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The news and views  
of residents  
of Foulkeways  
at Gwynedd



### The Green Thumbs of Foulkeways

On almost any day from spring through fall, Fern Denney can be seen in her signature hat as she weeds the vibrant, multicolored flower beds surrounding the greenhouse and the herbs in front of the Meadow Cafe. Others who assist include Nancy Trexler, Lily Spigelman, Jon Harper, Birtan Collier, and David Remy.

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Cone flowers, *echinacea* at the Community Center

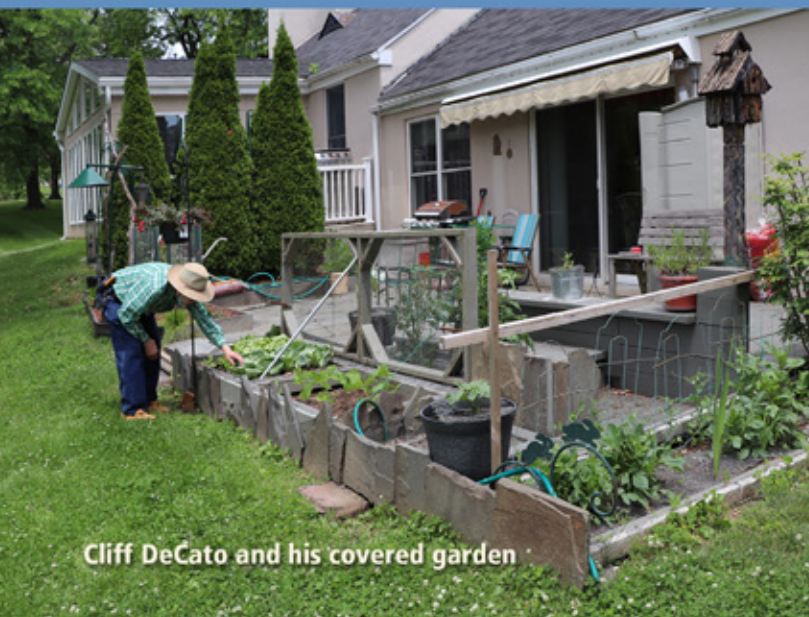




# The Green Thumbs of Foulkeways



Peonies and irises outside the Greenhouse



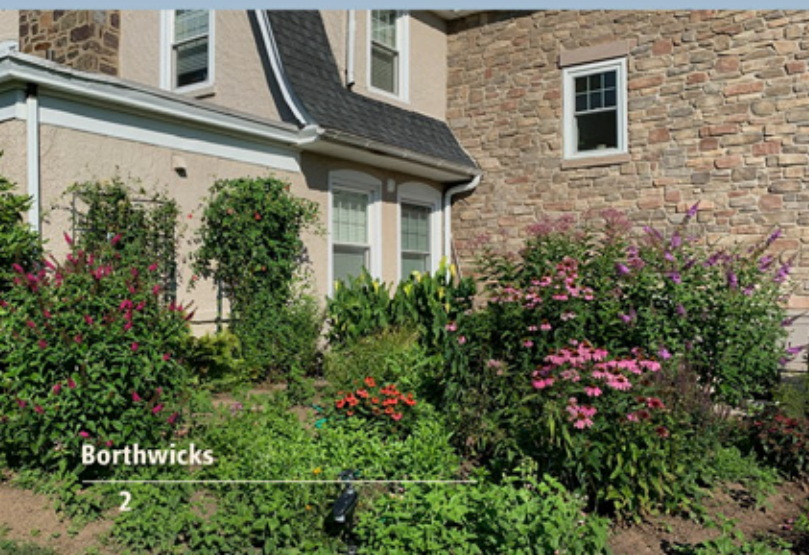
Cliff DeCato and his covered garden



Joan Benninghoff



Robin's eggs



Borthwicks







Community Garden, here and above



Jim & Lee Miller with their very tall sunflower

## The Most Beautiful Pear in the World

Today in this Time of Coronavirus to me was delivered in my daily lunch bag issued by the place in which I'm living until I die the most beautiful pear I have ever seen. For fresh fruit, we've been given, for the past month or so, wonderful sturdy apples or oranges.



But here, carefully cradled in crinkled white tissue paper that just fit into the palm of my wrinkled spotted hand, sat a canary yellow, red-blush cheeked Bartlett pear! Skin and stem intact, looking pristine, unblemished, and smelling, when I held it up to my nose, of perfect ripeness! If it were December instead of late April, I'd hang it on my Christmas tree.

— Penny Chase

*Pear drawing by Janet Henderson*

## Captions to some of the photographs on the left:

Cliff DeCato works on his terraced garden. Carol and Cliff got tired of deer, rabbits, and voles destroying their vegetables, so Cliff built a large frame, covered it with wire mesh, and buried it. Now he and Carol enjoy delicious "free cage" veggies.

Hilary and David Borthwick really enjoy working in the lovely gardens surrounding their property. Deer-resistant plants such as astilbe, azalea, tree hydrangea, and cherry laurel are among the plants that enhance their welcoming side entrance.

Words from Margaret Yu, who leads spring garden tours for Foulkeways residents: newcomers wanting to garden should talk to Greenhouse Committee members for advice on managing the soil and plantings. Residents not wishing to garden may ask Maintenance to clear and seed their outdoor areas for lawn.

Stories collected by Emilie Harting

Photographs by Don Griffin and others





## Education and Current Issues

**Fall 2020 Education & Current Issues  
Events to be held via Zoom!**

The Education and Current Issues (ECIC) Committee has continued to meet during the summer and has developed sufficient expertise to recommend that most of the events previously scheduled for March-June of 2020 be re-scheduled, via Zoom, during the Fall of 2020.

Zoom is a widely-used internet audio-visual program that can be accessed by computer, smartphone, or tablet, for meetings and lectures attended by large numbers of people. The Foulkeways Residents Association has acquired a license to use Zoom for groups up to 500 participants, and ECIC will use this license to transmit programs during the Fall. Residents of Abington and Gwynedd House can participate in these programs by obtaining assistance from the Activities Coordinator. Further instructions on how to use Zoom will be distributed to Foulkeways mailboxes.

Programs will be advertised by posters, in this Bulletin, by postings on Foulkeweb, and by announcements on the public address TV system in Abington and Gwynedd Houses. Detailed descriptions of most events for this Fall have already appeared in the Spring Foulkeways Bulletins, and may be accessed on Foulkeweb under "Documents/Bulletin." A few talks, such as TED talks, will be new, and will be summarized here as they have been in the past. ECIC Programs will normally be held each week on Monday and/or Thursday afternoons from 4-5 PM.

Some of the events originally scheduled for Spring 2020 — such as movies or enactments — will not be feasible to present with Zoom, and these will be re-scheduled (tentatively) in Spring 2021.

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### Candidate Forum: 4th Pennsylvania Congressional District of the US House of Representatives

**Mon Oct 5**

**4 to 5 via Zoom**

Candidates will be seeking election to the U.S House of Representatives 4th Congressional District: Madeleine Dean (Democrat), the incumbent, and challenger Kathy Barnette (Republican).

The Forum will be structured in the same manner as past candidate forums. It will not be a debate between the candidates. Rather, the candidates will be provided in advance of the forum with three or four questions or issues and will be asked to state their views on each issue. This will be followed by questions from the (Zoom) audience.

— Richard Newman, rchrd1221@verizon.net



### How to Have Better Political Conversations

**Wed Sep 30**

**4 to 5 via Zoom**

Robb Willer, at Stanford University, studies the forces that unite and divide us. He researches how moral values -- typically a source of division -- can also be used to bring people together. Willer shares compelling insights on how we might bridge the ideological divide and offers some intuitive advice on ways to be more persuasive when talking politics.

— Lee Miller, millera@philau.edu

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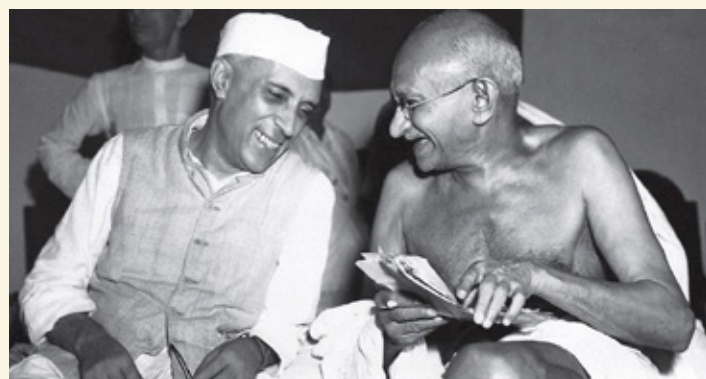
### Thinking Morally, Thinking Economically

**Mon Sep 14**

**10 to 11 via Zoom**

Lecture with discussion by Foulkeways resident Claire Carey. We will look historically at the fall of traditional moral rules like promise-keeping, which largely governed everyday American life from the mid-18th century through the mid-20th (when we were growing up). It seems uncool nowadays, if technically correct, to think morally about economic obligations like mortgages. How many think their family's financial security beats honoring a debt to a giant mortgage lender? How many are happy to "game the system?" We seem to be living now in a post-moral age.

— Jim Miller, millerjames2@gmail.com



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### A Conversation on the Partition of India: 1947

**Thur Sep 17**

**4 to 5 via Zoom**

Geetha Ramanathan is Professor of Comparative Literature at West Chester University, and writes on feminist literature and film. Her most recent books are "Feminist Auteurs: Reading Women's Films" and "Kathleen Collins: The Black Essai Film."

— Tim Johnson, johnsontl@aol.com



MaryAnn Greenway

Anne Hill

## Resident Mask-Makers

When we learned that not just our healthcare staff, but all of us at Foulkeways should be wearing masks to help check the spread of COVID 19, we mustered the troops, banded together, surveyed our resources, set a plan in action, and got to work.

Sue Schulz raided the off-limits Craft Room for whatever fabric, thread, and elastic she could plunder.

MaryAnn Greenway, Paula Cell, Hilary Borthwick, Sandy Rotenberg, Nony Barr, and other residents put their heads together to find and/or design mask patterns that would best suit our needs. They also needed to order additional supplies, such as more elastic (which was in short supply). So an all-call went out to residents, who unearthed their sewing baskets and donated whatever bits of elastic they could scrounge up to help until the outside orders came in. And then they started sewing... and sewing... and sewing.

The FRA was/is coordinating this effort and stuffed residents' mail boxes with order forms, so that anyone who wanted one or more masks could take advantage of our community effort.

We also received several sizable donations of masks from members of Foulkeways' families. All orders were eventually filled – and resident donations for the masks topped \$1000 for the FRA – and Craft Room specifically! Kudos to all who made this happen!

— Sue Ochs



## September Lobby Art by Resident Anne Baldwin

Anne Baldwin, BFA and MFA University of Oregon (Eugene), has a lifelong interest in making things. September's exhibition

will show her art work made in the last fifty-plus years—including prints, paintings, and drawings, reflecting varied times in her life and changing interests. For her, painting is not always about representing the object which she sees, whether still-life, landscape, figure or abstraction, but also suggesting what is not visible. She endeavors to transform spiritual energy into physical form. She can begin with a still life or simply triangles, rectangles, circles, and squares, allowing the process of creating to lead where it may.

Constant Change

Anne Baldwin



## Remembering Program

Wed Sep 23

4 via Zoom

How close have you been to a black bear in the Poconos? How many Tonton Macoutes, Papa Doc Duvalier's ruthless paramilitary militia, have you known? Tune in to the Remembering Program on Zoom at 4 o'clock, on the afternoon of September 23. Two of our residents will share some of their life experiences with us. Margot Born and Wesley Shirk will keep you on the edge of your seats. Mark your calendar. No need to come early to get a good seat.

— Bill Mebane x 7188



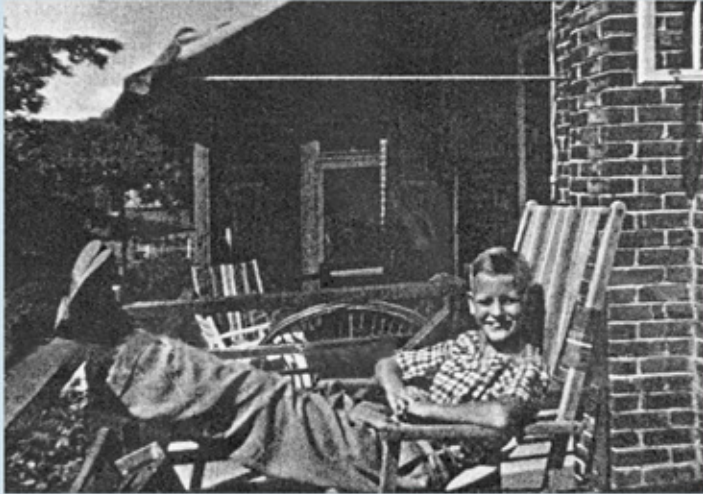
Margot Born (left), and Wesley Shirk (right) will recount fascinating stories during the program, Remembering, on September 23.





# The Long-Ago Days of Summer

The summer of 2020 was certainly different. Some may describe it as bittersweet. Some may use other terms. But all of us no doubt have treasured memories of summers past. A few Foulkeways residents looked back into the past and are sharing their favorites.



Don Cresswell relaxing after a Washington, D.C. bike journey

## Don Cresswell

Don Cresswell has fond memories of riding around Washington, D.C. on his bicycle. His frugal father, who worked for the FDIC, insisted that one bike in the family, his older sister's, was enough. Having to ride a girl's bike did not discourage Don from boyhood adventures. He and his buddies would go from Whitehaven Parkway, down Wisconsin and M Streets to the Smithsonian and National Gallery, and, at times, pedal along the Potomac River to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, once a waterway that carried coal, lumber, and agricultural products down from the Allegheny Mountains. Due to the efforts of Justice William O. Douglas, that area is now National Park Service land.

**The Foulkeways Singers**, like many another Foulkeways group, have been missing their regular get-togethers. So early on after the lockdown, on a cold Wednesday evening in D courtyard, a handful of residents assembled to sing, masked and socially distanced, for 45 minutes. (It's not easy to sing in a mask!) A bag of song sheets of old favorites was discovered in the back of the auditorium. Soon more sheets were added, of Broadway musicals and folk songs. Some who came to sing had not been part of the Singers, but found much enjoyment in singing nonetheless. Electronic keyboard accompaniment has been

supplied by Carolyn Moon. Meanwhile in J section, a group of serenaders, also masked and distanced, began singing at their neighbors' doors in J, K and L, and inviting them to join in. They fetched up in L courtyard and sang there, using a song sheet created by Ann Davidson and Joël Sartorius of songs from the 30s to the 70s, Broadway musicals, big-band numbers, and folk songs. Both groups continue to provide an antidote to those lockdown blues (would anyone like to write a song about that?).

— Carolyn Moon, Ann Davidson, and Judy Inskeep

Ann Davidson, Luisa Raijman, Rob Harting, Jane Roberts, Donna Haney, Margot Born, Joël Sartorius, and Babe Damis.



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*“Every man’s memory is  
his private literature.”*

— Aldous Huxley

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Hadley Robertson

### Ron Inskeep

When Ron Inskeep and his twin brother were twelve, their father started sending them to help out at a friend’s farm for two weeks each summer. One day, as a conveyor belt brought up a bale of hay for stacking in the hayloft, Ron took a swipe at the bale with his baling hook, missed, and hit his leg. Looking down at his tight Levi’s, he saw that the hook had entered and exited the leg of the pants, making two holes about two inches apart. Fearing the worst, he pulled up the denim to look at his own leg, and found not a scratch!



Presque Isle Park on Lake Erie, Pennsylvania

### Pat DeBrady

All year long Pat DeBrady looked forward to the annual Shiloh Baptist Church Picnic on Presque Isle, ten miles outside Erie, Pa., where members met, swam, jumped waves, played volleyball and horseshoes, and shared picnic viands by Shiloh’s great cooks. Being allowed more than one dessert that day was sheer delight when she was a pre-teen. The drive home by car could be exciting, as Lake Erie’s waters might rise and surge across Presque Isle’s only road.



Eithne Ross’s girlhood summer home in Somerset, England

### Eithne Ross

When Eithne Ross was six, her mother was in India visiting her father, who was in the Indian Civil Service. Once there, she could not get back because World War II broke out. After bombing Bristol, the Germans flew near Eithne’s house in southwestern England. In order to make their plane lighter for the return to Germany, they decided to drop one of their bombs, which hit twenty yards from the house. Eithne and her very nice housekeeper hid together under the dining room table. The explosion was so huge that they saw flashes of light coming from cracks in the ceiling.

— As told to and edited by Emilie Harting

Photographs by Lois Pan and montage by Anne Todd







## Insects: I (We?) Love Them

Most people recoil at insects. Yes, I know some bite or sting—not many, really. Even those that merely crawl or fly and ignore us are unpopular. Too bad.

Insects are in decline and need friends.

I love insects. Not just butterflies. Here are three types of insects we should love because they are important to the web of life. Plus, they are captivating.

**Moths:** Although mostly regarded as household pests, moths are closely related to our beloved butterflies. Adult moths, many quite beautiful, are important pollinators. As caterpillars they are necessary bird food. Their life cycle is fascinating. Like butterflies, they lay their eggs on host plants. The caterpillars hatch and eat the foliage, the mature caterpillars make their cocoons, the adults emerge to mate, and the cycle starts all over.

**Bees:** I speak of native bees, ones that actively support the web of life. European Honeybees are not native and are less effective pollinators. The native bees vary widely, corresponding to the vast array of flower structures and bloom times. Garden perennials, native trees, and shrubs, and yes, also plant crops each have specific needs if pollination can occur. And, by the way, they don't sting unless you harass them.

**Dragonflies:** Yes, we have dragonflies at Foulkeways. As predators of flying insects, they are attracted to places where airborne insects gather. Our meadows, Pollinator Garden, and even patio gardens with lots of blooming flowers are such places. Aerial acrobats, they can zip by at 20 mph, stop and hover, and then dart to capture a mosquito or other prey. As larvae they have a voracious appetite for mosquito larvae.

Stand quietly anywhere flowers are in bloom and look for insects. Watch them collect nectar and pollen, mate, lay eggs, prey on other insects, or be eaten themselves. They are playing their parts in the natural world. Our world can't function without them. Love them.

— Edie Parnum

Female Eastern Pond Hawk

Edie Parnum



## Home Port: GWYNEDD, PA

Our resident Jon Harper grew up in a seafaring family. His mother, Mary Harper (a Foulkeways resident for 25 years prior to her death in 2007), had been a sailor since child-

hood. Jon became a sailor in his teens, and Jon's father, Harry, was an enthusiast, too.

Mary and Harry moved to Foulkeways in 1978. After husband Harry died in 1983, Mary devoted herself to sailing. She owned a series of sailboats, all named Kuan Yin (after a Chinese Goddess of Mercy). She sailed often with her friend Jacinta MacKinnon, whose charming book, *My Sailing Adventures with Mrs. Mary Harper*, is available in our Library. It includes a description of Mary's biggest adventure, a solo sail across the Atlantic in the boat pictured here.

In 1993, a bad storm near Newfoundland brought an abrupt end to Mary's first effort to sail across the Atlantic alone. A year later, at 79, she departed St. John's again. Destination: Crookhaven, County Cork, Ireland, 1,941 miles away. Despite having to dodge icebergs and cope with plenty of bad weather (and days of listless wind—which she didn't really mind because calm days gave her a chance to bathe and put on clean clothes), she reached Crookhaven after 23 days at sea, still in love with "the ocean, the sky, the stars, the waves, ... the sun and the clouds, all clean and free of pollution."

Mary's son Jon, our present resident, has flown small airplanes and done scuba diving and motorcycle touring. He is pictured below teaching Foulkeways residents to fly radio-controlled drone aircraft.

— Ken Ford

Carolyn Moon, David Remy, Jon Harper, and Alan Wohlstetter in the meadow, probably in 2017. The picture was taken by a camera in Jon's drone.



In Newfoundland, Mary Harper (in yellow) and Jacinta MacKinnon make sure the vessel is shipshape.



## Catching Up with Newer Residents



**Jane Bengé** **D-104** **7217**

Jane hails from York County, Pa. She grew up in a rural area near Red Lion. After graduating from Penn State, she followed her mother and grandfather into the teaching profession. Six weeks touring in Europe with her college roommate fostered a life-long enjoyment of travel. Her most recent destination was Africa. Her daughter-in-law is an employee of the World Bank. She and Jane's son and their

three children have lived in Nigeria and Mozambique, and Jane has visited them several times. Jane taught in Yardley with the Pennsbury School District. In 1965, she married Anthony Derf Nolde. They lived in Buckingham, Pa., where she raised their two children. In addition to travel, Jane loves reading, taking walks, and gardening, especially raising flowers.



**Boris Rybka** **AH-202** **(267) 464-5324**

Boris Rybka was born in Philadelphia; his family moved to New York City when he was a child. When he was 17, Boris joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theater of War for two years. After he was discharged, Boris obtained bachelor's and master's degrees from Yale University School of Music. He then took a job playing French horn with the Royal Concertgebouw

Orchestra in Netherlands. He has also played French horn with the New York City Opera and New York City Ballet, and has performed and taught nationally and internationally. Boris has a son who lives in California and a daughter who lives in Texas. Today, some of Boris's hobbies include playing piano and reading. He is making the move from Blue Bell, Pa. and is excited to join his sister Mary Carolyn Bishop at Foulkeways.



**Elaine Jenkins** **D-4** **7203**

Elaine grew up in North Philadelphia with one older brother and two younger sisters. She majored in the commercial course at Simon Gratz High School, studying typing, stenography, and office management. After graduation, she joined the IRS as a tax examiner. At 21, Elaine married her husband, Jim. They have two daughters, Angela and Erica. The family moved to the Mt. Airy

section of Philadelphia and Elaine began a career with Conrail as a financial analyst. With the children growing up, they moved to Hatfield, and Elaine believes this was one of the best decisions the family ever made. After retirement, Elaine has enjoyed spending time with their daughters and granddaughter, Zoe. Elaine enjoys gardening, swimming, reading, and going to the theater. She is a member of Gwynedd Friends Meeting and is happy to be moving closer to her faith community. Elaine is looking ahead to a new chapter of her life here at Foulkeways and is excited to make new friends, travel, and see all that life has in store.



**Diane Kaylor** **L-9** **7316**

Diane arrived in New York City after earning her B.S. in journalism from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She began her career with American Field Service and then worked in communications. Later, she moved into editorial work, first in the marketing department at McGraw-Hill and then at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, where she held editorial and

management positions in communications for nearly 40 years. Diane has visited cities around the world on business, including London, Stockholm, Paris, Salzburg, and Vienna. She has participated in activism for peace, ecology, and diversity, and is concerned now with prison reform and restorative justice. Diane enjoys small groups on comparative religion and spirituality. She is an avid reader and has attempted to learn the ukulele.



**Linda London** **P-2** **7370**

Linda grew up on Long Island, graduating from Woodmere High School. She went on to Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Mass., earning a degree in history. After her marriage to Tom London, Linda lived in New York City and Bethesda, Md. Then they bought their first and only home in Wyncote, Pa. when Tom moved from NIH to Fox Chase Cancer Center as a research physician. Linda holds

Masters Degrees in Education and Special Education from Queens College, New York and Temple University. She taught for 25 years, including first grade for five years in New York, and special education at North Penn and the School District of Philadelphia. Tom and Linda were married for 60 years and have four daughters and eight grandchildren. Family travel has been a big part of Linda's life, and she has visited all 50 states. She enjoys tennis and Pilates, music, reading, travel, and politics.



**Joanne Regli** **M-15** **7350**

As the oldest of six children, Joanne led the way in many things. One was to pursue higher education even though her father thought it not necessary for a woman. She attended Chestnut Hill College and later earned an M.Ed. with concentration in English Literature from Arcadia University, and an M.A. in French Literature from Villanova, also studying in Québec and

France. She taught French for 30 years at Jenkintown High School, where she also led a student exchange program with a school in Paris, moderated the award-winning school newspaper, and coached the speech and debate team. Joanne married William in 1963. They have three children and four grandchildren, and have traveled extensively around the world. Joanne lost Bill in 2017, but still travels with friends and family, in particular to France to see relatives.

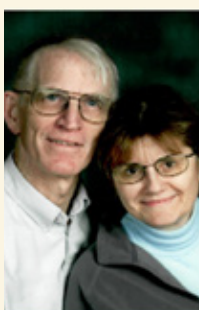




**Yolanda (Babe) Damis J-7 7284**

Yolanda Damis was born in the Tacony neighborhood of Philadelphia to Italian Catholic immigrant parents. The youngest of six children, she has always been called Babe. After graduating from St. Hubert's High School, Babe worked at a bank. She married Joe when she was twenty-two. They bought a house on Torresdale Avenue where they raised two daughters, Joyce and Lisa,

and lived happily for fifty years. Once their daughters were grown, Babe worked as a bookkeeper at a nephew's shop, retiring in 2002. In 2004, daughter Joyce died unexpectedly of an undetected autoimmune disease: a sad, hard time for the family. When husband Joe died, Babe moved to daughter Lisa's home in Blue Bell. She has three granddaughters, a great-grandson, and a dog named Jax. Babe loves spending time with family, traveling, and cooking, notably Italian cookies and meatballs. She enjoys all sorts of music, movies, and puzzles.



**Douglas Fry & Yvonne Gisler J-8 7285**

Douglas Fry was born in Bethlehem, Pa. He received a B.A. in Religion from Haverford, a B.S. in Nursing from Allentown College, and an M.S. in Nursing from Penn. Doug worked as a nurse for thirty years in many roles, and after obtaining further training, worked for 20 more years in geropsychiatry. Before he became a resident, Doug worked in our community as a nurse practitioner.

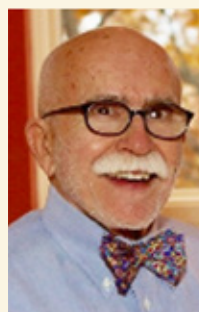
His mother and his wife Yvonne's mother were both residents of Foulkeways. Doug and his wife of 30 years, Yvonne, moved to Foulkeways from Norristown. He and Yvonne attend Gwynedd Meeting. Doug's interests include yoga, Quakerism, Buddhism, hiking, skiing, chess, and reading.

Yvonne Gisler was born in Philadelphia. She and her family moved to a converted historic inn located in New Hanover Township when she was four years old. Yvonne attended Temple to study architecture but changed her career plans to study nursing. After studying at Montgomery CCC, she continued her education at Kutztown University, where she received a B.S. She received her M.S. in Nursing and her Family Nurse Practitioner certificate from the University of Scranton. Yvonne worked as a nurse for over thirty years and as a nurse practitioner for eighteen years. Though her nursing experience was wide and varied, most of her career was spent in the emergency department; she did a brief stint in emergency department nursing management. Her most recent nurse practitioner experience dealt with palliative care and hospice. Yvonne and her husband, Doug, attend Gwynedd Meeting. Her interests include reading, trail running, hiking, snow-shoeing, crocheting, and nature-based spirituality.



**James Seils N-14 7366**

James Seils was an entrepreneur, management consultant, engineer, board-certified ergonomist, and also a board-certified safety professional. Prior to retirement, Jim was President of Ergomatrix, Inc.; his consulting work focused on identifying musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) among workers in both office and industrial settings, and redesigning their tools, equipment and workspace layout to maximize efficiency. His formal education: Harvard School of Public Health; University of Michigan Center for Ergonomics; an M.S. in Applied and Mathematical Statistics, Rochester Institute of Technology; and a B.S. in Industrial Technology, Miami (of Ohio) University. Jim grew up in Rochester, N.Y., spent most of his working life in New York City, and traveled extensively in the U.S. while doing management consulting. While in the Army, Jim trained troops going to Viet Nam. Jim and his husband, Dennis W. Ury, Jr., have been together for 41 years, marrying in 2012 when it became legal in New York State.



**Dennis Ury N-14 7366**

Dennis grew up in Ellenville, N.Y., and graduated from Harvard in 1955. After two years in the Army, marriage, and starting a family, he earned a degree in architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design in 1966. He and his wife had four children while living in Providence, R.I. In 1973, after getting divorced, he moved to New York City. From 1971 to 1978 he was president of his own company, doing residential renovations and restorations, project development, design, and contract administration. Thereafter, he was Director of Neighborhood Preservation for the Jersey City, N.J. Redevelopment Agency; VP and Director of Technical Services and Construction at Phipps Houses in New York City; and Director of Facilities Development for Volunteers of America. Finally, he worked for the New York Department of Buildings where he was responsible for the physical well-being of the senior centers in all five boroughs.



**Marlene Demarest E-3 7230**

Marlene Sherman Demarest was born in Green Bay, Wis., and after WWII lived in a small town nearby. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, she and her graduate-student husband, David, moved to St. Louis, where he taught at Washington University. Four years later, with two children, they went to Pittsburgh, where David began work at Carnegie Mellon University. After another child, years of neighborhood organizing and activism, and getting a master's degree in library science, she worked first in a law library and then managed a branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Marlene and David made many trips to Europe, especially enjoying the London theatre scene. They have a vacation home in Jamesport, Long Island. In Foulkeways Marlene is closer to her children.





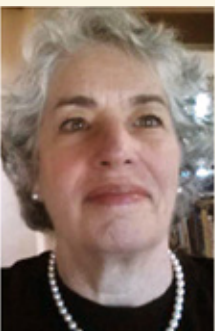
**Paul Taylor** P-5 7373

Paul Taylor was born in Washington D.C., but has lived in the Philadelphia region since he was a young child. Paul received his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Swarthmore College and a Master's in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation, Paul joined Leeds & Northrup Company in North Wales. He worked in many departments, including Data Acquisition Equipment, Control Equipment, Human Interfaces, and System Engineering, where he helped to develop new products for a process control system for industry. He was later reassigned to the Customer Care department, where he helped customers with thorny technical issues, and developed products that were sold by Customer Care. During his career Paul traveled domestically and internationally to assist customers. He traveled for business to Brazil and India. Although Paul's background is in engineering and his favorite hobbies include audio and computers, he also enjoys reading history and biography. Paul is very familiar with the Foulkeways community and learned of Foulkeways many years ago.



**Patricia (Patty) Gerrity** F-1 7241

Patty was born in Pennsylvania but grew up in the Bronx and Queens, N.Y. She received a BSN and MSN followed by a Ph.D. in City & Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She combined her devotion to public health and health planning with community organizing to found and develop a model health center in North Philadelphia, in partnership with residents of public housing. She retired from Drexel University in 2017 as a professor and Associate Dean of Community Programs. Her only daughter died in 2016, and she remains close to her two sons. She lived in Elkins Park for 36 years and is a member of Germantown Meeting. She loves to laugh, and enjoys sharing good food and studying/performing long-form improv. She is often seen walking her beloved dog, Ella, around campus.



**Sue-Ellen de Beer** F-13 7253

Sue-Ellen was born in Charlotte, N.C. By the age of seven she had lived in Charlotte and Raleigh, N.C., New York City, and New Rochelle, N.Y. At the University of New Mexico she earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in French with minors in Spanish and Anthropology. She and her husband, John, have four children and six grandchildren. They lived in Marblehead, Mass. for 30 years before moving to Santa Fe, N.M. Sue-Ellen has been president of a garden club and also had her own small floral design business. She rode dressage and fox-hunted in the Boston area. She and her husband were avid sailors and raced in the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF). She is the proud owner of a very small and loud rescue dog named Yoda that came to her by chance in May 2019.



**Peter Bergson** H-5 7270

Peter Bergson spent the first nineteen years of his life in Bethesda, Md. and the next ten in New England before meeting the love of his life and following her to Bryn Mawr, Pa., where they started a non-profit education center, got married, and then started a family. He and his wife, Susan Shilcock (d. 2005), had four young ones who grew up with self-directed education until each went off to college. His three daughters (and six of his granddaughters) now live and work in the Philadelphia area. His son and his daughter-in-law and their child, his seventh grandbaby, will ride out the pandemic with daughter #3 in West Chester until they feel comfortable returning to Brooklyn. Peter opened his second education center in Germantown in 2015, and has since retired to focus on writing.

## Changes

### New Residents

Daniel & Carol Ritting	W-1	7020
Sarah Maxwell	A-1	7156
David Bartholomew, Sr.	AH-70	7138
John "Jack" Ovens	AH-71	7139
Carol Nolte	D-114	7227

### Moves

Linda High	AH-111 to GH-29	7103
Avo Somer	N-12 to C-9	7198
Barbara Lohre	AH-57 to GH-13	7090
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### Have You Seen the Painted Stones?

We lost much control over our usual activities at Foulkeways during the extended COVID-19 pandemic. Those of us lucky enough to be able to walk the trails through the woods began noticing colorfully painted stones on some of the benches. I can't remember if the first one I saw said Hope, Courage, or Be Kind, but it brought a smile. Somehow, I felt this was a message I needed that day. I was tempted to pick up the stone and put it in my pocket. Reconsidering, I left it for others to find, as I'm sure the artist had intended.

Walking on, I saw other stones—with different words—mostly on benches, but also on tree stumps and on the railing of a bridge. Other walkers asked, "Have you seen the painted stones?" The next question was, "Do you know who's doing these?" Eventually someone discovered initials on the backs: FCCC. Turns out that stands for Foulkeways Child Care Center, and the thoughtful artist was Dawn Ambrose, beloved teacher in the school.

Dawn had painted some stones to teach the children about kindness and feelings. She got the idea when a former student mentioned finding a stone with "Be Kind" painted on it while hiking near Gwynedd when the restrictions first began. Since the school was temporarily closed, Dawn planned to hide half the stones for her children to find when school reopened. The children would then be able to learn about new words and feelings and learn to paint their own messages.

When it became necessary to close the school, Dawn chose to place her inspirational stones around the campus. During our interview for this article, a resident overheard us and came over and exclaimed to Dawn how grateful she and her husband were and how much joy they had derived from finding and reading the messages on the stones. Dawn smiled broadly and said how happy she was that her act had meant something to the residents here. We agree and are still smiling as well.

— Penny Chase



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