace. I am free from the chains of addiction and self hatred. I have plenty of room to move, and plenty of room to breath. I have had the opportunity to find the beauty in a blue sky, the playfulness in a snowy day, and the insightful rest grey skies bring in with their rain. I have run through the woods chasing deer, biked the trails, ridden on the back of a horse and canoeoed the river. I scared kids in the maze at halloween, was part of the biggest thanksgiving dinner in my whole life, sang with the elf cats through the holidays, and sacrificed the well being of my lower back to make hundreds of children happy on Easter. Life is amazing!

I could never pay for the gift I have received. I could never put the appropriate thank you into words. It is impossible for me to regret a single moment of the misery that led me here. I have looked back on my journey thus far, and I am grateful. My hope is to use this gift to bring light to dark places. To cultivate what was given to me, and share it with the world.



**Thank you, Betty Anderson for donating a riding mower. What a great addition at such an important time. This will surely help in maintaining The Center's beautiful property.
Thank you again - The Center Staff**

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PARTY!!

We are celebrating the birthdays of our farm animals!



What: A Giant Birthday Party for all of The Children's Farm Animals

Where: The Children's Farm

When: Saturday, August 29th 11am – 1pm

Come join us for a birthday celebration! We are asking all friends of the farm animals to come join us for their party. The morning will be spent visiting the guests of honor (our animals), singing a chorus of Happy

Birthday, horse rides, hayrack rides, and of course, real birthday cake! In lieu of an admission fee to the farm, we are asking that guests bring a birthday gift for one of our animals (Suggestion list available). Each child who brings a gift will receive a paper candle to decorate and 'pin' onto our giant cake.

We hope to see you there!



South Cook 4H Fair

Saturday, July 25th
9am – 3pm

The South Suburban Cook County 4H Fair is going to be held at The Children's Farm! The day will be filled with 4H exhibits from hundreds of children involved with South Cook 4H clubs. Exhibits include but are not limited to, small and large animals, visual arts, photography, pottery, electricity, and cake decorating.

The 4H fair board has lots of entertaining activities planned through out the day. Some of the attractions are the University of Illinois' science bus, Greyhounds Only Rescue Group, kids games, and a talent show.

Come cheer on our Home of the Clovers 4H members as they compete in the South Cook 4H Fair!

Pathway Breakfast at The Center

The very first "Pathway Breakfast at The Center" was held on January 6, 2008 to wonderful reviews and continues to be a success to this day. A delicious home-cooked breakfast is followed by an open AA speaker meeting. We firmly believe that the Pathway Breakfast accomplishes at least four important things:

- 1.) It's a great use of the Anderson Center on Sunday mornings.
- 2.) It's an important part of The Center's fundraising plan.
- 3.) It's an illustrative expansion of the Pathway program.
- 4.) It helps further The Center's community-oriented mission as a whole.



The effort by all those involved should be applauded. We can all be proud of a job well done and even more proud to be part of giving back what was so humbly given to us. Breakfast is served every Sunday from 8:30 to 9:45, with some exceptions for major holidays, and the open speaker meeting starts at 10:00. Everyone is more than welcome to attend!



Summer Junior Farmers

An outdoor opportunity for children to learn and play while enjoying life on the farm!

Children, ages 3 to 8, can enjoy two weeks of sunshine and fresh air while participating in one of the four summer sessions offered. Children will meet up to 3 hours per day, three days a week. Summer Junior Farmers will pick clover for the rabbits, gather fresh eggs from the chickens, brush the ponies and the goats; all while enjoying summertime at the farm.

They'll explore the barns and 60 acres of crops and wildlife.

They'll touch, they'll learn, they'll enjoy!

Ages 3-6:

M, W, & F afternoons
1-2 pm or 2:30 - 3:30 pm
\$84

Summer Sessions

June 22 - July 3
July 6 - July 17
July 20 - July 31
August 3 - August 14

Ages 6-8

M, W, & F mornings
9 am - 12 noon
\$200



DON'T FORGET...

The Children's Farm is open from 1:00—4:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays all summer. Bring your family for an afternoon of outdoor entertainment. Enjoy the animals, the fresh air, and the lovely atmosphere. Admission is \$4.50 per person—Children under 2 are free!

SPECIAL EVENTS OF THE SUMMER

An invitation to all Cosmology and Spirituality participants and others interested in joining us:

A CELEBRATION OF OUR PLACE IN GOD'S UNIVERSE

Tuesday evening, July 21, 7:30 – 10 p.m.

Let us gather together for a contemplative evening under the stars! A new moon will offer us a canopy of stars as we pause to reflect upon who we are as children of God within this most wonder-full universe. Spiritual Director Chris Hopkins will lead this evening, which will include time for contemplation and walking Chris's outdoor labyrinth, time for looking up at the stars, and time for dialogue about our the purpose of our lives within this modern understanding of the cosmos. Please pre-register to help us plan the evening. A free will offering will be taken as a gift to The Center.



WOMANTALK!

Tuesdays, July 28 and August 25, 10-11:30 am discussion

(Bring a lunch if you'd like to stay for a picnic)

WOMANTALK! is a wonderfully nurturing and supportive discussion group, focusing on the readings in Sarah Ban Breathnach's "Romancing the Ordinary" and "Simple Abundance" books, or any other inspirational resources that ladies would like to bring to share. Our focus is on learning to live authentically, joyfully, simply, gracefully, and gratefully. Program cost: \$5

SPIRITUAL COMPANIONSHIP

Kathy Fontaine donates her time and expertise to The Center every Tuesday, by offering her one-on-one services to anyone seeking spiritual direction through prayer, meditation, and dialogue. A good friend of The Center for many years, Kathy Fontaine has been trained by the Institute for Spiritual Companionship. The cost of Kathy's spiritual companionship is \$20/hour, which Kathy donates to the camp scholarship fund. Please, call the office for details about setting up appointments with Kathy.

SUMMER WELLNESS OPPORTUNITIES to get fit, to get healthy, to get energized!

Set your intention for a healthy summer! Come as often as you can!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings, 7:30 a.m.: Summer Walking Club

Tuesday morning, 7:30 a.m.: Wellness Breakfast Discussion, based on Julia Cameron's

"The Writer's Diet"

Mon evening, 6:30 pm: Mind-body Fitness—a gentle blend of yoga, tai-chi, and the grace of dance. Please call for registration information. (No class on 7/13 or 7/20) Please call the office or check with Pam Johnson at class the week before about further schedule changes, as her August schedule is not yet set.

CANDLELIGHT DINNER WITH RENEWAL OF VOWS

Sunday, August 23 - Couples celebrating their anniversaries in July and August are invited to a gracious candlelight dinner, following the 4:30 Vespers Service. The couples then return to the Chapel for the Renewal of Vows Ceremony. For reservations for the July/August Renewal of Vows, please send \$70 for dinner for two by August 10.

TOASTMASTERS

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, July 1 and 15, August 5 and 19, 7 - 9 p.m.

Toastmasters is an opportunity for folks who wish to improve their public communication skills. If you'd like to develop the skills and confidence to stand and speak before groups of people, then we invite you to join The Center Toastmaster's Club. No commitment is necessary to come and observe. For more information, talk to Dave or Frank Sanders

FELLOWCRAFTERS GIFT SHOP

Now that summer is here, you may finally have some time to slow down a little. The Fellowcrafters hope you do and that you will use some of this extra time to stop in their Gift Shop located in the Main Lodge of The Center. Inside this quaint little shop, you will find some beautiful new necklaces crocheted with yarn, which appears to have beads woven into it. The necklaces are so lightweight, you may forget you are wearing one—that is until you receive a compliment for how pretty it looks on you! Speaking of jewelry, we have beaded eyeglass chains, wooden beaded bracelets, and lovely pins created from antique buttons. For ladies belonging to the Red Hat Society, we have darling miniature red hat pins! And for those wishing to convey a patriotic spirit this 4th of July and after, we have red, white, and blue heart shaped pins. A very cute new item is a dog collar bandana, which will create a spiffy look for your canine friend while out on a summertime walk. There are always new items being created for the shop by our devoted and hard working Fellowcrafters, so we hope you will stop in soon!

Join this generous group of creative ladies! New crafters are always welcome!

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18, 10 am – 2 pm

SUNDAY VESPERS IN THE CHAPEL

Every Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

We invite you to join us each Sunday for an inter-denominational worship service of music, meditation, and prayer, led by Rev. Frank Sanders, and to join us after the service for cookies and coffee in the lodge.

Coming up in September....

First Tuesday Luncheon of the Fall:

Tuesday, September 8: “Mother” Jones: A Voice for Workers

Professor Nancy Huse from Augustana College will portray community organizer Mary Harris “Mother” Jones to share the inventiveness, energy, and activism of this “most dangerous woman” in our country’s labor movement. This first-person presentation highlights issues in the coal mining industry and their relevance to contemporary environmental issues. Make reservations after August 15.

Our 67th annual FALL FESTIVAL AT THE FARM!

Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This will be a day of old-fashioned country-fair fun for "kids of all ages." Besides games, kids' crafts, prizes, farm tours, music, hayrack rides, and horserides, there will be craft and flea market booths, a farmers market with freshly picked pumpkins, and refreshments from the grill. Vendors should register as soon as possible for a booth space and everyone else should plan ahead to spend a day of delightful fun at the farm!



BARN DANCE : A Family Night of Music and Fun at the Farm!

Saturday, September 12th, 5:30 – 9:30 pm

Rain or shine at the Children's Farm

We have a wonderful evening planned—you won't want to miss our annual Barn Dance! We build a wooden floor over the indoor arena, and have a new country DJ who will keep the dance floor hopping and the fun happening, with line dances, all kinds of western music, and country karaoke to keep us entertained. You can come and dance, sing, or just listen and socialize. Hotdogs and rootbeer will be available for purchase from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The barns will be open to visit the animals, and hayrack rides around the farm and the marshmallow bonfire will continue all evening long. Tickets are \$5 per person. Proceeds from the evening benefit the camp scholarship fund.

PLEIN AIRE SKETCH and WATERCOLOR FIELD TRIPS

Instructor: Lois Hrejsa

Thursdays, through August 6, 9:30 - 2 p.m. Some experience required.

Class Fee: \$20 per session.

July 2 Home and garden of Judy and Roger Carlson, Frankfort

July 9 Landmarks near Geneva

July 16 Home of Elena Cabral, Coal City

July 23 Lurie Gardens, Millennium Park, Chicago

July 30 Home and Woodlands of Dan and Sonya Snyder, Palos Park

Aug 6 Downtown Riverside

PLEIN AIRE WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS

Instructor: Lenox Wallace (www.lenoxwallace.com)

Tuesday and Thursday, July 21 and 23, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Class Fee: \$50 for each 2-day workshop.

Some experience required. Meet at Lake Katherine. Bring your lunch and art supplies and stool.

QUILTING WORKSHOPS

Instructor: Denise Dulzo

Quilted Tablemats: *Wednesday afternoon, August 12, 1-4 p.m.*

Class Fee: \$19. Bring your own machine. Purchase fabrics and batting before the first class.

Pre-registration is required for all Log Cabin classes and workshops. Class and materials fees are due at time of registration. All class fees include a \$10 non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee. No refunds or transfers of fees are available for cancellations made less than 24 hours prior to the beginning of class. To register by mail, send check and the following information: Name, address, phone, cell phone, email, name and date/time of class, and if registration is for a child, send birth-date and grade in school this fall, plus parents' names and emergency contact information.

In September, we will resume a full schedule of weekly and seasonal classes in Calligraphy, Pottery, Silver Jewelry, Basketry, Watercolor, Woodcarving, Drawing, Nature Photography, Weaving, Collage, Papermaking, Tole Painting, Gourd-craft, Beaded Jewelry, Poetry, Creative Writing, Quilting, Artist's Way, Folk Arts, and Wreathmaking, and also hope to add Lapidary, Printmaking, Pastel, Stitching, and Knitting classes to the schedule. Children's classes will be offered on Saturday mornings and Family Art on Sunday afternoons during the school year.

Volunteer Corner

Anne Sheridan Pullos

When my kids were little, I often took them to The Children's Farm at The Center. All the animals were a big hit with them, especially the baby chickens and the bunnies. (Since we lived near the City, I always loved a day in the country.) Years later, I discovered the Chapel, and soon joined the Center Singers. It wasn't long before I became a volunteer--in a variety of areas. From hostessing at the famous Spring and Christmas Teas, to working at the Rummage Sales, to helping with the "live" Christmas Pageant and dressing as a "wicked witch" for Halloween fun, I enjoy it all! I'm very grateful to have the opportunity to put my Nursing skills to good use as a Summer Camp Nurse. Volunteering gives me a great satisfaction; I know I get back more than I give. Now my children's children are part of The Center, too. The Farm and Ranch Summer Camp is a highlight of the summer vacation! I love to bring friends to the luncheons and fun events at The Center, they always return---as I did!



We are so grateful that you keep returning Anne. You're a wonderful part of our fellowship, and we are very thankful that you share your time and talents and love so generously with The Center....the Center Staff.

The Center

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Friday and Saturday,
September 4 & September 5
from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING

The arena is filled with a huge assortment of houseware, hardware, sporting goods, kids toys, craft items, clothes, books, audio and video, and furniture!!

*We will begin accepting donations on August 17th!
If you have items you would like to donate please call (708)361-3650
for drop off times. We are also in need of volunteers to help set
up the arena. If you are interested please call Ann.
Hope to see you there!*