

## Alumni and Friends Newsletter September 2023

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*Brian Quarrier '05 leads a 2023 Long Fall trip  
on the Pemi Loop hike in the White Mountains*

Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

Another school year begins! The students bring such joy to our campus. They packed up and organized for Long Fall with good cheer, and were off enjoying the forests and lakes last week. As they return, we look to the academic work in earnest. In this newsletter, we offer information about the current art exhibit in the Currier gallery, Harvest Festival 2023, and upcoming alumni gatherings. We also pause to remember a beloved alumna, Sarah Kerlin Gray Gund '60, whose life and contributions to this school have had a profound impact and will be felt for generations to come.

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## Sarah Kerlin Gray Gund '60, 1942-2023



The Putney School mourns the loss of Sarah Kerlin Gray Gund. A cherished alumna, highly respected trustee and board chair, and dedicated trustee emerita, Sarah's kindness, generosity of spirit, as well as transformational philanthropic support (in partnership with her husband Geoffrey Gund), have had a profound impact on the school throughout the years. On behalf of the entire Putney School community, we send our heartfelt condolences to Sarah's family and her beloved husband, Geoff, while we honor her memory with profound gratitude for the many extraordinary ways that she helped to shape and support who we are.

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**Gallery Show:**  
**Vaune Trachtman '84 and Rachel Portesi**



We hope you can visit the Michael S. Currier Center to see the wonderful work by Vaune Trachtman '84 and Rachel Portesi. Rachel and Vaune use alternative photographic processes that meld historic and 21st-century technologies. Although neither artist appears in their work, each image nonetheless can be viewed as a type of self-portrait. Thematic similarities in their work include the impact of family, the passage of time, and photography's unrelenting gaze.

**Where:** Michael S. Currier Gallery

**Show:** September 8 through October 29, 2023

**Opening Event:** September 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Harvest Festival:** Meet the artists: October 8, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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## Elm Lea Circle Impact Report



Keep an eye out for the Elm Lea Circle Impact Report, our annual report that celebrates our community of supporters who stepped up in myriad ways to support The Putney School in the fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023). Inside, discover the alumni classes with the highest philanthropic participation, how many hours were donated by students during charitable work day, what words you used to describe a Putney experience, and so much more. The report will be distributed virtually later this month.

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## Harvest Festival 2023

Sunday, October 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Join us on Sunday, October 8, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for our annual fall celebration through food, music, crafts, games, and good cheer.

The event includes bounce houses, face painting, games, and more. Be sure to explore the whole Currier Center gallery to see [Putney's Tempestry Project](#).

Alumni, parents, the local community, and friends of the school come together for Harvest Festival, and we hope you will join us. Thank you!

[See the schedule](#)

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## Putney on the Road





**Beijing, China** - A social gathering for alumni and parents (current and former)

**When:** Saturday, September 16, from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Jing Guang Centre, 27th Floor, [East 3rd Ring Road](#)

[Chaoyang District, Beijing, China](#) 100020

北京市朝阳区东三环中路京广中心27层(100020)

**Shanghai, China** - A social gathering for alumni and parents (current and former)

**When:** Monday, September 18, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Highline Restaurant,

Floor 6th, No. 282, Middle Huai Hai Rd, North Building,

Hong Kong Plaza, Ascott Huai Hai Road,

Huang Pu District, Shanghai Highline

餐厅, 上海市淮海中路282号香港广场北座雅诗阁酒店6楼

Stay tuned for upcoming gatherings in Japan, Korea, Brooklyn, California, Oregon, Washington, Boston area and more. If you are interested in helping to host an event in your area, please be in touch with [Alison Frye](#) and/or [Kalya Yannatos](#).



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