

# GLENORA GAZETTE

SUMMER 2023

## BO CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AT GLENORA FARM

by Tara Batho

If you have spent time at Glenora Farm over the past 10 years, you have probably come across a jovial, generous, and energetic fellow in rainbow suspenders. This wonderful human is the Glenora Farm Maintenance Manager, Bo Knuth. Bo spreads happiness and patiently problem solves wherever he goes, he dedicates so much time, energy, and creativity to keeping everything at the Farm working properly, and everyone at the Farm safe.

Maybe you know Bo from his legendary hayrides at the Glenora Farm Christmas Fair, maybe you know him with a tool in his hand, tinkering with a piece of equipment, or finding his happy place - cruising the hayfields on his tractor. Wherever you find him, and however you know him, my

guess is that you know a dedicated, compassionate, ethical man, with a soaring heart, adventurous spirit, and smile that never seems to fade.

In May this year, Bo celebrated 10 years working in the role of Maintenance Manager at Glenora Farm. I am lucky to say that I have worked with him for 5 of those years, and through thick, or thin, Bo shows up. He is a master of triage while managing multiple requests, he is a creative problem solver, and patiently works with me on budgets, quotes, and reporting; Bo understands the needs of the community and always says yes to a project, even when his plate is overflowing. Bo also takes

the time to teach, he understands that knowledge is not only empowering, but meant to be shared.

It is abundantly clear, Bo's commitment to the Glenora Farm community and the people he calls friends is consistent, warm and without fail. Heck, Bo likes us so much he decided to marry the woman of his dreams in Trillium (photo above!).

When Bo let us know that he would be retiring, we all felt a tremendous sense of loss. We knew this day would come, and yet, we could never really be ready for it.

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Around  
the  
Farm



## A Musical Summer with the Glenora Farm Bell Choir



We are excited to announce that the Glenora Farm Bell Choir has a musical summer ahead! The Bell Choir kicked off their summer performances on Sunday, June 4th at the Cowichan Performing Arts Centre as part of a Celtic Rhythm Dancers show. We will take the month of July to prepare and practice for our upcoming shows in August. We will be performing on Thursday, August 3rd at 3 pm at 39 Days of July, a free outdoor festival located in Charles Hoey Park in Duncan. It's an event you surely don't want to miss! This year, we are ecstatic to be welcomed back to Special Woodstock on August 20th (time to be determined). This is an event hosted at Providence Farm and includes musicians of all abilities. We can't wait to share our music with you this summer and hope to see you there cheering us on!

## FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

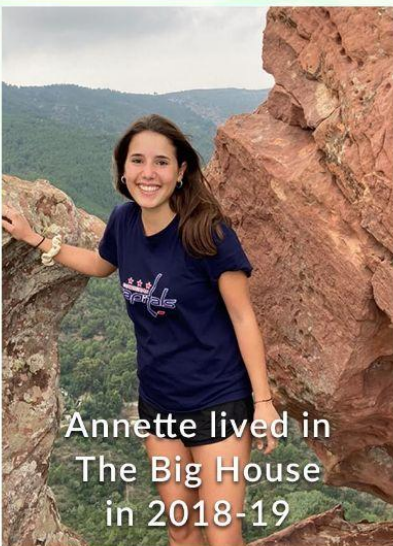
August 3 (39 Days of July) and 20 (Special Woodstock) - Bell performances!

September 29 - Michaelmas

October 9 - Thanksgiving and Harvest Festival

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

with Lisa Whitehead



**What are you doing now?**  
I live in Würzburg, Bavaria and I am studying special need education..two more years to go. In my freetime I play Roundnet, I am at the pottery studio to do pottery or I am outside in the nature.

**Do you have any fun news from your life recently?**

I still cook with far too little salt.:)

**What do you miss about Glenora Farm?**

Besides the people, the cooking !!! (including vegetables from the garden and a walk-in fridge), and the sounds (sheep, cows, birds,...).



## Donating Air Miles to Glenora Farm

with Olivia Jackson

At Glenora Farm we value professional development to allow for Coworkers and Companions to engage in training and community building efforts. As a Camphill community, we are lucky to have other communities we can visit to strengthen our community ties and to take part in shared training. Travelling to these events can be expensive, so we had the idea to start a business air miles account. If you are shopping somewhere that offers Air Miles, you can use our number at the check-out to donate your air miles to our Coworker and Companion travel fund. The Air Miles number is: **#8903 904 0630**. If you would prefer a physical card, please reach out to Olivia at [ojackson@glenora-farm.org](mailto:ojackson@glenora-farm.org), and I will send one of the cards your way.



Keep your eyes peeled on our social media channels and your inboxes this summer for a special project we are rolling out. If you want to be the first to learn about our summer appeal, and all of our exciting projects, make sure to sign up for our mailing list. You can sign up by visiting our website!

## Celebrating Bo! (cont. from pg. 1)

How do you prepare for the departure of someone who has and still does contribute so much, and in so many places at the Farm? Here's what I propose, let us not focus on his departure, instead, let's hold on to Bo's continued presence, all of his time, energy, and effort are reflected all around us here at the Farm. So, the next time you see someone lingering by the maintenance shed, or resting their hand on the tractor with a faraway look in their eye, they are probably remembering their dear friend Bo and all the joy he spread around Glenora Farm.

Happy retirement Bo!!! We wish you peaceful early mornings with good coffee, stamps, and Olive's company, days filled with gardening (those dahlias!!), abundant lunches with friends, and all the freedom and adventure that comes along with sailing the Southern Gulf Islands with the love of your life, Kathie. Skal! Bo! We couldn't have done it without you.

## BIRTHDAYS



- July 12 Gilberts M.
- July 12 Kate S.
- July 14 Kristi F.
- July 17 Adam F.
- July 19 Bo K.
- July 30 Gary Williams
- Aug. 4 Dominica D.
- Aug 8 Beet T.
- Aug 9 Chris B.
- Aug. 12 Alicia M.
- Aug 13. Megan F.
- Aug. 14 Jaime A.
- Aug. 15 Jana C.
- Aug 20 Avery Z.
- Aug. 23 Chris W.
- Sep. 12 Adola M.
- Sep. 17 Cara D.
- Sep. 19 Martha M.
- Sep. 23 Gavin M.
- Sep. 25 Jenni F.



## A \$25,000 Donation in Honour of 25 years in Camphill

with Olivia Jackson

Sarah and Owen Fairbank have three children- Megan, Jesse, and Adam. Megan has a passion for singing and cooking, Jesse is interested in bicycles and metal work, and Adam is an integral member of the Glenora Farm community. Adam spends his time on the Farm tending to compost piles, expressing himself creatively in the weavery, and participating in extracurricular sports.

The Fairbank family has been involved with Camphill communities for 25 years. In 1998, the family visited Camphill Village (Copake) and Triform, two of the Camphill communities on the East Coast of the United States. Adam had a month-long trial visit at Triform, and ended up living at Copake that same year. He lived in that community until 2016, when Adam expressed the desire to be closer to his West Coast family. In 2016, Adam moved into Glenora Farm and has called Corwyn House home ever since.

As Sarah and Owen's children grew older, it was important to them that all of their children be independent, respected, responsible and live a meaningful life. Camphill communities such as Copake and Glenora Farm have helped provide that for Adam, and have enabled a sense of security for the rest of the family knowing he is safe and lives a full, rich, and meaningful life.

*"We are ever grateful that Adam lives at Camphill. He continues to grow and mature in ways we didn't expect. It's so special to visit him and see what an integral part of this community he has become, and for him to share that life with us as visitors who get a peek into the impactful life-sharing that takes place here. We couldn't imagine a better place for Adam and so many others who call Camphill home."*

*-Megan Fairbank*

The Fairbank Family have donated an astounding \$25,000 to both Glenora Farm and Camphill Copake. They have chosen this number to honour Adam's 25 years in Camphill communities. Gift designation is currently being reviewed and discussed with the Fairbank Family.

To honour the profound impact the Fairbank Family has had on Glenora Farm, our community sourced a wooden bench made from beautiful local wood. A bronze plaque adorns the bench with the words "For it is in giving that we receive- St. Francis of Assisi. In honour of the Fairbank Family". The Fairbank Family has embodied this quote with their ongoing generosity over the years. We are beyond grateful for their support.







## CSA BOXES

with Kandis Morneau

For the last few summers we have been providing the community with weekly CSA boxes. All of the money made from our vegetable sales goes directly back into the garden and the day programs for adults with diverse abilities that we run here at the Farm. The money made from vegetable sales allowed us to purchase seeds for the 2023 season, a new silage tarp, a sickle bar mower to better cut fresh grass for sheep, a potato digger so we can grow more potatoes, and more.

Things we are looking forward to this year are new chickens! We are excited to add a small mobile chicken coop to our garden. The chickens will improve our compost, add fresh manure to our resting fields, help us weed and of course bring us their chicken entertainment to the garden.

The CSA is \$30/ week and runs from mid-June to the end of September. Customers can pick up at Glenora Farm or at the Glenora Farm store if scheduled in advance.

Some of the veggies you can expect to see this year are: arugula, mustard greens, salad mix, lettuce, hakurei turnip, swiss chard, kale, pac choi, peas (snow and snap), beans (romano and pole), tomatoes (cherry, slicing and sauce), cucumber, zucchini, broccoli, cauliflower, kohlrabi, fennel, carrots, cabbage, brussel sprouts, potatoes, winter squash, onions, scallions, radish, leeks, parsley, garlic, basil, cilantro, beets, peppers and eggplant.



## MEET JAMIE

**Where did you live before you came to Glenora Farm?** I lived with my dad. He lives in Port Moody. Before that I lived with my mom in Cape Town in South Africa.

**What is your favourite thing about Glenora Farm?** Working outside, the fresh air.

**What are your hobbies? How do you spend your free time?** I like going for walks sometimes or hanging out with Aiden. Spending time with my friends like Faith, Lisa.

**Do you have a favourite food?** My favourite food is pizza. Hawaiian pizza.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?** Disney World. I haven't been there before.

**What are your dreams for the future?** My dream is to swim with the dolphins. Maybe near Disney World.

**Is there anything else you want to say?** I love it here!