



SCATTERINGS

September 2012



A New School Year Full of Promise

By Christine Ashley, Head of School

Dear Friends,

We greet the new school year happy to see our old Friends and greet our new! We work hard and play hard and while we had a good time during Orientation, we are happy that classes are up and running. *Journaling and Slam Poetry* has many students excited to perform, our *American Presidents* students read and study the past while paying close attention to the current election proceedings, and our newest science class *Agriculture and the Environment* happily uses our prairie and fields as living laboratories. Outside the classroom, our newest Cross Country Team prepares for two meets, the Soccer Team runs in the wee morning hours for stamina and endurance before the practices, and the Ultimate Frisbee class enjoys the coaching prowess of our new Geometry teacher and local Iowa City Ultimate coach,

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Upcoming Events

**Camping Weekend
September 21 to 23**

**Scattergood Day
October 20 to 21**

**Open House
November 3, 1 to 3 pm**

**Thanksgiving Break
November 17 to 25**

Wish List

Two minivans in very good condition

New refrigerators

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David Cohen. Oh, and some students are salsa dancing every Wednesday!

Tomorrow, Scattergood students and staff prepare to walk from school to Iowa City for the 2012 Peace Walk. This year, the 15-mile Walk for Peace precedes a reception for "Windows and Mirrors: Reflections on the War in Afghanistan" Scattergood is a sponsor of the month-long exhibition, and we will stage a spontaneous art exhibition of 10 drawings by Afghan children that memorialize Afghan civilian casualties and depict daily reality in Afghanistan on the mall. Last year, about 35 students, staff and volunteers from West Branch and Iowa City participated, including members of the Kiwanis Club, Occupy Iowa, and the Iowa Peace Center. We are pleased that the Peace Walk may become an annual tradition.

Scattergood is a treasure, a transformative learning environment, an intentional community, and a home to many. In the past few months, Scattergood has received several bequests to its endowment that now stands at over \$4 million. Over 75% of our students receive financial aid, a substantial portion of which comes from our endowment fund. Scattergood's new endowment total now places it in the top 15% of boarding schools in the United States with a student population of less than 120.

As we grow our endowment, we grow our capacity to provide financial aid for future students, and ensure a future Scattergood for many more years to come. We are grateful for the enduring trust and support of our Scattergood family.

***"For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson***

In Peace,
Christine

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Scattergood Profile: Lowell Wilson



Lowell Wilson grew up in rural Northwest Iowa in the Quaker community of Paullina. He followed in the footsteps of his older siblings, Doyle, '67, and Neva, '69, graduating from Scattergood in 1974. He attended Iowa State, studying farm operations and agriculture before joining the family farm in Primghar, Iowa. After he married Eunice in 1979, they were joined by son Mitchell in 1982 and daughter Corrin in 1985.

Lowell and Doyle still run the family farm and truck hogs and grain. In recent years the Wilson brothers' team has included Mitchell and Doyle's son Justin (and both their families).

Lowell served on the Scattergood School Committee in the 1990s and is currently a Scattergood Foundation Trustee. He has been on the Board of Directors of AGP in Omaha, Nebraska, a soy processing cooperative, since 1985. In his free time, Lowell enjoys riding his Harley motorcycle with Eunice, boating and riding bicycles.

Miles and Meals for Scattergood!

**By Rüdiger Rückmann,
Director of Development**

This summer I have run more than 250 miles! I am hoping to complete the Quad Cities Marathon on 23 September as a fundraiser for Scattergood Friends School & Farm.



I am seeking pledges per mile (all 26.2!) that will all be earmarked for our Annual Fund to benefit our

students' financial aid program.

Before the marathon I will purchase a running shirt with our Scattergood logo and names of my sponsors printed on it. Looking at your names will help me cross the finish line! May I invite you to make a pledge at \$1 to \$10 per mile? (Or whatever amount you wish.) I will let you know after the marathon how many miles I finished. Your donation is tax-deductible. Please feel free to e-mail me your pledge atdevelopment@scattergood.org or call me at 319.643.7621.

On the same day of the marathon, Scattergood is on the roster for Benefit Sunday at Devotay Restaurant in Iowa City! The more people who eat at Devotay that evening, the greater the donation for Scattergood. Kim Friese, General Manager at Devotay, asks all interested in the event to make a reservation in advance for the 23rd: 319.354.1001.

I hope to celebrate finishing my 14th marathon with many Scattergood friends at Devotay. Thank you for all your support of our great students and community!

Fencers Reach Out

**By Hans Niehus,
Scattergood Faculty**

Fencing is the art and sport of swordsmanship. It is an Olympic sport in which both men and women compete. Although its roots lie in the lethal dueling traditions of 17th- and 18th-century Europe, proper training, blunted weapons and protective gear make the modern sport extremely safe. Rather than relying on size and force, the fencer develops technical skill, physical dexterity, and mental concentration. Fencers of diverse builds and temperaments



are able to participate on an equal footing.

Scattergood's fencing program was established in 1987 and has continued uninterrupted since then. Many Scattergood students have participated in the program over the years. Some try the sport for one season, others devote themselves to fencing for years. Students participate for many reasons: some for grace and artistry, others for the combative martial art, and most for friendship and camaraderie. Students have won medals in tournaments while attending Scattergood. Several graduates have gone on to organize and instruct college fencing clubs, and another has become a professional choreographer of theatrical fencing. Our fencing program focuses on personal challenge, group support and a positive approach to competitive situations.

Beginners are introduced to the basics of modern foil fencing. We focus on mechanics, practice stance and footwork and learn to manipulate the foil in attack and defense. Fencing skills are alien to most people so new students start on an equal (and usually awkward) footing. To succeed, students must possess patience and perseverance.

Advanced students work to become both effective fencing instructors and skilled competitors. To achieve the first end, we review basic skills and practice various teaching techniques. Students teaching students is one of the most important elements of our program.

We work on physical conditioning and more complicated techniques. We practice formal judged bouting with electric scoring equipment to become comfortable with modern tournament structure and to learn how the stress of competition can be dealt with in a positive manner. To push our skills to a higher level we travel to clubs and events throughout the region. Advanced fencers have the option of training twice a week at the Iowa City Fencing Center. Every month we take part in several competitions, visiting college teams for practices or interclub matches and taking part in official USFA tournaments. I have been proud to show off the Scattergood fencers throughout the region. Their positive attitudes toward competition, the quality of their fencing,

and their friendliness have been outstanding.

News from Friends & Alumni

Updates

Bob Scattergood (staff '65-75) "I am just retired AGAIN - after 11 years doing editing and pagination with The Westerly Sun daily newspaper. I continue to play trumpet in the Westerly Town Band - about 35 strong and the Wakefield Concert Band, about 85 musicians. erscattergood@gmail.com

Paul Krumm '58 "We continue here in central Kansas in the earth-sheltered home we finished about 2 years ago. I am just putting the finishing touches (balancing blades) of a 1 kw wind generator. Micki continues with her book indexing and Kindle prep work while I build Lavender bud stripping and cleaning equipment. On the side, I try to be active in Quaker Earthcare Witness, am coordinating a Quaker Institute for the Future Circle of Discernment on Money, and Missouri Valley Conference. Locally I continue an interest and activity in the Spirituality Resource Center and the Resilience Group in Salina, started by Wes Jackson."

Mary White '65 "I retired from San Jose State University art department in 2005 after running the glass program in the School of Art and Design for 20 years. Then I went to Dublin, Ireland, as a Fulbright Scholar teaching at the National College of Art and Design. I'm living in Berkeley, California, these days, teaching at the Crucible, an industrial arts facility in Oakland." mwhiteglass@me.com

Dale Andrew '67 still lives in Paris, France, and was not able to attend this summer's class reunion. He sent greeting to his classmates. "I have the privilege of participating in the Rio+20 Conference (UN conference on Sustainable Development)."

Richard Kleinschmidt (staff '70-73) "I remember you all fondly and wish I could swing by for your reunion. Alas, I don't expect to be back in the United States until spring of 2013. My wife and I are in the Peace Corps - serving in a very poor,

rural village in South Africa. I am (surprise) helping with math teaching at the high school. Emily is assisting with English at the primary school." klnschmidt@gmail.com

Colin Wilson '72 sent greetings from the Central Plateau of Haiti where he and his wife and two daughters are serving in their 6th year as missionaries. They help run a secondary school, non-formal educational programs for agriculture, health and nutrition as well as elementary school teacher training, and a small medical-dental-eyeglass clinic. "We are at about 1400 ft. above sea level so we don't have to deal with quite as much heat and humidity of the coastal areas. We especially appreciate the cool evenings. We would love to hear from any of you. We have a dorm that will easily accommodate 12 people and we would love to have you stop for a visit. c.c.wilson@juno.com

Christine Dreisbach Murray (staff '73-74) writes: Dear Scattergood Friends, Hello and blessings to you all. In February I got laid off from my job at the day care (6 hours cooking and 2.5 hours with the school-age children in the after school program.) I was hired by our local conservancy, Wildlands Conservancy, as a seasonal naturalist. After all these years, my dream job! wmurray@enter.net

Margery Nagel '75 writes: I continue to live in Wichita, Kansas, and manage my family's oil and gas production business. One high point of the past year was to take a trip to India with my husband, Kam. mnagel@fgholl.com

Ed Clopton (staff '91-95) and wife Bethany live in Westbrook, Maine. Ed is an emergency room technician at Southern Maine Medical Center in nearby Biddeford; Bethany researches family history and works for her family caring for her grandfather in his home.

Lucy Marsh '93 and Ken Gagnon were married in June 2012 in Maine.

Jamara Sky Knight '01 and Carroll Casey were married in August 2012.

Born to

Raleigh Green '93 and Laura Brereton, Ella Jean Brereton-Green in June 2012.

Zac and **Eloise Dahl Orbin '94**, James Gerald Ullyseus Timothy Orbin in June 2012.

Jill Orzechowski Herrington '95, Harrison Fisher Orzechowski in August 2012.

Brian and **Carmen (Rohwer) Billick '99**, daughter Sydney in August 2012.

Shawn and **Julia Harding Phelps '00** a son, Ike, in June 2011.

Timothy and **Joni Enderson Lewis '08** a daughter, Kairi.

Deceased

Martha Hampton (staff '63-55) passed away in June 2012 from cancer. Martha was the wife of **Roy '46** and mother to **Carol '73, Sarah '75, Alice '78, Barb '80** and **Ruth '85**. Martha and Roy lead trips to Mexico with Scattergood students in the '70s. A memorial service was held in August at the Whittier Friends Meeting House in Springville, Iowa.

Jenny Lang, mother to **Katherine '74** and **Burt Lang '79** passed away in June 2012. Jenny and her husband, Al, ran the Quaker camp Woodbrooke for a number of years.

Nancy Ryan (staff '95-02) passed away in July 2012. A celebration of Nancy's life was held in August at Broken Rocks Clubhouse in Port Austin, Michigan.

Paul Wagner, stepfather of **Irving** and **Dan Treadway, '84 and '75**, and husband of **Carolyn Smith Treadway '51**, died in August. Paul was a member of Yellow Springs Friends Meeting in Ohio.

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