Camp Betsey Cox



The camp with a song in it's heart

The Bubbler



October 2022

Lines from Lorrie



October. I wake up every morning to the glory of the autumn woods. I'm not sure how many autumns I've remarked upon it being the most beautiful autumn ever, but for sure...

THIS is the one! The front yard at the Farmhouse is a natural quilt of maple leaves—mostly yellows. No matter how grey an autumn morning might be, the leaves create a sense of warmth. I won't be raking them until the last leaf falls off the big maple in the front yard. I love my leaf quilt!

I like thinking about trees. This season of the year they really call attention to themselves, but their importance in every season is worth noting. In the fall the work of their leaves is over. Far from going out in gloomy fashion, their vibrant colors seem to celebrate the chance to reach the ground. And why wouldn't they! Here in Vermont families rake huge piles for kids and dogs to jump into! Fall Festivals happen all over the state complete with the kinds of activities we all love at the SangaCox Fair. The trees create a colorful backdrop for fun of all kinds.

And if I am looking for serenity.....I get down to the pond where blue sky and blue water seem to make the colors of the leaves even brighter. Sitting for an hour there refreshes the spirit for sure!

Burr Pond from across the pond

Through the winter the leaves will break down to help enrich soil, to protect necessary insects, bugs and to create nest-building materials for all those chipmunks you saw all summer long. I think the lodge chipmunk has even left for the great outdoors by now. Spring brings the work of the leaves back into prime focus as they begin the work they do so generously not only to feed the tree, but to play a part in protecting oxygen for the planet. And then, of course...in summer, they make life more comfortable by providing shade. We all certainly appreciate that.

I hope this October, wherever you are, and whatever trees might be around you, that you stop to celebrate them for what they do. They are essential players on this planet of ours. I think I might go out and plant another this spring. How about you?







Happy Autumn!



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BC Jack-o-lantern

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News from

Please share your news with us! Send any bits of news to info@campbetseycox.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Where to start?? It has been busy at camp since the camp season ended! Within a week, many BC people joined the Camp Sangamon alumnae and friends in celebrating Sangamon's 100th summer season. It was a fantastic party! Among the BC people were: Shazi L, Ellie P, Elly M, Charlotte M, Margaret C, Nina AS, Sam S, Alex G, Piper C, Abby P, Ari M, Sarah H, Kim S, Marcy C, Robb S, Sybren S, Alley F, Dave H., Elaine G, Clara C, Linnea F and of course, Devri B and Lorrie B. Juno, Piper, Devri and Abby lent a hand with dining logistics. There was feasting, singing, camp favorite activities, and the burning of a bonfire. So many friends gathered, so many memories were shared. And now on to the second 100! The very next weekend, more celebrations occurred! Christie B and Karl L married right at the BC garden. It was a lovely occasion. About 60 people chose to stay in BC cabins over the four day event and the weather was perfect! Eliza D, and Martha G began the wedding with beautiful music. The reception dinner was held in the lodge, transformed by Christie's decoration committee! A large tent covered a dance floor and created shade for outdoor meals through the weekend. Betsey Cox guests were too many to name here, but they came from near and far to celebrate Christie and Karl! Camp did get quieter after these big events, but it was still busy through the month. Alex G and Juno K stayed on all the way until the middle of October. They worked on a few camp beautification projects and closing up camp

along with Lorrie and Theary, Steve. The buildings on the archery field and in the BC Farm are now restained or repainted. Leftover camp food stuffs were delivered to the Rutland homeless shelter and Food pantries. When Marcy and Laird left for a couple trips, and when temperatures dropped into chilly levels, Alex and Juno kept the house and stayed pleasantly warm. Four alumnae near Sarah H's "year" returned for a weekend in Killington. Sarah H, Rosie M, Abby S, and Sarah J enjoyed that weekend. Sarah H reappeared at Steve's cider making event along with her mom and a very cute dog. Others at the cider event included Jane K, Fave S, Ruby S, Priya B and Amara **B.** We all enjoyed cooking lunch over the birch-grove fire. There's a lot of great cider in the camp freezer now! Faye, Ruby, Iyla, Sybren, Robb, Susan, Kim and Steve S caught a glorious fall foliage day on top of Rattlesnake Point! A favorite 5 mile hike that overlooks Lake Dunmore in Salisbury. Soccer is a running theme for many camp people. Linnea F, probably earns the award for being mentioned most often in a town newspaper. She can be found doing her job as goalie for the Otter Valley High School Varsity team and is as miraculous as we all know she is! Teammate Clara C as well. Priya and Amara B. Ruby S, Emma D, and Elsa M have also been seen on Vermont teams. Go BC soccer players!!! Kayla D caught up with Lorrie at Emma D's soccer game. She is enjoying her new job. Lizzy and Nora W along with Judah, have been seen a couple of times at camp. Nora and Lizzy are

helping Lorrie close down the

camp garden for the winter, including a new layer of healthy compost. Lizzy is selling her beautiful crystals in various settings and is running an outdoor program for preschoolers at the homestead. A group of older campers and Muggies visited Clara C, **Linnea F, and Jazmin R** for a weekend. They included Sasha CW and Mitra M. They enjoyed a number of events at OtterValley School's homecoming weekend. Amara B enjoyed a fall No **Strings Marionettes** show. Niamh G, will be teaching maths back in the UK. Ella N is applying for vet school. Violet G could be seen squishing grapes into wine as part of her Italian term abroad program. Word has it that our three BC Middlebury College students (Aine P, Evie H, and Cassie E) are doing well and happily there. Nina AS stopped by camp for a visit and a walk with Alex G and Juno K. Devri B and Sean D came for a weekend to turn off the water system with Wayne, **Steve and Lorrie.** They enjoyed this fall weekend at camp! We all teamed up to do the last close-up tasks. Kim, Steve, Marcy, Laird, Lorrie, Mike and Kathy all managed to travel over to the western Maine mountains in September. Kathy gifted Sean and Devri's house with a wonderful coffee table she made. So talented! We have just the spot for it! They stay right on Mooselookmeguntic Lake when they visit. Gorgeous. Don and MJ, Angie, Todd, Mya, Evan and Zena, Jason's family and Jen all survived Hurricane Ian down in Florida. We are very grateful that they are all safe.

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Haunted, by Shel Silverstein

I dare you all to go into The Haunted House on Howlin' Hill, Where squiggly things with yellow eyes Peek past the wormy window sill. We'll creep into the moonlit yeard Where weeds reach out like fingers, And through the rotted old front door A-squeakin' on its hinges, Down the dark and whisperin' hall, Past the misty study, Up the windin' staircase-Don't step on the step that's bloody— Through the secret panel To the bedroom where we'll slide in To the ragged cobweb dusty bed Ten people must have died in. And the bats will screech. And the spirits will scream. And the thunder will crash Like a horrible dream, And we'll sing with the zombies And dance with the dead. And howl at the ghost With the axe in his head, And—come to think of it what do you say We go get some ice cream instead?

We have had a few Birthdays since Camp ended!



We wish a joyous and celebrated Birthday!

Nora B
Cecilia L
Lily M
Vinnie E-O
Paloma A
Polar Z
Yaela W
Lucy F
Yas S-U
Hettie V-D
Vivienne B

Lila R

Liv T, Nina F-F, Edelia R, Avina C, Vivi F, Adrienne S, Poppy S, Rain S, Nina L, Astrid V-D, Luna W, Yvie S, Carolina F, Augustine F, Maren J, Rachel T, Emma C, Josie S, Iris W, Sasha N, Ruby S, Chloe L, Nora M, Kate L, Luna T, Ellie T-H, Lucy G, Hattie C, Kelsey G,

The Betsey Cox fall crew of two has been busy!

Check out some of their work!







Lorrie made some Applesauce... Lots!

Fall visitors! Rosie, Sarah, Abby, & Sarah



First Campers Signed up for 2023...

Drum Roll Please....

Claire and Natalie from Washington!



Right on!

Camp Betsey Cox 2023 Dates and Rates and applications are online!

Returning camper and Leadership applications for 2023 have been sent out!

We recommend that you sign up by the end of January or the first weeks of February to guarantee the session of your choice!

Sign up by December 31, 2022 and receive an early enrollment discount!

Online Applications are available now on our website.



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Winter Office US Mailing Address

Please send all traditional USPS mail to us this winter addressed to:

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Halloween bad jokes--just a few eye rollers!



1. What is a ghost's favorite dessert?

I-Scream!

- 2. Why don't Mummies take time off? *They're afraid to unwind.*
- 3. What is a vampire's favorite fruit?

Neck-tarines!

4. What is a ghost's favorite play?

Romeo and Ghouliet!

5. What do birds give to trick or treaters?

Tweets

- **6.** What did the turkey dress up as on Halloween?
 - A goblin
- 7. Why don't skeletons ever go trick or treating?

 No-body to go with

Pumpkin Trivia!



Are pumpkins fruits or vegetables? Fruits because they grow from the plant's flowers.

How many pumpkin seeds in an average pumpkin? 500 more or less.

How many pounds do the largest pumpkins put on in a day? 50 pounds

What country produces the most pumpkins: *China–9 million tons annually*

Which of these names are names of brands of pumpkins?

Baby Bear, Spooktacular,

Ghost Rider, Trick Jack, Sweetie Pie

Answer: All

Returning Betsey Cox families!



Tell a new family about **Betsey Cox**, and if they enroll for 2023 your family will receive a \$150 discount off your Camper's tuition.

If you recommend a family to our brother camp- **Sangamon**, your family will receive a \$100 discount.

Thank you for spreading the word about our camp community!

Remember these favorite things?

- Theary's opening day carrot cake
- Painting with Elaine
- Christmas and Kringle
- Three baby goats
- Goat yoga
- Weaving and Farm announcements
- Taylor Swift Tuesdays
- BC performance of Shrek
- Canoe overnights at Chittenden Dam
- Sunday Seminars
- Promprey's Curry
- BC Builders

And MANY more!

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