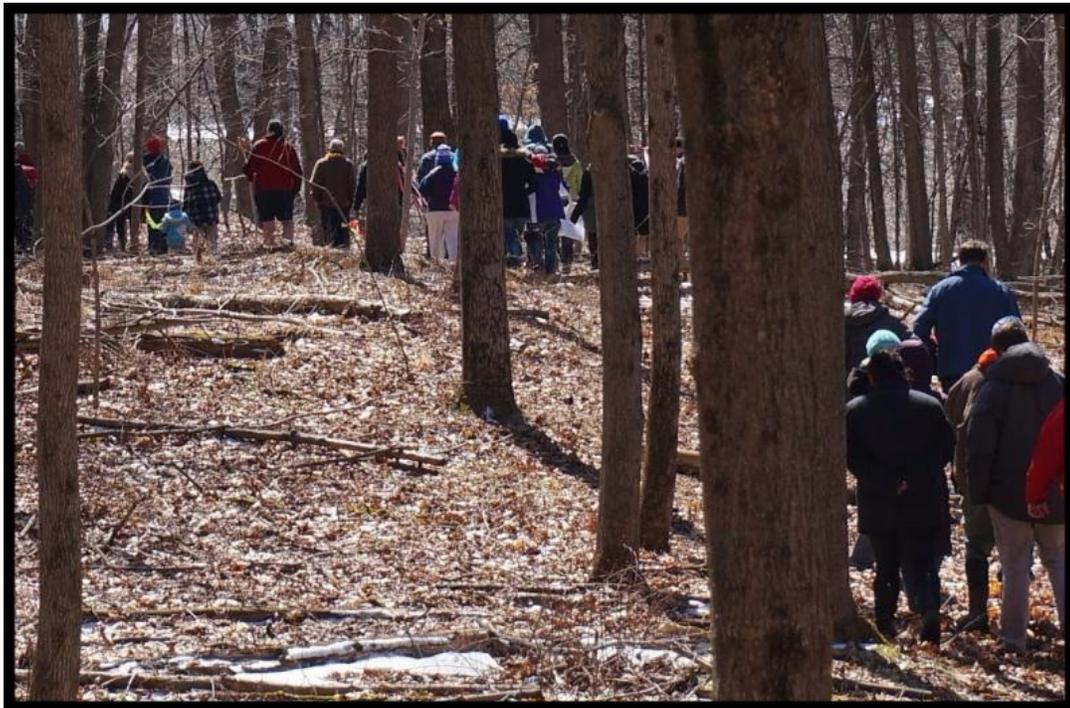


## January 2016 News

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### Three Kings Day Activities



January 6th is the final day of the holy night's period known as Epiphany or Three Kings Day and is an important festival day for Triform Camphill Community.

Three Kings Day is celebrated in many ways and in many parts of the world but at Triform we started the day with a morning gathering in our community center, Falcon Hall. We sang songs while the three kings (from the community) all dressed in royal attire, came in to take the Christmas tree away, marking the conclusion of the Holy Nights. Etienne talked about the significance of the day and why we celebrate it by walking the Triform land boundaries and spraying the fields with a biodynamic spray.

Biodynamic agriculture uses various herbal and mineral additives for compost and field sprays. This spray was made by the Triform farmers and other members of the community on New Year's Eve and symbolizes the gift of the three kings - Gold (symbol of earthly wisdom), Frankincense (devotional offering to the Gods) and Myrrh

(symbol for the victory of life over death). The spray offers healing and protection for the land in the New Year.

The Triform farmers put the spray into individual bottles for all to participate. We divided into three groups and set out to walk the property. This is a wonderful way to gain a different perspective of the land, to see it in a new way. While spraying, not only are we infusing this special preparation to the Earth, we are also making a connection with each other and the land that we all call home.



## Pond Progress

Triform is creating a swimming pond! The digging of the pond at the Stewardship property started in November and is now nearing its completion. Paul Burfiend, a trusted local earth moving contractor, was hired to do the work that involved at least two excavators, a bulldozer and two very impressive quarry type dump trucks.



The existing pond, fed by several springs, had to be drained first. The wetlands were assessed and monitored to ensure that this site was not environmentally sensitive. Vast amounts of valuable dark peaty soil (more than ten feet deep in places) was removed and dumped in a clearing at the back of the Stewardship property for future utilization. Some of its future uses are to include a garden for White Pine, processing the peat for woven cloth for the Weavery and Martin and the Stewardship crew making an herb garden. The peat, being too soft for the heavy equipment, required large wooden railing bridges to be used as well as a temporary gravel road to carry the excavators and trucks to and fro. It is an impressive sight to see so much earth being moved by these big machines. This has kept many children, young and old, entertained and awed!

We are grateful to Paul Burfiend and his crew for their diligent work and to Triform Foundation's generous help in creating what will become a beautiful feature in our landscape, visible to Woodland, Halcyon and White Pine houses. It will further allow us the leisure activities of swimming, canoeing, kayaking, ice skating and possibly fishing. We hope to have the pond ready for inauguration on Labor Day.



## **Dancing The Night Away**

On Friday, January 29th, Triform traveled to Solaris on Warren Street in Hudson and joined Camphill Village Copake, and Camphill Hudson to shake off the winter blues at a dance party hosted by Solaris.



Solaris serves as the gathering hall for Camphill Hudson and many cultural events and festival celebrations take place there that are open not only to Camphill Hudson residents, but to the community at large as well.

Everyone had a great time dancing together. To see more photos of life at Triform visit our Facebook page!



Thank you Camphill Hudson!



## **Triform Camphill Community Annual Appeal Update**

Year-end fundraising for most nonprofits can be a nail-biter. Triform is no exception. Each year we rely upon the generosity of our families and friends to meet our budget. We profoundly thank each and



every donor that contributed to the Annual Fund Appeal in 2015.

To our friends that were unable to make a donation before December 31st, did you know that Triform operates on a July to June fiscal year? That means there is still time to make a donation to our annual fund and have a positive impact on our budget!

Our goal this year is \$350,000. As of January 25, 2016, we have raised \$171,331.47. Please consider donating to Triform now to help us maintain this incredible community- a home away from home for young adults with special needs.

To make a donation please [click here](#)

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This month features a fantastic article by our former coworker, Noah Levinson, and a beautiful, nostalgic piece on baking in Triform by our president, Meg Henderson.



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