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Opportunities and Announcements

▲ **Fiore Fellows Night**

Thursday, December 14, 5:30-7 in the L/TC

This past summer saw the first three recipients of the Fiore Fellowships headed off on their respective adventures. The fellowship program was begun in late December 2005, with a commitment of \$315,000 by the Fiore family (John, Barbara, and Lauren '96) to create a summer sabbatical program for teachers and administrators.



Left to right: Paul Geise, Susan Kozel, Sally Cogan, Hamilton Salsich, Lauren Fiore '96, and John Fiore, who served as President of the Board of Trustees from 1996-1998

The three recipients were 4th Grade Teacher Sally Cogan, who headed to Mikura Island in Japan to study bottlenose dolphins; Assistant Head of School Susan Kozel, who studied the Orton Gillingham approach with Susan Santora of the Learning House in Guilford, CT, and traveled to a very successful clinic in Bermuda known as the [Reading Clinic](#), an accredited OT site that trains tutors; and Instructor of English Hamilton Salsich, who undertook a seven-day walking tour of England's Lake District, absorbing the works of William Wordsworth (among others).

Of course, what they did isn't as simple as the previous paragraph, and you can learn more about their experiences and how they will strengthen the academic program at Pine Point! Please join Sally, Susan, and Ham

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on Thursday night, December 14, from 5:30-7 in the Library/Technology Center, to hear about their studies. Refreshments will be served.

▲ "Beauty and the Beast"

Friday, December 15, 10 am and 7 pm
Saturday, December 16, 7 pm



Any fan of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" should "be our guest" at Pine Point, as the Middle School presents the stage version of the animated classic. With a cast of 35, it should be a dramatic extravaganza!

Performances, which are free, will be held at 10 AM and 7 PM on Friday, December 15, and 7 PM on Saturday, December 16. Please join us for what's shaping up to be a lot of fun.

▲ Art in the L/TC



Human Beauty

-Showcasing the Jewelry of Lindsay Bloom '95 and the Photography of Tucker Walsh '05

On Exhibit now until December 18

Tucker's photos: \$100 for 13"x19"; \$50 for 8"x10"

Lindsay's jewelry: \$75 - \$170

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Abstract Thoughts: Work by Karen, Ariel '00 and Danica Mitchell '06

-an exhibition of mixed media and painting by mother and daughters
 January 10 - February 28, 2007 in the Library/Technology Center

Opening Reception Wednesday, January 10, 7pm

Sponsored by the Pine Point Parents' Association



"Shrine for an Ancient Memory" Karen Rand Mitchell
 mixed media assemblage, 24"x32"



"Irish Windows" Ariel Mitchell
 oil on canvas, 48"x76"

▲ Annual Fund

End of Year Tax Considerations

While there is no doubt that people are principally motivated in their giving by the good that they seek to accomplish, it is also true that one's

giving by the good that they seek to accomplish, it is also true that one's philanthropy is an important part of tax planning. In that spirit, this is a reminder that to be eligible for a tax deduction for this tax year your gift must be made by December 31st. The IRS is quite clear about determining *when* a gift is made. Gifts that arrive at the School on or before December 31 obviously qualify for a deduction in 2006.

Making a Gift by Check

If a check is received after December 31 the date of the gift is determined by the postmark on the envelope and not by the date written on the check. There is no room for "flexibility" on this issue.

Making a Gift of Stock

Making a gift of stock benefits both the School and the donor. If you sell appreciated stock you are likely to incur capital gains. However, when you give the stock to Pine Point you avoid all capital gains tax, and you receive a charitable income tax deduction based on the stock's fair market value when it comes to Pine Point. Securities must be held for at least one year to secure the full tax benefits of a stock gift. In order to avoid capital gains you must first transfer ownership of the stock to Pine Point. It is always prudent to contact your financial adviser before undertaking any action.

The date of a gift of stock is determined by the date on which it *enters* Pine Point's account. Even in this day of electronic transfers, gifts of stock have been known to take several days to reach their destination. This can be particularly problematic when you're trying to make a gift of stock at year-end. Please note that the stock market closes on December 29th.

Making a Credit Card Gift

Online giving is not only easier and more secure, but it's cost effective and environmentally friendly by lessening the amount of printing, paper, and postage. Online gifts are deductible for 2006 tax purposes if they are entered and authorized online by 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) on December 31, 2006.



[I'd like to make a gift online to the **Annual Fund**.](#)



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In this season of giving, please consider making Pine Point a part of your philanthropy.

What's Happening at Pine Point?

▲ G.I.V.E. Committee Making a Difference

The G.I.V.E. Committee of Pine Point was featured in an article in *The Day* on Saturday, December 2. [Go to article>](#)

▲ Dinosaurs in Hats!



The Preschool Dinosaurs have taken "Caring Hearts" to heart by working on a service project that will be beneficial as winter approaches, and the cold weather makes it seem it's already here.

The Dinosaurs made themselves hats, carefully working at the sewing machine under the guidance of Preschool Director Sandy Walton. ([See photos.](#)) They weren't just working for themselves, however. They were also making hats for youngsters at a daycare center in Groton. The Dinosaurs came to Morning Meeting on Monday, December 4th, to show off their hats and to tell us about the project. They also made a hat for Mr. Geise, who posed with it and the children.

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