



December 2025

Centennial Celebrations
Looking for Holiday Gift Ideas?

We've got you covered. Our online store has a variety of T-shirts and *A Taste of the Kitchen*, *A Pinewoods Cookbook* which features recipes adapted for home use, plus stories and pictures to remind you of Camp throughout the year. Available now at our [Square website](#).



Classic Centennial T-shirt in black



Slightly fitted scoop neck in navy



Fitted v-neck in pink

Last chance for Centennial-wear

While supplies last, we are selling these special edition T-shirts **online**. Gift a loved one, or yourself, with a piece of the Centennial Celebration. You'll be the envy of future campers and Pinewoods logo collectors.

Purchase **today** to receive for December Holidays. Orders made by December 14th are expected to arrive before December 24th.



(Inset) The Classic Centennial T-shirt in tie-dye for adults; thanks to Dan Kappus for

showing off the duds!

Note there are a few youth sizes still available

Pinewoods Centennial Merchandise

Preserve the Magic



*Jam on the Camphouse Porch
Watercolor by Marty Wagner*

We are all stewards of this unique sanctuary, and you are an important part of our special community. The memories and friendships we build here sustain us long after the summer ends.

With your support, Pinewoods can continue to be a vibrant hub for dance, music and song. Please make a gift today to help us:

- Provide scholarships to make Camp more accessible
- Improve our cabins, pavilions, and gathering spaces
- Maintain our tranquil setting by caring for the waters of Long Pond, Round Pond, and the land that sits between them

Pinewoods thrives because of your generosity and dedication - you help keep Camp a

place of inspiration for all. Thank you for being our champion. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference.

Donate Today

Mass Cultural Council

Mass Cultural Council is an important resource for many Massachusetts nonprofits, and for the vitality of arts and culture in the Commonwealth. Pinewoods Camp is grateful to the Mass Cultural Council for their continued funding through the Cultural Facilities Fund, Local Cultural Council, and the new Tribal Cultural Council programs.



*Caroline Chapin, Chair of Pinewoods Development Committee, and Chris Jacobs, Executive Director, attend the Mass Cultural Council reception in Plymouth
Photo courtesy of Chris Jacobs*

Announcing the Winter Zoom Series 2026

Mark your calendar for 4th Tuesdays: February 24, March 24, and April 28. Keep an eye on future A&As for additional series details and registration.

Visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to see Zoom Series from winters past.

First in series: Discover Your Pinewoods Archive

Please join us on February 24 and become part of the excitement around our Centennial Archives collecting project! You'll hear music, excerpts from stories, and see photos and more as we share the recordings, photos, and artwork we collected over the summer. Plus we'll explain how you can still take part in our StoryCorps project, our Creativity Archive, and our Snapshots in Time. Led by Susan Creighton and Jo Rasi, with guests Fiona Roberts, Em Moore, and Chris Jacobs. Come have fun and learn

how to make sure your voice, your presence, and your love for Pinewoods appear in our Pinewoods Archive Collections!



Fiona Rogers with David and Michael Shewmaker, StoryCorp interview

Pinewoods Post November 2025

Did you miss the recently published Pinewoods Post? Catch up [HERE](#).



Yup! I'm a self-proclaimed tree hugger. I like to hug trees, literally. I feel alive when I caress their bark, rub their leaves, smell their essence, and observe what life they host. One of my favorite activities after a late-night gathering in the Camphouse is to walk down to the Pine Hollow clearing and stare up at the star-studded sky framed by the towering pine trees. It is awe-inspiring and evokes an intense emotional response in me. As Kahlil Gabran wrote, "Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky."

Pinewoods has trees in spades! Pine, oak, maple, tupelo, sassafras, holly, and of course, the American beech, to name a few. Together, they provide us with shade, clean the air, hold the soil in place, provide habitat and food for many species, and even give Camp its name. Over the last 100 years, the trees here have been admired, photographed, studied, and yes, even hugged.

Are Pinewoods trees in trouble? They certainly face immense external pressures—increased wind events, droughts, erosion, insects, and even competition from other tree species. But we've got their "backs". The health of the forest is one of Camp's strategic priorities. We will continue to invest dollars and consult with experts. We will develop a forest management plan focused on ecological factors that also balances the safety of buildings and campers.

When we do have to harvest a tree, we can look towards our Indigenous neighbors for inspiration. We can offer reminders that trees are strong, resilient beings that connect past, present, and future generations. Respect them, thank the trees for all they have contributed, and provide opportunities for new trees to grow. ♦



Aurora borealis over Pine Hollow



Pinewoods Camp "tree guy", John Scag, inspects a white pine. Photos by Chris Jacobs



Marcie Van Cleave leads young campers during FAC Folk Days.



Kira Young leads a line of Crew alumni at an FAC evening dance. Photos by Sue Flint

Folk Arts Center of New England

By Marcie Van Cleave, FAC Executive Director

It is an auspicious year - the 50th anniversary of two organizations who share so many driving forces: strong missions, passionate communities, and devoted leadership. 1975 was when both the Folk Arts Center of New England and Pinewoods Camp were incorporated as non profit entities - building a relationship that has brought the joys of traditional dance and music to legions of people in a nurturing and natural environment. FAC still has its eight-day flagship program every June, bringing international dance and music from a wide variety of countries to an ever-growing population. FAC collaborates with Country Dance Society, Boston Centre on the Labor Day session, and over the years have run a variety of shoulder season weekends, including intensive Cajun, Swing, and Hungarian dance sessions, and also Cape Breton music and dance weekends. The ideas are plentiful, and our audiences are enthusiastic to try their feet, hands, and voices in any variety of languages, tunes, and dance styles.

Kudos to all - staff, crew, volunteers, members, campers - who have made it possible for all to blossom in the Pinewoods and Folk Arts Center communities! May the collaboration between the two organizations continue for many more generations. ♦

Pinewoods Centennial Summer Season 2025

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*Tango on the Long Pond Dock, La Nuestra Tango & Queer Tango Boston's Queer Tango Camp
Photo Credit: RP, Scholarship Recipient*



Flamingo unpacking, and knitting near the band, Lavender Country and Folk Dancers' Spring Camp



"Guess the topic by camper answer": trivia challenge for Program Directors Susan Creighton and Marney Morrison at Morning Gathering, Pinewoods Camp, Inc.'s Fine Companions session



Ukulele chorus led by Cecily Mills at Camp Gathering, Country Dance Society, Boston Centre's Swing Into Summer



Chris Jacobs leads a nature walk, showing a nest and robin's egg found at Camp, Folk Arts Center of New England Weekend



What better way to beat a heatwave? Dancing in Long Pond, FAC FolkDays



Up a Double! English Country Dancing, CDS-BC's J4 Weekend



*The dance goes on: a fierce storm brought a blackout. Organizers and campers rallied and danced into the night, CDS-BC & RSCDS's ESCape
Photo Credit: Shan Falvey, Scholarship Recipient*



The rumors are true, Kale Pudding is real. Kat Dutton and coalition outbid any hope of competition to select the final dessert, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Boston Branch's Scottish Sessions



Highland Sword Dancing, RSCDS's Scottish Session II



The Family Band plays for Camp at the Friday Parade Gathering, Country Dance & Song Society's Family Week

Photo Credit: Daniel Drucker



Balance and swing! Contra dancing in the evening at Hands Across, CDSS's American Dance & Music Week



A power outage 3 minutes into first night announcements won't keep anyone from dancing, especially when prepared campers provide flashlights and a microphone, CDSS's Harmony of Song & Dance Week



Campers survived "ExtremeECD," Anna Rain's critter partnering dance games session, CDSS's English Dance Week

Photo Credit: David Smukler



Campers greet the day with daily pre-breakfast music tours, CDSS's Early Music Week
Photo Credit: Linda Lewis Lieberman



Wish-boats at dusk, CDSS's Campers' Week



*Nature Song Swap with The Vox Hunters (Armand Aromin, Benedict Gagliardi, and Flannery Brown),
Folk Music Society of New York's TradMaD*
Photo Credit: Gabriel Vasquez-Billin



Marcie Van Cleave leads "Lakodalmi Tánc" (Hungarian wedding dance) to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Eileen Callahan and Robert Penny (center), CDS-BC & FAC's Labor Day Weekend



"Future-Crew-in-training," PCI's Crew Reunion session

Contribute to and enjoy other campers' favorite photos in the [Pinewoods Community Album 2025](#). Share your memories, and perhaps one of your photos will be featured in a future Articles & Announcements.



"Having a Mossome Time"
Photo Credit: Bobbi Rossiter, Scholarship Recipient

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