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Winter Wonderland News from Camp Caravan

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Dear Stefan,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all. Please consider ending 2008 on a charitable note with a donation to support the Village School, the Village School building fund, the Camp Caravan building fund, or the operation of Camp Caravan. Donations received now will be a 2008 tax deduction, and your generosity will go a long way, enhanced by the volunteer work of parents at the school and participation in Camp Caravan activities. When you fill out the online donation form, be sure to specify your preference for the use of the donation. Find the form at www.villageschool.to/

Thanks for your help!



We send you our very best wishes from a "winter wonderland" in Central Massachusetts. Camp Caravan and most of our homes lost electricity for days, but we all emerged unscathed with power returning to all this week. During that time Village School was used for a community shelter for the town and classes were suspended. That did not stop the Village School children from sharing their singing last Thursday morning, bringing light to all.

On December 13th about twenty of us met at George and Ana Bennett's house for a memorial dinner on the anniversary of Mr. Bennett's death. The Cambridge group braved the challenging roads to join in a preparatory work day against a backdrop of spectacular ice-coated trees. Afterwards, stories and a festive pot-luck meal were shared by candlelight and highlighted with a recording of an interview of Mr. Bennett with Diane Cilento and Tony Shaffer.

In November participants from Camp Caravan and also from a group in Maine joined the Pinnacle group in New York for a shared work day together. Not only was it wonderful to work together with our old friends, but we were also struck by how similar the spirit in the meeting was to that of our "home" group. Thank you for welcoming us!

Martin Brown and Ana Bennett offer a group for beginners or for those wishing to reconnect with working together in the central Massachusetts area meeting every Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. at the Bennett's house in Warwick, MA. For information, please contact either Martin at 978-249- 2993 or Ana at 978-544-5225.

For a group closer to Boston and Cambridge meeting regularly on Wednesday evenings at M.I.T. with monthly work days at Camp Caravan, led by Elan Sicroff and George Bennett please contact Elan Sicroff at esicroff@campcaravan.org .

Ongoing meeting schedule for the Millers River Group and friends

NOTE: We meet the first Saturday of each month, and Sundays on all other weeks, beginning 7:30 a.m. usually ending around 1 p.m. unless noted

JANUARY SCHEDULE-note meetings resume Jan 11

Sat meetings continue through mid-afternoon, joined by additional groups

Sunday meetings completed before lunch, unless otherwise noted

Sat Jan 3 NO MEETING--Happy New Year's weekend

Sun, Jan 11 First 2009 weekly work meeting

Sun, Jan 18 Weekly work meeting

Sun, Jan 25 Weekly work meeting

Sat , Feb 7 Weekly work meeting, joined by additional groups

The 2009 residential practicum begins in September and we invite your input and participation. We have had numerous inquiries about attending, and outreach events are planned, with opportunities for more. Your suggestions are most welcome. Please contact us for more information about the practicum, to be held at Camp Caravan through December 2009.

As always, thank you for your good will, messages and participation. If you know others who would be interested in our news, please share this email with them, or send their postal address to us at info@campcaravan.org.

May your light ever increase,

Debra Strick

and the folks at Millers River Educational Cooperative

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