

THE CIRCLE OF HANDS

Be a Part of Penland's Future

Have you ever suggested that a friend or family member take a class at Penland? If so, you have helped promote Penland through word of mouth. About two-thirds of our students indicate that they heard about the school this way. Why do people want those they care about to have the Penland experience? It is simply because time spent at Penland changes lives.

Planned giving is a way that you can use the word of your will to reinforce the word of your mouth. We believe that working with our hands, making things with age-old or modern materials and techniques, is going to be just as satisfying fifty years from now as it is today. As technology advances, the need to experience the expression of the human spirit through our hands can only grow.

To assure that future generations will have Penland to turn to as they search for meaning in their lives or as they search for ways to live as artists, funds will be needed to repair buildings, to support creative staff and instructors, and to offer scholarships. You can make a decision to lend your hand today and contribute to those needs after you are no longer around to sign a check or recommend Penland.

The simplest way to be a part of Penland's future is through a bequest. But planned giving can also be a plan for living, if you consider a gift that will provide a stream of income for the rest of your life. Whichever kind of planned giving suits your needs best, Penland can respond to your specific requests for future gifts by discussing them with you now.

Types of Planned Gifts

- A bequest can designate a fixed dollar amount, real property, a percent of your estate, or a gift of the balance of your estate after you have remembered loved ones and other institutions.
- Naming Penland as the beneficiary of all or a portion of the remainder of retirement plan accounts can help maximize tax savings.
- Establishing a gift annuity allows you to receive payments for the remainder of your life, receive a charitable income tax deduction at the time of the original gift, and provide support for Penland in the future.

A gift may be made at any time now or directed through a will or trust directive for a specific time in the future. Gifts may be made in your name or may be made as an honorarium or memorial for someone you want to recognize. Gifts made today can help with current needs, as well as needs that arise in the future.

Penland has a number of existing endowment funds for scholarships, instructors, and resident artists. You may designate one of these endowments or one of the programs of the school for your gift. Whatever you choose, you can be assured that your gift will help Penland continue to provide personal and artistic growth through craft.

If you are considering an estate gift to Penland or have already made plans to include Penland in your will, please let us know. Individuals who have established a planned gift for Penland are part of THE CIRCLE OF HANDS and are recognized in our annual report. For more information, and to answer any questions you may have, please contact the Penland development office, 828.765.2359, ext. 14.

—Barbara Benisch

RE-GIFTING WITHOUT GUILT:

Craft Sale for CERF

Saturday - Sunday, December 3 - 4
10 AM - 5 PM

The Penland Gallery is sponsoring a sale to benefit the Craft Emergency Relief Fund. CERF is a national nonprofit that provides aid to craftspeople through direct financial and educational assistance, including emergency relief assistance, business development support, and other resources. CERF has been especially busy since Hurricane Katrina. You can read about what they've been doing at www.craftemergency.org.

Do you have a mug, a scarf, a framed print, or a blown glass vase that is just taking up space in your closet because you don't have room for another thing in your house or it wasn't your favorite color? Here is an opportunity to do something useful with it. Re-gifting means taking a gift someone has received and passing it on to someone else. In this case the gift is a handmade craft item and the recipient is CERF. Our first gifting sale raised \$1300.

The Penland Gallery is accepting donations of like-new handcrafted items, which will in turn be sold December 3 - 4, during the local studio tour. All proceeds will go directly to CERF. For information, or to make a donation please contact Kathryn Gremley at the Penland Gallery, 828-765-6211 or gremley@penland.org. If you are recycling a gift from a close friend, don't worry, your identity will not be revealed.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Penland students Chris Gardner and Chris Taylor have built a new website, which is penlandforum.org. This is an unofficial Penland site with a forum for comments and information and a place to post ride share information. It's beautifully designed and well-decorated with excellent Penland photographs.

And don't forget that the site put together by the Mint Museum of Craft + Design during our 75th anniversary is still up, with an extensive section on Penland history and photographs of all the work from our museum exhibition. You can find it through the Penland site, www.penland.org.

PENLAND ANNUAL FUND

— Fiscal year begins May 1 and ends April 30 —

Your generous gift to the Penland Annual Fund helps support studios, scholarships, resident artists, core students, and all of Penland's programs. Gifts are recognized in the annual report for the fiscal year (May 1 - April 30) in which they were received.

Miss Lucy's Legacy recognizes donors who make an annual gift of \$1000 or more to sustain the innovations Lucy Morgan began in craft education more than seventy-five years ago. Miss Lucy's Legacy donors receive a ten percent discount in the Penland Gallery.

Penland School is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. All contributors receive the Penland Line newsletter and course catalogues.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Email address _____

Business/cell phone _____ Business name _____

I would like to support the **Penland Annual Fund** at the following level:

\$50-\$99 \$100-\$249 \$250-\$499 \$500-\$999 \$1,000-\$2,499 \$2,500-\$4,999

\$5,000-\$9,999 \$10,000 or more Other \$ _____

I would like to make a pledge of \$ _____ per year for _____ years. My first payment is enclosed.

Please charge my Visa Mastercard. Amount \$ _____

Account # _____ Expiration date _____

My employer matches my gift. I have enclosed my employer's matching gift form.

I would like to be contacted about making a gift of stock or a planned gift.