



February 2026

Winter Zoom Series 2026

Discover Your Pinewoods Archive

With Jo Rasi and Susan Creighton

Tuesday February 24, 2026, 7pm ET

Registered yet? [Click Here](#)

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 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. This event is led by Susan Creighton and Jo Rasi, with guests Fiona Rogers, Em Moore, Liv Jacobs, and Chris Jacobs. Come have fun and learn how to make sure your voice, and your love for Pinewoods can appear in our Pinewoods Archive Collections!



Inset photo: Dancing, circa 1980s, photographer unknown, Courtesy of The Pinewoods Camp Collection, 1907-2008, MC288, Milne Special Collections and Archives, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, USA.

Creating Inclusive, Queer-centered Events at Pinewoods

With Queer Tango Boston and La Nuestra Tango

Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, 7pm ET

[Register Now](#)

Now in its third season at Pinewoods, Queer Tango Camp is a refuge for queer, trans, and allied dancers that centers around rejuvenation, community, and queer joy. Join us to learn about the history, organizing principles, and the future of queer dance at Pinewoods.



Inset photo: Queer Tango Camp; Photo courtesy of Queer Tango Boston

Origins of the Wampanoag Nation Singers & Dancers

With special guests Linda Coombs, Ramona Peters, and Guy Cash
Tuesday, April 28th, 2026, 7pm ET
[Register Now](#)

Join Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers (WNSD) to learn about their origins from the founding mothers and fathers of WNSD. They will discuss the evolution of their performance, the diverse venues and audiences they have worked

with, and navigation of interactive performances with large groups. WNSD will describe their inter-tribal (Aquinnah, Mashpee, Herring Pond) relationships over the years, the group's encompassing nature, and how songs and dances have unified their communities. They will also share a song and explain how songs help us through challenging times and support us in every aspect of our lives.



Inset photo: The Wampanoag Nation Singers & Dancers at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to view previous Winter Zoom Series.

Pinewoods is Hiring for Summer 2026



Grounds project at the Memorial Day Work Weekend

Photo credit: Gabriel Vasquez-Billin



Kitchen crew preparing for dinner service

Photo credit: Alan Duffy

All applications are open for the 2026 season; check out our [Jobs Page](#) for information about crew life and links to [job descriptions and applications](#).

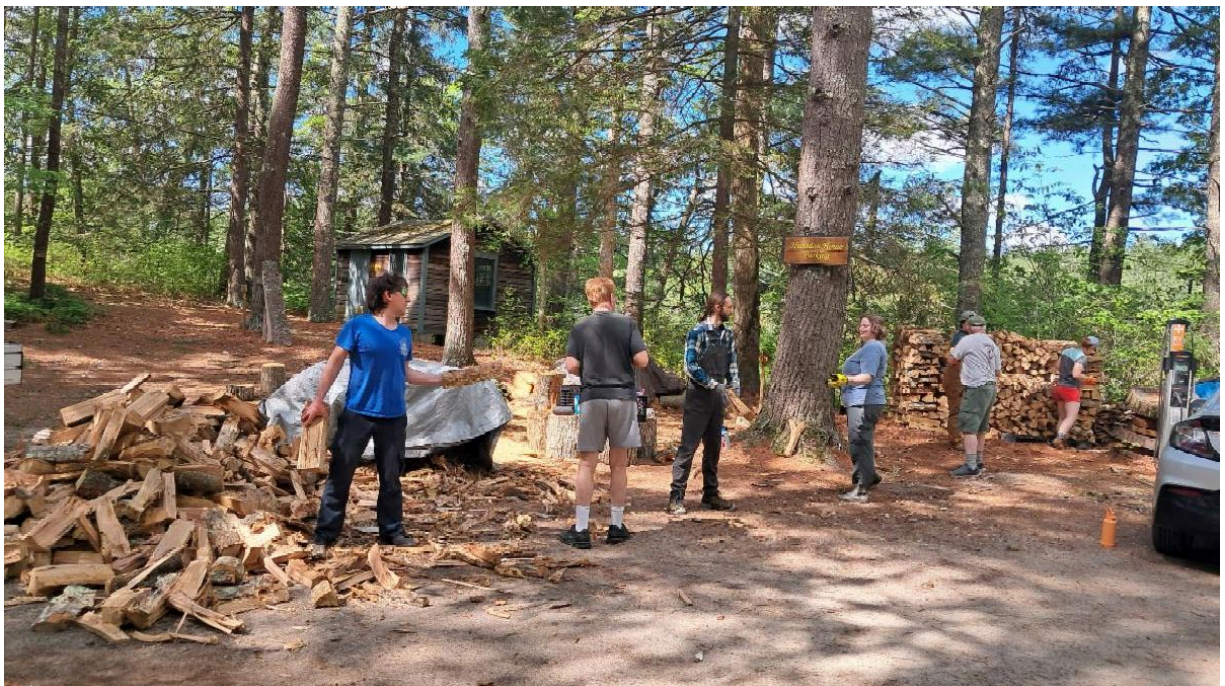
Those interested in the [Head of Kitchen](#) position should send a resume and cover letter to executivedirector@pinewoods.org. If you will be 18+ in May and interested in spending the summer at Pinewoods, [apply now](#) for the Kitchen or Grounds crews. If you're interested in a partial stay this summer, [apply to volunteer](#) for a few weeks.



Crew "cleans up nice" for the Scottish Ball; Photo credit: Alan Duffy

Spring Work Weekends

Join us this May to open Camp for the upcoming season! All volunteers with a willingness to work are welcome, and no special skills are required. We provide housing, meals, and a different experience of Pinewoods. **Register now** for Saturday - Sunday, May 16 & 17 and/or Memorial Day Weekend May 23 - 25.



Log Brigade, Memorial Day Work Weekend 2025; Photo credit: Rowyn Peel

2026 COVID Policy

The **Pinewoods COVID Guidelines** are now available for the 2026 season. Those coming to Pinewoods are expected to test upon arrival at Camp or up to 3 hours prior to arrival. Please note some sessions may opt for stricter policies which will be communicated directly to attendees.

Supporting Pinewoods is faster and easier than ever!

Pinewoods Camp has a new donation portal, and you can now donate to Camp using Apple Pay or Google Pay. With these wallet options, you can make secure gifts in just a few clicks. You can also set up a recurring gift in any dollar amount and varying frequencies.



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Something Lost, Something Found

Check out our **Lost & Found album** to look for familiar items. See something that's yours? Contact the office at 508-224-4858, or email Kim at accounts@pinewoods.org to arrange shipping. **Please note that unclaimed items are donated in May, ahead of the new season.**



Camp Session Registrations

A friendly reminder that Pinewoods hosts you via Program Provider Organizations. Please visit the **2026 Session Schedule** for links to session Program Providers and their registrations. Best wishes to lottery participants, we hope to see you this summer!



Beginnings of a sun-shower at the waterfront, July 2025; Photo credit: Beth Reagan

Pinewoods Behind the Scenes: Meet Dennis Carchedi, Head of Facilities

By Chris Jacobs

Before coming to Pinewoods, Dennis Carchedi served as the Director of Children's Services for the Kennedy Donovan Center (KDC), overseeing multiple programs across over two dozen communities. The programs included Early Intervention, Healthy Families, and Development Day School. He retired from KDC in 2017, and not one to sit still, he became a finished carpenter, more as a hobby and to keep busy.

*Inset photo: Dennis at the 2025 Memorial Day Work Weekend;
Photo credit: Gabriel Vasquez-Billin*



In 2018, Dennis, a neighbor on Cornish Field Rd, received a knock at his door asking if he would be interested in working at Camp. The rest is history, and Pinewoods interrupted Dennis's retirement plans.

For eight years, Dennis has been an incredible resource as Head of Facilities. The saying "Jack of all trades, master of none" does not really apply to him; he seems to be able to do it all. Although he does have some favorite and not-so-favorite jobs. His passion is creating and

building furniture, especially from wood harvested at Camp, while the task he dreads is emptying the grease trap in the Kitchen.

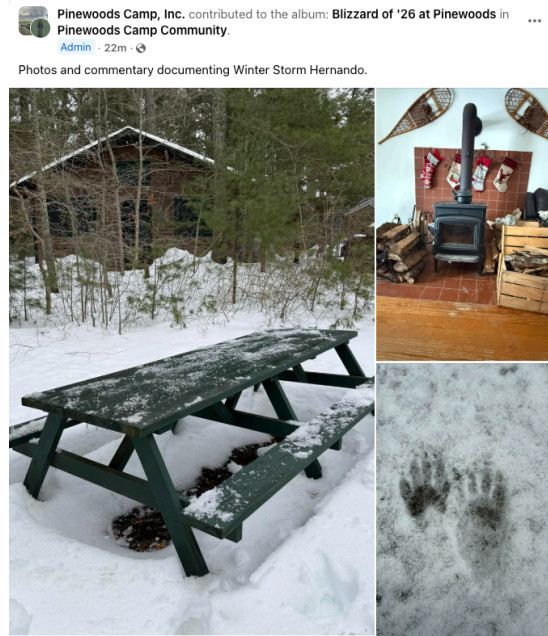
When asked what he loves most about Pinewoods, he reminisces about specific jobs he completed, such as shingling Cotteyhouse with his assistant, Ted. But as an individual who dabbles in playing the piano, accordion, and ukulele, he truly enjoys cruising around on the golf cart, listening to and watching the very talented people of Pinewoods; a concert everywhere he goes.

Although Dennis occasionally hints at real retirement, he is not quite ready yet.



Passion in action: building new benches in the shop off-season; Photo credit: Chris Jacobs

As we make our final edits to this issue, winter storm Hernando is expected to be in full force by the time we hit “send.” Check out the [Pinewoods Community Page](#) on Facebook, and follow along as our live-in Executive Director, Chris Jacobs, documents the storm. **Posting is in progress.**



A Sense of Place



Deer wandering through Camp near Hands Across




Local deer on Cornish Field Road: "Who is interrupting our foraging?"


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