

Alumni and Friends Newsletter October 2022



BMAC Climate Change Artist-in-Residency Exhibition: where are we?

Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

The first in-person Harvest Festival since 2019 was a success! We welcomed alumni, families, and friends back to campus for food and drink and games and music and fun. Check out the photos here of [Harvest Festival](#). Students are back on campus from their mid-fall Break and in just over a week will participate in this year's first Jean Hinton Rosner Memorial Work Day.

Ira Wender P'77, '89, 1927-2022

Longtime trustee Ira Wender P '77, '89 died October 18 at age 95. A trustee since 1985,



his roles on the board included service as vice-chair and as a member of the executive, finance, and investment committees. Ira witnessed many chapters in Putney's history and had an indelible impact on this institution.

"Ira was a true believer in The Putney School. Not only did he send two of his children here, but he remained actively engaged on the school's board from 1985 until his passing," said Randy Smith, Putney's chief financial officer and a longtime friend and colleague of Ira's. "His wisdom, humanity, and vision served all of us and made Putney a better place. Along

the way, Ira became a friend and mentor to countless Putney students and adults. He will be remembered and missed by many. Our thoughts are with his amazing wife of 57 years, Phyllis, and all their children during this period of grief."

[Read Ira's obituary here](#)

Gallery Exhibit

BMAC Climate Change Artist-in-Residency
Exhibition: where are we?

Elizabeth Billings, Evie Lovett, and Andrea Stix Wasserman, BMAC's inaugural Climate Change Artists in Residence, will present work created during their 2021-22 residency in an exhibition called *where are we?* at The Putney School's Currier Gallery November 4 - December 19, 2022, with an opening reception Saturday, November 5, 5-7 p.m.

This exhibition, presented in partnership with The Putney School, is an opportunity for the artists to share work generated during a year of deep consideration of climate change.

At 7:00 p.m., after the opening, the Keene Chamber Orchestra performs in Calder Hall.

[where are we?](#)



Seeking Hosts for International Students

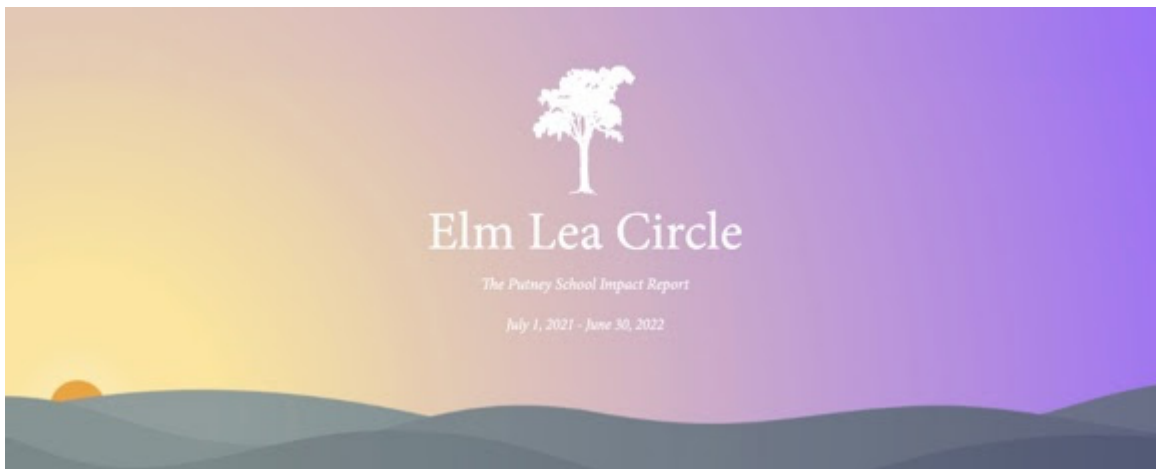


Please consider hosting an international student for Putney's November vacation (Saturday, November 17-Sunday, November 27). Vacation homestays provide international students with a safe and welcoming place during school vacations.

Covid restrictions continue to limit international travel, and some students cannot return home even during longer vacations. But we also see these vacations as opportunities to make Putney's community ever more "culturally fluent" and inclusive. Libby Holmes in the International Student Office would love to share more about this wonderful opportunity to host students.

Contact Libby Holmes

Impact Report and Campaign Video Released



The Putney School is pleased to announce the digital publication of our annual impact report Elm Lea Circle for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Formerly known as the Donor Recognition Report, Elm Lea Circle has been reimagined to acknowledge and give thanks to all members of The Putney School community who made Putney a priority in their philanthropic endeavors this past year. Thank you to all who gave in ways both large and small, every gift and kind action matters.

As part of our continuing efforts to create a more sustainable and accessible future for all, this report is now available as a dedicated web page.

And after you have read the report you can learn more about Sing it *Forward*: A Campaign for Putney's Future via this [video](#) or by [reading up](#) on all the exciting

ways this campaign both honors Putney's past, meets the current moment and sings Putney forward.

With joy and appreciation, we invite everyone to join us.

[Read Impact Report](#)

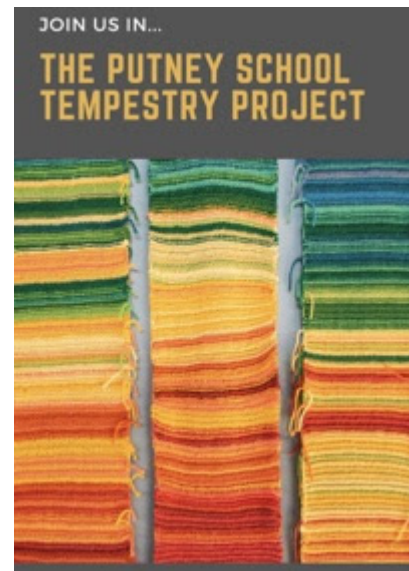
[Watch Sing it Forward video](#)

Where Crafting and Activism Meet

Would you consider joining alumni, students, faculty & staff, and local community members knitting or crocheting a Putney School Tempestry? A Tempestry is a climate data bar graph that illustrates the high temperature of each day during a single year.

Our goal is to display 86 tempestries, spanning 1935 to 2021 at the next Harvest Festival. This will allow the community to visualize climate change on our beautiful hill and can be a source of inspiration and dedication in doing our part to end/improve climate change.

To get involved contact Librarian [Sarah Wiles](#) for your year assignment and how to purchase a kit.



Check out the Tempestry Project



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