

# Messenger

Summerfield

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## The Greek Games at Summerfield

By Carol Hazeltine-Ernst, Fifth Grade Parent



*"There was one thing in which all of Greece was united, and that was their games..."*

For the past two weeks Summerfield's fifth graders have been immersed in Greece. They have learned of The Golden Age of Athens, considered to be the birthplace of many of the ideas that we hold dear today: democracy, debate, and free thinking. They have learned about Socrates, and pondered the responsibility of learning to think for oneself. They have also heard a story of two competing athletes from Sparta and Athens who become friends at the Olympic Games, and then had to compete against each other. Then they got to live their own version of the Olympic Games on Friday,

May 10th... The Greek Games!

The day began early with my Olympian seething with excitement, insisting that I wake her up early so that she could arrive at school with the visiting athletes. We arrived at 8am to bustling activity all over the back field. The eleven visiting schools, some coming from as far away as Eureka, were trickling in and staking their sites; laying blankets, putting their shade tents, warming up on the track and finding the fifth grade classroom to claim their custom Waldorf Greek Games tee-

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### Important Dates:

#### Roots and Shoots Open Enrollment

*Begins May 20—Space is limited!*

#### Class Eight Play

*Fri, May 24, 7pm*

*Sat, May 25, 2pm & 7pm*

#### Class Twelve Play

*Wed, June 5 & Thu, June 6, 7:30pm*

#### Class Eight Commencement

*Saturday, 6/8, 2pm*

#### Class Twelve Graduation

*Sunday, 6/9, 11:00am*

### REMINDER

### ANNUAL ENROLLMENT FEES AND FORMS ARE DUE JUNE 1.

A \$150 late fee will be assessed to any family submitting fees and forms after 3:30pm, June 3, 2013. Questions? Call Judy in the Finance Office at 575-7194, ext. 107.

# Another Glorious May Faire

By Leslie Young, Lower School Secretary

What a day we all had! From dancing to dunking, from charm bracelet crafting to rope making, from mini-goats to birds of prey, there was lots to do and see. The heat of the afternoon, for this and last year's May Faire, has started us pondering whether having the Maypole dancing in the morning hours next year might be a healthier option. (We'd still have the carnival after school, of course, and possibly 'set the mood' with a single dance.)

Many, many thanks to all the parents and students who made this day burst into bloom—the first and second grades, as the classes in charge, were ably led by Analyce LaSource, Andrea Silverstein, Andrea Jolicoeur and Stephanie Everage. And so many other parents came and stayed for hours to beautify our campus with amazing floral displays and to set up the tables, canopies, stage, straw-bales and booth props. Thank you to Farmer Dan for his always thrilling tractor rides, to the musicians who got all our feet a-flying, to Skeydrit and Sieglinde for teaching the dancing, to Ignacio and Craig for the parking assistance & logistical support, to the 8th & 11th grades for the nourishing food, and to all the classes who organized such fun activities.

This day was yet another brilliant opportunity for a community of all ages to work in service of the social ideal of preparing and celebrating together in tribute to the Earth's seasonal glory. It's the true gift of the festivals at a Waldorf school. And, as I leave the school after more than 30 years of working here to carry the festival events, I hereby pass the torch to YOU to keep this flame alive.

## Speaking of the First Day of May by Sixth Grader, Whitney Block

*Finally solitude is found  
The sound of other people can't be heard  
I hear the motherbird  
screeching angrily at her young  
And I can even smell Mat's cooking  
The breeze ruffles through the branches  
Making the trees sway  
The bay horse comes up to stare at me,  
As my hair gets caught on a twig  
I accidentally trample a green sprig  
as I tug my hair free  
A few strands get blown away  
in the keen wind  
That says May is coming  
I relax against the furry trunk  
Like a monk, I grasp my silver cross  
And settle alone in the moss.*



PHOTOS BY MIGUEL SALMERON



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shirts, white hats and colored sashes delineating from which city-state each student would compete. Summerfield's own fifth graders were swarming and hopping with nerves and anticipation, huddled around the back door of their class, watching all of the transformation happening to their usually so predictable surroundings.

It was amazing to see the Summerfield campus materialize into an Olympian field. The fifth grade parent volunteers (wonderfully organized by Kosima Grundy and Jenny Young) had skillfully divided the field into a track, a long jump run, the javelin field and discus field. While it was still the campus we all know and love, it had a new sense of purpose and energy.

All too soon, the athletes were called to gather at the Temple, set in the center of the track. There they were led by the ever capable eighth grade and Spatial Dynamics teacher and Greek Game organizer extraordinaire, Don Basmajian, in the morning verse and in setting the task of good sportsmanship and fair play, and were finally sent on their way to enjoy this day of high-spirited rivalry.

The games were amazing! The athletes were so focused and organized. They went about their sports with gusto and put all they had into their efforts. The parent volunteers were fantastic judges and the heads



*From long ago times and distant places  
Echoes the wisdom of the gods  
Through all cultures and races.  
Each had a task, a unique destiny  
As humanity struggled to be god-like and free.  
Today I stand upon the wisdom of the ages  
And give thanks to all, from beggars to sages.  
Striving to be loving, good and true,  
A Human Being in all that I do.*

of each sport knew just how to keep the games moving smoothly. With so many people (258 visiting students!!!) the possibility for malfunction was ever looming... but never actualized! When it came time for lunch, everyone was buzzing with the highs and lows of their matches. There were some long faces but the camaraderie of the other athletes soon helped those disappointed students overcome their defeats.

After lunch, all teams met on the track for wrestling and relays. The wrestling went smoothly, and all of the spectators gleefully cheered on the relay runners who were new-found teammates from schools far and wide. After so much activity and friendly competition, it was time for the medals. All gathered back at the Temple and were asked to reflect

upon their performance and settle on a single sport where they felt they had excelled in some way, whether they received a ribbon or not. The children knelt to receive their medals and arose with gleaming smiles of personal satisfaction. All athletes were congratulated on a spectacular day and instructed to help clean up and get a popsicle, which they did with gumption!

Overall the grace, poise and efficiency of the parent volunteers, organizers and team spirit of the children has made this one of the most magnificent days I've had as a parent here at Summerfield and, let me tell you, that is saying a lot!

PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA DUROCHER







## Farm to Feast Annual Fundraiser 2013

### DINNER AND AUCTION ON THE FARM

*By Cyndi Yoxall, Development Coordinator*

After many months of preparation, we are finally here again...it's time for our 7th Annual Farm to Feast Dinner and Auction, and we are SOLD OUT! This very important fundraising event will take place on Summerfield Waldorf School's Biodynamic Farm on Saturday, June 1st, from 3:30-10:30pm. We are looking forward to another lovely event that combines history with a sense of gratitude and celebration. As we gather for our biggest fundraiser of the year, we will collectively give all that we can and share a promise of the future, while we celebrate Summerfield.

You can expect an afternoon and

evening of outstanding live music by Kevin Brennan, David Luning, and Ghost and Gale, as well as dancing with Arann Harris and The Farm Band. We are proud to feature a beautiful student art gallery in Sophia Hall, showcasing artwork and the curriculum throughout the grades by Summerfield students of all ages.

Award-winning chefs Traci Des Jardins of Jardiniere & Mijita, Duskie Estes and John Stewart of zazu & Black Pig Meat Co., along with Lowell Sheldon of Peter Lowell's Cafe, Patricia Taan of Farmhouse, and Summerfield Chef Mat Peterson, will be preparing an unforgettable meal with local,

organic Summerfield-sourced ingredients. Nick Peyton of Healdsburg Bar and Grill (and formerly Cyrus) will orchestrate the family-style dinner service. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Premier wines will be served during a pre-dinner wine tasting and throughout the evening by Claypool Cellars, Coturri Winery, Davis Family Vineyards, Littorai, Martinelli Winery, Porter-Bass, Small Vines, and Truett Hurst Winery. We will also offer locally brewed kombucha and iced tea by Revive Drinks and Taylor Maid Farms. After dinner we will enjoy dessert and coffee by an outdoor bonfire, followed by music and dancing in the circus tent. This is an opportunity for more than a meal—it will be an unforgettable experience and a chance to highlight our outstanding school and farm to individuals outside our community, while raising much-needed funds.

Tickets were \$75/person this year and, due to last year's success and enthusiasm, sold out a full month before the event. Remember to check out our online auction on [BiddingForGood.com](http://BiddingForGood.com) (even if you are not attending the event) and look for information on our silent auction items, including lovely themed class baskets. We will also offer a fun selection of unique buy-in parties, which can be bought ahead of time or at the silent auction. We plan to raffle items in the later part of the evening. We can always use volunteer help—if you have not yet signed up, please do... set-up and clean-up help will be needed. Thank you for your support ~ what a way to end the year. Enjoy!



## Circus Waldissima on the Road...

By Sieglinde Basmajian

We are traveling to Seattle on August 14-18 for the American Youth Circus Festival, where we'll get to meet youth circus enthusiasts from all over North America.

Every other year, youth circuses meet in a different place or town to practice, share and put together two great shows in just four days.

Last time we came home from Florida with lots of new skills, and a will to work harder and make our shows even better, and not the least benefit was that we made many new friends. There is nothing like knowing there are others with the same passion as yours!



## Where there's a will, there's a way!

The Eighth Grade presents William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Friday, May 24, 7pm; and Saturday, May 25, at 2pm & 7pm. No Tickets! Donations accepted at the door!

This is one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies. Elemental Beings confuse young couples, a group of craftsmen puts on a hilarious play within the play, and an actor crosses the threshold between the material world and the fairy realm.

Hope to see you there! ~ Don Basmajian, Class Eight Teacher

## Congratulations to a Fourth Grade Judoka

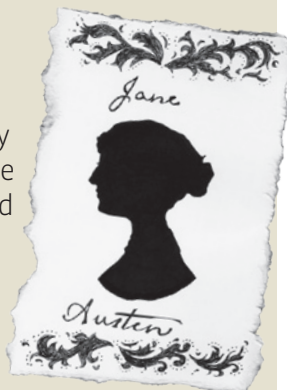
Fourth grader Ella Berger came in first place at the California Judo Championships on May 5 in San Francisco.

(You are only in danger if you are a girl aged 9-10 and weigh between 38 and 43 kilograms.)



## Pride and Prejudice, by Jane Austen

In this, the final play of their four-year journey together, the Summerfield Twelfth Grade will perform brilliant adaptation of Jane Austen's classic comedy *Pride and Prejudice*.



Elizabeth Bennett is a 21-year-old unmarried woman living in 18th century England with her mother, father, and two sisters. Into their lives come three eligible bachelors, among them Mr. Darcy, a wealthy, handsome, insufferable prig. Will Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy overcome their intense mutual dislike? Will sisters Jane and Lydia attain matrimonial bliss? Which will be most moving: the extravagant Regency-period costuming; the authentic English accents; or the humor, pathos, and poignancy of seeing your children, friends, and classmates bring their final characters to life on the Sophia Hall stage? Come and find out!

*Pride and Prejudice* performs **Wed, Jun 5, and Thurs, Jun 6, at 7:30pm in Sophia Hall.** Suitable for all ages (*Parental Advisory for attention span*).

Donation suggested. See you there!

~ Kevin Simmons



## ANNUAL EIGHTH GRADE vs FACULTY & STAFF SOFTBALL GAME!

Everyone is warmly welcome to come cheer on their favorites! A fun time is always had by all! **Join us Wednesday, June 5, 11am.**



# Farmyard Ruminations

By Farmer Dan

When cows chew their cud and when teachers (on a warm, windy Sunday afternoon in May) think back on the activity of their students over the previous week and imagine the activities of the week to come, they ruminate, as in, they meditate or ponder or reflect. Saturday was Josie's (our four-year-old Jersey mama on the Farm) due date, and this afternoon in the quiet windswept pasture she stood ruminating and looking straight at me with her womb full of overdue-calf. Together we pondered the deeper meaning of Mother's Day and motherhood in general while her year-old calf Cricket licked her face tenderly in anticipation of the impending birth.

It's hard to know the exact moment when this birth will happen (and after an hour my grandmother's voice rings in my ears, "A watched pot rarely boils"). None of us seem to be able to know the exact moment we, or those we love so dearly, will cross over into the Spiritual world, just as it's never very easy or possible to know the exact moment you fall in love with someone. These are some of life's sacred mysteries, the givens, the

not-totally-predictable moments—everyone experiences them and is forever changed by their potency. So in between these larger transitional events, what moves us? Working with children every day, one might ask before sleep, "What surprised me today?", "What moved or touched me today?", and "What inspired me today?". And always there come life's amazing reflections and images from the students on Summerfield Farm.

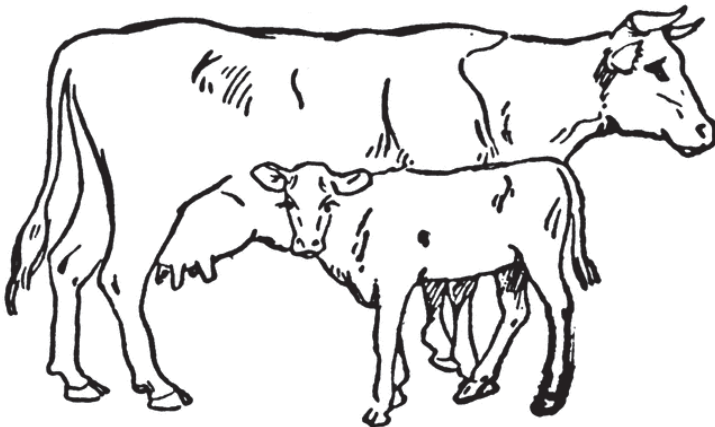
The third graders have been creating Farm Journals throughout the year, documenting their activities in farming class. Their drawings are exquisite macrocosmic imaginations of what in my adult mind were more microcosmic ideas of practical tasks that annually need doing to maintain the Farm. Aerial views of the entire class painting biodynamic manure preparations onto the apple trees turn the simple task into a panoramic color- crayon extravaganza, a riot of color and beauty adorned with miles of rolling hills and exotic fences and trees stretching from horizon to horizon in their journals. "The work was very stinky but I

can already imagine the sweetness of the apples we will be enjoying come fall from our work," one student observes in noble penmanship. Compost

piles tower over little people the size of ants forking the piles up towards the clouds in their precious journals. Rows of freshly planted potatoes stretch out almost to the sea. A Chinese poet, Li Po, once read his friend's, Tufu's poems and responded, "Thank you for letting me read your poems. It was like being alive twice," which is the feeling one gets when reading these third grade journals.

There are so many different ways of being beautiful and the students never seem to exhaust those possibilities. All winter the sixth graders labored hard to remove an overgrown Native Plant garden from the heart of the student garden space in the farmyard. It was hard, exhausting work with lots of stones, rock-hard clay soil, and old olive tree roots. They did not give up. Old Budlia were pruned back to re-emerge more vibrant than ever, and six newly-grafted apple trees were gifted to the garden by Ms. Sands' high schoolers. They were carefully planted after being swaddled in a fresh bed of Biodynamic compost, and the six students who planted each tree were assured that each tree would be named after the student who tenderly transplanted them. A couple weeks later one of the students came to class with six carefully lettered stakes, one for each tree they'd planted, to live in perpetuity. In subtle ways the garden speaks to the gardeners, "I have helped you grow," just as in subtle ways the child says to the teacher or parent, "I have helped you grow".

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# Are You Mulching?

By Ronni Sands, High School Garden Teacher

Mulch is anything organic that shields plants from the drying effects of heat. It helps maintain a cooler temperature and moisture level in the soil, keeps weeds down, and feeds the microorganisms. In California, the spring and summer sun make mulching a necessity.

What is good mulch material? Bark chips are very acidic and are good for acid-loving perennials. Vegetables prefer more easily broken down organic material, like grass clippings, straw, dry leaves, etc. For a sturdy weed barrier, you can begin with damp newspaper or cardboard, and then keep layering the organic materials on top. Seaweed is a favorite of mine; it breaks down slowly and add vital minerals to the soil. Comfrey leaves and artichoke leaves make an excellent mulch. Well broken-down horse or cow manure can also be a valuable layer and wood ash is good for repelling slugs.

On the Farm, this year we tried mulching with our newly mowed cover crop. The valuable nitrogen will go directly back to the new plants. I know some farmers who grow a diverse lawn-like cover crop, just to mow it and fertilize their vegetables with it.

With the great need to conserve water, mulching is the best practice we can have.



# Biodynamics at Summerfield

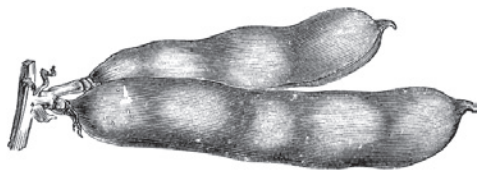
By Farmer Dana

Every spring after the cover crop is cut down and the fields are plowed for new crops to grow, we spray the biodynamic preparations on our land. This covers not only our cultivating fields but the student gardens, the pastures, the soccer fields and the gardens behind the classrooms. All of our campus receives this special fertilizer.

This greatly helps with our fertility on the Farm since a large part of our compost is the grass clippings that come off of our playing fields. After the spraying of the horn manure preparation, we spread our aged compost over our fields.

We uncover our horn manure preparation (which was made last fall with the help of our Farm Guild) the second Tuesday of May. Horn Manure preparation is manure from a healthy, lactating, female bovine placed in a female's horn and buried in the earth for the duration of a winter. When unearthed, a sweet smelling humus remains in the horn. Soil health is the crux of Biodynamics. Every year we aim to leave the soil in a better state than the previous year.

A special thanks to our volunteers who come out every Tuesday to help with the field work and Biodynamics.



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Last week also the first and second graders with their approximately 600 busy little fingers helped shell five large flats of freshly picked Fava beans

that the ninth graders harvested while several seventh graders were thinning apples in the apple row. Chef Rosemary will work her magic with them and serve them to the high school and faculty for lunch, while some will be frozen for later use. Several of the largest stainless steel bowls in the Farm Kitchen were heaped over with the large, unusually sweet beans and, later in the week, a little girl in the class assured me that she, for one, loved bean shelling. Like wind pinning wayward paper to farmyard fences, a stuck memory from childhood of everyone shelling beans in the kitchen of my grandparents' farm came vividly to mind. Children so love to do meaningful work, they love to chat, they love to participate, they love attention... and don't we all?

Mary Oliver writes in a poem, "Listen, are you breathing just a little, and calling it a life?" A summer garden will help you breathe, even if it is a tiny one full of flowers. My cat looks back at me from the door I accidentally left open before I sat down to finish this last paragraph and says to me silently, with his brilliant, turquoise eyes, "Don't be afraid to live your life like someone left the door open."

*Early summer's most fruitful blessings from Summerfield Farmyard, Farmer Dan*



PHOTO BY MIGUEL SALMERON



# Bike-to-School program a success!

RIDERS RAISE OVER \$1,500 TO DATE FOR THE SCHOOL



By Cyndi Yoxall, Development Coordinator

Our new Bike-to-School Program was a success this year... and fun! With room to build and grow, we look forward to continuing the program in the future.

Congratulations to the five adults and three students who have ridden more than 100 days to or from school this year: (from left) Renate Lundberg, Skeydrit Baehr, Jason Gross, Noah Westman (Class 7), Adam MacKinnon,

Kibby MacKinnon, Will MacKinnon (Rosebud), and Theo MacKinnon (Class 3)! They were all awarded a fun, new Bike-to-School t-shirt. Thank you all for riding, earning funds for Summerfield, caring for the environment by keeping cars off the road, and inspiring a healthy, green lifestyle. *You inspire us!*



I spoke with parent Adam MacKinnon about the experience of biking with his boys to school. "It's such a great way to start the day, and the exercise really sets up the boys for school. We're lucky in that we can ride along the Santa Rosa Bike Trail 2.5 miles or so, almost to the door at Summerfield. For us, there is just one short stretch, along Willowside, that can be a little scary, especially with a 4-year-old on his own bike. Some cars don't notice the 25 mph speed limit when children are present, and zip by at 40+, but it's such a relief when other vehicles, especially Summerfield families, slow right down and practically escort us in. Moments like that remind you that we're part of a caring school community. We'd love to pursue the idea of a bike lane, or separated path, that would make that part of Willowside safer, and help encourage many more children and families to make what is a beautiful commute through the field and vineyards alongside the creek."

We also wanted to mention Matthias Schultheis, one of our international high school students, here from Germany. Matthias rides to school every day, and has been keeping track and turning in those punch cards. Thank you, Matthias!!

A special *thank you* to a few who are helping to make it happen: our anonymous donor, who brought this idea and donates \$1 per rider per day; **ElevenGear**, a local cycling apparel company, who agreed to be our first sponsor; and **Farm Fresh Clothing Co.**, who helped design and print our new t-shirts at a discount for this program. We appreciate their creativity, support and generosity!

## Green Team Bikers

By Chloé Serkissian, Grade Eleven

At Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm, we have a Green Team which, in the past few years, has become very active in our community. The team's most recent project has been developing a regular Bike-to-School day. A lot of time and effort was spent motivating students to participate, with help from Tina Panza at the Bike Coalition of Santa Rosa, and it paid off.

Our first Bike-to-School-day was on April 25—we had a fantastic turn-out of 18 students (approximately 20% of our High School body!) and teachers. Distances traveled ranged from Forestville to the far side of Santa Rosa. Having Bike-to-School day gives those who are interested an opportunity to explore biking as an alternative form of transportation. Those who biked said that this was a great way to wake-up in the morning, and they felt like they were significantly giving back to the environment by reducing their car emissions. I can personally say that I am incredibly proud to see that we have so many members of the community willing to participate and help others see that biking is not as hard as one might think. Thank you so much to all of those who biked, and the whole Green Team hopes to see you all biking on the upcoming Bike-to-School-days!

For those who were not aware or are now interested in biking, our designated biking day is Thursday. We have groups meeting in various places, so please contact Ronni Sands (ronni@summerfieldwaldorf.org) for the groups and times of departure. Keep on biking!!!



# Summerfield Community Business Profile

*Another profile of one of our family businesses, showcasing the abundant resources and skills in our community.*

One of the very first things that drew me to Waldorf education in 1979 was the tiny Summerfield Waldorf School store selling hand-made cloth and wooden toys and well-chosen children's books. When I took the job as Summerfield School Secretary in 1989, I happily inherited the task of store-ordering and continued with this for my tenure here, aided over the years by various parent volunteers. I have delighted in it for my 24 years of employment and firmly believe that hundreds of children and families have benefited from this service.



When a local artisans' co-op, Circle of Hands, formed last year in Sebastopol, I took a portion of the school's book and art materials inventory there to sell, and Summerfield became one of its members. Now, as I am about to retire from Summerfield this June, I decided that there was one aspect of my job that I just couldn't leave behind – that of providing an enduring supply Waldorf-inspired products to families in the North Bay. When the co-op folded last December, I took it on as an owner-operator and, along with Christine Schreier (of Puppenstube doll fame), opened at a new location in Sebastopol. We are located at 7766 Healdsburg Ave., on the corner of Lyding Lane, in an ecologically friendly and peaceful space in the Lyding Commons complex. Lovely water features, lush plantings, and benches gathered outside the store even make this a sweet picnic destination to accompany your shopping experience!

Simple, natural toys and hand-made children's items filled my family's toy boxes when my three sons were young preschoolers and Waldorf students. These are what now form the core of the Circle of Hands inventory. With this shop, I am fulfilling a long-time dream of bringing customers a brilliant selection of soft dolls, wooden animals/play objects, and Waldorf-inspired art/craft materials - all with an eye towards stimulating the child's creativity.

We also carry natural-fiber clothing items, beeswax candles, art cards, and a large selection of hard-to-find books that I've personally selected. Circle of Hands is dedicated to providing high quality, beautiful handwork products, toys, apparel and cosmetics - locally made, whenever possible. Parenting books with Waldorf values and seasonal workshops round out our offerings.

My goal is to help nurture your child, to emphasize his/her imaginative play, and to provide beauty in your home.

This shop is truly a magical fairyland of possibilities for children, parents, and all their friends!

*~ Leslie Young*

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707-634-6140 :: SHOP HOURS: WED-SAT, 10AM-5PM, WITH ADDED DAYS THIS FALL.**

*(5% of profits will be donated annually to support Waldorf education.)*

## FARM GUILD...

**COME VOLUNTEER ON THE FARM, TUESDAYS, 9AM-1PM**

*By Farmer Dana*

Come on out and work alongside the farmers in the field. If you want to be outdoors and learn more about farming and gardening, come out the Farm on Tuesday mornings at 8:30. We work until 1pm then take a break with tea and a pot-luck snack mid-morning (it's not required to stay the entire time). No experience is required to volunteer. In the spring time we are seeding tiny seeds in to flats, transplanting and getting the irrigation up and running.

Whether you want to help your community, learn more about growing food, or just want to get your hands in the soil, we are getting ready to open the Farm up for a new season. Please come on out and Volunteer!

## Books Donated

Herbal studies, farming and cooking classes at SWSF received a generous donation of books on these very subjects. Thank you to



Kathy Lee, parent of Rose Lee in the tenth grade. These valuable resources will be put to good use with the students in the High School. At this time we do not have a library on campus, so I am storing the books at my home. I am offering these books to other teachers, and hope to prepare a list of titles. In the meantime I have everything from soap-making to herbal medicine to edible wild plants. Call me with a subject, and I may have the book. Thank you, Kathy, for such a great gift!

*~ Ronni Sands, HS Garden Teacher*

## Alumna Honored at SRJC

### Jessica Jones, 2008:

The Alumni and Friends Association of the Santa Rosa Junior College has awarded SWSF Alumna Jessica Jones as their Floyd P. Bailey Award Winner for 2013!

Congratulations, Jessica!

In the words of the Association...



*For the first time in the award's history, the honor has been bestowed upon a current SRJC student. Jessica Jones is the Associated Student President and is known far and wide in the SRJC community as an energetic, resourceful, honest and committed participant to SRJC's success.*

*Jessica was selected due to her significant contributions to the betterment of the overall Santa Rosa Junior College, not just her representation of the SRJC student body. Under her leadership as a two-term student body president, Jessica has been a tireless advocate for students and displays unflinching leadership in student government.*

*Jessica is deeply committed to greater sustainability at SRJC and, in 2011, Jessica worked to encourage SRJC to sign on to the Talloires Declaration, an international sustainability commitment. Jessica's efforts have also led to increasing awareness about alternative transportation, recycling in the Bertolini Student Center, campus kiosks serving fair trade coffee and yearly Earth Day events.*

*In her role, Jessica continually reminds us about the need to engage students in shared governance of our College but, more importantly, about the need to have an active and participatory role as citizens of the SRJC community.*




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## Missing

### From Class Eight

Sariah from class 8 is missing her full-size violin. It has been missing since Spring Break! It is not labeled. If you have accidentally picked it up, or if you notice an extra violin around your house, please call (707) 834-4525, or simply return it to Sariah at school. Thank you!

### Missing from 4th grade!

1/2-size Violin in hard case. Please contact Lake, 849-7315, Minimuse1@yahoo.com.

## Classes/Training

### Summer Art Camp

Art Camp at Summerfield for children, ages 6-12. Walks in nature, explore and create with a variety of art forms: drawing, painting, sculpting and print-making. Dates: weekly 06/10; 06/17; 06/24. Call Renate at (707) 495-7543 or kuprian@sonic.net.

### The Rosebud Summer Preschool

Now accepting applications. Sessions run from 6/10 – 8/15. Come and join Ms. Catherine and her assistant Amelie in the Rosebud preschool play yard and classroom for relaxed mornings of verses and song, imaginative play, simple crafting, an organic snack, gardening and puppet shows. 4 mornings per week; \$165 per session. Registration forms are in the Main Office or in the Rosebud preschool foyer. Questions? Call Ms. Catherine at 575-7194 x322.

### Waldorf Summer Camp at Marigold Playgarden

Summer fun for children aged 3.5- to 7-years-old. Each week we offer a nature craft, such as, wool felting, dyeing, herbal creations, beeswax candle making, or cooking up jam or sorbet from summer fruits. The children enjoy time for imaginative play, storytelling, berry picking, outdoor play and games, and organic snacks. Monday - Thursday, 9am-1pm, 6 sessions to choose from: June 24-27, July 1-4, July 22-25, July 29- Aug 1, Aug 5-8, Aug 12-15 - \$160 per session. Please contact Jennifer Bowen (former Summerfield kindergarten teacher) 824-9127, or jennybee@sonic.net.

## For Sale, Rent, Needed

### Summertime Childcare Available

Hello! My name is Linden Kerns and I am currently employed at Summerfield as an aftercare teacher. I work regularly with Viviana and have spent time in the kindergarten rooms. I also have a BA degree in Art, and am currently working towards my certificate in Early Childhood Development. This summer I am available for in home childcare and I have very flexible availability. If you are interested please inquire by either email, lindenkerns@live.com or by phone, 707-479-9506. Thank you very much!

### Seeking Live-in Nanny

Summerfield Waldorf family seeks a live-in part-time nanny. We are looking for an energetic, creative, loving person to assist parents in caring for three children ages 7, 3, & 2. Requirements: Experience with younger children, extremely reliable, honest and trustworthy, patient, warm and fun. Able to cook. Approx. 24 hours a week in trade for room and board and stipend. Responsibilities: Prepare breakfast, help ready children for school, make lunches and clean up. Prepare dinner Mon/Tues and every other Sat/Sun evenings; assist with clean-up and preparing children for bed, some laundry. We live in Santa Rosa, close to SRJC. This would be a perfect job for a student. Start date Aug/Sept, 2013 Call Annalyce @ 707-235-9179 or email lasource@sbcglobal.net.

## Coyote Camp

at Ocean Song



- swimming
- tracking
- nature games
- creative arts
- herbal knowledge
- caring mentors
- singing & storytelling
- wilderness exploration

children ages 5-12  
weekly sessions  
Mon.-Fri. 9-4pm in July

also this year  
**TEEN CAMP**  
ages 12½ - 15  
July 29th-Aug. 2

[www.oceansong.org](http://www.oceansong.org) 318-6948

### SWSF Family Looking for Rental

SWSF family looking for rental house: 2+ bedrooms, for 1-2 years. Our oldest is in Red Rose and we're likely buying in 2 years. A lease to own would also be desirable as an alternative. Contact: Trixie, 495-8430. Thank you kindly.

### SWSF Staff Looking for Rental

Sita Janda (of aftercare fame) is looking for a new home, for her family of two, and possibly a roommate. Preferably, with the roommate, we'd like to find a home in or around Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, or the outlying areas like Rohnert Park or Cotati (rent up to around \$1300). [We are looking in or around Sonoma or Agua Caliente, as well, if it's just my son and I (Rent around \$950-\$1000 in Sonoma).] I would be happy to hear about any leads at all, but am hoping to find a home to stay in for several years if possible. A yard for a garden, play, and possibly a dog, spacious living quarters, and biking distance from a good community, are all welcome amenities! We are pretty flexible and creative, so any ideas are welcome. We could possibly do partial work exchange, as well. Gardening, sauerkraut, child care, massage, and health food prep could be offered. Our Moving date is approximately June 20th. 542-8952 home, 235-8183 cell.

### Rick Concoff Violins

Quality string instruments for rent or sale at below-market best prices. Rent to own as well. Call Rick at 823-3916 for an appointment.

## Personal Services

### Farmer Dan Available for your Summer Project

Do you need a chicken coop, fencing, deck repair, shelving, painting, sheet rock, book cases, a wall put up or removed, etc.? Many favorable SWSF family references—child friendly, reasonable rates. Call Farmer Dan at 526-3917 to schedule a summer date.



## Beth Farley Architecture

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## Fly into summer with flying trapeze lessons!

The flying trapeze is an amazing experience for all ages—it's not just for children! This is the closest you will get to fulfilling your dream of flying and soaring through the air.

Trapeze Arts will assemble a full-size flying trapeze rig on the grounds of Summerfield Waldorf School for flying lessons for adults and kids of all ages! \$35 per person—classes will fill quickly, so don't wait to make your reservations!! To make reservations and/or for more information, contact Sieglinde Basmajian at [waldorfcircus@gmail.com](mailto:waldorfcircus@gmail.com).

Lessons will be held the last week of school, Monday – Sunday, June 3 through 9. For the complete schedule, see the flyer on Summerfield's website, or in the mini.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** **One-week Flying Trapeze Summer Camp!**

Monday through Friday, June 10-14. All Ages Welcome; the cost is \$250. Two sessions to choose from:

9am to 12pm, and 1pm to 4pm. Each three-hour individualized lesson is on a full-size flying trapeze rig located on Summerfield's campus. Students progress at their own pace and, by weeks end, can have a full repertoire of skills. Download the registration form from the Summerfield website, or pick one up in the Main Office.

~ Sieglinde Basmajian, for the Circus Program

