



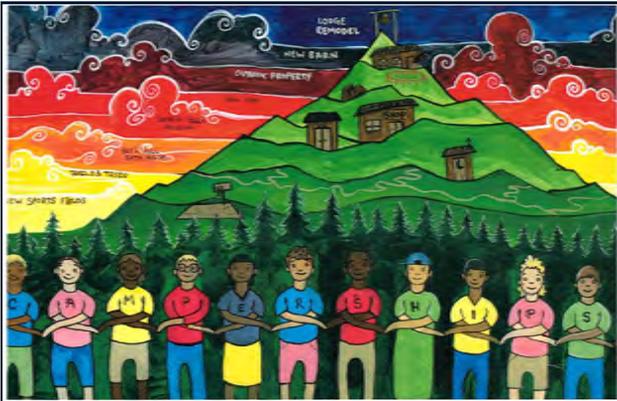
# Geneva Glen Camp



## 2017 Fall Glen Breeze—Alumni SPECIAL



WELCOME to Geneva Glen’s 95th birthday where reverie and singing is still echoing from the old towering trees encircling the Council Ring!! If you missed this one, then you will just have to wait until the Centennial in 2022! One thing seems certain: we will be ready! Attendance records were broken, and the photo above reveals the close and cozy atmosphere, as 675 bodies made new friends, but kept the old! The Labor Day weekend, 2017, will be long remembered as it was perfect in the outdoors, in early Colorado autumn weather, colorful, warm, and inviting. Enjoy the view from the newly acquired “drone” camera below which presents a new and fascinating perspective of the entire camp site, allowing us to continue to elevate our view with each new improvement.



Centennial Vision Quilt

Speaking of views, here is ours for the centennial vision! Having so many of our alums attending the 95th Reunion, there was great enthusiasm and support envisioning this future as artfully created by Cass Robison and Nancy Chase. For the coming five years, we will be inspired by this vision in a handmade quilt that will hang in the foyer and embrace all parts of camp, starting with the new sports fields, trail and tree reclamation, boys hill bathhouse, GG’s Historical Museum, new work shop, added property, spanking new barn, and finally a remodel of our camp Lodge. How amazing it is to consider these visions becoming realities in five years for the *next Geneva Glen Century!*

And for our uplifted view, today’s tech-abilities persuaded us to employ one of the many styles of photography from a drone, which is part of the scenes below: Girls Hill. It has great clarity and reaches about 2 miles, which encompasses all of Geneva Glen’s property. Having these photos gives us amazing visibility all over the camp property, improving safety,

helping with forest reclamation, trail inventory, and assisting in the location of trail hiking, horseback riding, and camping.

It was a joy to see so many of our friends, colleagues, campers, and campers-to-come! This Glen Breeze will be mostly photo images and magic moments than the typical news you get from a Breeze. But not to worry, we’ll catch you up on all the details next season!



Boys Hill



Pool and Stables



Meadow, Girls Hill

# Welcome to GGs 95th!

For all of us over the decades, this is the familiar scene, entering camp, and it transports any GG alum! As one drives under the gate, it starts in the tummy first—and continues up into the heart! That sensation will always come back to you whenever you drive up this road—no matter if it's a road you were on yesterday, or 50 years from today. So get excited! But relax, too ... you're among good friends who are *happy* to see you!!



Centennial Vision Quilt on Display

# Back in my day ...



Somewhere around 1966, comes a fairly unique (!) shot in the old office. (From back to front) Judy Cochran, Marsha Armentrout, a cameo of Mr. Gil- (no doubt he popped in just for the shot), Beverly Carol Duvall, and Mary Ariki. Mary said Mr. Gil loved to call them his harem!



“One is silver, the other gold!” Friendships that last forever were abundant!



Thrilled to see the “Hand’s” - Vicki, Erica and Dent  
Three generations GG!



## Geneva Glen's 95<sup>th</sup> year - What an event!

Mere words are inadequate to express the sentiment, sentiment, and affectionate camaraderie of our grand 95th Alumni Reunion! Tears hardly sufficed much of the time, but the sheer joy and reverie made laughter fill the forests!



Beleta Holzapfel, Pat Deason Meyer, Holly Romig, Danny Lewis, Nancy Fisk, Sally Reed Kingdom, Danny Warner, Carol Archer Stroud, Marcia Irving Peteranetz



Three generations of Castleberry's, and Irving Peteranetz's, encircled by kith and kin— 1970!

The exuberance of the 95th careened into every rill and thicket of the Glen, as 675 loyal former campers and staff tromped these trails and hillsides. From California to New York, from Texas to Canada, each alum recalled their own unique GG experience. Recollections of “scrape songs”, ghost stories, embarrassed first-romances, or soggy overnights were highlighted during this fantastic weekend. Of course, special Kudo's to all our full-time staff, who put so much into this weekend, especially MOLLY ROBISON!!

The Chapel hosted a small gathering of 50's and 60's folks who wished to remember seven long-time pals who have passed in the in the last few years. Cherished camp tales were shared about Charlie Hacker, Karen Tyner Voight, Pat Ramsey Parr, and Tom Yerkey— stories and tales that brought snickers as well as tears. Tom was the most recent to depart, August 26th ... so his name will be engraved this spring. Others remembered included Judy Gruenwald Lewis, Marie Jenks Sutton, and Phil Konkel.

Most of this Breeze will be a pictorial presented in living color from that exquisite September weekend with deeply-felt sighs. And we could definitely use the word “exquisite” in reference to the weather—it could NOT have been better!!



These guys were such a big hit; “these crooning cousins” performed during the 95th picnic: Alex and Abby Eurich, Coles and Marty Whalen - THANK YOU!



*There were mountains of photos, sorting them down proved to be an amazing feat! Pete LaFleur, in particular, and many others receive a shout out for their photographic excellence!*





This treasured inlaid compass was our emblem for the 95<sup>th</sup> Reunion, keeping with the 2017 theme of “The Journey.” Master wood craftsman, Kreg Hamburger created this remarkable piece.



Unfortunately not every one of our participants signed it! (the 200 or so additional barbecue folks may have missed the opportunity!) If you were with us for this event, let us know if you missed adding your own name to the compass and we will record

and print your name legibly on the compass.

During the summer, small compasses were awarded to staff members to recognize them as they go beyond the call of duty. The staff t-shirts also reiterated the phrase, “preparing the child for the path, not the path for the child.”



### **Timing is everything.**

How appropriate in our last-five-percent of Geneva Glen’s century, to find folks who have been lost to us for decades.

**JEFF PETERSON**—had been on the outskirts of GG living



as a farmer now in Iowa but joined at Tom Yerkey’s celebration service Sept 9 in Salida, CO.

Nice to hear from **DAVID ROCKS** (1977

and 1978). David came by for a nostalgic visit in mid November. He has two daughters and resides in Germany now. DR, as he was called – was a big help when Ken and Nancy wrote musical melodramas . Who remembers Jodie Bennet in “April’s Shower?”

**RONNIE RANKIN** dropped by in early fall. Ronnie was a barnie from the 50s who was happy to find out that camp was still going strong!

*Good ol Bert is in horse heaven now after serving GG faithfully for decades—many many of you have enjoyed his good company in the saddle :)*



## NURSERY

The Grapevine sends up tendrils about twins being expected for two of our Geneva Glen couples, JOEY AND CHELSEA WILLIAMSON LAWRENCE, and DAVID and RACHEL CARLSON. That will make JANE and Doug Carlson ecstatically happy. An excited CIARA GAY and Richie Moriarty will welcome a new member of a rare club—4th generation GG!! Look for details in the Spring!



ROSIA WARNER is due in January! Heard from: HAYLEY CAMPBELL is on the nest as well! TY PETERANETZ and Markeya are on the nest—will bring more exciting news soon! BRAD SHEEHAN and Alice are expecting in the spring, 2018! February will bring a “sweet” surprise for DANE and Andrea Harbaugh with a little girl dressed up like a Valentine. JOHN and Ashley ARIGONI may have the same outcome, as their first is due about the same time.



LUCA BACCEGA AND TAWNY REAGAN were betrothed this fall, as well as ISABELLE GRAHAM, who will wed her high school sweet-heart, Jack Wagner...

More wedding bells as

CHLOE LAMBERT will marched down the aisle this past fall. The most romantic GG wedding we’ve heard of will be when BETH MILLER weds CARTER CALLE. The December ceremony will take place on an island in the Bahamas and we hope to have fantastic shots of our GG pals who will be joining them on Harbor Island.

Late summer brought a great GG celebration for LIBBY BOURKE’S wedding and brother’s MATT and DREW were on hand to help send their beautiful sister off to the land of Matrimony.

Just learned that MARK DREHER is engaged—we’re so happy for you and see you soon!



Josie Warren, our camper beginning in 2003 all the way through 2017, brought her vast experience and talents together by cataloguing GG’s songs, notating them, along with musical directions, starting pitch, annotating, along with teaching songs in a round ... a huge task, and we are so grateful she was ready to take on the enormity! In addition to songs, Josie helped the drama counselors by providing story topics in the narrations and scripts and have been kept piecemeal on these pages forever!

What’s happened to GG’s facilities in the previous years?

Take a look at our Pride List:

With each passing decade at GG, we take a site tour and invariably we come up with an amazing array of projects improvements, and infrastructure. This year holds a record of remarkable accomplishments. Just in the past 5 year since the Alumni reunion and 90th birthday party of 2012—generous donations, along with the field of love and labor from GG’s alumni—including Pendragons, Young Alum’s, and the quality of GG’s own on-site laborers (mostly Jeffro!), have helped bring these big dreams become reality.

The GG bell tower was a sort of launching pad from the 90th to the 95th, so if we start from there, we have these projects undertaken and completed:

- New Marathon—the amazing remodel of our “eldest” structure: from 1919! It took 5 years of donations and plans—and worth every effort—it’s a gem!
- Dramatic improvements to camp’s stately program centers, all color-coordinated to match Marathon, and to harmonize to the entire camp setting! Chapel painted, ... apartment painted, ... Lodge painted, ... these major four structures at GG all have our official favorite color: “Thames Fog!”
- Pit toilet between Rifles and Marathon
- Boys hill dorms undergoing top-to-bottom renovation”: one down three to go: Dorms E&F have all new siding, electrical, plumbing, roof, body and trim, interior stain, screens, and exterior paint as well with the brand new look ... underway currently: Dorms H, A, and B, and in another year, D, C, G
- New pool boiler, with the addition of Solar panels, brings huge energy savings for the swimming pool
- 1960’s apartment, desperately in need of improvement, is now two separate living quarters designed to accommodate two separate on-site caretakers
- Expansion of work shop space
- Under the Farm Bill (JCD) environmental improvement, 30+ acres of tree stands were thinned and removed. Dramatic improvements help in dry years, improvement to species, reduction of invasive species
- Ute Trail was widened and made accessible to horses, and access enhancements for EMS
- Drilled new well next to “Well #2” close to Council Ring
- A tractor! Flat bed trailer, and eight-horse trailer
- Property acquisitions: Joseph Fields, “Lee’s Place,” access to Black Canyon, Buck (Chimney lot) secured by yearly lease

New food services program, brings in better food quality, including new commercial equipment additions, better accommodation for campers and staff all from Mountain Berry.

Please note—this is no small achievement for all these programs, **we have incurred NO DEBT.** Your generosity and faith in Geneva Glen has made these dramatic improvements possible—*And it’s been noticed!* The **AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION** visited in August of this year for evidence of the practice and enhancement of industry standards in its delivery of a summer camp program. For the 8th time, and 20 years in a row, our score has remained the same: really, really, *really GOOD!*

Thanks, as always, go to the efforts of Reid McKnight who coordinated these triennial visits!

THANK YOU invaluable Whippersnappers: Nate Arika, Ben Brasch, Annie Brewster, Maddie Castle, Kathryn Chase, Danny Chase, Jackie Crone, Maddie Diederichs, Annie Eidenschink, Carlee Flynn, Cody Haun, Mikaela Jacoby, Emma Johnston, Jake Kay, Slide Kelly, Tyler Kelly, Sophie Knauf, Nick Kolomitz, Dominique Lacroix, Emilie Lederer, Austin Lee, Katlyn Maloney, Havana McElvaine, Ethan Meyer, Brendan Moon, Caley Moon, Cas Robison, Jack Ryan, Mackenzie Urban, Josie Warren, Kellie Warren, Troy Witonsky. These guys got into their Super-Suit to ensure program needs were taken care of for all the hundreds of things going on every minute of every day! They gave even two clicks higher for hospitality, and two more for routinely using the upper limit of pazazz!!, and everybody had the unforgettable time because you guys were there! Let's hear it for the 'Snappers!



Bea Miller was a counselor in the '40's and eventually became a Romer when she married Roy and also became First Lady of Colorado. We were fortunate enough to receive a visit from her during World Friendship as her granddaughter, Grace, was a counselor. The family thought that Bea would enjoy a look at her "old

camp" and she certainly did! What a treat it was for all of us. Bea teared up in the Council Ring as Ken led Mr. Gil's famous, "I Found a Horseshoe." Bea remembered every word and nuance and she told our campers to always cherish these moments because this is what they'll remember when they are old—Geneva Glen.



November, 2017—Transition Update from the Board of Directors, Stephanie Kiley, chair Transition Committee

The upcoming year will be one of change for Geneva Glen and the camp family. Although we know that it is impossible to replace Ken and Nancy, we are confident that the transition to new leadership will be as seamless as possible. The year round staff strives every year to have a great summer season and this coming year will be no exception. This summer, and subsequent summers at Geneva Glen will feel very familiar.

With Reid, Christa, Johnny, Jeff, Molly, Pete, Kathy, and Anne guarding the castle gate we know we are in good hands. This impeccable staff has almost 140 years of combined experience at Geneva Glen (our board has almost 70 years of combined experience at camp) and has been preserving the continuity of the GG programming over the last several years and will continue to do so in the years to come.

The staff will identify and recruit the same quality of summer staff with a diverse set of skills as in years past. Registration is already underway! This staff knows the parents and campers well and will continue to build and cultivate the strong relationships that have been developed over many years. They will preserve existing traditions while introducing new ones to keep camp fresh and fun. Geneva Glen couldn't be in a better position to go through this transition. Aside from being financially sound, the support of our camp family has never been stronger. But most important, the year round staff has been running camp for many years and has the Board's full confidence in shepherding camp into a new era. We welcome any questions regarding the transition to new leadership, please contact the co-chairs of the board's transition committee, ...

From Ken and Nancy

Dear Geneva Glen Camp Family,

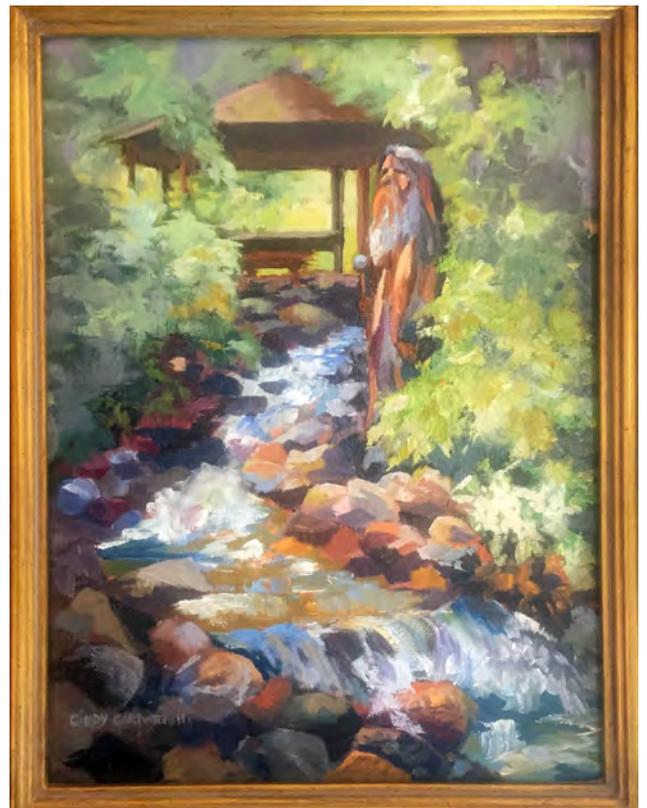
The elephant that has been in that proverbial room is finally "out," and climbing the Upward Trail of Mt. Winnie (Winnepesaukee, the Smile of the Great Spirit)!

We have decided to retreat from our directorship at the Glen, into a different role as grandparents, storytellers, and minstrels, and to see what a summer is like outside of Indian Hills! We are grateful to anticipate a silhouetted presence at camp through traditional times and ceremonies. Of course, our affections will always encompass the Glen and its leaders. Our board has been magnanimous, and we thank them sincerely.

By the time the Myths campers scamper over the Troll Bridge to the Council Ring, the new directorship will be in place! We are immeasurably grateful to and confident in our present Board of Directors, and the GG team that's already in place, all demonstrating integrity and fidelity to the soul and mission of Geneva Glen.

For decades, this path has brought us joy and has made us spiritually prosperous in all facets of our lives. Mr. Gil was fond of saying and singing "God bless Geneva Glen," and we repeat that sentiment, for He always has.

With gratitude,  
Ken & Nancy Atkinson



Portrait of Merlin's Spring

Cindy Cartwright

This handsome painting of Merlin's Spring, was presented to us (Ken and Nancy) during the COUNCIL FIRE at the 95th (September 3rd). The artistry of Cindy Smith Cartwright is well known and respected in her Boulder community; still, many GG peers were in awe of her talent. Cindy knew that the Spring, where Merlin's statue resides, holds a special place in our hearts. This amazing painting was a stunning surprise for us, and now holds a cherished spot in our home. Much thanks to Cindy for her thoughtful sharing of her special gift of love.

