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## Alumni and Friends Newsletter Spring 2022

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Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

Today is Jean Hinton Rosner Memorial Work Day! Hello from a campus alive with students, faculty and staff, forsythia, crocuses, rakes, shovels and chainsaws. Some students are rebuilding Arms Cabin today. Stay tuned—we will share a photo and update of the new cabin in the next newsletter.

We are preparing, in our cyclical way, for all the events of the spring and summer, but with renewed enthusiasm. We will host our first reunion since Covid this June, and we are delighted. And so are alumni—there are already quite a few registrants! This spring we will bid farewell to Head of School Emily Jones and welcome new Head Danny O'Brien, which is bittersweet. And so the seasons roll on.

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# Summer Programs Seeks Teachers & Dorm Heads

The Putney School Summer Programs seeks both teachers and dorm heads from June 25-July 30, for its in-person arts program for teens. Join us on the hill this summer, and be part of a vibrant community of young artists.

*"I enjoy my summers teaching at Putney so much, from breakfast with students to Sing, from chatting outside the KDU to laughing together during community work morning."*—Freya, writing teacher



**Workshop Teacher Info**

**Dorm Head Info**

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## Reunion June 2022



Reunion is finally back! It's been a while. We look forward to welcoming you back to Putney this June. Reunion classes 2022 are: 1950-57, 1960-62, 1970-72, 1979-83, 1996-98, and all classes older than the class of 1950.

If it is a reunion year for you, [register here](#). You can also see who has [already registered here](#).

Reunion is June 10-12, 2022, with the 50th reunion celebration beginning with dinner on Thursday, June 9.

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## Sweet Putney Gold

Thank you to all those who entered the great Putney School syrup draw of 2022! We had over 100 Putney syrup fans enter the drawing and Farm Manager [Pete Stickney drew 10 names](#) out of a (dry) sap bucket. Our grateful thanks to all the

students involved in making syrup on campus this spring. Our winners are:

Donna Ginsberg '75  
Chandy and Paul Graves P'25  
Ben Mikulis G'19, 22  
Anne Carpenter Robertson '51  
Frank Rosenberg '62  
Peter Roos P'13  
Robert Shapiro P'08  
Meg Spicer '80  
Mary Strauss '45, G'17  
Lori Wellman S'53



Special thanks to everyone who responded to our winter appeal with a gift to the school. If you haven't yet, please consider making a donation to Putney's Annual Fund today! Thank you, Putney is sweeter for your support.

**Donate today!**

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## Foraging: New Afternoon Activity



*Students made ink from acorn caps in early April.*

A new afternoon activity was added to the list this year: foraging wild plants from Putney's land. One of the faculty leaders of the activity, Michael Vercillo, explained that it was inspired by a few different people on campus. The KDU staff were interested in an activity that provided the dining hall with some wild edible foods—garlic mustard, dandelion, goutweed, plantain, wild grape, chickweed, and nettle grow abundantly on the land. Vercillo and co-leader Holley Roberts wanted to “give students the opportunity to learn about and, more importantly, from, the plants and the land.”

“We wanted to show students that we can responsibly share in that abundance if we can (re)learn how to listen to the plants so as to ensure that they will be around for us and others to enjoy in the future,” said Vercillo.



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