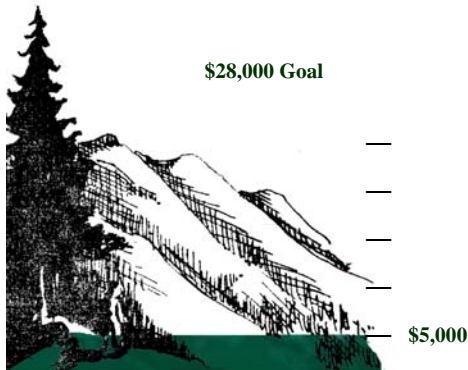


Events Calendar

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| Pine Mountain Wildflower Weekend | April 20-22 |
| Black Mountain Wildflower Weekend | May 4-6 |
| High Dynamic Range Landscape Photography Workshop | May 9-13 |
| Spring Arts Weekend (Poetry, Nature Journaling, Weaving) | May 11-13 |
| In the Footsteps of Lucy Braun | June 6-10 |
| Steel Window Preservation Workshop | June 10-15 |
| Community Youth Day Camp (K-6 th grades) | June 18-22 |
| Community Youth Day Camp (7-12 th grades) | June 25-29 |
| Wooden Window Restoration Workshop | July 15-20 |
| Reading Camp | July 22-28 |
| Alumni Homecoming | August 11-12 |
| Creech Family Reunion | August 12 |
| In the Footsteps of Lucy Braun | August 15-19 |
| Fair Day | August 25 |
| Community School Reunion | September 1 |
| Fall Arts Weekend | October 12-14 |
| The Art of Building Dry Stone Walls Workshop | October 12-14 |
| Fall Color Weekend | October 19-21 |
| Nativity Play | December 9 |

For more information or to make an on-line reservation, please visit our website at www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com or call (606) 558-3571 or 558-3542 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may write to: **Operations Manager, Pine Mountain Settlement School, 36 HWY 510, Pine Mountain, KY 40810-8289** or e-mail: office@pinemountainsettlementschool.com.



Campaign for a new van

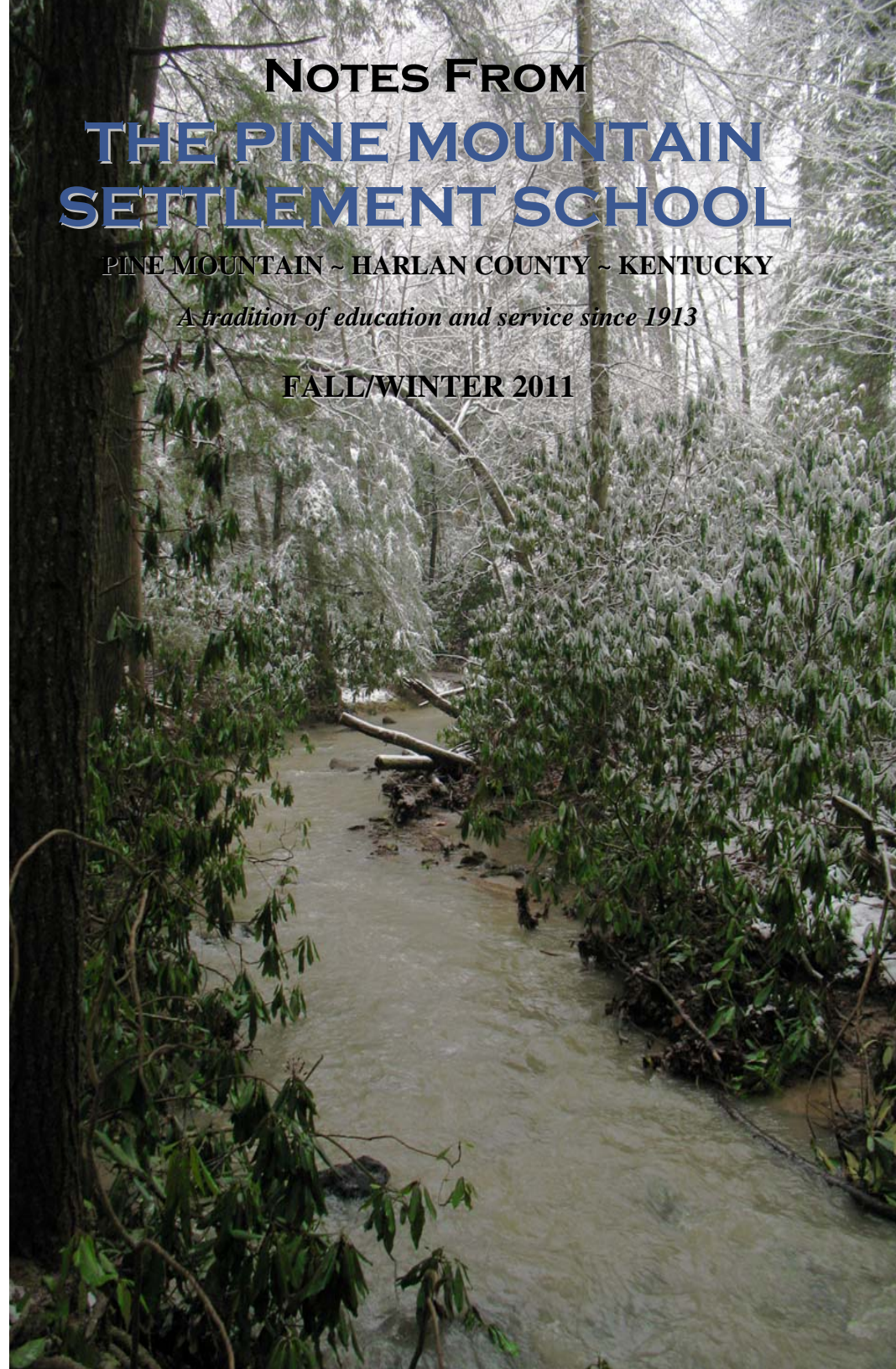
We are raising money to buy a new van to be used for the environmental education program, the community program, and our special nature weekends and workshops. To date, we have raised \$5,000 toward our goal of \$28,000. Every contribution helps us toward the top of the mountain!

NOTES FROM THE PINE MOUNTAIN SETTLEMENT SCHOOL

PINE MOUNTAIN ~ HARLAN COUNTY ~ KENTUCKY

A tradition of education and service since 1913

FALL/WINTER 2011



November 2011

Dear Friends,

Each year, I write to ask you to contribute to Pine Mountain Settlement School. This annual appeal tradition started 98 years ago, when Pine Mountain was established. Out of curiosity, I looked recently at appeal letters from the early years covering the boarding school era.

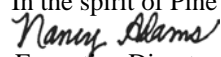
One of the earliest letters, dated November 1913 and written by co-founder Katherine Pettit, stated the need to raise \$700 to fence in the School's 234 acres to keep out hogs that were eating gardens and field crops. "If you can't be a flying figure in blue jeans yelling 'Suey, Suey,' can you be a substitute in the shape of some rods of woven-wire five-foot fence?"

Letters from the 1920s and 1930s requested funds to cover scholarships for students. Co-founder Ethel de Long Zande wrote in May 1920: "[Pine Mountain] has grown through pinching poverty and it is lovely because it represents the hopes, not only of us who share its life, but of you who have believed in it and nurtured it...Have you the 'innards to raise children toward humanity?'" Other letters communicated the urgent need for cash, with staff facing overdue bills and scarcely a penny in the till.

We have come a long way. Marauding hogs are no longer an issue and our financial picture is better, but we still need contributions to help us continue our mission of education and community service. This is how we carry out that mission:

- In 2012, our environmental education program will mark its 40th anniversary. Throughout that time, we have taught thousands of children and adults - we estimate at least 120,000 - about the complexities of ecosystems and how crucial it is to protect all parts of these systems.
- Through Grow Appalachia, we are working with our neighbors to build a more resilient community, one that relies on interdependence and cooperation in the community, and independence from outside food sources.
- We are passing on traditional building skills through our historic preservation workshops and working with skilled craftspeople to find ways to make historic structures energy efficient.
- We are providing recreational facilities and social programs for our neighbors, so that we might grow and celebrate together.
- We are sponsoring supplemental education programs for local students. In the summer of 2011, 30 students from two southeast Kentucky counties received 15 hours of individual attention in the basics of reading at our residential reading camp. This intensive learning experience, set in a nurturing atmosphere, will help these students to overcome their learning difficulties. During the school year, Pine Mountain's Intervention Program helped 30 students in two elementary schools to conquer reading difficulties and catch up academically to their classmates.

As is our tradition, we ask for your support to help us bridge the gap between our earned income and our expenses. Through your financial gift, you contribute to the common good of our community and to the broader community beyond Pine Mountain.

In the spirit of Pine Mountain,

Executive Director

How You Can Help

Income to operate the programs and maintain Pine Mountain's physical plant comes from three sources: interest income from the School's endowment fund, earned income, and contributions. From time to time, we seek grant funding to help with particular projects, equipment and building repair needs.

We appreciate all contributions and are prudent in our use of financial resources. Your financial contributions make it possible for Pine Mountain to carry out its mission and to continue to be a strong institution in an underserved area.

Pine Mountain Settlement School exists to serve people in the local community and beyond. To accomplish this, we strive to

- Teach others about the natural environment and promote protection of ecosystems
- Incorporate into our operation energy conservation, renewable energy sources, local materials and healthy food, and share this knowledge with others
- Provide supplemental educational experiences for local students which strengthen, enrich, and extend their academic education
- Protect and maintain the natural lands and historic structures at the Settlement School
- Celebrate, interpret, and promote the cultural heritage of central and southern Appalachia
- Serve as a center for recreation, fellowship, and lifelong learning, welcoming all who come

Pine Mountain is a private, 501(c) (3), non-profit corporation. Contributions to Pine Mountain are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Pine Mountain accepts online contributions through Network for Good. Please see our website for more details.

NEEDS LIST

Those interested in helping with any of these items may donate part or all of the cost.

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| Office supplies - \$100 | Twin or full-sized sheet sets - \$20-25 |
| Lunch trays - \$100 case | Towel/washcloth sets - \$10 |
| Blankets - \$20 | Garden supplies - \$100 |
| Hammer drill - \$350 | Insulation - \$500 |
| 10' x 10' event canopy - \$80 | Binoculars for birds class - \$200 |
| Pro Scopes for use with Smartboard - \$150 each | |
| Clickers response units for Smartboard - \$100 each | |
| Silva compass for orienteering class - \$10 each | |
| Rubber boots for stream ecology class - \$15 pair | |
| Replacement dip nets - \$150 | |

Sustainability

Grow Appalachia

Despite a challenging gardening season, the 29 families in Pine Mountain's Grow Appalachia harvested 723 bushels of produce totaling 28,000 pounds, more than twice the 13,000 pounds harvested by 20 families in 2010! Equally exciting was the growth in cooperation and community spirit among families. During the growing season, PMSS hosted weekly community garden work days, six gardening workshops, and three local foods potluck dinners.

With funding from the Grow-A-Gardener Flex-E-Grant project, Pine Mountain's Grow Appalachia staff and participants led weekly gardening lessons at Green Hills Elementary School during the spring, hosted three seed swap events, distributed gardening information at four community festivals, and launched a new Farmers' Market in Harlan County. Staff developed a Community Agriculture website (www.growpinemountain.com), and a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/growpinemountain). Pine Mountain staff also made two guest appearances on the live radio show "What's Cookin' Now!" on community radio station WMMT-FM in Whitesburg, KY.

PMSS is pleased to announce that it will be a Grow Appalachia site again in 2012! The program will expand to work with 45 families in an extended service area. Grow Appalachia staff hope to find more families who are interested in starting gardens.

Workshops planned for 2012 include garden planning, healthy cooking, food processing, seed saving, and chicken-pen construction. Grow Appalachia staff and participants will also continue to work on hosting skill shares in the community. Grow Appalachia participants initiated the first skill share in September – a workshop to teach the craft of making homemade laundry detergent and lye soap. PMSS will also try new crops and gardening techniques while continuing to work toward building a local foods network in southeast Kentucky.

National Historic Windows Preservation Standards Summit

A windows preservation summit at the Settlement School in July could provide definitive data that can be used to illustrate the energy efficiency of restored and weatherized historic windows. The summit participants - 45 people from 20 states and Canada – were window restoration specialists, contractors, architects, and owners of historic homes and commercial buildings.

Days before the summit started, five window restoration specialists worked on wood and steel windows in Draper Building. The specialists were: Duffy Hoffman, Bob Yapp, Jim Turner, David Gibney and John Leeke. After work was completed, architect Walter Sedovic and Jill Gotthelf of Walter Sedovic Architects conducted tests to standards established by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). All data will be certified as unbiased and will be subject to peer review before it can be published or released.

Data gathered during the summit can be used to create additional models using different weather zones to interpolate how the same weatherization methods would perform on windows in all parts of the country. The data should confirm a long-held assertion that maintaining original, old-growth wood windows or high-quality steel windows in historic buildings is the optimal preservation and energy efficiency approach. Target date for publication of testing data is February 2012.

Community



From left, Doug Honeycutt, Sarah Davis, Scott Merrill and Jonah Davis enjoy a leisurely hayride around campus during this year's Fall Party for community children in late October.

The community program, led by community coordinator Judy Lewis, is preparing for the annual Nativity Play and Christmas Teas on Dec. 11th and the Christmas parties for local children and PMSS Homemakers. The holiday activities cap a year of events and celebrations.

In late August, the annual Fair Day brought hundreds of friends and neighbors to the campus to take in the crafts sales, book sale, children's games, produce and crafts judging and dinners prepared by Nolen Lodge and Pine Mountain staff. Winner of this year's Pine Mountain Homemakers' quilt was Gilbert Ingram of Louisville, who volunteers with Pine Mountain Trail Conference to help restore PMSS trails.

The annual reunion of Community School students (1949 to 1972) brought nearly 100 people to the School in early September. Several former students and teachers contributed their stories to our on-going oral history project.

AmeriCorps*VISTA

In late summer, Pine Mountain welcomed two new AmeriCorps* VISTA workers and two environmental education interns. Kathleen Powers, the Community Agriculture VISTA, began her year of service in August. Kathleen, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, graduated from University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington with a B.A. in psychology and history.



Kathleen Powers and Stephanie Gibson

Stephanie Gibson is the Community Technology VISTA. She is a recent graduate of Centre College in Danville, Kentucky where she completed a B.A. in history. Stephanie is from Bryants Store in neighboring Knox County.

Environmental Education Interns

Marah Fierek, from DeTour Village, Michigan, will graduate from Central Michigan University with a B.A. in outdoor recreation and environmental education and a minor in leadership.

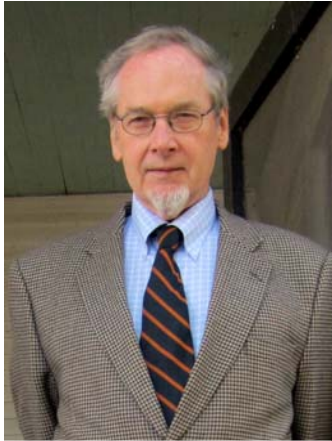
Claire Swanback from Moraga, California, will graduate in December from Pacific Lutheran University, with a B.A. in environmental studies and a minor in English literature.



Marah Fierek and Claire Swanback

2012 Workshops

We are pleased to offer a new program for 2012, the Spring Arts Workshops. Featured will be a poetry workshop led by former Kentucky poet laureate Richard Taylor, a nature journaling workshop led by Betty Beshoar and Heather Housman, a weaving workshop taught by Pine Mountain staff member Pat Begley, and a high dynamic range photography workshop conducted by Malcolm Wilson. The weaving workshop begins after lunch on Friday, May 11 and continues through lunch on Sunday, May 13. The poetry and nature journaling workshops will begin after dinner on Friday and continue through lunch on Sunday. The photography workshop will begin on Wednesday afternoon, May 9, and continue until after breakfast on Sunday, May 13.



Richard Taylor

Richard Taylor's poetry workshop, *Wrestling with Words: Stepping into the Ring with Poetry*, will focus on ways to build a fuller sense of language and its uses in poetry. Taylor will lead discussions on the anatomy of a successful poem and the use of the natural environment as a means of exploring the possibilities of poetry. Students will mine their experiences and imagination to craft poems that they would be glad to take home to dinner or share with a broader audience. The class will look at the poems they write and some that serve as models.

No special skill level is required to participate. Cost is \$250. Enrollment is limited to 12 people.

Photography Workshop. High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography is digitally akin to Ansel Adams' Zone System. The workshop will focus on tools and techniques for creating HDR digital photos for artistic expression. Demonstrations will include enhancing photos, plug-in filters, image manipulation and preparing files for printing. Students will learn to use HDR software including Photomatix Pro, HDR Darkroom Pro and/or HDR Photo Pro. Students will spend time outdoors on the beautiful Pine Mountain campus and in surrounding communities to take photographs for use in the workshop.



This image was enhanced using high dynamic range techniques that will be taught in the workshop.

Workshop participants should have basic computer skills, including an understanding of cut and paste and a working knowledge of photo editing software such as Photoshop or Photoshop Elements. Cost is \$350. Enrollment is limited to 15 people.



Malcolm Wilson

Betty Beshoar, visual artist, will team with Heather Housman, former botanist with the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, to conduct *The Art and Science of Nature Journaling*. During walks on Settlement School property, they will describe and answer questions about trees, plants, birds and insects found on the way. With this information, participants will create their own nature journals, which include writing, drawing and watercoloring. Nature journaling is a powerful tool to use in connecting more deeply with the natural world. This workshop is suitable for all skill levels. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$250. Enrollment is limited to 12 people.



Heather Housman and Betty Beshoar



Pat Begley

Pat Begley, Settlement School staff member, will teach the "Weaver's Choice" workshop. Participants can choose to focus on one of three types of weaving: pattern weaving, rag weaving or weaving with loopers, which are cut from the tops of socks. Everyone will work on projects to take home: wall hangings, rugs, placemats, or table runners. All materials are provided. Those who want to work on rag rug projects may bring their own material.

The workshop is for beginning- and intermediate-level students. The cost is \$250. Class size is limited to six.

The cost for workshops covers tuition, meals and lodging, and, in the case of the photography and weaving workshops, special materials. More information about the Spring Arts Weekend is posted on the School's web site: www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com.

2012 Preservation Workshops

In 2012, we are planning three hands-on preservation workshops. Two workshops will address restoration issues on windows. The first, scheduled for June 10-15, will offer instruction on how to restore steel windows. Jim Turner, owner of Turner Restoration in Detroit, Michigan, will teach this workshop. The second window workshop, scheduled for July 15 through 20, will address restoration issues with wood windows. Duffy Hoffman, owner of Hoffman Preservation Restoration in Elkins, West Virginia, will teach this workshop.

The third workshop will be on dry stone masonry. Richard Tufnell, of Vienne, France, will return for his eighth year to teach the art and craft of dry stone construction. This workshop is scheduled for Oct. 12 through 14.

We'll post more details about these workshops on our web site in coming weeks.