

Periodically we have news that can't wait until our Spring edition of the Pinewoods Post. We want to keep you updated on recent events.



# The Pinewoods Post

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## SPECIAL EDITION



### ***A Tribute to Gerda Conant (1935-2016)***

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of former Camp Manager and beloved neighbor Gerda Conant on January 13, 2016.

Born in Germany, Gerda came to Long Island with her family in 1935. She and her husband, Richard "Rick" Conant, raised five children. The family spent much of each summer on Long Pond in Plymouth on the property known as "The Point", adjacent to Pinewoods Camp--the camp was owned and managed by her husband's parents, Dick and Lily Conant from the 1920s until the 1970s.



Gerda assumed the role of camp manager at Pinewoods Camp prior to the camp's sale to the non-profit organization, Pinewoods Camp Inc. She then continued to manage the camp under PCI's ownership in its first years as a non-profit. She was an early champion of the environment with regard to Pinewoods and its stewardship of land. Together with her husband's sister, Betty Burchell, Gerda and Rick gifted many acres of land near Pinewoods Camp to the Wildlands Trust, land that is now part of an extensive hiking trail network enjoyed by many.

In her free time, Gerda volunteered years of service to many organizations, among them The American Friends Service Committee, The League of Women Voters, Milton Hospital and Milton for Peace. She was a long-time member of the Cambridge Chorus, an avid gardener and a regular attendee at Pinewoods Camp.

She is survived by her sister Ellinor, all five of her children, and her six grandchildren. Tributes in Gerda's memory, can be made to the American Friends Service Committee ([afsc.org](http://afsc.org)) or to the Wildlands Trust at ([wildlandstrust.org](http://wildlandstrust.org)). A memorial service will be held April 9, 1 pm at First Parish Church in Milton.

The Spring Pinewoods Post will be featuring stories from friends and family about her creative and generous spirit and how she used it to build community, wage peace, and preserve the environment.



## ***Upcoming Transitions***

Executive Director Judy Savage has informed the Board of Directors that she wishes to retire at the beginning of 2017.



After managing camp for 14 years, Judy especially looks forward to having summers free to spend with her family and friends. The Board of Directors would like to express our heart-felt thanks and gratitude to Judy for her expert, committed, and energetic leadership of camp since 2003. A search for a new Executive Director will be announced this spring.

Warren Anderson  
President  
Pinewoods Camp, Inc.



## ***From the Executive Director***

After much soul searching I have decided that it is time for me to pursue some of my other interests while my health is still good. It will be nice to have summers off again, and I am ready to lighten the load of responsibility at this stage of my life. Effective January 31, 2017, I plan to officially retire from my position as Executive Director of Pinewoods Camp, Inc.



It has been an enormous privilege to serve the Board of Directors and the camp community during the past 13 years. I believe that Pinewoods Camp has come a long way over these years due to the hard work of a dedicated Board and is currently fiscally sound, organizational solid, and in an optimal place to handle a change in leadership. After working in the non-profit world for over 45 years, I have become a strong believer in the need to periodically invigorate an organization with "new blood", fresh ideas and new perspectives. New leadership will help Pinewoods stay healthy, strong and able to adapt to this rapidly changing world. I am confident that the Search Committee will be able to find the right person to guide camp during its next stage of development.

I write this with a deep appreciation for all the ways in which you have supported me over the years. It's been an extraordinary opportunity. I will still be here this summer, and Sophie and I look forward to seeing you all!

Judy Savage



## ***Camp Manager Position***

As of this date the position of Camp Manager for the 2016 Season is still open. The Camp Manager works closely with the Executive Director in ensuring smooth day-to-day operations at camp in the summer. This would be a great opportunity to learn more about and prepare for the Executive Director position, if you or someone you know might be interested in applying. Applicants need to be available from mid May through September. Click on the Jobs Button on the right for more information and an application.

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