



# Cobscook Currents

News from the Cobscook Community Learning Center

Spring/Summer 2011

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## See inside for

### Cobscook Bay Company news:

*"We are proud to work with Maine Fresh. This partnership gives our customers another opportunity to buy delicious, local and wholesome products at a great value while giving back to Maine communities. We strive to make a difference in the areas we serve and we're glad to see that Maine Fresh is committed to doing the same, one pie at a time."*

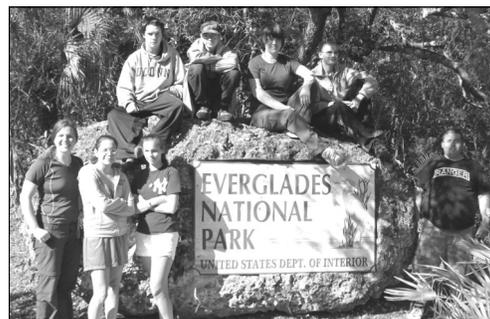
- Matt Paul, Hannaford

## Expedition Education:

### Creating Transformation in Washington County

**News from the Program:** Three quarters into its inaugural year, our Community Year staff, in partnership with our colleagues at Calais High School, have created a program that blends expeditions, field trips, and classroom work for local high school students. What follows describes some of the projects the Community Year has focused on in the past few months.

**Florida Expedition:** TCY traveled to Florida in February for a two-week expedition focused on the ecology of the area. The group explored Wekiva Springs State Park by canoe (led by veteran guide Eddie Williford), saw one of the US's largest mangrove swamps at Collier-Seminole State Park, visited the largest virgin stand of Bald Cypress at Corkscrew Swam Sanctuary, and went to Everglades National Park. TCY ended its trip with a stay on Cumberland Island in Georgia, home to wild horses, armadillos, and saw palmettos.



*The group poses in the Everglades.*

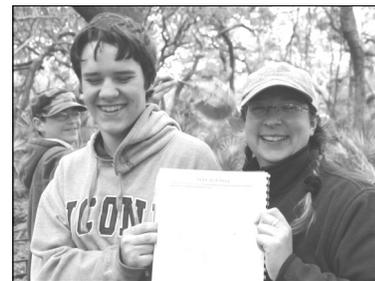
**Spring Projects – Timber Framing, Maple Syrup, Salmon Eggs and More:** Students have been working with timber framer Tim Beal to design and build a shelter over an outdoor cob oven that was built at the CCLC last summer. Tim has brought in principles of math, forestry, and design throughout the project. Students have also been collecting sap as part of a maple-syrup-turned-science-project. So far, the group has made two quarts of syrup while collecting data about the trees, sap production, weather conditions, and more. The group is also learning about the life cycle, habitat requirements, and conservation efforts surrounding the Atlantic salmon by visiting with the Down East Salmon Federation and by monitoring a tank of Atlantic salmon eggs in the classroom.



*Visiting the salmon hatchery.*

**Washington, DC Expedition:** From April 9 – 16, TCY will be in Washington, DC, exploring first-hand the workings of government. The group will tour the US Capitol and Supreme Court, visit the monuments and memorials along the National Mall, explore Smithsonian exhibits, observe the founding documents of the United States at the National Archives, and learn directly about current peace-building efforts with staff at the US Institute of Peace.

**Graduation:** Four of our TCY students expect to complete high school through The Community Year this year. TCY graduates will receive a Calais High School diploma. We look forward to celebrating all of our TCY students, along with the graduating Passages students, at the CCLC graduation ceremonies this June.



*TCY student, Matt Spencer, and teacher Kara McCrimmon sharing some smiles.*

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**There's Much Work to Do**

By Alan Furth, CCLC Executive Director

"How is your family?" I asked. I was checking in with an old friend. "Which family do you mean?" He replied, "My family in Japan is reeling from the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis. My family in Libya is ravaged by the violence of civil war." He was naming the truth of the world we wake to each day now. In the early months of 2011, news of one event of global significance has washed under a new wave of coverage associated with the next, and the next. And so, as "family members" we are invited to contribute whatever we can, wherever we are. We know we are all linked together.



Alan outside at the CCLC.

In this edition of *Cobscook Currents* we acknowledge the many gifts of talent, time, energy, and finance that carried us through 2010 and into 2011. On behalf of the community, students, board, and staff of the CCLC and Cobscook Bay Company, I extend deepest appreciation for your many contributions which translate into the successes we are realizing in addressing challenges and sustaining what is good.

As we trace the impact of our collective contributions to sustaining the CCLC to conditions around the world, we can gain heart knowing that today:

- The first two graduates of Passages at CCLC have entered their second semester of post-secondary education. A member of this year's graduating class reflected to her teacher, "Before Passages, I never imagined that I would finish high school. Now I cannot imagine not continuing my education in college."
- The first year of Community Year is rapidly coming to a close. Students have learned how to lean into challenges. They have learned how to learn. Four TCY students are seniors and will graduate from high school this year. The others will continue their high school careers with greater confidence, self-awareness, and rich experiences to build from.
- The Cobscook Bay Company is manufacturing Maine Fresh seafood pies three miles up the road from the CCLC. The CBC exemplifies community education applied to creative business solutions and is helping to turn despair into hope.

This newsletter highlights success within Passages, The Community Year, CBC, our Heartwood Lodge capital campaign, and the CCLC's organizational leadership. Recently, the CCLC completed a five-year strategic plan. This process led us to a revised mission, vision, and values statement — all of which further distill the essence of our work. I am very pleased to introduce you to the new leaner mission statement of the CCLC: *to create responsive educational opportunities that strengthen personal, community, and global well-being.*

We can do this - - - together. If you are new to the CCLC, welcome aboard. If you have traveled across the years with us, your company has been a gift. Enjoy the fruits of all we have shared which are described, in part, in this edition of *Cobscook Currents*. And, please know that we need your support now as much as we ever have. *There's much work to do . . .*

Sincerely,

Alan Furth

*"Brothers and sisters, I turn now to you  
Let us lay down our fears, there's much work to do  
Together without suspicion and hate  
We can save us a world while the talkers debate."*

- Excerpt from *The Singer* by Jan Harmon, singer/songwriter

## Maine Fresh Pies Are a Hit!

Since the launch of the Cobscook Bay Company's line of Maine Fresh pies, the business has taken off! The CBC was created by the CCLC, in partnership with John Phinney, and a portion of the profits go to support the work of the center. As a result, there are ten new jobs at the CBC facility in Trescott – and health insurance is available to qualifying employees. Here is a glimpse of the CBC's incredible accomplishments since November 2010:



Look for these in the freezer case of your grocery store.

- Customers have purchased (and eaten) \$225,000 worth of pies.
- Pies are being sold at 160 Hannaford locations throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and Massachusetts.
- Associated Grocers of ME, a distributor to independent grocers in Maine, will begin carrying the pies soon, as will Associated Buyers, which services health food stores across New England.
- CBC just signed an agreement with Whole Foods North Atlantic, which includes 27 Whole Foods stores in Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Look for Maine Fresh pies in these stores soon!
- Maine Fresh shrimp pies were served to 400 people at the Governor's Conference on Maine Tourism in February in Portland. They were a huge hit!

The CBC is creating jobs, supporting community and alternative education, and serving as a market where local fishermen can get stable, fair prices for their products. Wherever you are, you can support this community by enjoying delicious, convenient seafood pies. As it says on the Maine Fresh website, we are *"building community, one pie at a time."*

## Cobscook Bay Company Employee Spotlight: Steve Lavigne

*Cobscook Currents* interviewed CBC employee, Steve Lavigne, who lives in Trescott. He has worked for the company since October 2010. Steve does everything at the CBC. He can be found assembling pies, making crusts, picking seafood, boxing up product, building equipment, and even driving the delivery truck!

### *What do you like about working at the CBC?*

I like that the work is different every day. I'm also learning all the ins and outs of the seafood industry. There aren't that many jobs around here, and I like that the benefits are good here. There are also opportunities for advancement, as we all take on more responsibility. It's a nice atmosphere here. We all do whatever needs to be done.

### *What do you think about working for a business that supports the CCLC?*

It feels good. This business supports our community and helps to build it. It's important to build this place up. I have two kids – one is twelve and one is fifteen. I look forward to seeing the CCLC be able to do even more programs for them.

### *Do you like the pies?*

I love the pies! It's so exciting to see them in stores. I tell people all the time that the more pies they eat, the more we get to make. I hear great reviews from people. The scallop is my favorite.



Steve Lavigne.

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S. Joel Karp  
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Sue & Paul Crawford  
Sue Furth  
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Goodman  
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Bob & Ruth Ahrens  
Bonnie & Herb Phillips  
Bradley & Lorinda Boyd  
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Carol Carew  
Carroll Tiernan  
C F Adams Charitable Trust  
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Cloe Chunn  
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## CCLC Welcomes New Board Members!

### Blaine Jones, Treasurer



Born and raised here, Blaine and his family have settled in for the duration. Blaine is now assistant vice president and manager of Bangor Savings Bank's Jonesport and Machias branches. Fittingly, he joins the CCLC board as treasurer. Blaine's mission is to rebuild that thing called *community*. His associations with a number of area groups focusing on economic development, (Sunrise County Economic Council, Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Machias Rotary, the Downeast Institute on Beals Island, UMM's Board of Visitors), serve as his platform to figure out how to – and then – do it.

### Joe Wolfberg

For the better half of his life, Joe has been perfecting his playful “pirate in the raw” persona. A faculty member at the University of New England, Joe engages his students with mindfulness, spirituality, and consideration of the whole person. Joe shares the CCLC's core belief that people in a community need to be heard in order to maintain health. Joe joins the board of directors to share his model of healing, “listen, understand, and respond.” Joe finds his pirate-self balanced between Eastport and Portland, and his introspective-self reflecting upon the fibers that comprise the tapestry of his life.



### Madonna Soctomah

After training in the US Navy and working in health care facilities around the US, Madonna returned to her birthplace at Pleasant Point where she founded a tribal health clinic. Concerned with equitable treatment of all Native Americans, she has won several elections as tribal rep to Maine state legislature. She first came to the CCLC as a presenter and later for pottery classes. Her philosophy is that “education is directly linked to quality of life and improvement in health.” She sees her place on the board as facilitating exchange of observations and insight between Native cultures on the reservation and off, bridging communications, arts, and education, enhancing well-being for all.



### Marilyn Hughes, Board Member



Marilyn recently returned to the area as CEO of the Regional Medical Center at Lubec after a career as an RN working in healthcare facilities across the US. Marilyn believes that our collective well-being is “all about the health of our community,” and to get there requires educational opportunities that will improve our minds and bodies, and help us live healthy lives. Becoming a regular at Monday Music and Friday Pizza nights led her to learn about the CCLC, which she views as a “positive, living, breathing organism in the community, and we must nurture it.” Her involvement on the board consists of “a love and willingness to pitch in and help the CCLC do its great work in support of our community.”

### Gina Brooks, Board Member



Born of Wulustuk (aka Maliseet, people of the beautiful river) in Fredericton, New Brunswick and growing up on berry fields among Passamaquoddy (people who spear Pollock), Gina is a dual US/Canadian citizen. She believes people have a responsibility to share the stories that keep their cultures alive. Gina has followed the CCLC's birth and growth, believes it's a “place to come together and share, to learn and re-learn, tell the old stories and write new ones.” Her goal is to ignite the passions of Native and other peoples, encourage them to increase knowledge, new understandings, and “breathe new breath into all peoples' connection to the land and communities.”

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Julia Schulz  
Katey Branch  
Katherine & Frank Cassidy  
Katherine Mahon  
Katie Simpson  
Kendall Farm Cottages  
Kevin & Lisa Thompson  
Kirstin & William Edelglass  
Larkspur Morton & Neal Taylor  
Larry Olds

## On the Home Stretch:

### Several Passages Students are Working on their Final Projects

By Charley Martin-Berry, Passages Teacher/Coordinator

Last year, two young parents graduated from Passages at the CCLC. This year, get ready to celebrate eight! Mark your calendars for June 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. for graduation in the CCLC bandstand.

Passages is a home-based high school diploma program for young parents. Begun at the Community School in Camden, this self-paced program focuses on life skills, parenting, and academics. Students need to master core skills, participate in workshops, engage in community service each year, and complete a final project called the Passage. Students are asked to choose a project that addresses a very real fear, challenge, interest, or passion in their lives. Students take the lead in forming a committee to support them through this project, and then present their final work.

Two students who will participate in the graduation ceremony in June have already finished their Passage projects. The first created an informational brochure for young parents that offers hints for new moms and dads, and local resources available to parents. The student presented this brochure to Maine Families home visitors who will share the publication with the first-time moms and dads they visit.

Alex finished her final project in February. She chose to create a meal for a large group of people, and worked with chef Mark DeSantis to plan the preparation and presentation. He taught her how to work in a commercial kitchen, something Alex definitely aspires to do. She presented herb-butter linguine with feta cheese and grape tomatoes to her committee, as well as a number of CCLC staff. Usually nervous in front of a group, Alex did a fine job.



Alex and her meal.

Convinced one project would not be challenging enough, Nichole is doing two. Because there is a lack of qualified, available babysitters in her community, she is creating a babysitter tree. The tree will have contact information for sitters who must have credentials like infant/child CPR, or babysitter course completion. She'll post the babysitter trees throughout the Calais/Princeton area. She's also organizing a playgroup for parents and children (0-8) in the Calais area, and hopes to have had several Saturday playgroups before the end of May.

Another student, witnessing her son growing quickly, is making a quilt with his baby pictures. She will transfer his pictures to cloth and, with the help of her expert, incorporate them into a quilt. The quilt will be a keepsake for her son.

Laura, another aspiring chef, is researching family recipes from both parents' sides of the family. Including mostly New England and some Midwestern recipes, Laura will cook all the recipes she can find and make a cookbook called, "Runs in the Family." Laura plans to sell cookbooks locally, and proceeds from any books sold at CCLC events will go to support Passages field trips or scholarships.

Katie was the first student to apply to Passages, so it has been a special delight to see this mom complete the program. Katie is creating a Passages yearbook. Katie shares, "The project I have chosen is based on something I wasn't able to experience. It would have meant a lot to be able to take part in a yearbook before now. It's very real and personal. It will be nice to be able to show my kids when they get older that the school I went to is real. I want to show them what I looked like and that I wasn't the only young mom."

Some others are in the early stages of their final projects; all are determined to finish. Good luck to the Passages students as they work towards their diplomas!

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Family  
Les Simon  
Linda McGill & Michael Ryan, ESQ  
Linda Walbridge  
Lisa Llorente  
Maine Blackfly Breeders Assn  
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Nancy Begley  
Pam & Larry Broyhill  
Pam Taylor  
Pamela Kristan  
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Patty Quillin & Reed Hastings  
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## Programming At The CCLC: What's In Store?

*By Michael Shannon, Director of Education & Programs*

The CCLC's community education programs have been an access point for many people across the years. Whether it's a course in pottery, fiber arts, music, writing, wildlife tracking, bread baking, boating safety, blacksmithing, Ham radio, yoga, weight training, or one of the many, many other offerings – we know that the CCLC has become a place that people have come to count on for fun, innovative, and transformational opportunities to learn and to grow. We made a difficult organizational decision in late 2010 to scale back our community education programs so that the CCLC could focus more fully on the creation and launch of The Community Year, (updates are on page one of this newsletter). TCY is now up and running, and we are excited to say that community education is back! Over the course of the spring and summer of 2011, you can look forward to the following offerings:



*Whiting Village School students planting seeds for the garden.*

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Down East Spring Birding Festival** – Washington County is a destination for birders from all over North America on Memorial Day Weekend. Conducted cooperatively with the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, Road Scholar Program, Cobscook Bay Chamber of Commerce, and many local volunteers, this annual event showcases the natural beauty of our area and our winged and feathered neighbors.

**Community Garden Project** – Heard of the local food movement? Want to know more about how to grow healthy, organic food and save money at the same time? The community gardens at the CCLC are created and maintained by Washington County's Master Gardeners. Plots are available for planting! Call for details.

**Maine Expedition** – Once again, youth aged 11 to 16 are invited to participate in a living and learning adventure through the woods, on the waters, and over the mountains of Maine. Participants learn wilderness skills, lessons about the natural history of Maine, and what it means to work as a team while you grow as an individual. Scholarships available. Call for dates and more information.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beautiful Day** – This day celebrates the beauty of women and girls. Join us for a day of workshops and relaxation. Activities are organized around a wide variety of topics, such as: cooking, writing, yoga, politics, backpacking, inner beauty, and much more. If you have a particular interest or skill to share, please give us a call!



*John Viselli tends the outdoor clay oven.*

**Timber Framing Project** – During the summer of 2010 a Road Scholar group (once known as Elderhostel) constructed a beautiful outdoor clay oven. The students of The Community Year have been working with Tim Beal to design a structure to protect the oven and keep firewood nearby. Community members are invited to participate in the construction of the small building over the summer.

Additionally, we're preparing a slate of programs that include a summer art camp, a writers' series, and concerts in the bandstand. And, of course, you can count on the ongoing activities like knitting circles (Monday nights and Wednesday afternoons), Monday Night Music, and First Friday Pizza and Music Nights that have become staples of community life. Please stop by, visit [www.theccclc.org](http://www.theccclc.org), or become our fan on Facebook for more information about upcoming programs!



*Kris and Megan Paprocki entertaining in the bandstand.*

## Mary Herman Describes Her Work with the Heartwood Lodge Campaign

We spent a few minutes with Mary Herman, who served as the First Lady of Maine from 1995 to 2003. She has brought her expertise and connections to the effort to raise support for Heartwood Lodge. Mary lives in Brunswick with her husband, Angus King.



Mary Herman enjoys working with the CCLC.

### *What is your role in the campaign?*

My role is to help identify individuals who may be able either to make a donation or direct us to others that we could approach. I became involved with the CCLC when a friend of mine (who is a big CCLC supporter and fan) sent me a copy of *Cobscook Currents* and encouraged me to get in touch with the organization. I lived in Washington County in the 70s and I have a deep interest in the health and well-being of the people of the region. This is a great opportunity to be involved up here, plus I get to make occasional visits!

### *Why do you think that Heartwood Lodge is important?*

I am energized by all the possibilities for graduate and undergraduate internships, teacher recertification weekends, art workshops, corporate retreats, residencies created for medical students and interns, and so much more. The Lodge ensures residential and immersion learning opportunities for people, including kids, who otherwise may not be able to participate. The Lodge creates new revenue for the CCLC and new programming opportunities. I can't wait for the grand opening!

### *Are you having fun doing this work?*

It's hard work! But I love it and I'm not giving it up. I am having a great time introducing people to the CCLC, its work, and its mission. I have engaged in many meaningful, inspiring conversations about it. I also love coming to the CCLC. The members of the capital campaign committee are wonderful. It's fun to work with a group of such dedicated volunteers.

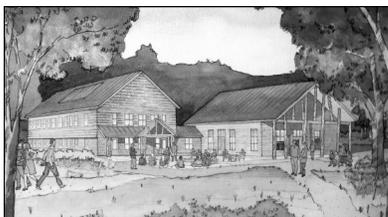
## Heartwood Lodge Great Hall and Classroom to be Dedicated to Trailside/AEI Co-Founder Diana Becker (1943-2001)

With the blessing of Paul McKinney, Diana Becker's husband, Heartwood Lodge's great gathering hall and classroom for The Community Year will be dedicated to Diana and her life's work. Diana Becker loved the Cobscook Bay region and the people who live here. In 1974, she and other visionary educators established a home base for Trailside and, in 1978, the Audubon Expedition Institute (AEI) here. AEI blossomed and flourished here through the 70s and 80s, and the region and its people remained an important part of the AEI experience throughout the evolution of the school. The CCLC is a vibrant outgrowth of the visionary educational work championed by Diana, her colleagues, and the



Diana Becker: a visionary educator.

Trailside/AEI community. We invite members of the expedition community to help secure this legacy by contributing to Heartwood Lodge and/or by helping us to organize a gathering of members of the Trailside/AEI community in your region. Please contact Alan Furth to find out how to help support this living legacy—alan@thecccl.org or (207) 733-2233.



Heartwood Lodge completes the CCLC's campus.

Designs by Aaron  
 Earnest & Priscilla James  
 Eastern Plumbing & Heating  
 Frank's Dockside Restaurant  
 Gary & Mary Cook  
 Guptil's Logging  
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 Lyon's Market  
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 Mary Offutt  
 McFadden's Variety  
 Monica's Chocolates  
 Moose Island Marine  
 Mousse Island Clippers  
 Parlins Floral  
 Pat Mallar  
 Patti Sansing, Whole Life Market  
 Pembroke Irving  
 Port O'Call  
 Puffin Pines Country Gift Store  
 R&M IGA  
 Raye's Mustard  
 Riverside Inn & Restaurant  
 Sam Curtis  
 Shelly Tinker  
 Sherry Metcalf  
 SL Wadsworth & Son  
 Susan Woodman & Vicki Verge  
 Tamara Dean  
 The New Friendly Restaurant  
 The Red Hot Ladies  
 Uncle Kippy's  
 Whiting General Store  
 Whitney's Tool Shed  
 Worcester Wreath Co.  
**Spinskater Scholarship Fund**  
 Ann Carter  
 Gay's Wild Blueberries  
**The Community Year Fund**  
 Maine Community Foundation,  
 Gerrish Island Fund  
 Maine Community Foundation,  
 Washington County Fund

## New CCLC Staff! Welcome to Carrie and Annie.

### Carrie Callahan Administrative Assistant

Carrie has finally found her dream job and joined the CLCC. She has a BA and an MFA from The George Washington University. Throughout stints in Maine, Hawaii, DC, Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut, Carrie has maintained her lifelong passions in the worlds of art and yoga, practicing and teaching both. When not at work, she can be found on her mat or bicycle, messing about in her gardens, doing art in her studio, or simply hanging out in East Machias with her partner and fantastic-four kitties.



### Annie Seegmiller Teacher The Community Year

An Iowa native, Annie holds a BA in Architecture and Art History and a Masters of Art Education from the University of Minnesota. Annie has led dogsledding and ice climbing trips, so the Maine winter hasn't fazed her yet. She became interested in intentional communities and designing for social change while spending time in Central Appalachia working for a non-profit home repair program. She enjoys exploring new places, art studio time, and a good cup of coffee.



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### Pizza and Music Night

Join the CCLC for live music and delicious homemade pizza on the first Friday of every month at 6 pm. If you haven't been to pizza night yet, it's time! Different local musicians are featured each month, and the pizza is always hot.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

*The Guntry Kentelmen*, featuring Rafi Hopkins, Robert Sanchez, & Heron Weston



**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Gary Cook and Friends



**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

*O'McCrelli*, featuring Kara McCrimmon, Jim O'Neil, & John Viselli

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**

*The Fieldguides*, featuring Duane Ingalls, Rafi Hopkins, John Leavitt, Tom Boutoureira, Lauren Koss, Melanie Tardiff, Alan Cook, & Clif Moser

\$10/person or \$25/family Funds raised support the CCLC.

### The Community Year Open House

**The 2011-2012 school year is coming up and enrollment is open.**

Join TCY staff to learn more about The Community Year. Tour the campus and facilities, learn more about the courses and expeditions, meet the teachers, and learn how to apply.

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:00 pm**

Other times are available by appointment.

Call anytime!  
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