



SCATTERINGS

January/February 2013



*The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart*

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March 2 to 10

[Chicago Area Alumni Event](#)
Thursday, March 21
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Office, [319.643.7621](tel:319.643.7621)

[Chicago Area Open House](#)
Saturday, March 23
Evanston Public Library
(Featuring Scattergood!)

*A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.*

Dust of Snow
Robert Frost

Light and Inspiration Warm the Cold of Winter at Scattergood

By Christine Ashley, Head of School

Dear Friends,

Winter is really here at Scattergood, and the ice, snow and gusty winds mean we hunker down together. This community loves to bring light and fun into the wintery mix, and during this year's Intersession program, we take a week in February to get even more active, gutsy, and physically and mentally bold.

A group of students will make a visit to Chicago and work alongside Su Casa, a house of hospitality in the Catholic Worker tradition that provides a space of healing and hope to displaced Hispanic families. Four students will attend a week of classes at the University of Iowa's law school. On campus, alumnus Mark Helm will offer Judo. Culinary skills, indoor soccer and touch football, winter hiking, knitting, capoeira, and fun experiments in the chemistry laboratory are some other morning and afternoon offerings. We want to push the envelope with our own recycling efforts, and the class 62 *Projects to Make with a Dead Computer* will do just that.

Curious and inventive. Inquisitive and idealistic. Inspired and independent. These are just a few words that describe our staff and students. We dare to dream, and two years ago, the faculty initiated an interdisciplinary project and problem-based academic program called "May Term." Last year, students and staff embarked on this new adventure and teams of teachers and students successfully integrated physics, art and poetry into one beautiful learning adventure called the *Physics of*

Scattergood Open House
Saturday, March 30
1 to 3 p.m.
at Scattergood

Scattergood
Food Fundraisers

Wednesday, Feb.13,
5 to 10 pm
Short's Burgers Eastside
521 Westbury Drive,
Iowa City
[319.338.7743](tel:319.338.7743)

Sunday, March 17,
4 to 9 pm
Devotay
117 North Linn Street
Iowa City
[319.354.1001](tel:319.354.1001)

Monday, April 22,
11 am to 9 pm
and 5 to 9 pm
Thai Flavors
340 East Burlington Street
Iowa City
[319.339.8900](tel:319.339.8900)

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Storage units for
Art Building

LCD projector for
Library Classroom

Flight. Another class, *Naturalist Training*, saw students explore the prairie as a living laboratory, and data was collected and translated to the community, documenting life on our prairie.

With winter comes preparation for spring! We look forward to the May Term weeks coming up so quickly as we make final tweaks before the next round of May Term classes. We are even more vividly reminded of spring's promises as we see our newest building arise out of the frozen ground on the farm. We can't wait to have a vegetable packing facility on our campus this spring, allowing us to produce and eat more of our lovely organic vegetables and fruits. Thank you for helping us articulate our dreams and help us continue walking this path of perseverance and inspiration. Every day we weigh our limitless options. This winter is no different!

In Peace,
Christine



New Facility Brings Positive Change

By Mark Quee, Farm Manager

I hate to admit this, but sometimes the biggest changes in our daily or professional routines are necessitated by an object

Minivan

**New dining tables
for Dining Area**

Alumni who will hold an
Open House in your area.
Contact admissions@scattergood.org

**Thank you, Hills Bank and Coralville
Public Library, for hosting Scattergood
displays in January
and February, respectively.**

If you know of another venue
for Scattergood, or would like a
speaker from Scattergood for your
organization,
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that forces us to look at how we have done things and see with fresh eyes how we might now do them. A clear example of this is the Scattergood Farm being given a no-till drill. Suddenly, our capacity to plant cover crops, sow pastures and even plant some of our food crops shifted from our old paradigm to a new one. I might have previously intellectualized the need for cover-cropping, but the tools were not handy to make this easily possible. After the gift, I had no excuses, and now take pride in how frequently our soil is protected and built up with various grasses and legumes.

Currently, the Scattergood Farm is adding a packing facility that will be outfitted with washing, packing and storage equipment that will necessitate another shift in the way we farm. During the past 10 years, we have "stored" many crops unharvested in the field, hoping the weather might hold deep enough into the fall so that we could harvest the produce and enjoy it in the Scattergood dining room. Some years we won, eating great variety and abundance right up until our winter break. Some years we lost, watching tons of vegetables freeze in the fields because we did not have adequate storage capacity. Coming this autumn, we'll have no excuses (unless you count weather, weed pressure, labor shortages and other variables) and should have a cooler full of fruits and vegetables that should further our attempt to feed ourselves.

The universe possesses many arcs, and ours may have now bent ever so slightly toward satiety. Thank you to all who have made this possible.

Editor
Rüdiger Rückmann
Development Director

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How Scattergood Informs My Life and Work

By Kris Boardman, Class of 1964

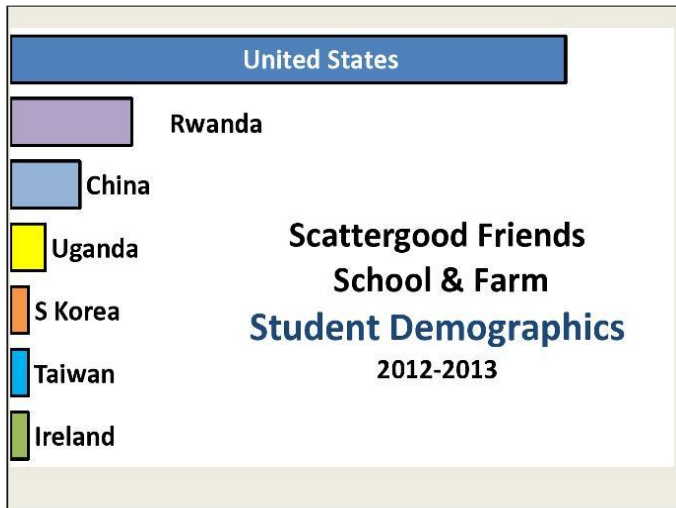
For nearly 20 years I worked as a professional magazine and newspaper writer. Then, in the mid '90s, I went back to school and trained as a registered nurse. I am currently working in the Central Maryland Prison Hospital that serves many institutions. I take care of mostly men, many of whom are convicted felons with serious crimes and injuries such as gunshot wounds that have made them paraplegics.

My late sister, Sarah, encouraged me to republish my true crime articles that were written for a detective magazine. "Crimes of Passion" is now being circulated worldwide via Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com.

Crime stories are important because they give us insights into human motivations. People are complex creatures and the criminal justice process can be complicated. I am still very much committed to the Quaker peace testimony and I was a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War. Teaching non-violence and peaceful conflict resolution are important tasks that us committed Quakers should continue to take seriously. People and families are hurt by violence every day, so our commitment to the peace testimony should be ongoing. I am thankful to Scattergood and to the Quakers for what I learned about the importance of peaceful action earlier in my life.

I plan to attend the Alumni Reunion at Scattergood for the Classes '55 to '65 from June 14 to 16. I hope to reconnect with many of my friends and make new acquaintances.

Many Nations Make a Community: Scattergood's Student Population



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News from Friends & Alumni

Updates

Fred Swan (staff '61-64) writes: "After three careers -- teaching, parks and recreation, and painting at Swarthmore College for 23 years -- I have been happily retired at Friends House Retirement Community for 10 years in Sandy Spring, Maryland."

Jean (Watson) McCandless '61 writes: "I currently work part-time as a geriatric social worker in private practice and also direct the Vermont Farm Health Task Force that trains rural health practitioners and agricultural professionals about agricultural medicine and safety.

I'm finishing my fourth and final year as Clerk of the New

England Yearly Meeting's Sessions Planning Committee. Over the last few years we have focused on climate change in the context of living with integrity and renewing community. Last August, Caleb Smith (SFS '13) was a great addition to a major panel presentation. He spoke among other things about organizing his family to bicycle to Yearly Meeting."

Muriel Sibley '63 writes: "Just celebrated 50 years of continuous ceramics. Have improbably made a (small) career out of clay! Values and process learned and affirmed at Scattergood continue to direct my life. Thanks for keeping the tradition going."

Alyce Lofstedt '99 showed her BFA Thesis Exhibition, "Of Mind" at the Center for Visual Art, Metropolitan State College of Denver last December.

Kaleb Wentzel-Fisher '01 is living in Berlin, Germany, pursuing his dream as a filmmaker and celebrating his first feature film, Sankofa.

Matt Allis '04 is living in Texas and is involved in local theater. He played young Carl Sandburg in the recent PBS American Masters production, "The Day Carl Sandburg Died."

Leah Quayle '08 was graduated from Pitzer College with degrees in art and math. She is living in Austin, Texas, building her portfolio, studying yoga and designing displays for stores.

Born to

Rachel Butler (staff '92-95, 2000-01, '06-12) and Jim Mills (staff '94-96, 2000-01), a son: Maxwell James Butler-Mills in December.

Heidi and Andy Casto (staff 2008-09), a daughter: Beatrice Montana Casto in December.

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