

Innisfree

VILLAGE VOICE
ANNUAL APPEAL 2010

Yesterday and Today



*Innisfree's
First
Director,
Heinz with
Kenny*



*Annette weaving in
the cabin in the early
70's and in 2010
opening her birthday
pajamas*



*Today's weavers gather for a
commemorative portrait.*



followed by Jill, Annette, Philip, Linda, Julie and Jim began the fledgling endeavor of lifesharing.

What fun to look back at those early years filled with youthful hopefulness, dated hairstyles and very basic accommodations. What was lacking in

facilities was made up for by the enthusiasm of a new venture. Our first weavers set up in the settler's cabin about three quarters of a mile up a farm lane by the pond. Today they enjoy a sunlit studio with sturdy, yet graceful wooden looms and shelves of vibrant colored yarns.



*Julie still committed to
weaving reversible placemats*



*Philip, our longest residing
community member at his loom*

40 years ago at Innisfree

In the early seventies, our woodshop was the first new work area constructed, built simultaneously with the first new residence named Meadow. Voilà, the Village was becoming a reality! Bakers first mixed whole wheat dough by hand in the guest cottage kitchen (known as Echo), followed by a move to the basement of Walnut Level farm house until the new bakery was completed. Our village was growing. By 1974 four new residences had been built and the village had expanded to include more than 25 coworkers.



Early bakers in Walnut Level and today's crew making loaves for the village



Early Dogwood and Sunflower; Newly renovated duplex in the summer of 2010



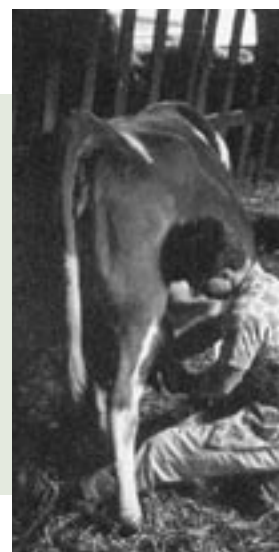
Workshop on keylining technique in the Innisfree pasture



Children explore playdough in the Studio, space created by the Sunflower addition



Milking in the early years; Stephen bottle feeds the calf, Fall 2010



*Our first farm manager, Joe Coleman
caring for Walnut Level Farm and
Innisfree for 57 years*



Many faces have come and gone in the past four decades—four Directors, over 300 Volunteers representing 40 countries and a total of 85 coworkers! Now, too we have more young children in our Volunteers' families. But to Joe Coleman, farm manager extraordinaire from 1971 to 2007, we were all hippies. While haying and beef cattle are still a significant part of our farming today as they were in the first years of the village, the work of the farm has expanded and shifted. Our farm now includes a mobile chicken operation, more small animals that coworkers help to feed, and a pasture restoration project using an innovative keylining technique. The project investigates the use of a special tillage practice to evaluate its effect on increasing soil organic carbon stocks. Innisfree farmers, Peter and Debra Traverse conceived of and oversee the project. While the practice has production benefits through water management, there is reason to believe that this technique will also result in greater soil carbon sequestration.



*Directors
Phyllis,
Carolyn
and Lee*



*Early woodshop
making toy trucks;
Today's woodshop
encourages all hands
to contribute.*



**Come to the
INNISFREE VILLAGE HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**

**December 11, 2010
10 AM - 5PM**





Young Linda watering plants in the greenhouse; Linda celebrates her 28th birthday again in 2010

CSA potato digging



and Tomorrow

Construction for a proper support building for our vegetable gardeners and CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is now underway. As we looked to our needs for tomorrow, we realized we needed an indoor winter work space, convenient bathrooms, modernized greenhouse, and food processing area to meet the garden's demands in the next decade.



A special garden project is underway to enhance the greenhouse and potting shed, first built in the early 70's.

Other expectations for our village future include the maintenance and remodeling of our existing infrastructure. UVA Volunteers helped us in September stain our farm tool and machine shed. Managing the upkeep of our expanded village, both buildings and grounds has become the focus of our Maintenance Superintendent, Tom Clay and his able crew.

Maintaining the older infrastructure, building for our expanding needs, and planning for the people of our Village in the coming decades... Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow... This is the challenge and delight of our four decades of Lifesharing.

Not all early black and white images have known photographers. We are grateful for those treasured photos archiving the beginning years of our village. Modern photos were taken by: Debra Traverse; Carolyn Ohle; Ruth Haske; Allan Green



Jim still enjoys playing piano, performing this year with Hye Jin for Carol and Tom's wedding

UVA Day of Caring volunteers

