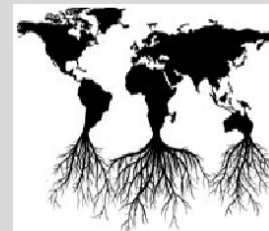




The camp with a song in it's heart

# The Bubbler



November 2020



**November:  
Stick season and  
the season of  
gratitude!**



**Inside our  
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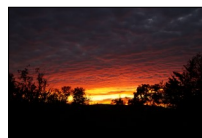


## Lines from Lorrie-November Days

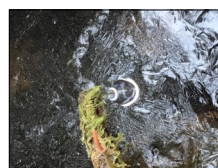
There's something about November days here at camp. It's an air quality thing, I think. Merisa Sherman is a writer for the *Mountain Times*, a weekly newspaper covering events in the Killington/Pico/Rutland area. Here's how she described the November sunsets that we have celebrated from Bird Mountain's front yard:

*As the days get shorter, the sky starts doing something crazy that just absolutely blows my mind. How can the sun set all year long, but only have these crisp, vibrant sunsets with such deep colors as we approach the Winter Solstice? As the sun dips behind the leafless trees, the colors slowly begin to creep from blue to the orange of a creepy Halloween eve to the fiery reds of winter to finally, the deep purple just before the stars begin to pop out of the darkness. We couldn't move. We just sat, stunned into silence, as the colors danced across the sky. For a few minutes, all the anxiety of the world was no longer important. ....It was as if the sky surrounded us. You could feel the rounding of the earth and the sky embracing us like a blanket. We were warm, relaxed and comforted in our knowledge that we are just small beings on a great planet.*

<https://mountaintimes.info>



I am always grateful for Mother Nature's reminders of the beauty that lies within our reach in the out-of-doors. The sunset that Merisa Sherman wrote about comforted me that same evening. As I walk around camp each morning and afternoon, there's more to notice--the patterns of crystal frost on the leaves, the deer beds behind Camel's Hump and across from the Library. The Labyrinth sparkling in the sunlight. The pond is not yet frozen, but the ice is building around the



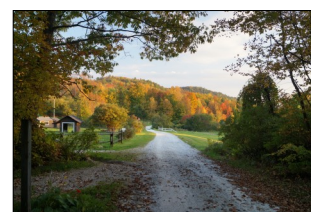
edges in designs better than any I could draw. And yes...the famous chipmunk, recorded for you to see on the BC Instagram page, is almost always perched on the rock near the riding ring to greet me as I pass.



As winter brings us indoors for more hours, I look forward to being reminded daily of the delights awaiting as I open the door to the chilly air and...the sensibilities of the natural

world. I hope you can get out to discover them wherever in the world you might be, and...take some time to bring up some camp memories of your favorite places, discovered right here at

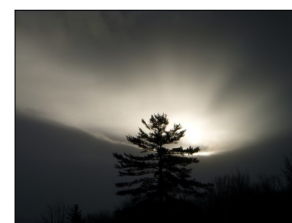
140 Betsey Cox Lane.



*The BC lane in October  
Colorful!*



*Just a dusting...  
care for a seat?*



*November sky*



# News from near and Far...



**Marcy Covey** did it! She swam in November. Yes...briefly, but it did happen!

**Ed Safford** and **Yvonne Brunot** have planted garlic at Right Mind Farm. Did you know that garlic goes in the ground at the edge of winter, only to burst forth when spring arrives. It's a very interesting plant!



Fireplaces have been rebuilt in Pico, Killington, Deers' Leap and Shrewsbury! The Sugarbush fireplace will be rebuilt by the time camp opens in June. It's been exciting to see the work go on!

**Lorrie** paid a visit to **Black** and **Twister** who are wintering over with Chris Giddings and Fred Helmuth here in Pittsford. **Sarah Hardy** had been by as well. Both are doing quite well and happy.

**Lorrie** saw **Matilda L.** at a soccer game at her school. It's such a good thing to have Vermont campers around!

**Aine Powers'** grandpa **David Hazen**, a resident on Sangamon Road and long-time BC chef, reports that **Aine** loves Middlebury College and is doing very well!

**Elizabeth Farnham** and **Rose McKay** worked out a safe visit to camp. The news? **Rose** is working at a child-care center in Burlington. **Elizabeth** and **Carla Musto** are about to head out to Vail, Colorado for a winter of work and fun on the slopes! **Elizabeth** will be working away in the ski-rental department while **Carla** will be assigned to work the lifts. Fun! **Jane Krausman** is riding out to Colorado with **Elizabeth** and **Carla**, but will return to school for the spring semester.

**Kim Vidars** seems to be out and about in....Egypt! WOW! Nothing stops this BC girl! Hopefully we will see her this summer to hear about this adventure.

**Sam Herren** joined **Lorrie** and **Devri** in an effort to figure out how to get some BC merch out to all of us this winter! There are requests! We think we have a plan almost ready to unveil. Stand by for more news!

**Rachel Thornton** is in Shanghai, China teaching at an international school this year. A bit different from Mexico where she spent the last two years. But the pictures are great so far!

**Buddy** and **Cassie Habeck** showed up in a

dream of **Lorrie's** about...wait for it... the BC Salad Bar! **Promptrey** must have been in it too! When great minds like that meet in a dream something amazing must be happening with the Salad Bar! Hmmm.



This bucket of brussel sprout stalks on Elaine's porch is a picture from a few seasons ago. How many of you will eat brussel sprouts this Thanksgiving! **Sandi Pilt** knows some tricks to growing great brussels! **Lizzy** and **Nora Woolf** are also very fond of these cool

looking plants! **Lizzy** has been spotted sorting wool from her sheep recently. Perhaps enough for a winter's worth of knitting?

**Nicole Jenkins** was in touch from the UK. She is well and working in early childhood education there. Sometimes in person and sometimes remotely. A challenge for sure.

**Lucy Tattersfeld**, riding staff from a few years back was also in touch for a work reference. She sends out hellos.

**Vivi F.** was in touch with hellos too! She misses Camp!

## What I miss about Camp

Something about camp that I miss is everyone always laughing and having fun. Camp is such a good place to experience new things and I'm so grateful that it's a part of my life!  
-Makenna

This sounds silly- but I miss the sound of the wakeup bell! I'd rather wake up for the waitress bell than for school any day! I honestly miss everything about camp. Even my favorite shower! I miss the smells and the songs. And the excitement of getting ready for a social! -Maeve

Campers! Muggies! Staf! Staff!

Please share your news with us! Send any bits of news to [info@campbetseycox.com](mailto:info@campbetseycox.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

## Camp Betsey Cox Summer 2021 Camper Registration as of November 24, 2020

Rachel Tabb New York  
Bea Spondike, Rhode Island  
Ginger Knabe, Massachusetts  
Eliza Feltz, Massachusetts  
Josie Happel, Massachusetts  
Iris Ibara, Rhode Island  
Lexa Hernandez, Texas  
Goldie Philipp, New York

**And more applications arrive  
each day! Make sure yours is in  
the mail by December 31 for the  
early enrollment discount!**

**Penciled in for 2021**

**Updated Applications on the way...  
(if you don't see your name, be in touch)**

Lorelei Bastress, Vermont  
Kira Bergeron, Vermont  
Sarah Bevere, Vermont  
Priya Byrom, Vermont  
Ursula Brueggeman, Maryland

Adele Dalsimer, New York  
Lily Ehlinger, Massachusetts  
Vivi Freccari, California  
Isabel Herrero, Massachusetts  
Sophie Hickman, New Jersey  
Makenna Houston, Vermont  
Olivia Ojukwu, Massachusetts  
Portia Chenevert, Massachusetts  
Tessa Stoelk, Massachusetts  
Leah Desforges, North Carolina  
Augustine Fell, New York  
Taylor Pyle, Maryland  
Alexa Gillespie, Maryland  
Farah Girard, Ohio  
Audra Harrison, Georgia  
Sloan Harrison, Georgia  
Tanager Hayes, New Hampshire  
Abby Koenig, Texas  
Rosie Kopelman, New York  
Maddy Roskelley, Massachusetts  
Grace Marble, Massachusetts

Lily Martinelli, Maine  
Daisy Munoz, New York  
Meredith Horne, Vermont  
Yvie Schermerhorn, Massachusetts  
Ida Marcus, Rhode Island  
Eilie Orne, Massachusetts  
Josie Serrano, New Jersey  
Iyla Spensley, Vermont  
Julia Strong, Massachusetts  
Clara Strong, Massachusetts  
Greta Suter, Vermont  
Addie Talbott, Connecticut  
Nihara Thomas, Massachusetts  
Rayna Thomas, Massachusetts  
Luna Weiss, Massachusetts  
Willow Weiss, Massachusetts  
Eliza Weiss, Washington DC  
Mya Van Buskirk, Florida  
Ada Van Dyke, Massachusetts  
Hettie Van Dyke, Massachusetts  
Astrid Van Duke, Massachusetts

### “stick season”

“Not yesterday I learned to know  
The love of bare November days  
Before the coming of the snow.”  
-Robert Frost, November Guest



"She calls it "stick season," this  
slow disrobing of summer,  
leaf by leaf, till the bores of tall  
trees rattle and scrape in the  
wind."- Eric Pinder



### The Vermont Campership Fund Camperships for Vermont Camps

*The Vermont Campership Fund was formerly known as the General Breed Fund. The fund was established in 1970 in honor of Stephen "The General" A. Breed. "The General" was a professor at M.I.T., a director at Vermont's Camp Keewaydin, and an advocate for summer camps. His passion was helping youth—no matter their financial background—attend summer camp. In 2018 we adopted a new name, the Vermont Campership Fund, to better communicate Mr. Breed's vision.*

*The Vermont Campership Fund provides “camperships” – our term for summer camp scholarships granted to qualifying children. Funding is sometimes provided for specific projects which benefit these children and enhance the overall camp experience. Our member camps currently include Camp Sangamon, Camp Betsey Cox, Lotus Lake Day Camp, and Point CounterPoint.*

**Donations to the fund are 100% tax deductible as the VT Campership fund is a 501-C3, non-profit organization.**

In 2019, 73 campers received a tuition discount with help from the Vermont Campership Fund. We know that many letters arrive in your mail boxes this time of year from various organizations all inviting you to offer a gift of a donation. We hope that you will consider the Vermont Campership Fund in the mix as well. Since you all come to camp you know how special it is. You also know that it can take the support of many to keep our program as diverse and inclusive as our mission asks of us. We hope you are able to contribute in any amount this year!

**December 2 is #Giving Tuesday  
That would be a good day to give!**

You can contact our winter office for more information or log on to <https://vtcampership.org/> for more information or to make and online donation.

Thank you!





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## Nature Moments!

- **Gray Jay**– As you know, I moved from the coast of Maine to the Western Mountains of Maine this summer/fall. There are different birds over here! **Blue Jays** were always frequent visitors at my Rockland bird feeders. I haven't seen many here in Rangeley, but the **Gray Jay** is a relative and very popular! They are friendly little guys, a bit smaller than a **Blue Jay**, and not afraid of humans! In fact, they have shared a few of our picnics. Cheddar goldfish and granola bars are favorites. It is fun to learn a few new species in my new neighborhood!



*If you are interested in learning the birds in your own backyard, check out:*

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/>

- **Moose**– Sean works at Saddleback Maine now, and he often starts his day with a visit from a large Maine Moose. He has a favorite spot with a puddle he likes to have a morning drink from. This photo is not the Saddleback Moose, but he looks very much like this one! Sean drinks coffee and the Moose, his puddle.



**Fun Moose fact:** Moose are very good swimmers and can fully submerge underwater quite comfortably!

At Betsey Cox important dates and events are often celebrated with the help of Mary Oliver's poems and or simply her words.

On this Thanksgiving 2020,  
We offer you with these words of Mary Oliver-

"I believe in kindness. Also in mischief.  
Also in singing, especially when singing is  
not necessarily prescribed."

– **Mary Oliver**

We hope you have kindness at your Thanksgiving. And a bit of mischief-Why not? And singing. Always singing.

We share this Shaker song, "Simple Gifts" to sing if you are so inspired. Written by Elder Joseph Brackett

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and  
Delight. When true simplicity is gain'd,  
To bow and to bend we will not be asham'd,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

To hear the tune -check out this Judy Collins version:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3x426\\_84558](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3x426_84558)

**Sing!**

## Leadership Applications are due to be postmarked by December 7, 2020

**We look forward to all First and Second Year Muggie Leader applications  
confirming places in the 2021 program.**

*Older Camper applications, for girls finishing 9th grade in June, are welcome anytime.  
No due date for those applications.*