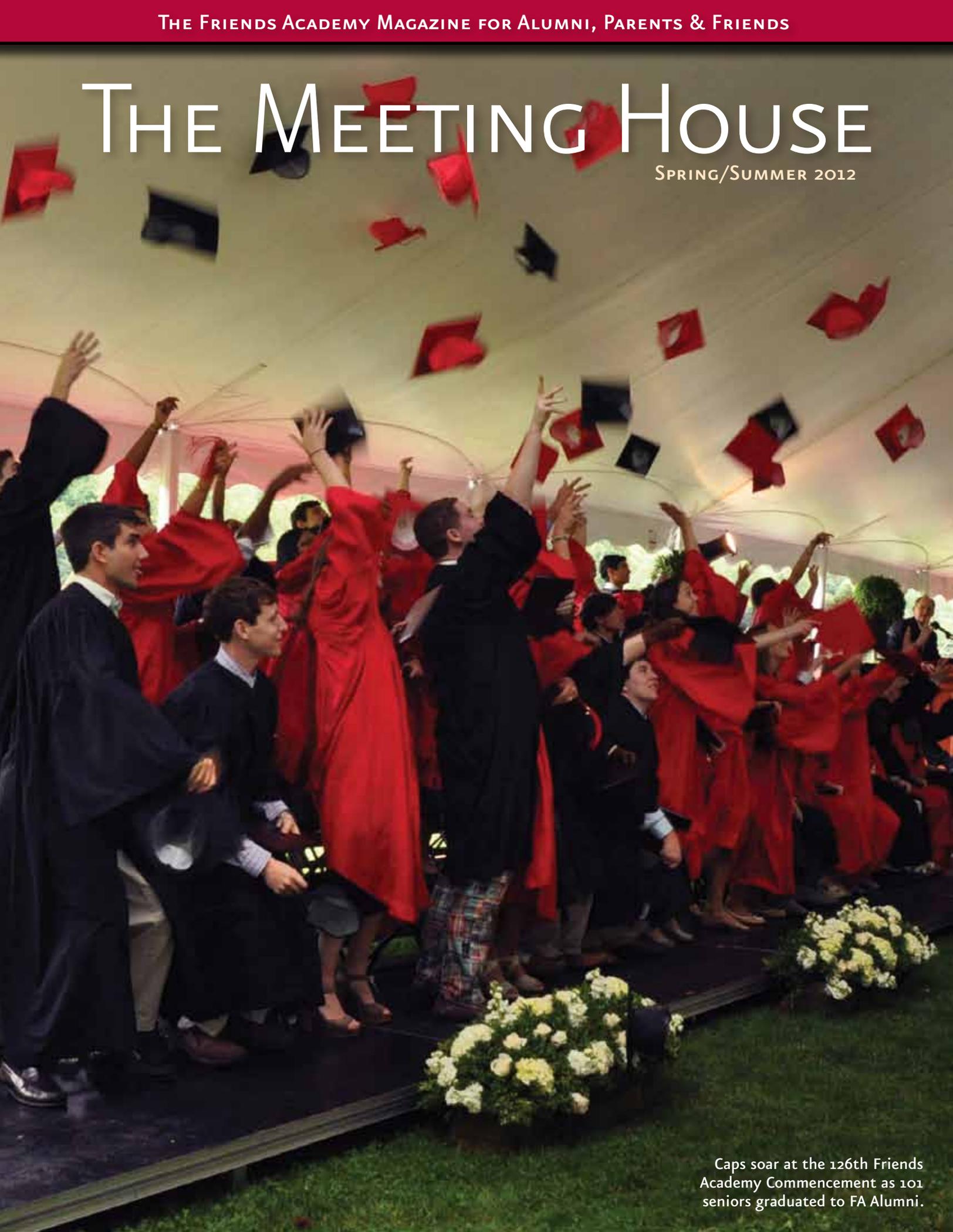


# THE MEETING HOUSE

SPRING/SUMMER 2012



Caps soar at the 126th Friends Academy Commencement as 101 seniors graduated to FA Alumni.



STRONG MINDS.  
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## THE FRIENDS ACADEMY MISSION

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Friends,

I hope that the arrival of our Spring/Summer issue of *The Meeting House* finds all of you enjoying summer. Those of us in education look forward to summer as a time for reflection, rejuvenation, and recharging for the coming year. Many of our faculty are engaged in professional development work to become better at their craft, and many others are running our summer programs or planning for the coming year. We keep busy, and we are constantly trying to do our best at FA, and in so doing, our best keeps getting better.

Through character development and enriching of the mind, we seek each day to inspire our students to develop their unique passions and to awaken their spirits so that they will lead lives of service and care in addressing real world challenges. The narratives about our Distinguished Alumna, Barbara Boyle Wiener '73, and our other featured alumna, Elisabeth Salzhauer Axel '83 and Andrea Buffa '85, show the indelible imprints of their time at Friends. Each felt the impact of extraordinary faculty and the Quaker principles that are the foundation of a Friends Academy education. We would all do well to learn from their unyielding commitment



to making a difference in the world by restoring hope, dignity, justice, and peace to those who are less fortunate.

We know from educational research that those students who are engaged in their classes and extra-curricular activities “will respond to the best that is him or her,” as Robert Smith states in *A Quaker Book of Wisdom*, and that what most determines the engagement of students is the development of trusting relationships with teachers who mentor them. Great teachers care deeply about their students, are passionate about their subject, collaborate with their colleagues in the service of students, and are life-long learners. No one embodies these principles more than Margaret Lindner, who after 28 years of lovingly enriching our community, is retiring. We will miss her, but we know that the connections she has forged with students, parents, and colleagues will endure within the soul of Friends Academy.

As you peruse the articles and photographs that follow, I know that you will feel how powerfully our approach to education plays out in the lives of our current and past students and teachers, and you will share in the excitement I feel about Friends Academy.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES: JUNE 1947 – FRIENDS COMMENCEMENT



COURTESY OF FRIENDS ACADEMY ARCHIVES

From left to right: Richard Dresser, unidentified (possibly Patricia McElvany), unidentified (possibly Louise Dunham), Frank Beatty (facing in the shade), Muriel Spear, Anne Sharp, M. Joan Adams, Marion Frahm, Majorie van Breda Kolff, Ellen Hanlon (or Carolyn Munson), William Jessup, John Ball, Marjorie Peterson, Janet Forster, Louise Ancrum, Carol Hagen and Horton Kennedy.

## FA Trivia Contest



“You have given us the great gift of knowledge, and have encouraged us to voice our thoughts freely. You have touched our hearts with your kindness and concern. For all this and more, we thank you.”  
– The Lamp

### WHO AM I?

E-mail your answer to [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org). The winner, whose name will be drawn from all correct entries, will receive a surprise Friends Academy gift.



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**SOARING CAPS, HOPES AND DREAMS.** 101 Friends Academy graduates throw their caps into the air at the 126th Commencement held on June 9, 2012. AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

# MEETING HOUSE LETTERS

Thoughts, memories and reflections  
from our readers ... you!

## A walk down Memory Lane

What a joy it was to get the latest edition of *The Meeting House* with a picture of my parents on the front cover! My father, Victor Haughton, was Headmaster of Friends Academy in the 1950s. He, as well as my mother (Marian Haughton), were mentioned in some of the letters published in the feature story.

The student recollections were so wonderful to read. My parents loved teaching at Friends, he in French and she in elementary/reading. I was born and raised on the campus, until we left for France in 1959 when I was in middle school. My brother (also Victor Haughton, class of 1957) and I are shown in some of the inside pictures.

Seeing and reading about my parents is so touching. I still have a recording of my Dad reading *The Christmas Carol* as Dan Hornbostel mentioned in his letter. What a great Father's Day present this was and I know that he, as well as my Mom, would have been very honored to have read these letters.

As you can see, their last name was HAUGHTON and not Houghton. Interestingly enough, the Houghtons were people that shared the same house with my parents on campus for several years. This made for some interesting times as they also shared the one phone line to the building.

Thanks again for the wonderful article.  
– Marcia Haughton Nybakken

## Thanks for 'finding me'

First, let me thank you for "finding me," and, after many years, adding my name to your mailing list for *The Meeting House*. I am very much enjoying the Winter/Spring 2012 issue which I just received.

Needless to say the feature article has brought back many memories. I remember Ward Burian; and I do remember when he and my sister were "a number." The picture of Mom and Dad in front of our house is nostalgic. Thanks again for including me.

– John Hiatt '58

## FA Trivia Contest Responses



If you were a student, faculty or staff member and ate in the Friends Academy Commons, chances are you'd see me every day. Who am I?

**Answer: The Commons' Julia Miller**

*The indomitable Julia Miller, who just celebrated her 90th birthday, has been a mainstay of the Friends Academy Commons and cafeteria. Here is an excerpt from an article Brittany Elias '09 wrote in 2009.*

"She's been here since the ice age," Marsha Mayer, the technology teacher, said with a smile, as she exaggerated the longevity of Julia's career here at Friends Academy. A strong work ethic is what allows her to work despite old age. What continues to puzzle and even frustrate some students is the question: what propels this octogenarian to continue to work?

Most students don't even know her last name, but this wouldn't bother Julia because she cares deeply about each and every one of us. "I like working at Friends Academy, I really do. I like the students, I like working with them. They keep me young and they keep me on my feet; they keep me going." Julia Miller, the Friends Academy cashier, explained in her quivering voice that radiates old age.

Twenty-nine years of working at the same school shows true love and devotion to our community.

Throughout these years, Julia has watched the school evolve into what it is now. She has seen big changes, especially in the food system, most notably with the cash machine. "The old system is better, [the new system has] too many buttons." Julia feels comfortable enough to share her problems with students; she trusts us. Many students are comfortable enough to talk with her and enjoy her company just as much as she enjoys theirs.

Clearly, Friends Academy has rubbed off on Julia, and she has rubbed off on all of us. "I have to be nice, the students help me a lot. If they weren't nice, I don't think I could have this personality that I have."

## Correct responses:

Brittany Elias '09  
Judi Upright  
Al Quackenbush  
Samantha Fox '04

## Brought to tears and smiles over 40s, 50s memories

What a wonderful job you did on the collecting and editing of the Friends Academy article. I was alternately laughing and crying over those memories. Oh, there were many more I could have come up with, and now I'm sorry I didn't.

– Terry Larson '52

## Compelling young alum

My compliments on your last article in *The Meeting House* about the FA alum (Mats Lemberger '01), who is working in West Virginia providing medical care to rural residents. I really enjoyed it.

I think it's a very powerful tool for students and young alumni to read about values we learned at FA put to practice.

– Luke Cass '96

## SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS

We want to hear from you! To send a letter, respond to an article or share a memory of Friends Academy, please e-mail Kathy Fox at [kathy\\_fox@fa.org](mailto:kathy_fox@fa.org).

## CORRECTION

In the Winter/Spring issue story about Upper School community service, advocacy letters for the Games for the Physically Challenged were written by Community Service teacher Rachel Hall's previous years' Community Service courses.



# Congratulations Class of 2012!

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AL QUACKENBUSH: 2011-12 FAHEY MASTER TEACHER

# Team captains mentored

*New formal leadership program created to help student-athletes on field, in all roles*

By **KATHY FOX**  
Alumni Affairs Coordinator

For more than three decades, Al Quackenbush, the 2011-2012 recipient of the Fahey Award, has devoted himself to the FA community in a myriad of ways. He has taught physical education to students in Kindergarten through 12th grade as well as Middle and Upper School health. Additionally, Al has served as a Middle School advisor, Upper School advisor and head advisor, and for the past 5 years he's been the Assistant Director of Physical Education and Athletics. His coaching responsibilities have included coaching at all levels in football, baseball, ice hockey, and lacrosse as well as supervising and assisting with the winter strength and conditioning program. Al has also worked with the FA Summer Camp Programs first as a coach, and then for the past 20 years as the Sports Camp Director. Most recently, Al was made Acting Director of Physical Education and Athletics.

Wearing so many hats, it is no wonder why Al stands out in the hearts of so many FA students as a significant influence in their lives. He instills values that have shaped students and helped guide them throughout their lives.

The Fahey Award for Master Teaching, established in 2001 (and first presented to Roger Erickson), is presented annually each spring to a member of the FA faculty who has served the profession long and well and has distinguished him/herself through his/her contributions both in and out of the classroom.

To be eligible one must have served the FA community for a minimum of seven years, during which time he/she inspired



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Physical Education teacher Al Quackenbush implemented the "Team Captain Leaders Program," a curriculum designed to help empower student-athletes who are in the role as captains for their teams.

students through a passion for and effectiveness in teaching as well as demonstrated a depth of character that reflects the school's values and serves as a model for the community.

Al has used his award this year to dive head first into creating a leadership program for sports team captains. The program revolves around a curriculum that was developed by Team Captain Leaders, an organization geared towards developing successful leaders from academic institutions and comprised of former athletic directors, independent school administrators, athletes and former military leaders. By implementing both an online curriculum as well as regular meetings with team captains and coaches, Al has worked for the past year to hone this program.

The leadership curriculum, which focuses on roles and responsibilities, leadership style, team dynamics, goals, and leadership moments, is designed to make FA team captains effective leaders and to empower them with the skills necessary

to face challenges both on and off the field. At Friends, many of the athletes participate in more than one sport. As Al explains, "Exposure to this program allows them to not only be formal leaders as captains, but to also create smaller leadership guilds in their other sports where they may not be serving as a formal captain and impact the rest of their teammates. This in turn, strengthens and enhances the athletic experience for every athlete."

"The experiences, dynamics and challenges that occur through the participation in athletics are really a microcosm of what our student-athletes will experience throughout their lifetimes.

The goal is to make this an on-going program that our captains can take part in year to year, and to develop skills that they can take with them and draw on when they leave the athletic arena and move into roles as college students, professionals, community members, and citizens," says Al.



**2012-13  
Fahey Award  
Recipient:  
Andrew Geha**



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From left, World Languages & Cultures head Polly Duke, Head of School Bill Morris, Vice-Principal of the High School Affiliated to Fudan University Wang Deyao, Director of the Fudan International School Jack Chang and Lower/Upper School Chinese teacher Hui Lin Lin.

### International welcome!

Representatives from the High School Affiliated to Fudan University flew halfway across the world to meet with their FA counterparts in late May. The two schools share a bi-annual homestay program and this year, 10 students from China will be visiting FA in February.

Director Jack Chang and Vice-Principal Wang Deyao were treated to lunch and a campus tour after discussing ways in which Friends can pursue global initiatives with the partnership. "We are interested in longer stays for our students at the Fudan International School and the possibility of some teacher exchanges," said Polly Duke, head of the World Languages & Cultures department.

### FA Diversity Dinner raises over \$8,000 for Grant Fund

Every year, the FA Diversity Club invites the community to the Diversity Grant Fund dinner for a night of culinary wonder and the chance to celebrate the many different cultures that exist at Friends. This year the dinner raised over \$8,000.

All of the event's proceeds head to the Grant Fund, which according to Club member Sigal Markowitz, "is available to all students who need a little help when it comes to paying for school expenses."

## TINY VOICES



ANDREA MILLER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SINGALONG:** Early Childhood hosted their first Spring Sing as they treated their parents and families to a display of artwork and a whopping 15 songs! The medleys included "Kookaburra," "Simple Gifts," "I Love My Mommy," "We Recycle," "You Are My Sunshine," "Here Comes the Sun," and "It's a Small World." At the end of the sing-a-long, all the children presented their mothers with gifts of white carnations.



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Just another bake sale? Not so fast. To sell their cupcakes fifth graders Margaux Blau, Emma Wallach and Gail Saez-Hall have studied economic topics ranging from natural, capital and human resources to the laws of supply and demand, profit and loss and how to keep a business log.

### Friendsville 2012 tests 5th grade biz know-how

Each year, in May, the fifth grade classrooms enter a world that goes way beyond the traditional classroom setting.

With the support of the other fifth grade teachers, social studies teacher Kim Soscie and her students transform the classroom into “Friendsville,” a mini-society that mimics a real-life marketplace, where students create their own businesses, and apply the economic principles they have studied for weeks in preparation.

During the Friendsville unit, students become active learners through real-life experiences. Businesses run the gamut from bakeries to jewelry stores; nail salons to sports shops; advertising to insurance. Students develop a business plan, complete a written business log with thoughts about their business, and are required to keep a written transaction sheet of all income and expenses.

“We often discuss real-life examples from our own towns. If a restaurant went out of business, we stop and think about what factors may have caused it. Was it the location, the quality of service, or were the prices simply too high? Students love to think about these things and it really helps to solidify their learning,” said Soscie.

### 1ST INAUGURAL RELAY FOR LIFE AT FRIENDS

# Tears, hugs and hope

The Friends Academy Inaugural Relay for Life was held on April 28th. Relay for Life unites friends and families who are committed to help in the fight for a cure for cancer.

This event came together at Friends Academy through the efforts of an amazing committee comprised of students, teachers, administrators and parents; all collaborating over many months of hard work and dedication, united for one purpose. “The result was overwhelming!” said lead organizer and FA parent Maggie Johansen. “Several hundred registered participants attended the event which began at 4:00 p.m. with activities and entertainment for the kids and a fabulous BBQ for all,” added Johansen.

In addition, a special catered dinner to honor Cancer Survivors and Caregivers was a very moving experience for those in attendance. The official Opening Ceremonies kicked off the all-night walk with Survivors taking the “first Victory lap.”

By nightfall, all participants had gathered for the Luminary Ceremony, where Survivors and Caregivers shared heart-wrenching stories of battles lost and battles won. Afterward, participants walked the Luminary Reflective Path in silence, taking in the hundreds of candles lit in dedication to those who have lost their battle to cancer and for those who are now fighting to win. With hearts filled with hope, everyone joined in the Fight Back Ceremony and vowed to see an end to cancer in our lifetime.

The evening progressed with a Barn Dance set to live Country music, DJ’s, Zumba, video game buses, and a midnight concert showcasing several FA alumni bands. Dunkin’ Donuts and coffee, late night pizza and sandwiches kept the energy up as participants took turns walking



Scenes from Friends Academy's first all-school Relay for Life. The event raised over \$60,000.

through the night.

“By sunrise, a tired but exhilarated group of participants celebrated their success!” said Johansen. Ultimately, Friends Academy raised over \$60,000 to contribute to the American Cancer Society, but as Johansen reflects, “more than that, those who were fortunate to participate – were changed forever.”

## THE LUCY CALKINS WRITING &amp; READING WORKSHOP

## Writing 3.0

*The Lower School redefines and reimagines their writing and reading programs for K-Grade 5*

“It’s a belief system. It’s a practice – like practicing yoga,” says third grade teacher Kara Lewis ’86, in describing the new Lucy Calkins Writing Workshop that the Lower School embraced this year.

According to Lower School Principal Deborah McCrimmon, the process began in the spring of 2011 when four teachers and McCrimmon attended the Teachers College Reading & Writing Project’s 80th Saturday Reunion at Riverside Church, led by Columbia University professor Lucy Calkins.

“After attending multiple workshops that day, we knew the program was one that would serve our Lower School well,” said McCrimmon.

The workshop gives teachers the ability to use different management techniques with their students. “For example if the genre is realistic fiction, one child may have trouble backing up his writing with detail and another child may need to practice dialogue. This program gives teachers the skills to help both,” explained Lewis.

Upon returning, the Lower School team pitched the idea of the workshop to their colleagues, which involved changing the schedule to incorporate writing across all subjects.

Every grade has its own set of units that it follows across the year. In Kindergarten, students learn all of the different methods for brainstorming by drawing pictures and learn to create a group story, which they build upon in first grade. By third grade,

students know how to write personal narrative stories and by 4th and 5th grades, they are working through realistic fiction, persuasive writing and informational text.

“The student has to know what strong writing is, who their audience is, what their angle is and how to use detail to support what they write,” explained Lewis. “In each of these genres, the program teaches different methods and then each grade teaches age-specific skills.”

Each day incorporates 40 minutes of writing. “They are building their confi-

dence as writers and know how to approach a complicated writing task,” said Lewis.

Learning did not stop with the students. In May, a Columbia University teacher/trainer visited with all the Lower School teachers over

five different days. “The trainer provided an initial demonstration lesson, reviewed all of the students’ writing notebooks, taught the theory of the workshop and gave teachers the opportunity to sit down and discuss their mini-lessons. It made us all look at ourselves as learners,” said Lewis.

An additional four teachers attended the workshop this summer and this fall the reading arm of the workshop will be intertwined to expose students to different kinds of genre by using similar mentor texts that show by example. “This program brings more continuity and a clearer scope and sequence for our writing curriculum,” said Lewis, “as well as an enthusiasm for literacy in both teachers and students!”



Fourth graders use peer groups in their reading and writing.

## THE 1,2,3s OF LUCY CALKINS



1

**Long and strong.** Students write for 40 minutes every day to help build their confidence as writers. The program wants them to believe in themselves as writers.



2

**Continuity of program.** Students build upon the skills they learn in each grade.



3

**Follow the child.** The workshops management techniques give teachers the skills to offer differentiated help to students who are working on the same text.

## 126TH FA COMMENCEMENT



COURTESY ISLAND PHOTOGRAPHY

Sigal Markowitz and Bolade Majekodunmi await the turning of the tassels.

### 101 graduate with honor; join FA alumni community

With family and friends gathered, Friends Academy celebrated its 126th Commencement on Saturday, June 9. One hundred and one members of the Class of 2012 received their diplomas from Head of School Bill Morris, Upper School Principal Deborah Schoman and Board of Trustees Co-Presidents Tom Hawkins '78 and Scott Rechler. Graduation speeches were presented by Liam Collier of Glen Cove, who will attend Vassar College, Paulina Gordon of Sands Point who will attend Washington University – St. Louis and Jalisa Clark of Glen Cove, who will attend Dartmouth College in the fall. Upper School History teacher Geoff Nelson delivered the faculty address.

A number of students are matriculating in specific programs related to the fields of education, dramatic studies, business, sports management, music, art and fashion merchandising. One student received the prestigious Presidential Scholarship at the University of Southern California, which is awarded based on academic excellence in addition to extracurricular activities. While 20,000 applicants apply for the scholarship, only 1,000 are selected for interviewing, with 150 final Presidential scholars.

# Mental aerobics

*Silks train Kindergartners on up to access their creative and cognitive sides*



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Kindergartners Spencer Shepherd, Lucia Donnelly and Gianluca Grella practice ascending the silks.

BY ANDREA MILLER  
Director of Communications

From 30 feet above, brightly colored swatches of silky material hang down, brushing the floor of the theater stage.

These are the Friends Academy silks – a creative and cognitive training ground for 100% of students in Kindergarten through sixth grade, 40% of the seventh and eighth graders and eight Upper School classes.

“The silks to me is mostly mental,” says instructor Kimo Kepano and FA dance teacher. “There is so much thinking and it’s so valuable for kids in all areas of learning. We don’t think about other academics as physical. If we can engage our minds and full body, training the brain beyond what we normally do, we can access the brain more fully,” added Kepano.

According to Kepano, the aerial movement class consists of two parts: a physical warmup designed to challenge students’ cognitive thinking and muscle endurance and the aerial silkwork. “The students work in groups of three and must move as an ensemble,” explained

Kepano. “Each grade works on different variations of a large movement combination – from learning to tie the silk, to completing challenging wraps and drops. They must be able to support their own body weight and also be supportive of their classmates as they work on the same activity,” added Kepano.

For Kepano, who just finished his fifth year at Friends, the silkwork challenges students to watch and learn. “I want you to be open to the unexpected,” he tells a second grade class. “Open your minds up and see what happens.”

Part of the dance program, the silks classes incorporate choreography, music, the introduction of artistic elements and forming a relationship with the audience.

Kepano constantly urges his students to push themselves and support each other – whether they are fourth graders who practice weaving together music, steps and aerial pull-ups or Upper School students learning a wrap that will be connected to a motorized winch. “I will not back down until you try your absolute hardest!” he promises. And they know he means it.

## 136TH FOUNDER'S DAY

## RELEARNING MESSAGES OF SACRIFICE



DEBBIE ALBER/FRIENDS ACADEMY

A sixth grader reads to three-year-old Natalie Baron from her original picture book. Below, one of the sixth grade book covers.

### Sharing a love of authorship and illustration

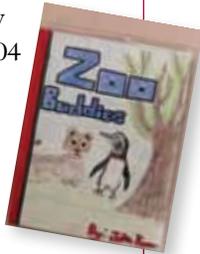
If you happened to wander into the 6th grade English classroom this spring, you would have found student authors busy at work, writing and illustrating picture books.

Several years ago, English teacher Debbie Alber stumbled upon a picture book called *Owen and Mzee*, which follows the poignant relationship between a 200-year-old tortoise, Mzee, who mothers a baby hippo, Owen, after the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami devastates the area.

Using this story as a model, students learned how picture books are created from start to finish and began to research two very different animals. They then wrote a story involving a problem that brought the two animals together, such as catastrophic natural events or environmental issues that force the animals out of their natural habitats.

Students were required to use craft techniques such as personification, onomatopoeia, metaphor, and sensory description, which they study during the first semester. After transferring the writing to their own blank 26-page hard cover book, each student illustrates every page.

Finally, the 6th graders take a trip to the Lower School to present and read to students in Early Childhood through 3rd grade.



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The theme of stewardship and sustainability resonated during this year's Founder's Day, held to celebrate the 1876 founding of Friends by Gideon Frost. "This is more than just using reusable water bottles," stated Katrina Garry, Liam Collier and Savannah Febesh. Above Gideon Frost (History teacher Herb Lape), a hardy 214 years old, makes an appearance. Through a skit, Lower School students mentor their peers about wastefulness in the cafeteria.

## ECOSteps!

From Spanish to Music classes, here's how students went enviro.



Fifth graders Max Savasta, Mya Guiler-Papin and Olivia Lizza pull fresh radishes from the Edible Garden.

### WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES

■ **7TH AND 8TH GRADE SPANISH:** Students learn vocabulary related to the environment. Each student studied the environmental issues in a Spanish-speaking country and created posters/brochures in Spanish offering environmental tips.

■ **AP FRENCH:** Students created glogs of different Francophone countries. Class compared those environmental challenges of each country.

■ **SPANISH III:** Students read *Clara perspectiva*, a novela about deforestation in Chile.

### MUSIC

■ **6TH GRADE CHORUS:** Students helped to compose an extra verse to the 6th Grade Winter concert Song, "Be the Change."

### SCIENCE

■ **MARINE BIOLOGY:** Students study plastics in oceans using TED talks and creating Animoto videos.

■ **LOWER SCHOOL SCIENCE:** How pollution affects ponds; using photos, students studied why environmental events, like the Exxon Valdez, occurred; discussed global warming and the greenhouse effect.

### GRAPHIC DESIGN

Students design PSAs/posters for Earth Week.



Sponsored by the Upper School Environmental Club, a fenced-in area collects a sampling of plastic bottles still used on campus during Earth Week.

## 2012: THE YEAR OF SUSTAINABILITY

# Awareness + Action

**W**hat can you do?  
In the year of sustainability at Friends Academy, this question took on new meaning as students, faculty and staff made pledges to reduce their personal use of plastic water bottles campuswide.

In the Upper School, the Environmental Club challenged the community as soon as school began. "We started right off with a water bottle sale," said president and senior Chris McCann, "and we sold all of them." Throughout the year, club members pushed for an alternative to the Poland water coolers found around campus, which impacted the Senior Class Gift.

"We wanted to get rid of all the plastic cups, big cooler bottles and the gas needed to transport those coolers to campus," explained McCann. Starting this year, new water stations, which feature filtered, cooled water with a separate spout for filling reusable water bottles will be installed.

In its second year, students from all three divisions composted, planted and harvested a cornucopia of vegetables and herbs in the FA Edible Garden, including



Lower School science teacher Meghan Stott helps Kindergartners plant radish seeds in the FA Edible Garden.

spinach, peas, radishes, lettuce, tomatoes, squash and beans.

And in Sara Pozzi's Upper School Spanish classes, students spent a month studying national disasters and environmental issues, which culminated in big final projects.

Ultimately for McCann, alumni Earth Week speaker and FA parent Jed Morey '90 helped bring environmental issues to a personal level. "He made a big impact because he showed how these problems don't just affect our planet, but ourselves."

McCann remains optimistic about the future. "My hope is that this is not a one-year theme, but a lifetime theme."

## {OUR CHILDREN. THEIR FUTURE. THE 20TH ANNUAL FRIENDS ACADEMY DINNER & AUCTION}

BY TARA ASKELAND

Assistant Director of Development for Parent Relations and Special Events

Friends Academy's 20th annual Dinner and Auction was a tremendous success as parents, alumni, faculty and friends came to Pine Hollow Country Club to show their support for the school's biggest annual fundraising event of the year.

This year's event was chaired by Lynne Koufakis, along with Live Auction Chair Sheila Schuss, Silent Auction Chairs Suzanne McCooey and Debra Russell, Journal Chair Debora Thivierge, phone-a-thon Chair Allison Heaney '87, and Gift Bag Chair Kimberly Griffiths-Broder. The Dinner Chairs were Cynthia and Kevin Naughton.

"This Auction could not have been possible without the generosity of all the parents of Friends Academy who donated their time, resources, and wonderful gift items, as well as the local businesses who have done the same," said Lynne Koufakis.

The theme of this year's event was Our Children. Their Future. The evening began with cocktails and appetizers as guests browsed the vast selection of Silent Auction items, which ranged from event tickets to play dates with faculty. New to the event this year was our Giving Tree where everyone was a winner!

This was followed by a performance by our Upper School Jazz Band led by Joe Romano, sit-down dinner and Live Auction, which proved to be a lively event, conducted by Jed Morey '90. Some of the Live Auction's biggest ticket items included Courtside seats at the Nets, a week in the Burgundy Valley and one-of-a-kind dinners hosted by Friends Academy families.

From pounding the pavement and creating gift baskets to decorating Pine Hollow Country Club, proofreading the catalog, our volunteers worked tirelessly. This year's Auction exceeded all expectations and certainly was a labor of love. This year's event brought in over 320 attendees



THE LIVE AUCTION: Tables adorned with sunflowers greet couples. From the left, Cynthia Naughton, Cari and Bob Quinn, Rita Ingrassia, Frank and Elizabeth Ingrassia, Rita Afzelius '80 and Ron Afzelius. Below left, drumming teacher Yahaya Kamate leads the African Drumming Circle. Below right, Korry and Timothy Groves peruse the Silent Auction on BidPal through their iTouch. Second row on left: Parent Council President Jeanne Sawicki, Bill Morris and Auction chair Lynne Koufakis.



Above, Auctioneer Jed Morey '90. Christina Thivierge, Joseph Panaciulli, Michael Koufakis, David Leeser, Anthony Scordio, Jodi Leeser, Debora Thivierge and Allison Heaney '87.

Right, Vandita and Rajinder Singh.

Far right, the Giving Tree, a new addition to this year's Auction.



Above left, Lower School teachers Meghan Stott, Fina Scibilia and Brie Kraska '93. Above right, Mimi Bachman, Sheila Schuss, Charles Bachman, Schon Beechler and Simon Egan.

and netted a record-breaking number of \$420,000 to benefit the school. So, mark your calendar for the 21st Annual Din-

ner and Auction on Thursday, April 18th, 2013, chaired by Lynne Koufakis at Pine Hollow Country Club.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS WEEK

# EXPLORE, DISCOVER... UNLEASH!



Julia Mariani portrays Taisya.

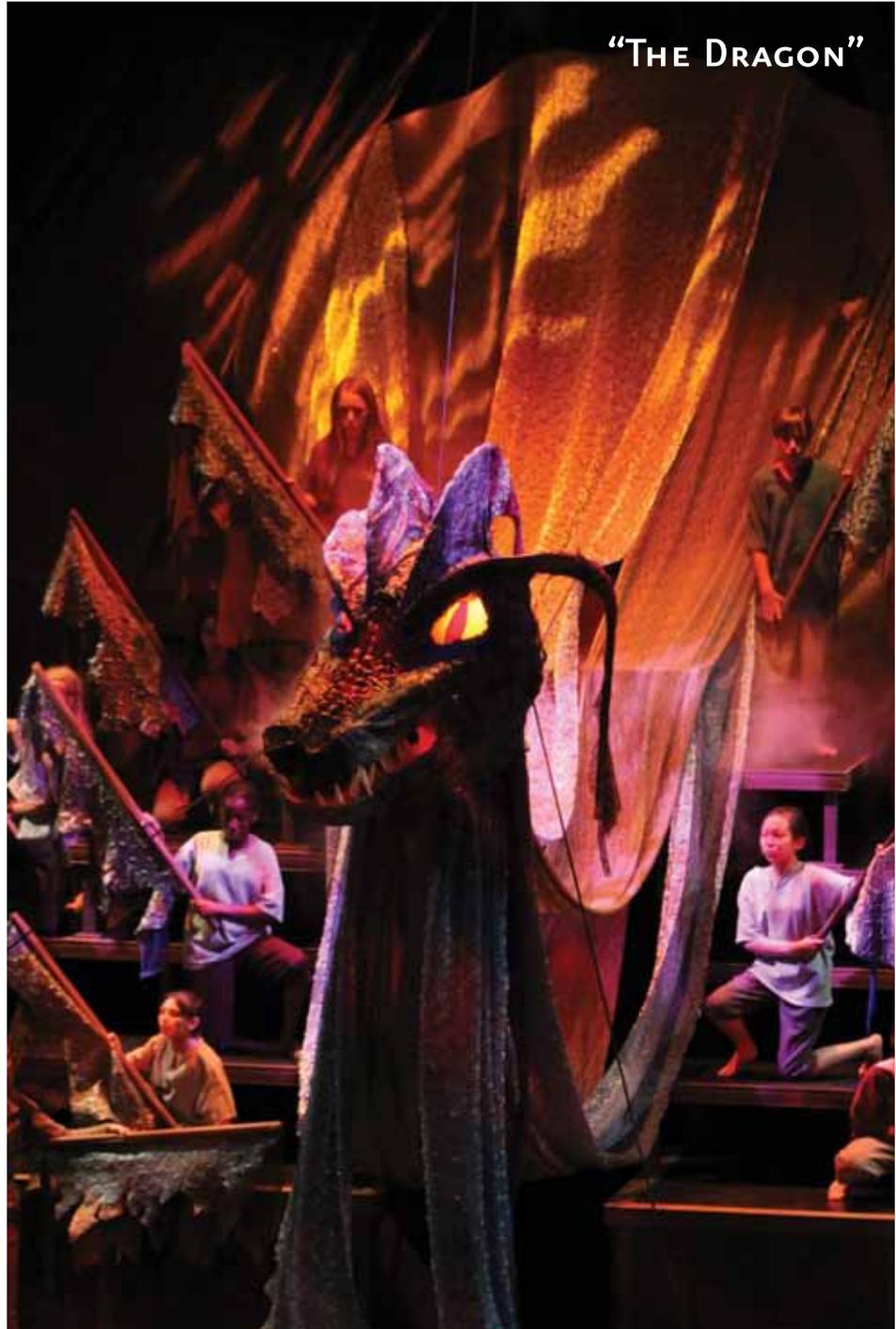
*In four days, 200 students and 20 teachers dig into original works of sculpture, painting, poetry, improv, acting, music and more.*

BY ANDREA MILLER  
Director of Communications

For one week every April, the entire Middle School descends upon the Dolan Center to tie on an apron, pick up a paintbrush, open the pages of a script, compose in GarageBand, discuss improv techniques, analyze Shakespeare and so much more.

This week, aptly called Middle School Arts Week, is filled with workshops that allow every student to dabble in whatever catches their fancy.

In Yahaya Kamate's African Drumming Class, his students tightly clasp their hand drums between their knees. "Slow... slow ... slow... quick, quick quick," instructs Kamate, who himself is playing five different drums at the same time.



The Dragon makes its fiery entrance.



Above, art teacher Allison Doherty demonstrates the art of collaborative print making.

Right, Marcus Menzin battles Reed Mullen in a practice battle.



At first a little lopsided in their playing, the girls and boys, seated opposite each other, slowly merge their rhythms together as they reach a crescendo, enticed by Kamate's verbal rhythms.

Down the hallway, other students are experimenting with Australian didgeridoos, long brightly-colored tubes, whose openings are topped with beeswax.

"This is an interesting class," remarks 6th grader Emily Granados. Instructor A.J. Block demonstrates how to warm up. "You start with a lip buzz," he says. "Hold it for as long as you can. It's really important to be warmed up. My old trombone teacher made us buzz our lips for three weeks before we even got our instruments," he adds.



Matt Tidona plays Sir Johanne, lead knight of Queen Everil's, played by Eva Mullarkey.

In a small corner room, a group of students have donned birthday hats and are eating cupcakes and kernels of homemade popcorn. "It was Shakespeare's birthday this past Sunday," explains teacher Jacob Martin, "so the kids wanted to celebrate." With cupcakes out of



the way, the students start dissecting the passages of Shakespeare's "Macbeth," examining the themes of prophecy and taking turns to read each part.

Upstairs in the Art studio, students have paired up for a collaborative printmaking workshop with art teacher Allison Doherty. Each team has drawn and painted a neighborhood scene on a 1 foot by 3/4 foot piece of specialized plastic.

"We had groups working dur-

Above, Kimo Kepano shows students how to control the movements of the Dragon.

Below left, Kevin Baskind tries out a didgeridoo.

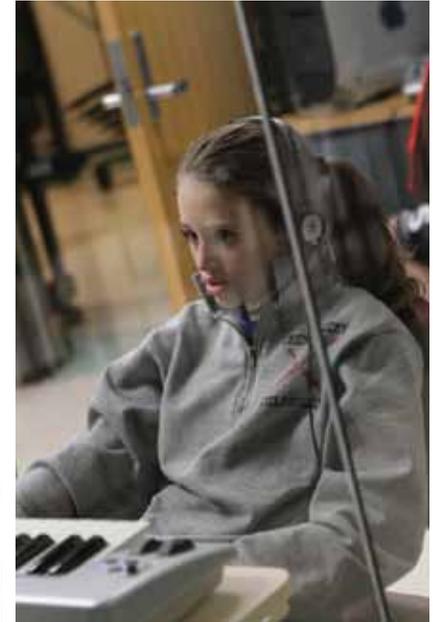
Below right, the start of one of the neighborhood scenes in the print-making workshop.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS WEEK



Middle School students study teacher Yahaya Kamate as they try to replicate his drum rhythms.



Seventh grader Alexandra Hoffman mixes tracks in the GarageBand workshop.



A student shows off her henna artwork made from a concoction of henna plant extract, lemon juice and sugar in Amanda Fisk's '99 workshop.



Will Roland '07 leads a circle discussion about how to react during improv comedy.

ing the morning and afternoon,” explained Doherty. “The students first drew the drawings freehand, then gave them to different students, who traced them on plexiglas, who then gave this to another set of students who colored the scene in.”

In an adjacent room, another group of students are busily at work fashioning clay figurines and scenes with instructor Kaitlyn Hay. On top of a cardboard foun-

ation, every student is involved in creating a part of the “nation,” be it trees, flowers, animals, dinosaurs, structures and figurines. As each piece is added, Hay snaps a quick picture as she and the other students discuss what to build and film next. Ultimately, each group created a minute-long stop-motion film that they shared with the entire Middle School.

For four days, the music studio is home to groups of students

composing their own tracks in GarageBand. Directed by Technology Director Ken Ambach, each student learns how to use the program and create their first song with a keyboard, microphone and synthesizer.

On seventh grader Will Kaminsky's screen, Ambach shows the different tracks Kaminsky has created. “He uses a club beat for the intro, adds some trombone, electric piano and then uses preloaded loops to bring it all together,” explains Ambach.

Songwriting, poetry, pinhole photography, sculpture, music, hip hop and henna creations round out the 17 offered workshops.

For a group of more than 40 students, their workshop began several weeks earlier on the main

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS WEEK



Villagers and sixth graders Drew Donner, Grace Sands and Riona Park sing one of the musical numbers.



Middle and Upper School Art teacher John Regan shows students how to build sculptures from wire and plastic paint.

stage. Practicing lines, blocking, choreography, singing and sword-fighting, the students bring to life “The Dragon,” an original musical by theater teacher Andrew Geha, written expressly for Middle School Arts Week.

Directed by Geha, Director of Arts Tracey Foster and NYU professor Corey Pierno '02, “The Dragon” follows the ultimately parallel journeys of villager girl Taisya (Julia Mariani), and Queen Everil (Eva Mullarkey).

In the midst of Queen Everil’s reluctant rise to reign following her father, the King (Middle

School Principal Steve Rubenacker), the countryside is besieged after a series of dragon attacks.

Laying waste to village after village, the Queen, frustrated with the inaction of her Knights, decides to confront the Dragon herself.

Meanwhile, Taisya becomes obsessed with stories about a girl, Einara (Middle School World Languages & Cultures teacher Lanessa Davis), who confronted the Dragon in the past and disappeared. She sets out to try and defeat the Dragon alone as well.

At the peak of their own battles, both the commoner and royal girl learn the Dragon’s secret – that in destroying the Dragon, they are in fact, conquering their own personal fears and inner challenges.

Throughout the musical, the elaborate stage combat and sword fighting (taught by Pierno) heighten the intensity, culminating in final battles between Queen Everil and her father and Taisya and Einara against a spectacular finale of the special effects display of the elusive Dragon.

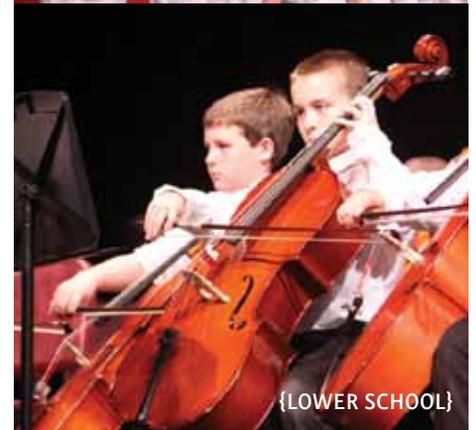
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AMANDA FISK PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Instrumental and vocals were performed at each of the concerts: Upper School – May 3; Lower School – May 10; Middle School – May 24. Art shows accompanied each of the concerts.

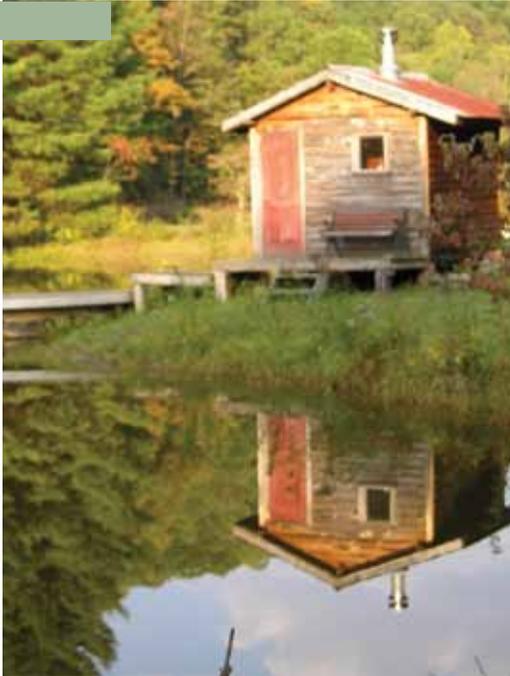
## HEALER

A nurse practitioner specializing in nephrology, Barbara Weaner divides her time between rural satellite clinics and a dialysis unit.



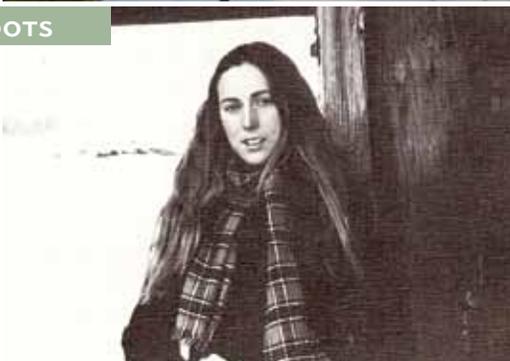
## FARMER

Barbara and her husband, Scott, own a 60-acre farm in West Virginia, where farming has become their way of life. They grow 2.5 acres of organic pesticide-free vegetables, raise their own meat and have opened their home to others around the world.



## QUAKER ROOTS

Barbara Boyle in her senior year at Friends in 1973.



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**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS:  
BARBARA BOYLE WEANER '73**

# Simple gifts

*Simplicity and stewardship:  
FA alum receives and gives back*

BY JENNIFER RYAN WOODS '99

Barbara Weaner felt an instant harmony with the Quaker values that she experienced as a student at Friends. In the years since, these values have remained the underpinning upon which she has built her life – embracing a lifestyle of simplicity and displaying an unwavering devotion to her community.

“I wasn’t raised Quaker but... when I went to Friends and started going to Meeting and getting exposed to the Quaker philosophy, that completely harmonized with me,” said Weaner who was chosen as this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

During the years Weaner attended Friends, from 1969 to 1973, a lot was happening with the country – the Vietnam War and the inauguration of Earth Day.

“We as a school were very involved in environmental and social issues. I feel like that totally molded who I became and that remained a strong force through my life,” she said.

The experience of Quaker meeting in particular, had a profound effect on Weaner, which she described during her award acceptance speech at the 4th Day Honors Ceremony.

“Friends Academy is a wonderful place,



Barbara and her husband Scott Weaner.

where you can start school as a freshman on Monday, and by Thursday morning you find yourself in an old grey Meeting House, for an hour of silence, without instruction, or much forewarning. And there you sit with your body, your mind, and your community. Sitting in the pregnant silence, the nowness of not knowing what will emerge takes on powerful presence.”

Weaner said there always have been two sides to her: on one side, a scholar and on the other, an adventurer. After graduating from Friends, Weaner took the scholarly path, attending Duke University with the intention of becoming a doctor. Following her sophomore year, however, her adventurous side began to beckon, and she decided to drop out.

“One of my best friends from FA, Nick Seamon, didn’t go to college right away. He was involved in the anti-war and civil rights movement and... when he got out of Friends he went to work for the César Chávez farm movement. I kept looking at this life thinking, ‘I want to go do something.’ So I dropped out after sophomore year and traveled through western USA.”

It was during this time that Weaner met her husband Scott, and decided to settle in West Virginia. “We had both left college with the intention of going ‘back to the land,’” she said adding that “In the 60s and 70s a lot of people, in reaction to the Vietnam War, fled cities and the consumer lifestyle and went rural. We were a part of that.”

Weaner and her husband bought a 60-acre farm in a very rural and remote area, which was all they could afford at the time. The land housed an abandoned and unlivable log cabin, which they began restoring a little at a time with a lot of help from the community.

Farming became their way of life. “We wanted to go beyond a simple vegetable garden. We wanted to explore

an environmentally sound way of living,” said Weaner. The farm now boasts about 2.5 acres of vegetables – devoid of any herbicides, pesticide or fungicides that are chemically produced – which they sell at the farmer’s market. They also raise their own meat.

The family is also committed to sharing what they have learned about organic farming by participating in WWOOF – World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms – an international organization through which anyone from anywhere in the world can learn about organic gardening by volunteering to work on a farm where they are offered housing and food, and sometimes pay.

“We’ve been participating in the program for years. It’s been really fun. We’ve had people staying from all over the world,” said Weaner.

Weaner’s love of farming and the environment was instilled in her as a child and can largely be traced back to her years at Friends.

“When I was at Friends we had an Outdoor Education week in N.J., which was a really profound experience for me... the teachers were really enthusiastic about the world and the environment,” she said, recalling four teachers in particular that made the greatest impact on her: Tom Wood, Lila Gordon, Lewis Hitzrot, and Kingston Heath.

During her time at Friends, Weaner also participated in a sailing program that was offered by William Masland, who was the Chairman of the Board at that time. In the summer he invited FA students to go sailing with him and explore the East Coast, Weaner said.

“He was a deeply committed Quaker and loved the environment. That is where my pace actually began.”

During her 4th Day Honors address, Weaner gave tribute to Masland, her men-

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Barbara and Scott Weaner’s log cabin, which they restored.



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

**EXCERPTS FROM JUNE 6, 2011 FOURTH DAY HONORS ADDRESS**

**On the Quaker principle and tenet of service:**

“Service is a natural consequence of kindness, gratitude, love and compassion. Beyond duty. Or maybe, embodying the duty to know.

We humans have the ability to know, think and understand. This is view.

We choose our speech, our actions, our livelihoods. This is action.

We can exert effort, apply awareness and concentration. This is practice.

Human means finding our place in the world and living out of that place, with caring and concern for others, working with trust and doubt. Service includes being aware of our limitations, and other inconvenient truths. It includes acknowledgment of uniqueness, as well as background. It is potential, as well as resistance.”



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Head of School Bill Morris and Barbara Boyle Weaner following Fourth Day Honors.

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tor, whom she credits with having a deep impact on her life.

“Bill Masland lived Quaker precepts of integrity, equality, simplicity, community and peace. He did not preach these, or teach these as ideals. He embodied them. There was no difference between spiritual and secular. Action was faith,” she said.

For years Weaner completely immersed herself in building the farm and raising her three children. Then, just as her adventurous side had prompted her to leave college to travel several years before, this time her scholarly side came knocking.

“This little voice inside me started growing, and I kept trying to push it away,” she said, adding that although she was once again being drawn toward medicine, she had a 60-acre farm to manage, 3 kids and a husband; she didn’t feel comfortable making the significant time commitment necessary to become a physician.

Ultimately, Weaner decided to become a nurse practitioner, which would allow her to be fully engaged as a healer without the intensity of becoming a physician. So she went back to college for two years to get her nursing degree.

In 1988, Weaner and her family temporarily relocated to Connecticut so she could get her Masters in Nursing from Yale.

After graduating Yale, Weaner’s family moved back to West Virginia and she worked as a nurse practitioner at a family medical practice where she enjoyed working with adolescents. After 10 years, however, she decided to accept a position with West Virginia University’s Department of Medicine in Nephrology – the branch of medicine that deals with the kidneys.

The doctor who was running the program, Rebecca Schmidt, “was an extremely magnetic person. She had a big vision and she took me in.”

According to Weaner, Schmidt noticed a lot of patients had to drive long distances to see a specialist, and had the idea to start rural satellite clinics for patients with kidney disease so they could get earlier care to help prevent progression.



COURTESY FRIENDS ACADEMY ARCHIVES

Barbara Boyle joins other students aboard FA Board Chairman Bill Masland’s floating classroom, “The Flying Cloud.”

There is an epidemic of kidney disease in the U.S. and around the world, Weaner said, adding that while people are not very aware of it, it’s connected to things people are aware of such as heart disease, diabetes, malnutrition and other sociologic and environmental influences as well.

The outpatient clinic that they began, located in Elkins, W.V. was the first of the six clinics currently operating. Currently, Weaner divides her time between the clinic and a dialysis unit.

Weaner’s sister Elizabeth Boyle is often in awe of her sister’s achievements. “Over the years I have always been floored by how much she accomplishes in her life... she juggles a tremendous amount on her plate,” said Boyle who added, “she has a very stable and happy family life. She has three grown kids and is now a grandmother.”

Weaner has a daughter Fern, 34, and two sons, Caleb, 31, and Kyle, 29.

Boyle added, “Barbara has traveled a tremendously curvy road in her life to get where she is and all throughout that journey she has been incredibly committed to other people... her family, her medical pursuits and her involvement on the



COURTESY BARBARA AND SCOTT WEANER

Barbara Boyle Weaner at home in West Virginia.

boards of many different nature-oriented organizations.”

“She has taken tremendous risks in her life and her decisions have been very unorthodox. But ultimately she has been tremendously successful and has helped so many people,” Boyle said.

In her final remarks to the Friends Academy seniors, just days away from graduation, Weaner expressed her wish for their future journeys through life:

“To all of you, a blessing: that you lead lives of simplicity, of service, full of the joy of living, in the community of our Big Watershed, in the beautiful wildness of this planet.”

{SPRING 2012}



MIKE DAMM, DAVID GATOUX AND AL QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

A repeat perfect season and first-ever state championship title wrapped up the **2012 Spring Sports season** as individuals, pairs and teams rose to the occasion and grabbed the moment.

## FA 2012 SPRING SPORTS

# Girls track – 1st overall state champions

## VARSITY GIRLS TRACK & FIELD:

**2**012 was our most successful outdoor track and field season in the NYPHSAA. This was a year of great individual competition, amazing relays, and a wonderful team spirit.

We continued our tradition of initiating a service effort during the spring season and we were thrilled to have 208 runners or walkers join us in the Brian Hom Memorial Run. We raised \$12,500 for the Brian Hom Diversity Scholarship fund and it was a meaningful FA community event. We were pleased to have runners qualify for and compete successfully in the prestigious Penn Relays, St. Anthony's Invitational, the Loucks Games and the NY State Championships in Syracuse.

This year we brought home an unprecedented 21 medals and tied with Medgar Evers with 30 points to win the NY Federation championships. What a memorable season!

– Coach Louisa Garry

**2012 ROSTER:** Victoria Broderick, Carolyn Cahill, Javana Clark, Riley Denihan, Amanda Edwards, Juliane Florez, Chloe Friedman, Katrina Garry, Simran Ghooi, Kristen Grady, Lydia Graham, Harmony Grodsky, Katherine Hom, Danielle Kahn, Kasey Katz, Kristina Kim, Alix Liss, Domenica Lostritto, Natasha Makowsky, Kelsey Margey, Kara McNelis, Jacqueline O'Brien, Katie Pappas, Shekinah Pettway, Paige Sklar, Catherine Sullivan, Maureen Sullivan, Candace Taylor, Sofia Toles and Erika Vidal. Mgrs. Victoria Wang, Brianna Izuierda.



FRIENDS ACADEMY

Molly Sullivan, Candace Taylor, Coach Louisa Garry, Katrina Garry and Kelsey Margey.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: GIRLS AND BOYS

#### DIVISION IVB CHAMPIONS

**1500 METERS** – KELSEY MARGEY  
**100 METERS** – SHEKINAH PETTWAY  
**400 METERS** – CANDACE TAYLOR  
**3000 METERS** – AMANDA EDWARDS  
**200 METERS** – CANDACE TAYLOR  
**1600 METERS** – EVAN SAYRE  
**3200 METERS** – ROB ADAMS  
**800 METERS** – GLENN LOSTRITTO  
**GIRLS 4 X 100 RELAY** – KATHERINE HOM, KASEY KATZ, SOPHIA TOLES, SHEKINAH PETTWAY  
**GIRLS 4 X 400M. RELAY** – KRISTINA KIM, KELSEY MARGEY, CATHERINE SULLIVAN, CANDACE TAYLOR  
**GIRLS 4 X 800M. RELAY** – KATRINA GARRY, SUNNY LOSTRITTO, MOLLY SULLIVAN, KELSEY MARGEY

#### ALL-DIVISION

**800 METERS** – 2ND PLACE  
 MOLLY SULLIVAN

#### 400 HURDLES – 3RD PLACE

KATRINA GARRY  
**HIGH JUMP** –  
 3RD PLACE RILEY DENIHAN  
**LONG JUMP** – 2ND PLACE KASEY KATZ, 3RD PLACE KRISTINA KIM

#### ALL-COUNTY

**100M. DASH** – SHEKINAH PETTWAY  
**400M. DASH** – CANDACE TAYLOR  
**800M. DASH** – KELSEY MARGEY  
**4 X 400M. RELAY** – SUNNY LOSTRITTO, MOLLY SULLIVAN, KELSEY MARGEY, CANDACE TAYLOR  
**4 X 800M. RELAY** – KATRINA GARRY, MOLLY SULLIVAN, CANDACE TAYLOR, KELSEY MARGEY  
**3000 STEEPLECHASE** – EVAN SAYRE

#### STATE QUALIFIERS

KELSEY MARGEY, KASEY KATZ, SHEKINAH PETTWAY, DOMENICA LOSTRITTO, KATRINA GARRY, MOLLY SULLIVAN, CANDACE TAYLOR

#### ALL-STATE

**800 METERS** – KELSEY MARGEY, 1ST PLACE DIVISION II, NY FEDERATION STATE CHAMPION  
**400 METERS** – CANDACE TAYLOR, 1ST PLACE DIVISION II, 3RD PLACE NY FEDERATION  
**4 X 800 M. RELAY** – MOLLY SULLIVAN, CANDACE TAYLOR, KATRINA GARRY, KELSEY MARGEY, 1ST PLACE DIVISION II, 4TH PLACE NY FEDERATION

#### NATIONAL CHAMPION

GIRL'S MILE – KELSEY MARGEY

#### NEW SCHOOL RECORDS

**Mile, 1500 M, 800M** – KELSEY MARGEY  
**3000 STEEPLECHASE** – EVAN SAYRE  
**400 M.** – CANDACE TAYLOR  
**4 X 800M. RELAY** – CANDACE TAYLOR, KELSEY MARGEY, MOLLY SULLIVAN, KATRINA GARRY

Senior  
 Rob  
 Adams



## VARSITY BOYS TRACK & FIELD: BUILDING YEAR FOR YOUNG SQUAD

**I**t was a building year for the Boys Track team with nine new athletes on the team. It's not easy to compete in 13 individual events and three relays with a roster of 18 boys, but this team did a great job of demonstrating its versatility and resilience in scoring in a wide variety of events.

We were thrilled to be able to run all three relays as well as field athletes in the shot, discus, long jump, and triple jump. The boys scored

53 points and finished 5th in the Division IVB Championships. They had a good showing at the County Class A Championships; nine boys qualified for the meet and they earned a 12th place overall finish.

**2012 ROSTER:** Robert Adams, Christos Aniftos, Michael Bernardini, Julian Christian, Alfred Constants, William Duke, Anthony Guevera, Scott Gulbransen, James Hawkins, Cyrus Holder, Ian Hom, Glenn Lostritto, Bolade Majekodunmi II, Sahil Massand, John O'Brien, Evan Sayre, Cole Valentino and Aidan Vascotto.

## FA 2012 SPRING SPORTS

## Girls Golf crowned back-to-back conference champions

**VARSITY GIRLS GOLF:  
TEAM REPEATS PERFECT  
UNDEFEATED SEASON**

The Girls Varsity Golf Team finished with an undefeated season and the Conference Championship title for the second year in a row! "The girls showed great dedication, achieving personal goals and reaching great heights as a united group," said Coach Gail Baker. "The encouragement consistently expressed amongst the girls is commendable, and this support helped to create a positive and winning environment. We are very proud of what we accomplished this season and are looking forward to next year with our returning players," she added.

Six girls, including Augusta Mayer, Marianna Cuomo Maier, Stephanie Gherlone, Maggie Brennan, Emily LeoGrande, and Sydney Menzin, went on to play in the Nas-



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Junior and captain, Augusta Mayer.

sau County Tournament, proudly representing Friends Academy over the course of two days. The Nassau County team placed 3rd in the state championship out of 11 sections.

Junior Augusta Mayer qualified for States and received "All County" recognition.

**2012 ROSTER:** Margaret Brennan, Jalisia Clark, Marianna Cuomo Maier, Stacey Danziger, Jamie Genatt, Stephanie Gherlone, Meghan Johansen, Nicole Katz, Emily LeoGrande, Augusta Mayer, Sydney Menzin, Nikki Simon and Danielle Soviero.

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

**ALL COUNTY, STATE QUALIFIER - AUGUSTA MAYER**

**ALL CLASS - STEPHANIE GHERLONE**

**ALL CONFERENCE - MAGGIE BRENNAN, EMILY LEOGRANDE**

**ALL CONFERENCE - MARIANNA CUOMO-MAIER**

**VARSITY BOYS GOLF:****ALL SIX STARTING GOLFERS QUALIFY FOR COUNTIES**

"Great underdog stories seem to come a dime a dozen in recent decades. Hickory High in the movie *Hoosiers*, Happy Gillmore in *Happy Gillmore*, Rudy in *Rudy*. The USA Hockey team in 1980. In essence, we've become conditioned to expect the unexpected. In fact, we might be a bit numb to the appearance of great stories. And so it takes a special team, a special group of big dreamers to inspire us, to call us to higher purposes of camaraderie and competition. This was the 2012 Friends Academy Boys' Golf team," recounted Coach Geoff Nelson.

Graduating the top two players from the 2011 roster, the 2012 team faced long odds from the outset. The 2012 squad featured two varsity rookies, including freshman Chris White debuting in the number two spot and Danny Ross playing five. And yet, after a season-opening loss to Jericho, the

Friends team came back to defeat this same roster two days later at Nassau Country Club. It was a campaign where Christian Fitzgerald would shoot a terrifying 3-under 32 at the Piping Rock Club, defeating his

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

**ALL COUNTY - CHRISTIAN FITZGERALD, CHRIS WHITE AND CHRISTIAN CURRAN (HONORABLE MENTION)**

**ALL CONFERENCE - HUNTER ROBINSON, DANNY ROSS, IAN D'SILVA**

opponent by 9 strokes. This season featured multiple rounds in the 30s from senior captain Christian Curran, all of which inspired the awe of FA golf alumnae on Facebook, one alum, summarizing in a single

sentence both the season and Curran's mercurial rise to the number three spot in our order, saying: "You have got to be kidding me." This echoed the 2012 team's motto about their plans to "Shock the world." And shock the world they did, earning a victory over the eventual Conference Champion Syosset and qualifying all six starting golfers for the County Tournament for the second year in a row where



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Taking a swing on the links.

Friends finished seventh in Nassau County. Christian Fitzgerald and Hunter Robinson qualified as individuals for the second day of the County Championships where they competed against some of the best golfers on Long Island.

**2012 ROSTER:** Grant Baskind, Nicholas Chapman, Struan Coleman, Matthew Collins, Sean Collins, Harrison DellaFera, Kyle Dineen, Garrett Doran, John Forlines, Michael Isernio, Liam Kearney, William O'Kane, Jonathan Nierenberg, Peter Picoli, Bill Rechler, Austin Rossi, William Sands, Kellan Sehring, Tyler Sehring, Mark Slotnick, Andrew Stingi, Gavin Tam, Tyler Tam, Chretien Teitelbaum, Jasper Themelis, John Westermann and Brandon Yaraghi. Mgrs. Olivia Frey, Kasey Leeds, Sierra Lindner and Michelle Quick.

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Junior David Sher

### VARSITY BOYS TENNIS: NASSAU CO. SEMI-FINAL FINISH

The Boys Varsity Tennis team just wrapped up their finest season since becoming a Section 8 mainstay with a final four-semifinal finish in the Nassau County HS Tennis Championships. This year's team worked hard and came together competing against the best schools and top conference in Nassau County.



Varsity Boys Tennis player and senior Andrew Yaraghi battled through NYS Quarter Finals to advance to the NYS championship finals at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows on Saturday, June 2.

An unseeded finalist, Yaraghi faced defending state champion Josh Levine from Cold Spring Harbor. Yaraghi ultimately lost, but finished #2 in New York and earned the Sportsmanship Award.

Captain Andrew Yaraghi placed 2nd overall and made All-State for the third time in his five years on the varsity team. "This year's results were a testament to players who worked hard, were unselfish, and all in!" said Coach Brian Baxter.

**2012 ROSTER:** David Binler, Andrew Eng, Ian Friedman, Raghav Kedia, Sahil Massand, Andrew Muran, Nicholas Pascucci, Zachary Podbela, Gregory Rosenthal, Eli Rousso, David Sher, Raizada Vaid, Jack Vissicchio, Andrew Yaraghi. Mgrs. Jeanne Budd and Ariana Farahani.



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Sophomore Nick Chapman charges down the field.

## Young team advances to counties

### VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE: DEPTH AFTER GRADUATING IMPACT SENIORS

After graduating twelve seniors and six players who went on to play collegiate lacrosse, the 2012 Varsity Boys Lacrosse team worked hard to bring young players along in the first half of the season.

With numerous underclassmen stepping into some important roles, and returning players being asked to shoulder more of the burden, the team strengthened with challenges and found itself fighting to return to Hofstra for the county championship game for the second straight year.

Captains Harry DellaFera and Jasper Themelis spearheaded the leadership of a group who found its stride at the right time.

"Seniors Sean Collins, Grant Baskind, Zack Westermann and Mike Isernio led by effort and example, and fostered the development of a team primed to make a run in the playoffs," said Coach Brian Crocco.

**2012 ROSTER:** Grant Baskind, Nicholas Chapman, Struan Coleman, Matthew Collins, Sean Collins, Harrison DellaFera, Kyle Dineen, Garrett Doran, John Forlines, Michael Isernio, Liam Kearney, William O'Kane, Jonathan Nierenberg, Peter Picoli, Bill Rechler, Austin Rossi, William Sands, Kellan Sehring, Tyler Sehring, Mark Slotnick, Andrew Stingi, Gavin Tam, Tyler Tam, Chretien Teitelbaum, Jasper Themelis, John Westermann and Brandon Yaraghi. Mgrs. Olivia Frey, Kasey Leeds, Sierra Lindner and Michelle Quick.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL COUNTY** – HARRY DELLAFERA, WILL SANDS, SEAN COLLINS (HONORABLE MENTION)

**ALL CONFERENCE** – JASPER THEMELIS, CHRE TEITELBAUM, LIAM KEARNEY, KELLAN SEHRING

**ACADEMIC ALL CONFERENCE** – HARRY DELLAFERA, SEAN COLLINS, JASPER THEMELIS

**LONG ISLAND METROPOLITAN LACROSSE FOUNDATION "UNSUNG HERO" AWARD** – PETER PICOLI

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### VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL: DEVELOPING TEAM SPORTED HIGH WORK ETHIC

Although the Boys Varsity Baseball team did not win as many games as we had hoped for, there were many positives to the season. This year's team was very young, and much of the season was devoted to developing players.

Several players made great progress as the season went on, and that should really help

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-CONFERENCE  
– ALEK KUCICH

us become a much stronger team next year. The coaches were especially gratified by the team's work ethic, which always remained at a very high level. Highlights of the season included sweeping the 3-game series with Carle Place and game 2 of the best-of-3 playoff series with East Rockaway. In this very exciting game we scored the winning run in our last at bat to force a third and deciding playoff game.

**2012 ROSTER:** Jack Bauer, Neil Boneparth, Noah Broxmeyer, Nicholas Croce, Patrick Crowley, Matthew Feinstein, Devin Gerzof, Perry Gordon, Alek Kucich, Brian Lightcap, Jack Lori, Joseph Macy, William McEvoy, Joseph Moodhe, Steven Petrocelli, Gregory Petrossian, Jonathan Ramsay, Spencer Sklar and Skyler Zaken. Mgr. Paul Asadourian.



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Freshman Matt Feinstein lets the ball fly.



DAVID GATOUX/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Senior Erica Sklar beats her opponent to the ball.

### VARSITY GIRLS LACROSSE: NEW TEAM ADVANCES TO QUARTER FINALS

When you start off a season you begin to think about what you have and what you are going to do with what you have. "We knew we were young and as with any season we had work to do," said Coach Kellie Moritz. "We knew it would be challenging, but we knew we could do it." Upperclassmen leadership and encouragement paired with the underclassmen's desire to learn and work hard.

According to Coach Moritz, "It took time for the girls to gel as one – this was a new team and a new season with a new coach, but with some humor, hard work, team handball, singing and the dedication of all, we were able to come together."

Coach Moritz continued, "Although that coming together can be the most challenging part; it is one of the most important. Together a team walks on and off the field. Together a team sweats through drills and sprints. Together a team whines to their coach. Together a team laughs. It's in the togetherness, that a team succeeds. And it was together this team finished the season in the Class C Quarter Finals, fighting to the end."

**2012 ROSTER:** Catherine Bechand, Julia Ciardullo, Kelsey Denihan, Mabel Evans, Charlotte Gelfand, Kayla Guerin, Alix Heffron, Frances Hilbert, Alexa Landow, Morgan Landow, Margot Mangiarotti, Rose Mangiarotti, Emily Mara, Olivia Meszaros, Carolina Mocerrea, Madeline O'Brien, Isabella Pascucci, Lauriane Pinto, Elana Pinto, Casey Quinn, Katy Saltz, Caroline Sgaglione, Erica Sklar and Alexis Toles. Mgr. Savannah Febesh.

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL COUNTY – KELSEY DENIHAN,  
ROSE MANGIAROTTI (HONORABLE  
MENTION)

ALL CONFERENCE – ALIX  
HEFFRON, CAROLINA MOCORREA,  
ERICA SKLAR

UNsung HERO – MARGOT  
MANGIAROTTI

SCHOLAR ATHLETE – MORGAN  
LANDOW

#### FRIENDS ACADEMY AWARDS

COACHES AWARD – OLIVIA  
MESZAROS

MVP – KELSEY DENIHAN

MIP – BEL EVANS

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Eighth grader Emily Horne fields the ball.

### VARSDITY SOFTBALL: SEASON MEASURED BY TEAM GROWTH

For the Varsity Softball team in 2012 the season's success was not measured by wins and losses. It is measured by the growth and development each girl showed during the course of the season. After a slow start to the season we continued to grow as a team, both on and off the field.

Throughout the season the girls continued to work hard and enjoy the time they spent together. The effort that they put in and the commitment that they made contributed to the improvement of not only each individual, but the team as a whole.

**2012 ROSTER:** Paige Elgarten, Dylan Foley, Rachel Garibaldi, Erin Gluck, Marielle Goebelbecker, Emily Horne, Sarah O'Sullivan, Taylor Quinland, Danielle Ramsay, Claudia Ratner, Casey Rosen, Caitlin Rubin, Xixi Shi, Alana Stein and Alex Zezulin. Mgrs. Keyonne Sessions and Sam Riese.

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-CONFERENCE** – PAIGE ELGARTEN

**ALL-DIVISION** – ALANA STEIN AND ERIN GLUCK

**SR. SCHOLAR ATHLETE** – ERIN GLUCK



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Juniors Matt Lieber and Stefan Sayre glide over the water.

### VARSDITY CREW: EXCITING SEASON WITH STATE, NATIONAL FINISHES

The 2012 spring season proved exciting from the start for the Friends Academy Varsity Crew team. Due to mild weather conditions (for the first time in many years), Friends Academy rowers were able to row on Oyster Bay right from the very beginning of the season.

The extra water time led to a strong showing at the late April Interscholastic Sculling Association Championships against many competitive Philadelphia and New Jersey crews.

At their next and only home regatta, Friends Academy Crew once again showed to be one of the strongest crews on Long Island. As parents and friends cheered from the shore, motivated FA rowers made the Long Island Championships one of the most successful regattas of the season.

Senior Matt Kuczmaski won the single boys' race and Cece Judge came in fifth in the girls' single race. Jack Viener, together with his partners Matt Lieber, Stephan Sayre and Chris Sawicki won the boys quad race. A quad of four novice girls: Amanda Wylie, Adina Grodski, Olivia Schmidlapp and Julia Vascotto also had a great race finishing in second place. Jack Viener captured second in the lightweight

single category. Emma Brown took bronze in a JV single category. Matt Lieber, together with his partner, repeated their victory from last year by winning the doubles race. Sam Lerner and Ethan Flicker had their first race in a Novice double.

The team's next stop was the New York State Scholastic regatta, where FA rowers raced in singles and doubles boats. FA had a strong start with all the boats making the semi-finals and four boats making the finals.

After some very close races two Friends Academy boats made it to the Scholastic National Regatta – Matt Kuczmaski in his single, as well as Matt Lieber and Stephan Sayre in their double. The pair competed for the national title.

Friends Academy crew also competed at one of the largest scholastic regattas, Stotesbury, where they had a chance to race against strong American and Canadian crews.

**2012 ROSTER:** Emma Brown, Ethan Flicker, Adina Grodsky, Cecilia Judge, Matthew Kuczmaski, Samuel Lerner, Gabriel Patino, Matthew Lieber, Christopher Sawicki, Stefan Sayre, Olivia Schmidlapp, Julia Vascotto, Jack Viener and Amanda Wylie.

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## BOYS JV TENNIS:

COMPETITIVE TRYOUTS  
LEAD TO COMPETITIVE SEASON

The Boys JV Tennis season got off to a strong start with some very competitive try-outs with many new players joining a handful of players from last year's squad. After two weeks of try-outs and the formation of our roster, the team was put through some intense work-outs and practice sessions to prep them for the season opener.

Although the team's overall record did not reflect this, the team was very competitive playing against some very strong teams in our section. The players on the team gained some valuable match play experience this year which will serve them well in preparing for next season.

**2012 ROSTER:** Rani Bendary, Samer Bendary, Samuel Friedman, Cameron Hellerman, Stephan Herard, Timothy Ingrassia, Tommy Kaminsky, Michael Kliger, Erik Loscalzo, Tyler Newitt, Ethan Nyein, Alexander Pakh, Reed Rosenbluth, Alexander Schneider, Alexander Storch and Jonathan Weinberg. Mgrs. Jacqueline Leon and Rose Morabito.



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Preparing to return.



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

13 FA ATHLETES TO PLAY  
COLLEGIATE COMPETITIVE SPORTS IN FALL 2012

From left, Kelsey Denihan: Villanova (Field Hockey); Rebeca Baker: Mount Holyoke (Riding); Sigal Markowitz (Brown University Crew); Spencer Moslow: Tufts University (Crew); Andrew Yaraghi: Amherst (Tennis); Bennett Felder: Juniata College (Basketball); Matt Kuczmarzski: Northeastern (Crew); Nina Vascotto: University of Virginia (Crew); Morgan Feldman: Trinity College (Tennis); Harry DellaFera: Villanova (Lacrosse); Erica Sklar: Villanova (Lacrosse); Savannah Febesh: Bentley (Field Hockey) and Erin Gluck: Swarthmore (Field Hockey).

## BOYS JV LACROSSE: ONE OF ITS MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASONS

The Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse team completed one of its most successful seasons in school history, ending the year with 12 wins and just 1 loss. Highlights of the season include a 12-3 win over Cold Spring Harbor, 14-1 win over Sea-ford and a 6-5 overtime victory at Locust Valley.

The boys consistently put in the work needed to be successful, and their final record shows just that. They not only won games, but they won them the right way. Their team-first attitude showed maturity beyond their years and was critical to their overall success. The boys were great representatives of both the lacrosse program and the Friends Academy community. The coaches would like to thank all players for their hard work, and



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Members of the lacrosse team celebrate.

commitment to the program.

**2012 ROSTER:** Jason Baskind, Damon Burris, Jonathan Cangemi, Jordan Christian, Pierce DellaFera, John Forlines, Joshua Goldblatt, Adam Hartog, Nathaniel Hogg, Kevin Isernio, Griffin Nesfield, Jonathan Nierenberg, Joseph Paniccia, Jesse Rabaglia, Brandon Rosenbaum, Brendan Sherlock, Zachary Sideris, Mark Slotnick, Jack Statfeld, Andrew Stingi and Gavin Tam.

## GIRLS JV LACROSSE: NEW LESSONS LEARNED

Overall, this season was a success even though we split with wins and losses. Everyone learned at least one thing new, which is a victory in my book. The wins that we had were phenomenal and absolutely deserved.

We played with strength and pride and everyone who watched our games could truly tell that the girls demonstrated great desire from start to finish. I'm glad that I had this team in my first year coaching at



Freshman Isabella Pascucci.

Friends Academy.

**2012 ROSTER:** Sydney Banks, Morgan Bauer, Julia Ciardullo, Sara DeCicco, Gabrielle FitzGerald, Gloria Fortuna, Kayla Guerin, Devon McCann, Madeline O'Brien, Sarah O'Kane, Isabella Pascucci, Alexis Toles and Vivian Zetterstrom. Mgr. Lauriane Pinto.

## FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**KRISTIN MINUTO**, Early Childhood Director and Early Childhood teacher **LIZ LIONE**, presented at Adelphi University on "Multi-Age Grouping in the Early Childhood Setting" on May 6 to the Graduate Curriculum Development Class. Kristin and Liz discussed the dynamics of the multi-age group setting, differentiation for instruction, peer modeling, effectively dealing with behavioral challenges, and curriculum design and implementation.

**MARESSA TESORIERO**, assistant first grade teacher, completed her MA degree in Special Education from Long Island University - CW Post.

Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, **SHANELLE ROB-**

**INSON** was selected to facilitate a 1½-day Institute at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity from May 29 - June 2 in Manhattan. NCORE constitutes the leading and most comprehensive national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in American education.

## FORMER FACULTY NOTES

There's a new Spatola in town!! (well, in Florida). Former faculty members **Pam** and **Mike Spatola** are proud new grandparents to Michael Patrick Cummings, who was born yesterday to an even prouder mom, Heather Spatola Cummings!

To the members of the FA classes of 1972-1980: **David W. Clark** taught at FA in the early 1970s and he sends this message of greeting. "Believe it or not, I am now in my 43rd year of teaching secondary students, and still loving it! I live in the Philadelphia area suburbs and would be happy to hear from former students or faculty (deacon47@verizon.net)."



Michael Patrick Cummings

## ART TEACHER MARGARET LINDNER RETIRES

# A Lower School gift to all

BY ANDREA MILLER  
Director of Communications

The first time Lower School librarian Kate Madigan met fellow art teacher Margaret Lindner was 21 years ago on the day of Madigan's interview at Friends. "She was down in the Play Group room and came out wearing a bright green mylar wig and huge heavy rubber gloves," remembers Madigan. "Margaret was a sea monster for their "Under the Sea" theme that summer and I knew that there was something special about her right away!"

For 28 years at Friends, students in Lindner's art classes have been "abuzz with creativity, engagement and enthusiasm as they cut and pasted, painted, sculpted, wove, photographed, filmed, designed and much more," in the words of Head of School Bill Morris.

Lindner began her career at Friends as an Early Childhood teacher and then transitioned to art teacher for the Lower School. She acted as the convener for the Art department for several years, team leader of Lower School Specials and coordinated bus drop-off and pickup for six years with co-conspirator Kate Madigan.

"I can't tell you how many other community-building activities she was a part of," recounted Madigan.

"Margaret always had a booth at the Fall Fair and always gave a creative donation to the Auction. She came and planted bulbs on a Saturday with families one year and helped plant the FA Garden outside of Kindergarten. Not to mention the Tag Craft afternoon between Thanksgiving and Christmas," said Madigan. "These are just a few of the many things she has been a big part of over the years."

The legacy Lindner is best known for and most proud of is her pioneering student-centered Art

Studio program. Each week, students developed their own project through choice of material and concept. "She liberated many of us from our egg cartons, shoe boxes and other recyclables that she and her students would transform into remarkable expressions of creativity," said Morris.

Over the years, Lindner made it a priority to stay current with the prevailing trends in arts education, "be they discipline-based, integrated, either studio-centered or analysis heavy, technology-based, etc.," she said in a summary for the school. A model for FA's curriculum mapping, Lindner always strove to ask "what we do, why we do it and how we know it is effective,"

said Dean of Faculty Mary Alice Kolodner.

Lindner also received the prestigious Fahey Master Teacher award from Friends Academy, which is presented annually each spring to a member of the FA faculty who has served the profession for more than seven years and made learning come alive for his/her students.

Lindner's generosity of spirit didn't stop at the classroom door. "I have to say that as busy as Margaret was, she was never too busy to make a card for a sick colleague or a poster to wish good luck or congratulate a team. She would come up with an idea and make Halloween costumes for any LS faculty who needed them. And she was always available to help all faculty and staff with any art ideas or quick repairs," said Madigan.

An inspiration to so many students, Madigan plainly states, "Any child who has had Lower School Art with Margaret Lindner has been given a gift of being taught by a truly passionate, caring and enthusiastic person. She is a remarkable teacher who can bring out the very best in a child. I am also truly fortunate to have Margaret as the dearest of friends. As she ventures off to new endeavors, Margaret's effervescent personality and infectious smile will surely be missed."



Lower School Art teacher Margaret Lindner is honored at the New York City Reunion on June 4, 2012.

### Margaret Lindner: Creating everlasting connections



Lindner in 1987; with husband Marshall at the 2000 Auction; helping students create Care Cards for nursing homes.

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# from the president

PETER STEIN '79

Dear Fellow Alumni,

With great excitement, on June 9, 2012, Friends Academy graduated 101 students, and as their hats flew in the air, family, friends, and faculty looked on with pride. We warmly welcome the Class of 2012 into the Friends Academy Alumni Association, and wish them every success as they enter the next exciting chapter of their lives.

The world has changed a lot since my graduation from Friends in 1979, and although we may marvel at the changes, we should also remember that our 2012 graduates share the same hopes, fears and dreams of past generations. The Class of 2012 graduates from Friends with solid critical thinking skills, a strong work ethic and a compelling social conscience. And because of this, our young graduates offer the promise of a better world. We look forward to great things ahead!

When you read through this issue of *The Meeting House*, you will find numerous examples of why a Friends Academy education has such value. At Fourth Day Honors, the year-end awards ceremony for the Upper School, I had the privilege of hearing from Distinguished Alumna Barbara *Boyle* Weaner '73, who shared her wishes for the graduating seniors: "To all of you, a blessing: that you lead lives of simplicity, of service, full of the joy of living, in the community of our Big Watershed, in the beautiful wildness of this planet." You can read more about Barbara in Jennifer *Ryan* Woods '99 profile (see page 20).

Our Annual New York City Reunion this past June

was a smashing success. More than 200 alumni gathered at the Princeton/Columbia Club joined by faculty and former faculty. Honored at the event was retiring Lower School art teacher, Margaret Lindner.

Those of you lucky enough to have been among Margaret's students during her 28 years at Friends know what a gem she is. Margaret bid "Cheerio" to FA, but she leaves behind a legacy....and lots and lots of art projects!

Looking forward, classes ending in "2" and "7" will celebrate special reunions this coming October. The Class of 1962 will celebrate its 50th Reunion with a luncheon at the Marion Jackson House at noon on Friday, October 19th. Fall Fair and Homecoming is Saturday, October 20th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alumni are invited to gather under the Alumni Tent for coffee and cookies, and then at 4:30 p.m. head to the Jackson House for an All Alumni Reception. Individual class celebrations will follow. Also, we're looking to feature our alumni musicians this year at Fall Fair & Homecoming. If you would like to perform, please contact Kathy Fox at [kathy\\_fox@fa.org](mailto:kathy_fox@fa.org).

Class reps will be in touch with specific reunion details. The weekend ends with Meeting for Worship on Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Matinecock Meeting House.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful summer. See you in the fall!

Peter



**PETER STEIN '79,  
FRIENDS ACADEMY  
ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT**

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### 2 Connect by website:

FA's password-protected Alumni Community: [www.fa.org/alumni](http://www.fa.org/alumni)  
Click on **ALUMNI DIRECTORY** to search for classmates by last name, maiden name, class year and profession.

### 3 Are you on Facebook?

Become a member of the Friends Academy group. Head to [www.facebook.com/FAalumni](http://www.facebook.com/FAalumni) for more photos, updates and links to other classes.

\*If you do not know your username and password, e-mail Kathy Fox in the Alumni Office: [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org).



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**FRIDAY NIGHT:** Informal class gatherings

**SATURDAY:** Fall Fair followed by the Homecoming Reception on campus for all alumni.

**SATURDAY NIGHT:** Reunion Dinners off campus for classes ending in 2 and 7.

**SUNDAY:** Meeting for Worship in Matinecock Meeting House



25th Reunion!

CLASS OF 1987

Volunteers in classes planning special reunions will reach out to classmates soon. More information is on the alumni pages of the FA website: [www.fa.org/alumni](http://www.fa.org/alumni). Contact Kathy Fox in the Alumni Office with questions: [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org) or 516-465-1796.

## ELISABETH SALZHAUER AXEL '83

*Inspiring visual arts advocate for the blind*

BY HAYLEY KUCICH '01

*Elisabeth Axel is one of “those people.” Yes, “those people” meaning that they somehow manage to be good at almost everything, make it look like nothing, and they do it with a smile at all times; never complaining, always trying to help others, and in this case...working to improve the quality of life for the blind, especially in relationship to the arts. But Elisabeth is one of “those people” that you just can’t help but want to get to know better because you know what a good person she is. It doesn’t bug you that she has accomplished so much already, has a career while simultaneously raising a family, appears on morning talk shows and later on in the day is assisting with the signing of an arts education bill ... She inspires you to do better in your own everyday life and she is one of “those people” that you end up loving. This is the case with Elisabeth Axel and you will soon discover after reading this brief synopsis of Elisabeth’s life thus far, why I have become inspired to push on to help change the world for the better, and I thank you, Elisabeth, for sharing your amazing story with us.*

**E**lisabeth attended Friends Academy from 1979 to 1983 and she believes that “one of the key reasons my parents chose Friends for me to attend was that the school’s core principles were so in sync with their own values. They wanted to be sure that my brother, Michael Salzhauser ('80), and I would be in a stimulating, positive environment that fostered and strengthened those values and priorities. My parents didn’t just ‘talk the talk,’ they actually lived by them. They showed their priorities by how they invested their time, money, and I like to think, two of their most valuable assets – my brother and I. By investing in our education at FA, they were investing in creating caring and committed human beings who would go on to contribute to society,” said Elisabeth.

And now that Elisabeth is a mother of four children of her own, she realizes



Elisabeth Salzhauser from the 1983 Lamp yearbook.

how important and integral the right type of education is in “creating lifelong learners and for instilling informative young minds and hearts with the spirit of altruism and the richness of giving of yourself so that others also can enjoy and flourish in their own life aspirations.”

She fondly remembers how “Mr. Frank Brogan and the Craigs taught me the value of carefully choosing how to spend my time to try to make a valuable contribution to my community. Miss Elizabeth Roosevelt taught me about civic respon-

sibility and was a role model for me as a strong, respected woman; Mr. William Masland reinforced the idea part of

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Quakerism and the Jewish faith that the light of our Creator is within each one of us, and that it is our obligation to use that light, or talents, to bring even more light to the world. I ran track and my track coaches, Mr. Jim Parks and Mr. Jeffrey Word, taught me the discipline to stick

to something, no matter how uphill the battle might seem. Mr. Parks, with his recitation of poetry to inspire us, taught

## ELISABETH SALZHAUER AXEL '83: VISUAL ARTS ADVOCATE FOR THE BLIND

me to be interested in everything in life and not to be too concerned about choosing an ultimate career path.”

After graduating from Friends Academy, Elisabeth continued on to Tuft's University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history. After Tufts, Elisabeth studied at Harvard University's Department of Fine Arts as a Special Scholar. After graduation, Elisabeth worked as senior lecturer at the Whitney Museum of American Art (1987-2001). She also taught art appreciation and art-making courses, as well as instituted a five-year long Annenberg Grant, which integrated art into core curriculum areas for Queens 5th grade public school students.

Then, in 1987, she founded *Art Beyond Sight/Art Education for the Blind*, now named *Art Beyond Sight*. “This year as we get set to celebrate our 25th anniversary, I am proud to say that the ABS team and I, together with some remarkable partners, have helped to expand the educational and artistic programming opportunities for people who are blind and visually impaired in New York City, in the U.S., and around the world,” said Elisabeth. On the local level she has co-chaired Project Access NYC with the NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and Department of Cultural Affairs; on the national level, she serves as co-chair of a White House-initiated Working Group on Accessibility and the Arts, impacting federal grant-making policy as well as tackling key issues of access for all; and on the international level, *Art Beyond Sight* is a UNESCO non-governmental organization working with more than 300 museums and schools.

Elisabeth has conceived and overseen major research initiatives, including the creation of a “language” and guidelines for tactile diagrams, and verbal description and sound to communicate visual culture to people who are blind – methods now used throughout the world, as well as award-winning initiatives to teach daily living skills, through art, to blind children and teens.

Elisabeth comments that “it's been my incredible privilege and challenge to help

lead a multi-decade effort to raise the bar of ‘what's possible’ for blind people, working with neuroscientists, cognitive psychologists, educators and people with disabilities.” This effort includes organizing biennial conferences at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on multimodal learning; a multi-city museum study aiming to define content access, which was honored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services with a National Leadership grant; and an upcoming book on Multisensory Museums.

And if that was not enough to add to her plate, Elisabeth is also the Editor-in-Chief of publications such as *Art History Through Touch and Sound*, a multi-sensory encyclopedia, and Co-Editor of *Art Beyond Sight: A Resource Guide to Art, Creativity and Visual Impairment*, which has been translated into Spanish, Korean and – Lithuanian.

Honored by various organizations for her efforts to develop a more fair and balanced society where people of all abilities can live life to the fullest, Elisabeth has been honored by the Jewish Guild for the Blind, the American Foundation for the Blind, and the *New York Times* in their “Most Important Ideas 2003” citation. She has also appeared on countless primetime national news shows.

Despite Elisabeth's heavy work schedule, she values her family above all else. “In my professional career, my work with *Art Beyond Sight* has immeasurably enriched me. Inspired by my grandmother, a painter who lost her sight, I was first moved to create the organization after experiencing first-hand the challenges in accessibility to the arts for people who are blind. I wanted to change that and give everyone – especially people with disabilities – the opportunity to enjoy and be enriched by art and culture.”

Twenty-five years ago when she started

*Art Beyond Sight* many people, according to Elisabeth, thought she was crazy. “Why should blind people have access to museums? Why should a blind person be able to touch in a museum? Or learn by verbal description? Or learn through a tactile diagram? Or want to make art?

But the President of the National Federation of the Blind at that time, Dr. Kenneth Jernigan, took me under his wing. He said, ‘You know Elisabeth, your ideas may or may not be interesting to blind people, but they are ideas that are worth trying and cultural venues programming should be accessible if a blind person wants it.’”

The solid moral and civic-minded education that Elisabeth absorbed through her time at Friends has seeped through her life's actions and continues to be ever-present in her everyday life. “I try to live by the principle that it is important to make a

contribution to my community. We must not just sit back and take, but try to give back to society. And to a very large extent it is my teachers at Friends who I have to thank for guiding me in this world view of service to others. The words I delivered to the Friends graduating class of 1999 as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award still pretty much express my sentiments: ‘The greater Friends community, especially Mr. Withington, reinforced that a portion of our energies and leisure time, and even our money, in a certain sense is not ‘ours’ to begin with. It is money put into trust to do what is right for others when they need it. In this sense it is not ‘charity,’ but just us returning the money to where it was meant to be used.’”

To learn more about Elisabeth Axel and her work or get involved, visit her new website, [www.projectaccessforall.com](http://www.projectaccessforall.com) or e-mail Elisabeth at [elisabethaxel@aol.com](mailto:elisabethaxel@aol.com).



Above, Elisabeth and one of the members of the Blind Boys of Alabama, 2006. Below, Elisabeth with Charles Rangel, U.S. Representative for NY's 15th Congressional district.



## ANDREA BUFFA '85

*Renowned national/international media,  
social justice and peace activist*

BY NATALIA PORCELLI GOOD '93

*Andrea Buffa '85 is a remarkable woman who has been an activist in every sense of the word for her entire career. Even now, she doesn't stop confronting those issues that she cares deeply about. As her profile proclaims on the Global Exchange website, an international human rights organization where she previously worked as the Campaigns Director, "Andrea has been an activist and organizer since her high school years and has worked on more peace and justice issues than she can remember – Central American solidarity, South African apartheid, women's rights, housing rights, diversity in academia, media consolidation, Iraq, and others."*

**B**uffa's roots as an activist began at Friends Academy. The Quaker tenets of non-violent resolution of conflict and commitment to community and social change greatly impacted her. Specifically, she vividly recalls a teacher at Friends who helped her to "see the world in a different way." In a world history class, Buffa asked about the U.S. invasion of Grenada based on a *New York Times* article that she had read. The teacher queried whether

that was the only source that could be relied upon to tell the whole picture of what was really happening in the war. That experience taught her the value of perspective and the importance of analyzing events from different points of view.

We also spoke about

her eye-opening experience volunteering at Amigos de Las Americas between her sophomore and junior year, where she and two other volunteers helped to build latrines in a small town in Mexico. Buffa also recalls being a student who regularly stood up in Quaker Meeting to reflect



COURTESY OF ANDREA BUFFA

Andrea Buffa '85 credits her volunteerism and time at Quaker Meeting at Friends to awakening her activism.

upon current events happening throughout the world. Experiences such as these directly impacted her quest to become an agent of social change who could do something about inequities in the world. "Friends was critical in my development as a human being – someone who cares about what's going on in the world."

After graduating from Yale University and receiving her Masters degree from the University of California, Berkeley, Buffa worked as a social worker for the homeless advocating for affordable housing. Thereafter, Buffa joined Media Alliance, a California-based organization

that has existed for 30 years, formed by freelance journalists who joined together in order to improve media coverage of social activist movements such as the women's movement and the gay rights movement. Today, the organization continues to work for a more just, accountable and diverse media system.

Buffa began her work at Media Alliance studying how the local media in California was covering ballot measures regarding education; specifically advocating the coverage of bilingual students and parents. At that time the organization was heavily involved in campaigning



Andrea Buffa '85  
in earlier years.

## ANDREA BUFFA '85: SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE ACTIVIST

to keep KPFA, a Berkeley-based radio station (the first listener-sponsored, non-commercial community radio station), from losing its independence. Today, the Pacifica Radio stations provide provocative and progressive programming like *Democracy Now* and, as Buffa explained, the stations are among a small number of stations that play local music and air opinions from a variety of perspectives that one cannot hear anywhere else.

Buffa does not take her activism lightly. During the campaign to keep KPFA independent, she recounted that she camped out on the street with KPFA workers who were locked out from their jobs and was involved in various marches and rallies.

One of the “main things I learned at Friends Academy is that everyone has their own ideas of how their actions can be a form of activism – [it spans the spectrum] from writing a letter to a legislator to going to a rally.” For her, it is always important to be conscious of the impact that one is making and to act as a role model.

Beginning in 2002, Buffa began working at Global Exchange, another California-based non-profit organization. At its core, Global Exchange seeks to create a just and sustainable world by campaigning to protect the rights of workers, encouraging the growth of local, green economies, and creating international collaborations to promote peace. Buffa was initially hired to help communities organize peace events on the one-year anniversary of the September 11th attacks.

“A lot of people felt that the lesson should be about peace and how we can create a more peaceful world rather than about violence or revenge.” More than 300 events were held in different communities. Subsequently, Buffa recounted that she was most proud of being a key U.S. organizer of the February 15, 2003 protest marches against the Iraq war – the same date that European protesters were waging similar protests. These events inspired the *New York Times* to acknowledge that the peace movement was the second world superpower.

Through vigils, speaking events, peace marches and educational events, Global Exchange sought to stop the war before it happened. Buffa didn't stop there: she helped lead a half-million person strong march outside the Republican National Convention in New York City. After the Iraq war began, she brought media attention to the impact of war on people in the military and their families, and visited Iraq in order to understand the toll on ordinary Iraqis and on the country as a result of the war.

Buffa continued her quest for peace when she co-founded United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ), the largest peace coalition in the United States. At the time, more than 70 peace and justice organizations agreed to form a new coalition to coordinate efforts to end the war in Iraq. UFPJ is now comprised of 1400 member groups around the world working on a broad range of issues that is run out of the American Friends Service Committee. As UFPJ's website states, “together we are working to end war and oppression, shift resources toward human needs, protect the environment and promote sustainable alternatives. Our long-term goal is to grow a culture of justice, peace, equality, cooperation and respect. We value diversity and respect the earth.”

In addition to her work at Global Exchange, Buffa has been involved with the women's activist group CODEPINK. CODEPINK's name is derived from the color-coded alert system initiated by the U.S. government regarding potential terrorist threats. Originally created as an organization against the Iraq and

Afghanistan wars, CODEPINK is now part of the Occupy movement and gives voice to a variety of women's issues. In 2004, Buffa went to Florida on behalf of CODEPINK and spent time bringing attention to the Bush/Cheney visits. Buffa also supported Cindy Sheehan, an American anti-war activist whose

son was killed in the Iraq war, bring media attention to her extended 2005 vigil at a makeshift camp outside President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Recently, Buffa has been working on labor-related issues, yet another cause that she is passionate about. She worked at UC Berkeley's Center for Labor Research and Education, focusing on climate change issues, and the Apollo Alliance, a coalition of community groups, labor, businesses and environmental groups working on climate change. While she has not put her activism aside, Buffa currently holds a position at Kaiser-Permanente, a California-based health-care organization, where she promotes workplace

democracy by ensuring that managers and workers make decisions jointly about their day-to-day work.

As a final testament to Friends Academy, we concluded our conversation with her telling me that the driving force in her decision to pursue a path dedicated to various forms of activism was her Friends Academy education. Regardless of one's political leanings, this much is clear: Buffa's experience at Friends Academy gave her the courage to pursue her passion and the conviction to persevere when faced with even the most extraordinary obstacles.



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**Sheila Morrisey Potter:** As of March 13th, I moved from my home in Longmeadow, MA where I lived for 45 years to Rockridge Retirement Community in the 5-college area of Northampton, MA in the independent living section. My apartment is lovely, and my whole family, save two grandchildren, are within 10 minutes of where I now live. I have made nice friends and play bridge and mahjong and go to lectures and exercise classes. This is a small and beautiful campus, and my family pops in often, which I love. The trauma of downsizing was terrible, but I was ready to do this move and no longer have the worry over maintaining a house and gardens. Now, if only my house would get sold, it would make a big difference. Unfortunately, there are over 100 houses for sale in Longmeadow, four on my street!! So much for the housing market picking up speed. Not much news from **Lew Zimmerman**. He and Elinor are still in FL., and while she

is waging a brave battle over cancer, he takes care of her and all that needs doing around the house. He keeps busy driving, cooking and maintaining their house.

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Barbara and Bob Burian '52 at their daughter Susie's wedding to George Richards.

**Terry Larson** commented on the "Memories" spread in the *Meeting House*: "What a wonderful job you did on the collecting and editing of the Friends Academy article. I was alternately laughing and crying over those memories. Oh, there were many more I could have come up with, and now I'm sorry I didn't. Am in touch with Wendy to thank her for her remarkable words about my family. We both crawled into that closet to listen to the fights – wickedly happy! The pictures are great fun too. We are now back in PA for the summer months after a remarkable trip to Turkey with the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. An amazing walk through civilizations." **Fluff Macy Thayer**: "I guess the most excitement right now is tropical storm Debby who is sitting right on our doorstep and not wanting to move. Last year, Hurricane Irene decided to visit Long Island and our little house in Bayville filled up with five feet of water! I guess living near or on the water isn't always the best idea! Our oldest, Jennifer still lives in Glen Cove with her two teenagers. Our other two, Sandy (Seth) and Ann live in different parts of Maine. I have kept busy as editor of the *Casey Keynoter* for a long time and with other activities that get me off this island and up to Sarasota, which is a wonderful small city. Alec is in good health and we are both enraptured with Jannie, our Westie." Annemarie and **Fritz Schreiber** are very happy in Williamsburg, Va. "Daughter, Michie and Annemarie went to Salzburg, Heidelberg and Frankfurt in April/May. Son Mark joined us in Salzburg for several days. Annemarie showed them where her mom and she used to spend summer and one winter in the mountain. It was fun since Annemarie had not been there since Christmas 1943/44. We were in Heidelberg for Mark's daughter's college graduation from the U of Maryland, which serves military families throughout the

world. The graduation was very well done. The US ambassador to Berlin gave the address. Fritz was at home happily watching Michie's two German Shepherds. Mark and family are leaving Heidelberg to their new duty station in England. Grandson, William, Mark's youngest, is starting his studies in August at St. John's on LI. Isn't it ironic that he will be there and there is no family on LI any longer?" Since **Fay Tegtmeyer Biggins** cannot get internet in her little part of the FL. Panhandle, I gave her a call. She still owns two houses and is trying to sell the FL. house so she can move to GA. near the mountains. She has four dogs, two of which are Therapy Dogs. She takes them to shut-ins, nursing homes, hospitals, facilities for troubled teens. She likes working with the young people the best. She is secretary of her local Friends of the Library group. Of course **Bob Burian's** big news is the wedding of his daughter, Susie, to George Richards. Bob and Barbara are delighted with the match and very fond of George who is a widower with small children. **Ann Galbraith Hayward** writes from California: I am still working two days a week at a posh retirement home – waiting for someone to adopt me – perhaps. Anyway it is a wonderful way to stay in touch with people. I also volunteer at a very well run food bank two days a month. My granddaughter, Kristina, graduated in May from Humboldt State University after playing on their championship softball team for 4 years. She is looking to perhaps apply to the FBI. I hope my stellar career (?) holds up under the FBI scrutiny – anyway my years at Friends might hold me in good stead. What are you all thinking about our 60th Reunion? I have been going back East ALL these years so I was hoping we could do our 60th somewhere else. I know some and (me too) think it means more to be at FA, but the hassle to get there is almost not worth it. **Wendy Murphy**: “Yes, we're doing just fine here, though Jack is slowing down more than I like to see, which means I have to move a little faster and harder to keep us where we want to be. I bought an almost-new 90 hp 20-foot Seaway boat last November on Craig's List just to prove that I wasn't going gracefully into old age but fighting it every step of the way. Son Nicholas and I towed her up to Maine in May to be ready for the summer vacation season on Blueberry Island. Also of possible interest, I am one of a thousand or so volunteers participating in the Harvard Med School Personal Genome Project, phase two, of the Human Genome Project. We offer our genetic material for analysis in return for having all the data,

good and bad, on the web for biologists, pharmacists, chemists, etc. to study in relation to medical discovery. Had to take a killer exam first to prove that I was scientifically literate enough to give my consent to do whatever.... I attended a PGP conference in Boston in late April and am now working on a book proposal for young adults on the subject of this scientific revolution and what it will mean for their generation. I'm also still Editorial Director of Onward Publishing in Northport. Business has slowed but we still do a great deal of work – annual reports, surgical newsletters, hospital histories, etc. for North Shore-LIJ Hospital System in Manhasset/Great Neck, which takes me back to our old stomping grounds a few times a year. Thank you to all who sent your wonderful memories of our years at Friends Academy. The photos were terrific. I loved the one of Mr. and Mrs. Haughton. She was our 3rd grade teacher (and a memorable one) and he was to become headmaster far into our future. We are doing well considering our advancing years. Our ranch is a nice, quiet spot and all of you are invited to visit. Our private lake needs rain but is very full of fish and the boats are waiting to be launched. **Connie Miller**: “I'm going to work at the bank three days a week starting Jul 1. Good thing, because I just bought an English Bulldog. What a mush he is! I am, however, absolutely exhausted. It's like having a child all over again.” Had a wonderful chat with **Van Hanford McDonald** from FL. She has no flooding problems. I wish some FL rain could come to Texas to cool off and fill the lakes. Van is very busy in retirement and is still teaching her art history course, which I wish I could sit in on. She speaks to libraries, schools and other groups. She too is a reader and we shared what we were reading. I hope you all will share with me the books you are enjoying. I have a NOOK and find it is great for traveling. Van suggested “Ahab's Wife” about wife of the Moby Dick character. I am reading “Moby Duck.” Not a misprint. A container ship from Japan encounters a monster wave and 28,000 bath toys are washed into the ocean. The author follows where they washed up and in doing so discovers the tons of plastic trash polluting the oceans and the shores. **Connie and Bob Wilkinson** spent Nov. to April at their place in Arizona. Pickle ball, tennis, bicycling, bridge (and eating) were their favorite activities. “May was spent in France. With another couple we rented a drive-it-yourself canal boat in Burgundy for a week and rented a rural house, tasted the local wine and then

spent another two weeks with friends in Brittany and Paris. Back in Port Ludlow, WA. in June to enjoy Bruce, Gail and family after they completed their tour of duty in Burkino Faso. In the last week of June we rented a house in the San Juans to celebrate our 50th anniversary. All family participated except the Japan contingent. Kari completed a nursing degree and is at the Westchester Hospital. Her children (ages 11 and 14) visited us for the month of July. Connie will fly with them to NY and will go to CT. to spend a mini-reunion with her Dobbs friends. Robert and **Margaret Shiels** drove up to Yellowstone Park in July. Daughter Heather met us in Jackson, WY and together we toured the park as well as the Tetons. Yellowstone is so huge that our motel was in MT. Robert brought a 2009 National Geographic showing how YNP is a Super Volcano waiting to blow. The last time (many eons ago) the lava and debris reached the Gulf of Mexico. It is magnificent in the mountains, lakes, geysers, mud pots, bison, elk, deer, moose, etc. The only traffic jam we encountered was when a herd of bison crossed the road and everyone was trying to get pictures. There is so much energy in this one natural wonder it makes me realize how arrogant we are if we think that man is more than a blip compared to the volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, etc., in nature. Please send me or Friends any changes you have in your contact information so that we can keep in touch. Love, Margaret

## 1953

Many thanks to **Timmie Buck Wiant** who is stepping down from her role as class rep. If anyone from the Class of 1953 is interested in taking over the reins, please contact us at [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org). We would love to hear from you!

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**CAROL MAWBY HANNUM**  
Has family coming out  
of her ears!



**PENNY COX  
ELDERMAN**

Is still outliving her  
younger husband



## THE CLASS OF 1957

### Then & Now



In 1957, Dwight Eisenhower sat in the White House, "Leave it to Beaver" premiered on CBS and Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" debuted on Broadway. And the cost of a first-class stamp? 3 cents.



**ROGER SANDERS**  
is fighting  
backyard gators  
in Florida



**HARVEY GLUCK**  
His US passport... ready  
to travel!



**TODD MUDGE**  
Says he's the only classmate  
still working full time



**NIKKI PENNEY**  
Attends lots of H.S.  
graduations



**HERB TEESE III**  
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**Janet Boeing Francis** reports that between herself and Rich, they have eight children and 14 grandchildren. The family gets together at their New Hampshire house during the summer. In June, Janet and a friend hosted a wine-tasting dinner for 16 there. Later in June, Janet and Rich attended the Aspen Ideas Festival covering the arts, science, culture, religion, philosophy, economics, and politics. The last of these is especially fine with her, a self-professed “political junky.” She spends as much time as possible playing duplicate bridge, and also teaches bridge. **Connie Bryson** is probably the first in our class to have a 14-month-old great grandchild, who is bilingual and also signs. Connie enjoys babysitting for her great granddaughter and also tutors and works with an autistic boy. Connie’s daughter Jeanie lives only a block away and likes to rescue pets. When we called, two of her birds were in Connie’s care. Her grandson has been teaching martial arts and recently headed back to college. **John Galbraith** wrote as follows about “probably the best trip we have ever had” in the Spring of 2011: “The trip was with National Geographic Expeditions on a relatively small ship that allowed us to get into some places the bigger ships can’t go. We flew to Bergen where we stayed for a few days prior to boarding. We were on the ship for 14 days, first sailing through the fjords and then onto Arctic Svalbard, a group of islands in the Barents Sea way north of the Arctic Circle. By the time you cross the Arctic Circle you have 24 hours of daylight, an interesting experience. Our furthest point north was up to the Ice Cap, which at that point was 600 miles south of the North Pole. Upon disembarking, we flew to Oslo and spent a few extra days in one of the world’s finest cities (in our opinion). This year we will fly east and visit Peter and Debby in Vermont and then spend some time with friends in Maine. **Bruce Whiteley’s** widow Walda, who joined us with their daughter Karin at our 50<sup>th</sup>, reports that she and Bruce, who died 13 years ago, would have been married 50 years on June 9. She does a lot of babysitting for Karin’s two young boys. Karin’s twin, Philip, has two older girls, one of whom graduated from college this year. **Another reunion?** Ever since the spectacular trip that 16 of us took to France in 2008 to visit **Anne de Contades**

**d’Ornano and Jean Claude Aubourg**, the idea of taking another trip together has been coming up. A river cruise during the summer or fall of 2013 is the top contender. On the advice of a travel agent friend of Naomi’s, American Cruise Lines seems to be the best choice. They offer a good selection of 7-day cruises on relatively new boats. The Mississippi River cruises look good, most likely New Orleans to Memphis (9 departures in June, September, and November) or St. Louis to St. Paul (10 departures in July, August, and October). The Columbia and Snake River cruise in the Pacific Northwest also looks good (weekly departures June through October). We need a minimum of 12 people (6 rooms) to get the 10% group discount. If you are interested, please check <http://americancruiselines.com> and contact Naomi with your trip preferences and timing constraints. This could be a lot of fun!

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Dear Class, Anne has asked me to contribute something to our class news and I have agreed to do this. First of all, I must tell you how disappointed that I feel every year that none of us has sent anything. I am, of course, guilty of this, also. I think that it would be fun to hear about your trips, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, your interests, hobbies, retirement, etc. As for me, I live in Texas on Lake Conroe in a golf community called Bentwater. We travel a lot with friends and will take a river cruise in Europe in Sept. We have seven grandchildren; six in college and one graduated from college. We will be great-grandparents for the second time in December. I had cancer six years ago and have been doing well so far and try to make the most out of life. I had the opportunity to be in contact with **Julie Stein** before her passing. I will always have wonderful memories of our friendship and her family. I also have fond memories of our mini-reunion in North Carolina organized by **Jean, Peter, and Anne**. If you are ever near Houston let me know at [wendyoden@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyoden@yahoo.com) Hope to see some news from the class of ’56.

– Wendy Odenweller

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Welcome to **John Hiatt**, who has joined the ranks of FA class reps. If you would like to help him in his new role or have any news (big or small) to report, drop John a line! And speaking of news, John writes: About the Hiatts.....Both **Peggy ‘51** and **Jean ‘53** (my sisters) graduated from FA and went on to Earlham where they met their husbands. I left FA summer of ‘55 when dad accepted headmaster position at Moorestown Friends’ School in N.J. just across the river from Philadelphia. I graduated from MFS in 1958, graduated from Lehigh (BSME) in 1962 and from Univ. of Pittsburgh (MBA) in 1963. I married Gail (Philly native) in 1968. We have four sons and six grandkids. I had a 40+ year career in manufacturing management, peaking as VP - Materials for Grove Worldwide (mobile hydraulic cranes and aerial work platforms) in Shady Grove, Pa. About you.....I would love to hear from you. Some of you on the roster I remember very well. Other names are not familiar to me. Please take a moment and send me a “hello,” (even those of you whom I don’t know). It will be great fun to hear from you. I have many fond memories of FA and the fun we had together. I remember names, teachers, clubs on Friday nights, study halls, kissing behind the garage, spanish rice for lunch, the common room, the rec room, the dorms, waiting on tables, my dishwashing job in the kitchen, Teddy the chef, “Sleepless” the night watchman, naughty boarders picking dandelions on the soccer fields on Sat. mornings in the spring, and much, much more. What do you remember? When you write, if you have contact info. (specifically e-mail addresses) for any of our classmates with whom you are in touch, I’d appreciate if you’d send that information, too. Perhaps, working together, we can get some news into *The Meeting House*. I look forward to hearing from all of you. Your (partial) classmate and friend. – **John Hiatt**

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The Class of 1962 will celebrate its 50th Reunion this fall during Fall Fair and Homecoming Weekend October 19-21, 2012.

It's time to look at planes, trains and automobiles for your trip to Friends in celebration of the Class of 1962's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion! Reunion weekend begins with a luncheon on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at noon and ends on Sunday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> with Meeting for Worship. In between there's a casual



1963: Toni Naren Gates, Paula Howe and Bud Gates

Friday night dinner possibly at Walls Wharf in Bayville, Saturday at Fall Fair and Homecoming, an all-alumni reception, and a Saturday night class dinner at the Creek Club. We really hope you can all make it!

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The following class notes were mistakenly omitted from the spring issue; so here they are, a bit late. My apologies to **Paula Howe**, who submitted them on time! Start thinking now about attending our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2013! If you have not attended a reunion, this is definitely the one to start with. I had a very nice visit with **Toni Naren Gates** and her husband, Bud, in February. She and Bud planned an art-viewing trip to Houston for members of the Wichita Art Museum, of which they are both big supporters. They had a very full four days of looking at art in museums and in private collections. I was lucky to be invited to join the group for dinner one night. I think this was the second time in almost 50 years that I had seen Toni and it was wonderful to catch up. While looking at a posting on Facebook by **B.J. Schoen Brundige** several months ago I noticed she posted a real estate listing for a home on Townsend Road in Glen Cove. I looked at the pictures and thought it looked a little like the house I grew up in, but there were several upgrades and I was not sure. So I sent her an e-mail and it was indeed my childhood

home! What a coincidence for sure! I think it is still available should anyone be interested...I also was able to spend time with **Diane Olding Stanley** and **Melissa Fox '62** at my home in Cooperstown, NY. I visit there each fall and love to have them come for a few days. I am sad to report that we have lost another classmate, **Jeri Vlasak Stolicz**. I do not have many details, but she died in mid-February.

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Hope all of you classmates reading this are thinking about 2014 and our 50th Reunion. In fact, some local (Long Island) volunteers would be a big help. Perry and I had the great fun this June meeting up with **Betsy Malcolm Eklof** and **Gail Spenser Chase** in Virginia Beach, where they were vacationing. We had such a great visit talking about many of you and catching up on class news. The amazing coincidence was that Betsy had just been cheering on our son Doug who ran in the Memorial Day Marathon in Burlington, Vermont – small world. I contacted all classmates who had e-mails on file and received some great responses. **Jeff Bloom** writes that he has kept up with **Dave Dystra** and **Rannce Clements**. Jeff went to George Washington University and works for the Defense Intelligence Agency, then enlisted in the Army Security Agency, then the DA's office and finally went to Law School at St. John's in Queens. Jeff is married to Greta, also a lawyer, and they have practiced in San Diego where they have raised three children. They are looking forward to retirement in the next year. **Patty Burrows** writes that she is practicing child and family therapy in Westport, Connecticut. She has designed an anti-bullying program for elementary and middle schools. She is a proud grandmother of five and keeps in close touch with **Doug Altchek** and **Jill Stamburg Jarrow**. **Bob Coad** has been retired for the past ten years and is living in Arlington where he spends the good weather on his boat with wife Karen. Bob has kept a small consulting business going which assists fire and police chiefs with communications system upgrades. **Perry Clark** writes from Portland, Maine where he serves on the board of the Friends School of Portland. He is also involved in Alzheimer's Research at Boston University. **Betsy**

**Malcolm Eklof** is in the Burlington, Vermont area close to her three children. She wants classmates to know about the challenges of her son Sven, who contracted Lyme disease three years ago and after visiting numerous specialists, was finally diagnosed – he will have two years of antibiotic therapy before he will have recovered, so watch out for those ticks! Betsy is still involved with her travel agency but spends most of her time enjoying her grandchildren. **Gail Spencer Chase** lives in upstate New York with her husband Larry and close to her two children and granddaughter. Perry and I are still working, but planning to be retired by the fall of 2014. We have five children in Phoenix so we have bought a home there to keep up with this big family. We plan to stay in Richmond, Virginia most of the time and hope to reconnect with classmates as we all have a little more spare time. Looking forward to hearing from many more classmates. Let me know if you would like to be more involved with reunion planning. I have already recruited Gail and Betsy! — **Sue Notides Melzig**

## 1965

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**Andrew Merton '62** shared the following information about a memorial tribute for his sister **Harriet Merton Webster**: Sunday,



A portrait of **Harriet Merton Webster** from the dedication.

May 20, on what would have been my sister's 65th birthday, a pier at Maritime Gloucester, MA, an interactive museum/aquarium on the waterfront, was dedicated in her name. Harriet was the museum's first director, from 2001 – last year, when she died

of complications from myelodysplastic syndrome. Here's a link to a collage of photos of the dedication: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/coastalliving/sets/72157629818804172/show/>. Last summer I dropped in on **Eric Koster**. My wife and I were in his area and called him from about a half a mile away to see if he was accepting guests. We had a great visit with him and Gloria, during which he told me of his adventures in Saigon as a long-haired freaky kid in the merchant marine. Come to the next reunion for details! With much



Sunflowers adorn the dedication of an interactive museum/aquarium at Maritime Gloucester, MA, which was dedicated in honor of its first director, **Harriet Merton Webster '65**.

better warning. **Jay Tucker** dropped by last year on his bicycle. He was riding with a tour of the Finger Lakes that camped nearby for the night. We hung out together for several enjoyable hours. **Jack Beuttell** is still in TX and still selling, although mostly retired. He and I exchanged several e-mails regarding a discovery that we are third cousins, and that in the 1800s our lines were friends and business associates. A short note from **Eddie Boyd** reveals that he has retired and moved to New Hampshire. Several times a year I talk with **Brandt Rising**, the best host a class reunion could ever hope to have... See everyone in 2015!

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Forty-five years ago Bobby Kennedy visited campus, and the class of 1967 graduated from Friends. Now it's time to celebrate that milestone with your 45th Class Reunion this fall during Fall Fair and Homecoming, October 20, 2012. If you are interested in joining the celebration, please call Kathy Fox

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Once again it's challenging creating some exciting news about our class but a little is better than a blank page. Keep in mind 2013 is the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion. So here goes for the friendly class of **1968**: **Mary Watkins** writes from Santa Barbara, where she is nine months a year and New York City in the fall: "I am co-chairing a doctoral program in Community Psychology, Liberation Psychology, and Ecopsychology at Pacifica Graduate Institute. I happily re-married four years ago to Ed Casey, a philosopher who teaches at SUNY. Thus I live the fall semester in NY and commute to Pacifica once a month to teach. My four daughters are now all in their twenties and out of school, pursuing their interests. I am deeply enjoying these young women in their twenties! I am busy writing and teaching in the field of liberation psychology, and am doing what I can to support the OCCUPY movement." It's fun to see **Anne Maher**, **Bob Piro**, **David Porter** and occasionally **Bob Rushmore** thanks to **Liz** on Facebook so next time send me some news that you want the rest to see...LOL. I had a wonderful visit with **Kathy Attridge Anas'** daughter Carrie last week in So. Calif. and she is an awesome young lady. Kathy, you did a fabulous job!! Still hear from **Greg Tarone** who's doing well in all his endeavors. As for me, nothing new since last issue. Joplin is rebuilding, had President Obama as the keynote speaker for the High School graduation and 1-year anniversary of the tornado in town May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The town has an amazing spirit. I am looking forward to my visit from my nephew Gardner and his wife Heather, **Todd Graham's '67** great son. Please help with exciting news for next time and have a wonderful summer and 2012.

– **Lesley**

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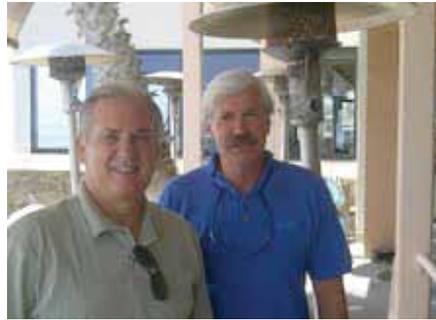
The Class of 1972 is holding its 40th Reunion Friday, August 17, 2012 – TBD (watch email/FB). Location: Glen Cove Mansion (fka. Harrison House, 200 Doloris Lane, Glen Cove). Saturday, August 18, 2012 - 4:00 pm. Location: Kane's Beach House, Valley Road, Glen Cove. Lodging: Special rates at Glen Cove Mansion, call 516.671.6400 and mention Friend's Reunion. www.glencovemansion. For more information, directions, etc. – Facebook – FA Class of '72 Reunion **Karen Spero Albers** – klalbers@charter.net *H:* 509.375.5356 *M:* 509.531.2956. Directions: Jim Kane – melissa1959@earthlink.net *M:* 207-329-1764.

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Planning has started for our 40th reunion. If you have not received an e-mail, please contact me at LWH5@comcast.net to be added to the list. **Jill Johnson** will be heading up the planning and will be contacting everyone as the plans unfold. **Bill Dudjoc** writes: "After 18 months of no job and running through COBRA, I start with Solar City on July 16th as a Field Energy Adviser. I will be on site at seven Home Depots in the greater Hartford area, scheduling site visits, training employees, and putting on



Brian Cressey '73 and George Brandon '73 catch up in CA.

seminars. Billy has been riding for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Tahoe ride was fantastic!!! 1,300 of us from around the country cycled 100 miles and raised over \$ 5 Million for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. My fundraising topped out at \$4,460. I am proud to say that FA folks accounted for almost 30% of that figure..... WAY TO GO FRIENDS ACADEMY !!!!! Cindy is still working as a legal assistant at a small law firm in Wallingford, CT and working out at the YMCA 5 days a week. I think we both figured out that with the tanking economy, unemployment, and savings getting eaten up, we'll never be able to retire so we might as well stay healthy. :-) Not a bad thing really." **David Rosenberg:** "My daughter Jennifer just defended her dissertation in equine reproduction to earn her Master's degree from Texas A&M. Additionally my son Daniel is graduating with a degree in psychology from Cal State, San Marcos and is planning on attending graduate school. I recently saw **Vince Mazzeo**, played tennis with **Brian Cressey** and **Cliff Gardner**. Also spoke to "OB," **Mike O'Brien**. Best of all is that I visited with Marty Jacobson! We played tennis and had dinner with Vince." **Jeff Hull:** "I just finished my 12th year teaching Sculpture, Ceramics, and Art 1 at Longview High School, in Longview, Texas, and making art when I can. Bonnie and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 9, 2012. Kids: Kim, 26, is an FBI Special Agent living in Macon, GA. Chris, 24, is a Coder/Programmer for an insurance company in Little Rock, AR by day and the lead vocalist in the band, "Every Knee Shall Bow" by night; their first album comes out July 2012. Brandi, 21, will be a senior at Ouachita Baptist University Fall 2013." **Jeff Leach:** "40 years went quick. I still run 10 miles per day because I forgot to accept that I was old." **Chris Rising Turner:** "My husband and I continue to live in Salisbury, VT growing a lot of our own food. We have found time to fit in some traveling. Last summer we camped with our neighbors

on the Madeline Islands (in the middle of the Bay of St. Lawrence) and Prince Edward Island. We will return to Cape Breton this summer. I just got back from a short trip to Denmark for the naming of a square in honor of my grandfather in the historic village of Dragør. My mother's father emigrated to the USA in 1917 but never forgot his home village. It has been rewarding sponsoring **Bill Dudjoc** for his big Tahoe ride for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as one of my first cousins is undergoing treatment for a form of leukemia. Thanks Bill for all the miles you ride to find a cure! Our granddaughter, Francesca, will be 2 1/2 this summer. She is a joy! If you have a youngster and want he/she to learn to ride a bike fast, try a strider bike or balance bike. It is a wonderful way to teach youngsters and to skip the whole training wheel thing." **Beth Rose:** "Ron and I are approaching a decade of living on Stewart Island, which is off the southern tip of New Zealand's South Island. It is a really beautiful place – an island about the size of Singapore that is mostly national park and has a population of fewer than 400 people. This is most definitely a far cry from life on Long Island. My job is as Professor of International Business at Aalto University in Helsinki, Finland, which must put me in the running for the rather unenviable title of "world's longest commute!" **Brian Cressey:** "My family had lunch with **George Brandon** and his family recently in Encinitas, CA where they were vacationing. His son, Ian, just graduated from my alma mater, Bowdoin. It was fun to share college war stories. Ian also got to know my parents who retired to Brunswick, ME just shortly before he enrolled."

## 1974

Many thanks to **Evette Beckett-Tuggle** who is stepping down from her role as class rep. If anyone from the Class of 1974 is interested in taking over the reins, please contact us at alumni@fa.org. We would love to hear from you!

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On October 20th the Class of 1977 will celebrate its 35th Reunion. Costumes are optional.

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Save the date! October 20<sup>th</sup> is Fall Fair and Homecoming and the Class of 1977's 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Is anyone interested in spearheading a reunion celebration? If so, please call Kathy Fox in the Alumni Office at 516-465-1796.

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In May, **Caroline Simko**, John and **Kate Seligson Friedman '82** and I met up at the NYC home of Kurt and **Ellen Goodwin Pohmer**. The purpose was to enlighten our awareness of India's Caste system, its inequities and cycle of oppression to the lower Caste communities. Kurt and Ellen have been very active in fundraising for this cause and their energy and efforts are making a difference. If anyone is interested in learning more on how to get involved – please reach out. It was nice to see Ellen's parents and **Susan Haack Lenoir's** mother too.  
– **Betsy**

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We neglected to update everyone in the last notes that **Jill Capobianco** is living in London. Enjoying participating in our class of '82 Facebook group, she writes, "I have put so much in deep storage that it's been a long time since seeing any of these faces – amazing how clearly it all comes back though. Really fun and sweet seeing all these photos – especially some from Middle School. Thank you everyone who has dug up all these memories." We were glad to see on our FB group that **Chip Garner** and Jill had tea together – and posted a fabulous pic (you both look amazing!) **Sharon Bradford Franklin** writes: "My daughter is about to graduate from high school (can't believe that's possible, or that it's been 30 years for us for that matter)." For your class reps, **Michael Poloukhine** and **Leslie Oren**, we've been back and forth from LA to NY and CT a few times this year. Leslie got together with both **Susan Pierez** and **Robbin Mitchell** (too briefly with each!). We were also in CT in June for the high school graduation of Michael's son, Nick (Sharon, we share your incredulity). Happy to report we saw **Ed Balazs**, and his wife Iria, and **John Corcoran** and his wife Carrie, and all are doing well. Speaking of 30 years, our 30<sup>th</sup> reunion is upon us. **Heather Johnston** and **Susan Peirez** have volunteered to spearhead the event, which will take place the evening of the 2012 Fall Fair, Saturday, October 20. Heather asks that anyone who thinks that he or she MIGHT attend (this is not an RSVP, just wanting to gauge interest) let her know. Please email Heather at [heather@olympiapictures.com](mailto:heather@olympiapictures.com). We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

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## 2012 NYC ALUMNI REUNION

HELD MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012 AT THE PRINCETON/COLUMBIA CLUB IN NYC



DANIEL COODRICH FOR FRIENDS ACADEMY

Alumni, their spouses, current and former faculty mingle at the 2012 New York City Alumni Reunion on Monday, June 4, 2012.

Retiring Lower School art teacher **Margaret Lindner** is honored for her 28 years of teaching at Friends.



Above, Peter Stein '79, Kristin Valt '85 and Paul Rosta '77.



Above, Haley Moss '03, Tara Hanna '03, Farah Visslaili '03, Liz Stork '03 and Glenn Grindlinger '92.



Geoff Bernard '00, Ariel Fish '00, Laura Belt '00 and Hadley Mongell '01.



Evan Cagner '91, Colleen Doyle Moran '91 and Nicole Del Gadio Maseli '91.



Angad Bindra '11, Salar Khan '11 and Raj Sharma '11.



Ken Mills '78, Ellen Auwarter '80 and Frank Orzechowski '78.



Upper School Spanish teachers Edgar Posada and Sara Pozzi with Kevin Zusy '07.



Patti Mitchell Posillico '86 and Katharine Posillico McGowan '86.



Julie Stevenson-Meyer '79, Nanette Stevenson '71, Ann-Louise Beltrami '79, and Karen Capobianco '79



Roger Richardson, Pat Parmelee, Cindy Boults, Margaret Lindner, Ellie McGlinchey and Lynn DeNatale.



Julie Zisfein '06, Danielle Farrell '06, Emily Brown '06, Alexandra DeFrancesch '09 and Kaitlin Wagner '06.



Chi Chi Anyoku '10 and Cirsten Burton '10.

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The Class of 1985 has a new Facebook page just for our class (FA Eighty-Five). If you haven't 'friended' it yet, please do so. It was great catching up recently with **Stephanie Gitlin!** She is living in Long Island City and has an adorable daughter, Sophia. Stephanie is working in her family's business, Milgo Industrial, with her father and brother Stewart. **Robert Lawrence** was in touch from Tokyo to say that he will be retiring from JP Morgan and will be moving his family back to the US to Charleston, SC. Additionally, his son Eric has been accepted at Andover and will start in September.

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Has it really been 25 years? Yup! Mark your calendars for October 20th and join your classmates in celebration of your 25th reunion!

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The class of 1992 from their senior yearbook.

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Greetings Classmates! The class of 1989 is happy to learn that **Regan Otto Schroeder** and her family have moved back to the United States from London. Regan, her husband Christophe and their three boys will spend the summer at their home in Quogue and then will be in the city starting in the fall. Welcome home, Regan! On another note, many of you remember our fantastic biology teacher, Dr. Stephen Bazil...I received a great letter from Dr. Bazil a few weeks ago. It looks like the Class of 1989 was the class that "broke the camel's back," as Dr. Bazil decided to retire with our class to move to the Berkshires. After two winters there without snow, Dr. Bazil and his wife decided to divide their time between western Massachusetts, Florida and NYC. Unfortunately, Dr. Bazil's wife of 48 years passed away three years ago, which has kept him in the city for the majority of his time with his children and 10 grandchildren! It was so great to hear from Dr. Bazil and learn that he is in midtown when he's not traveling or grandfathering. Have a great summer everyone and I look forward to writing a longer update in the fall! All the best, **JoAn**

## 1990

If anyone from the Class of 1990 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org). We would love to hear from you!

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Plans are well underway for the Class of 1992's 30th Reunion. The weekend festivities are not to be missed, so make sure your calendar is cleared for Oct 19-21, 2012.

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It's hard to believe that our 20-year reunion is right around the corner... I'm not sure about anyone else, but it doesn't feel like it's been that long since I was an FA student. Then again, maybe it's because I was on campus nearly every day often seeing other alums. Here are some relatively recent updates I received from our class: **Jennifer Berliner** writes: "We welcomed our second child on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Madison Rain. My older son Scott is 20 months old. Life is good and I'm looking forward to having the summer off to spend time with my kids." **Josh Sussman** has recently moved from New York to Los Angeles with his girlfriend. Josh has accepted a new job in Los Angeles as the SVP, General Counsel of Electus, LLC. Electus is a next generation studio that enables premium content creators to engage with advertising and technology partners at the inception of the creative process and partner on the finished product across a global and multi-platform distribution model. The move was one of mixed emotions for Josh. On the one hand, he's very excited about his new adventure in LA. On the other hand, Josh was very sad to leave his friends and family in NY (particularly his FA alum friends who reside in NY) and promises to stay in touch. We'll miss you too Josh... **Jon Fox** writes, "My kids are 3 years and 5 months. I am now working at a startup incubator called IdeaLab where I am designing next gen social networks and crowd-sourced philanthropy websites. All in all, things are well. May have a bigger update next time. We shall see..." **Todd Jacobson** recently got engaged and we couldn't be happier for him and his fiancée. **Amanda and Jesse Laserson, Jesse Shafer, Aditya Mattoo, Adam Good** and I celebrated their engagement in Manhattan. Todd is busy with the Olympics, but he is still finding time to get ready for the wedding at the end of September. Before his engagement he wrote, "I am still really enjoying my work at the NBA. I am now the Senior Vice President of Community Relations overseeing all of the league's global community and public affairs initiatives. Recently, during NBA All Star 2012, we executed more than 25 community programs, including our NBA Cares All-Star Day of Service where more than 1,500 volunteers, including the East and



Members of the Class of 1993 get together at the Good's house in May. Pictured are Jesse Laserson, Jesse Shafer, Amanda Valente Anzalone, Joshua Sussman, Amanda Levy Laserson, Todd Jacobson, Angeliqua Mitra, Natalia Porcelli Good, Adam Good, Danielle Valenti and Jillian Stile.

West all-star teams, volunteered throughout Central Florida renovating homes, building a playground and refurbishing transitional housing as well as serving food to residents at the Coalition for the Homeless." **Amanda Levy Laserson** recently began working at Eastwoods as the Director of Admissions, Marketing and Communications. Amanda and Jesse's son Sam will be in first grade at Eastwoods beginning in September and their daughter Sophie will join him in the third grade. I recently ran into **Wendy Commins** at, of all places, my brother's apartment! She was there for a jewelry trunk show that my sister-in-law was hosting. Wendy is doing very well – she lives in the West Village, is working for an investment firm and has two beautiful daughters. I also recently caught up with **Jillian Stile**. She is also living in the West Village and is working on defending her dissertation to complete her psychology doctorate. **Will Satchell** gave me his update via our class Facebook group saying, "I celebrated my marriage of seven years on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. I've been working for Catholic Health Services of Long Island (CHSLI) for 10 years now. I'm also enjoying ministering to people through dance/mime. The name of my group is "Inspiration Dance Ministries." We are on facebook under my name. You can look us up and like our page if you so desire. Have a blessed day everyone!" **Rob Friedrich** writes, "I am married with two children (Charlie, 5 and Cole, 3) and living in Annapolis, MD. I have been a rowing coach ever since I graduated from Rutgers and I was just promoted to the Director of Rowing at the U.S. Naval Academy. After learning to row at Friends, I kept it up in college, rowed on the national team and now have been coaching for 15 years. Hope all is well." **Bill Verrichio** writes, "All is well out here in NJ. My wife Karen

and I are still living in Lincroft, NJ, with our 3 children: Luke (age 6), Olivia (age 5), and Avery (age 2). I'm coming up on my fifteenth year working for Stryker Corporation."

**Danielle Valenti Smith** writes that she is "loving her new neighborhood on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. I continue to substitute and do kindergarten admission testing for St. Ignatius Loyola, where I used to teach full time. I have three children Siena (6), Luca (4) and Marco (2). I keep in close contact with **Sandy Lyon Mare**, who is currently living in Charlotte with her husband Lindo and four children, Hayden (9), Kayla (7), Landon (5), and Rylan (2). Congratulations to **Serenity Hanley** who writes in with exciting news: "I've been selected by NASA to participate in the NASASocial with SpaceX for the first commercial launch to the International Space Station in history. I'm extremely excited and honored to be a part of this historic event!" Thank you to everyone who keeps in touch and as always, we'd love to hear from more of you.

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**Sameer Sayeed** writes that his son and heir, Oscar Daniel Sayeed, is now 16 months old. Poppa Sameer and mother Caroline are happy to report that Oscar is very active and very fresh, but a lot of fun. Some pictures of the handsome fellow and happy brood are included. Sam and Caroline are also very



The Sayeed Family: Caroline, Oscar and Sameer '96

pleased to announce that Oscar will soon become a big brother! Caroline and Sameer are expecting the arrival of twin boys around November. Sameer recently accepted a position as a cardiologist at Columbia University Medical Center in Manhattan and Caroline is a radiologist at NYU Medical Center. They live on the Upper East Side.



Twice the fun! Nicole Nadel's '96 twins Sebastian and Tristan.

The class offers you both hearty congratulations on your beautiful and growing family and what are sure to be extremely fun and joyous time ahead. **Nicole Nadel** is working at Winthrop University hospital in wound healing and Hyperbaric Medicine and loving motherhood. Photos of her beautiful twin boys, Sebastian and Tristan, are included. We hope that the class is getting ready for some much deserved rest and relaxation this summer and we look forward to hearing more from you all in the coming months.

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Plans for the Class of 1997's 15th Reunion are underway, so save the date: October 20, 2012...and plan on joining in the fun!

# author's corner

Take a look at some of the most recent books and writings by Friends Academy alumni:

### LUCAS FOGLIA '01: *A Natural Order*.

Five years in the making, *A Natural Order* is an 80-page, large-format monograph about Americans who left cities and suburbs to live off the grid in the rural Southeast. An instructional zine, wildlifoodin, is included with the book. "Foglia's photographs, at once iconic



and intimate, provoke us to take a candid look at individuals whose chosen lifestyles seem both exotic and unnervingly close to home...

Part journal, part survival manual, it reads like a poet's version of the *Whole Earth Catalog*, the bible for 1970s back-to-the-landers." – Nazraeli Press.

### Check out Lucas' work at one of these upcoming events and exhibitions:

*Pier 24: Work from A Natural Order* is included in the current exhibition, (*About Face, at Pier 24 in San Francisco*). *Les Recontres d'Arles 2012: A solo exhibition of photographs from A Natural Order* will be on view (*At Les Recontres d'Arles 2012 in Arles, France from July 2 through September 23*). *Book Signing: Carte Blanche Bookstore (San Francisco - July 26)*. *Unseen Photo Fair: The Michael Hoppen Gallery will exhibit photographs from A Natural Order at the Unseen Photo Fair, (Amsterdam, the Netherlands from September 19 through September 23)*. *John Michael Kohler Arts Center: Work from A Natural Order will be included in The Kids are All Right, an exhibition about family and photography at*

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the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (*Sheboygan, Wisconsin from September 2012 through January 2013*). *RISD Museum: Work from Lucas' ongoing series, Frontcountry, will be included in America in View: Landscape Photography 1865 to Now at the RISD Museum (Providence, Rhode Island from September 22 through January 13)*.

### ALICE INGRAHAM DAVIES '61: *Allart van Everdingen (1621-1675): First Painter of Scandinavian Landscape*

A catalogue raisonne written by Alice Ingraham Davies in collaboration with Frederic J. Duparc. "This study of Allart van Everdingen (1621-1675) draws particular attention to his significant contribution to the history of art as the earliest painter of the landscape of Scandinavia... Complete bibliographies and indexes also make this a definitive reference book." – amazon.co.uk



### LISA ELMALEH CRAIG '68:

#### *Grandma Elmaleh's Moroccan Cookbook*

Inside this book you will discover memoirs and recipes from Mme Sarah Elmaleh, Lisa Elmaleh Craig's maternal grandmother, whose feasts were described by Craig Claiborne, food writer for *The New York Times* as "Moroccan cooking that a sultan would envy."



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*If you've written or published a book, please consider donating a copy to the Friends Academy Kumar Wang Library. Contact Library director Judy James at 516-393-4279 or judith\_james@fa.org.*

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# alumni in sports

**PETER SCIALABBA '11**, who just finished his freshman year at Bucknell, earned a runner-up finish at his first Patriot League Championship. Peter was named Patriot League Rookie of the Year after posting a 217 total over 54 holes.



Kudos to **KIRA GARRY '11**, rising sophomore at Yale University for breaking Yale's school record in the steeplechase with a time of 10:22.81 at the New Balance Boston Twilight Meet. Her time was nearly five seconds better than the previous school record set in 2010.



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Hi everyone! First of all, I wanted to send along congratulations to our classmates **Courtney Taylor** and **Sally Touma** for helping to organize a terrific NYC FA reunion in June at the Princeton Club. It was great to see all of our classmates that came out, and hope to see even more of you at the next one! **Diane Loviglio** is still living in San Francisco, and married Gillman Tolle last September in a beautiful ceremony. All the best Diane! Our fellow classmate **Christopher Dutcher** also got in touch with me to spread the word about the terrific charity work he has been doing for MPS disorder. This summer he will be documenting a road trip across the country where he will be staying with other families affected by his disease. Congratulations Chris, we are so proud of you, and the URL to his charity is CTMAD.ORG to read more about it. Have a great summer! xoxo **Hadley**

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On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Class of 2002 will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Please mark your calendars and plan on sharing this milestone with your friends from Friends!

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Members of the Class of 2005 at Lindsay Lostritto's bridal shower.

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**Brian Witthuhn** recently completed his first year at Columbia Law School and will be working for an affordable housing developer, Broadway Housing Communities, over

## CLASS OF 2007 5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012 AT THE JACKSON HOUSE

KK Durante, Maron Alemu  
and Deepa George.



Art teacher **John Regan** and  
Head of School **Bill Morris** with **Katie  
Koufakis** and **Emily Treiber**.



Twenty-five classmates reunited from 2007 for their Five-Year Reunion.

KATHY FOX PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY



Alumni and faculty gathered to catch up at the  
Jackson House.

Who's stylin'?  
John Regan or Katie Koufakis?



Spanish  
teacher  
**Edgar Posada**  
with **Karina  
Kononenko**,  
**Fressia  
Barbagelata**  
and **Simran  
Chabra**.



**Emily Treiber**, **Alexandra Hochberg**, **Kaitlyn Moore**,  
**Katie Koufakis**, **Loren Lostritto**, **Katie Dissinger** and  
**Chrissy Farrell**.

his first summer. **Jenna McCann** is living in Manhattan and working at J.P. Morgan's Private Bank as analyst. She recently joined the Friends Academy Alumni Association Board and is excited about finding new ways for the younger alumni to stay involved at Friends! **Ethan Lazar** continues his work in international film finance and distribution in Los Angeles. He recently traveled to the Cannes Film Festival, where his team sold a slate of feature films to international distributors. After graduating from Princeton, **Kristin Morrison** spent two years working at Goldman Sachs' Boston office on the U.S. Equity Sales desk. While her time in Red Sox nation was enjoyable, home is where her heart is. She recently relocated to NY and has joined the start-up world, working for Bonobos, the men's retail company, on the performance marketing team with a focus on acquiring new customers. **Vishal Mahadkar** finished his second year at Fordham University School of Law, where he is Online Managing Editor of the *Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law* (<http://fordhamcorporateteacher.org/about/>). Vishal is splitting his time this summer between the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, where he serves as a Judicial Intern to the Honorable Allan L. Gropper, and the Legal and Compliance Division at Morgan Stanley, where he has worked since May 2011.

– Brian

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On a beautiful June night, 25 members from the class of 2007, joined by Upper School faculty and administration, gathered at the Marion Jackson House to celebrate their Five-Year Reunion. If you missed the event, stop by FA, and pick up your alumni tee!



2011 classmates reunite at the New York City Reunion on Monday, June 4, 2012.

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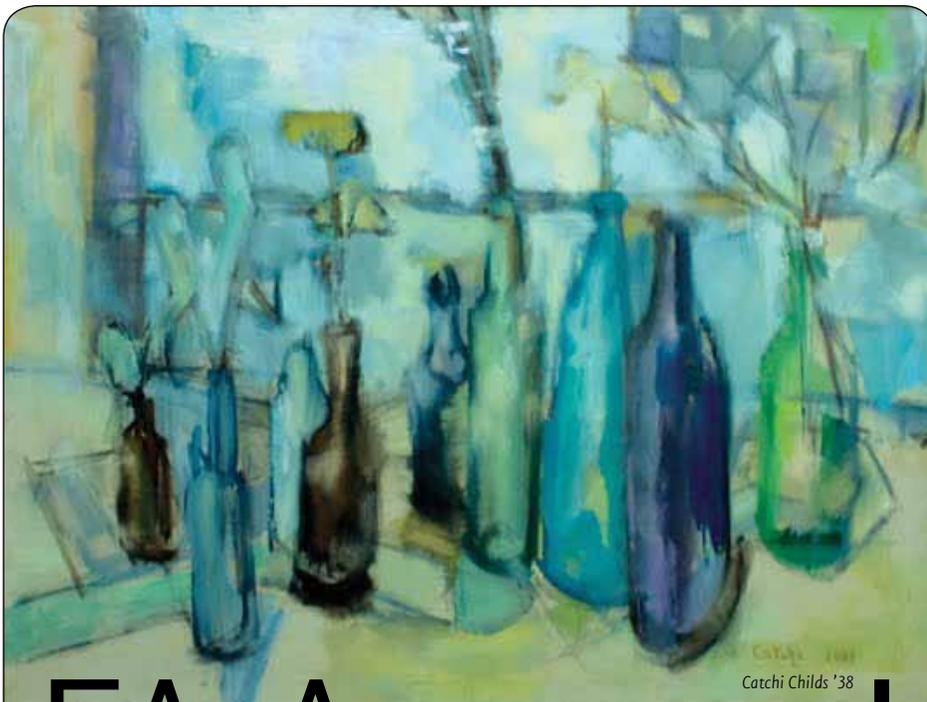
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**TO THE CLASS OF 2012:** Welcome to the Alumni Association! We wish you peace, health, and happiness as you enter the next exciting chapter of your lives. Have fun at college, follow your dreams, and visit your old home at FA often! We can't wait to hear your news! Speaking of news, congratulations to **Nina Vascotto**, who will be representing the United States in Plodiv, Bulgaria at the 2012 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships Aug. 14-19. Nina will be rowing a single scull for the Junior National team.



Catchi Childs '38

# FA ARTISTS!

are you a...

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visual artist?

writer?

arts educator?



Melissa Errico '88

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**1** Alumni musicians to perform during the 2012 Fall Fair on Oct. 20.

**2** Profiles for an upcoming special Arts Meeting House issue.

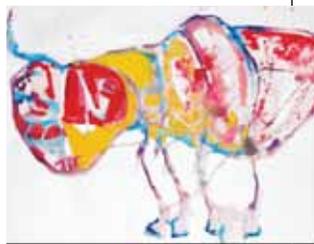
**3** Perform at our 50th Fall Fair in 2013!



Victoria Moran Calunéo '83



Lucas Foglia '01



Liz Dillof Dreizen '78

## WE REMEMBER...

Patricia Rauch McIrvin '57

John W. Gates III '59

Harriet Merton Webster '65

Patricia Rauch  
McIrvin '57Harriet Merton  
Webster '65

### John W. Gates III '59: Honored Vietnam veteran

John W. Gates III died May 5, 2012 at the St. Johnland Nursing Center, Northport, New York, and was a member of the '59 "Master Class."

John graduated from Princeton University and majored in English with a thesis on John Dos Passos.

After serving in combat in Vietnam with the Army's 1st Infantry Division, he worked for a bank and for an airline and then had a long career as a casualty reinsurance underwriter in Manhattan.

John W. Gates  
III '59

John was married to Aggie Kimmel (her father was Admiral Kimmel, Commander of the Navy Fleet in Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack Dec. 7, 1941). His marriage ended in divorce many years ago. John's grandfather was Norman Thomas, who ran for the Presidency on the Socialist ticket in the late 30s. The class extends sympathies to his mother Frances T. Gates, his sister Nancy Gates Gerber (FA '54), and his brother Norman.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in honor of John to Friends Academy, or to the Little Animal Shelter, 33 Warner Road, Huntington, N.Y. 11743.

A special note about John: John's combat experience included being sprayed by Agent Orange, which resulted in many years in and out of Veterans Hospitals. He accepted all of this, and to this day, I must say he was, and will always be, my hero.

— David Seeler '59

### Obituary notices

Please send announcements and memories to Kathy Fox at [kathy\\_fox@fa.org](mailto:kathy_fox@fa.org) or call (516) 465-1765. Feel free to include a photo with your message.



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Come and cheer on your favorite FA team! Plan ahead now for the 2012 Homecoming Weekend October 19-21. Bring your family and reconnect with friends!

### HOMECOMING WEEKEND AND FALL FAIR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19  
TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012

#### 50TH REUNION LUNCHEON FOR THE CLASS OF 1962

Friday, October 19 at noon

#### FALL FAIR AND HOMECOMING

Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Homecoming Reception for all alumni at the Jackson House on campus

7 p.m. on – Class dinners off-campus

#### MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN MATINECOCK MEETING HOUSE

Sunday, October 21 at 10 a.m.



### ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2012

MORE INFORMATION IS ON THE ALUMNI PAGES  
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### SEPTEMBER 4

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

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### SEPTEMBER 24

PARENTING WORKSHOP WITH FA QUAKER-IN-RESIDENCE - 8:30 AM (JACKSON HOUSE)

### OCTOBER 11

HONORS CONCERT - 7 PM (THEATER)

### OCTOBER 19

FA FAMILY NIGHT - 5 TO 7 PM

### OCTOBER 20

FALL FAIR & HOMECOMING - 10 AM TO 4 PM



Morgan Wilkins, 7th, positions her clay figurine in the Clay-Nation workshop during Middle School Arts Week. Students collaboratively built scenes and characters and then took series of photos to create 20 to 30-second stop-motion films.

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