

February 2016 News

Candlemas



On February 2nd we celebrated Candlemas Day, or as it is known in the U.S. Groundhog Day. While there was a lot of controversy around the groundhog seeing his shadow or not, Candlemas Day acknowledges the subtle reality that the light and warmth of the Earth, in our hemisphere, is being reborn.

With this in mind and heart, the Triform Community gathered in Falcon Hall to hear a remarkable compendium of St. Bride (the mother soul of the Earth) stories. After which we all gathered in front of the Triform Farm to witness the creation of an Earth candle.



A hole had been dug in the ground into which a string was suspended and molten wax was poured. When the wax had cooled and hardened, the wick was lit and thus a

fresh warm light appeared, shining out of the earth. From this point of light the community then broke up with one group creating another candle at the Churchtown Dairy while another brought light to a field opposite White Pine House at the Stewardship. Thus, three points of light shone out in the late afternoon and far into the night creating an equilateral triangle. As I pondered this moment a verse by Rudolf Steiner arose in me:

*"Only when I think the light my soul begins to shine
And when my soul begins to shine the earth becomes a star
And when the earth becomes a star I am truly human."*

Candle Dipping

Article by Alison Fox



Through the windows of the weavery kitchen the sunlight gives a faint hint that it will in fact leave for the day. There is a sweet smell of bees wax in the air. The light and smell create the atmosphere for the late afternoon course work offering of candle dipping.

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Welcome New Students!

We are very happy to welcome two new students to Triform!

One is a young lady who has transitioned from being a day student to being a residential student.

Analinda Orlickas originally comes from Hood River, Oregon where her father Woody Orlickas and stepmom, Laurie Balmuth live. Analinda was a day student for two years and lived most of that time in Chatham with her mom Marcy Lindstedt (who now lives in Vermont). Analinda has many skills including fine artistic work and driving and maintaining vehicles! Recently Analinda decided to try out living full time in Triform and had a great couple of weeks in Christofferus house and has now moved in to White Pine.



Analinda

In January, we were happy to have another young woman join the Halcyon household. Kiki Shrieves has lived many places but most recently Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where her mom Susan Morgan and aunt Abby Morgan live. Kiki had a great trial visit in Halcyon and developed new friends and settled well into Triform. We are looking forward to seeing Kiki thrive and expand her farm skills and craft work.



Kiki

So long to our friend Mandy Connor



Our dear Mandy has found a new home in Massachusetts closer to her parents, Chris and Jim Connor. Mandy left Triform at the Christmas break 2015 and had a successful trial visit at a group home in January with other women with physical challenges. Mandy was the newest Journeyman and a vivacious member of Triform for nine years. She is loved by many and had a wide circle of people whose lives she impacted in many ways: with her favorite baking recipes and the goods she circulated; the cards she wrote; the cows she groomed and named; and the many phone calls she made!

Mandy's favorite festive occasion was Valentine's Day where she gleefully would announce the fictitious "Valentine's Day Blowout Sale at the Weavery!" She would make many cards and loved to make chocolate dipped strawberries to share with her friends. Mandy always enjoyed the Valentine's dance and this year we thought of our Queen of Hearts (and her tarts) as she takes her next step in life. Mandy used to tell great stories about her life and also sing songs but one we especially hold dear was her favorite self created grace:

"Hearts connecting like little rainbows,

Each one pulling one's love closer together

Share the colors together forever"

Amen.

Much love to you Mandy! Love and thanks to the Connor family for all the love and support you have shown everyone at Triform. So long for now and best wishes for a happy future!

Valentine's Day Dance





Triform has started a media group! To stay tuned on their progress

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