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Mary Beth Determan Talks in the Fields

JULY 25, 1957–AUGUST 15, 2017



For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

Mary Beth Determan and her parents were introduced to Homefields 27 years ago. They were seeking a home for Mary Beth that was nestled on beautiful farmland: safe, secure, and supportive of her individual life, the ideal. By 1994 that desire was realized. Mary Beth had a home of her own shared with two other housemates and staff support through Community Services Group. Mary Beth was happy, her family given peace of mind.

As a younger woman, Mary Beth loved Johnny Cash, bowling, and dancing at *Coffee House* (with or without anyone else). Her big kitchen contribution was making pork and sauerkraut in a crockpot. In time her bowling ball could no longer be managed, dancing was out of the question, and eating a meal impossible as a harsh turn confined Mary Beth to a wheelchair, but the love of Johnny never faded.

Those who live close to the environment as farm folks do understand and accept transitions as a natural passage even when loss is difficult to bear. There was a service held in her home at Homefields, friends and family reminisced and enjoyed looking at photo albums. A native dogwood tree is planted next to her room in her memory.

—Linda Strauss

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Beth is the daughter of James and Geraldine Chisholm Determan. She is survived by her father James and his wife Sylvia; Patricia Orndorff; her sister, Theresa Krakowski; and her brother, Thomas Determan.

Talks in the Fields

Homefields has been the venue for 25 information-sharing events in the past 5 years, on topics from cheesemaking to yoga to beekeeping. Here is a sample of our latest gatherings. If you have an area of expertise and would like to share it, contact us at talks@homefields.org.

Sessions are typically held on Saturdays, with a \$5 suggested donation collected at the door, though pre-registration is encouraged. Indoor and outdoor spaces are available depending on your needs.

OUTDOOR SKILLS

AUGUST 18 10 AM–NOON



Matt Dille demonstrated backpacking skills and set up the campsite he uses when backpacking on

the Appalachian Trail and out west in Yellowstone National Park. Attendees learned about knots, cooking on the trail, and how to sleep in a hammock.

MINDFULNESS YOGA SERIES

AUGUST 3, 10, 17 7–8 PM



Kim Stoltzfus led a 3-week mindful yoga for self-care series, highlighting gentle movement, breath work and mindfulness practices.

Kim is a Mindfulness Educator with Wellness Works in Schools, as well as a registered yoga teacher and Y12SR (Yoga and the 12 Steps of Recovery) facilitator.

FULL MOON TAI CHI & YOGA

JULY 27 7–8 PM



Amy Finnegan's peaceful Tai Chi and Maggie Mowery's gentle, flowing yoga coincided with

a full moon to restore the wellness of attendees.

Amy teaches Tai Chi and Silver & Fit classes at Drevna Physical Therapy/Fortius, Lancaster. Maggie Mowery is a Certified Alignment Yoga Teacher and Certified Hatha Yoga Teacher, at West End Yoga Studio in Lancaster, Elevate Fitness in Akron, and at the YMCA in downtown Lancaster.

HELLO FROM FARMER BRADLEY!



A warm hello to friends of Homefields. My name is Bradley Hagens and I am your new Farm Manager. I have dreamt about returning to Homefields, I am elated to be back on the farm and working with the soil. The farm has been a tremendous positive force in my life.



I have been involved with the farm since 1999, in various roles including: shareholder, farm hand, volunteer, and distribution host, farm advocate, friendly neighbor and now as Farm Manager.

For the past four years I have been consumed with household engineering, and raising my son Jackson. During this time I worked part time in sculpture, hospitality and did a lot of horticultural work in greenhouses large and small.

I am zealous about art, life, landscape and sustainable practices. I have many years' experience with seed specialization and propagation.

I am a passion driven artist, my palette includes living plants and changing material. I will introduce more variety to the produce on the farm. As the season unfolds, I look forward to meeting all the shareholders. I will be available during most shareholder pick up days for questions and fellowship. Please feel free to call me at the office, 717.871.3110, or email me with questions, comments or concerns at farmer@homefields.org

It will be an honor to build on the accomplishments of the Homefields Board, friends of Homefields and previous farmers Paul, Peter, Scott and Taryn.

—Bradley Hagens, Farm Manager



EDITOR'S NOTE: Bradley and his wife, Debbie, live on a farmette near Millersville, where Bradley grows a variety of vegetables. Debbie works for Lancaster General Hospital. Bradley also has a teenage daughter.



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To create financially secure, long-term homes for adults with special needs in safe, family-like settings where there is respect for the individual in a holistic sense, and fun and creativity are revered, as basic human needs.

VOCATIONAL MISSION:

To provide horticultural facilities for individuals who prosper with supported employment, to nurture integration through community interaction, and to cultivate a spirit of volunteerism within our community.

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Catch 22

HOMEFIELDS 22ND ANNUAL
FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT



Grab some friends and get caught up in our Catch-22 themed tournament. There will be special contests and prizes, incontrovertible fun, and food and beverages of the caliber you've come to expect. Best of all, proceeds will go directly into supporting the residential program and CSA farm that serve members of our community.

The opportunity to shine with your friends in Homefields' backyard, Crossgates Golf Club, will come again on Friday, September 21, 2018. Save the date on your calendar, and look forward to the fun of the Homefields 22nd Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament. **REGISTRATION** begins at 7:00 a.m. for the 8:30 a.m. scramble



For more information about sponsorship and donation opportunities or golfing with Homefields, please send an email to golf@homefields.org or call 717-872-2012. DOWNLOADABLE REGISTRATION FORM AND SPONSORSHIP INFO IS ALSO ONLINE AT HOMEFIELDS.ORG/GOLF.

format start. **BREAKFAST, LUNCH, SNACKS, AND DRINKS** are provided as part of the \$80 registration fee for golf. As always, lots of prizes will be there for the claiming, and fellowship with old and new friends will be featured.

Over the years, the planning committee has gone out of its way to keep our outings competitive, but lighthearted, creative, and interesting as well. You won't be disappointed in that regard this year, especially with our Catch-22 theme in play all day. At the same time, we have done all we can over the years to keep the pace of play quick, stimulating, and rewarding. That only multiplies the fun.

It is our sponsors who contribute so generously and selflessly to making this day of golf to benefit Homefields possible and profitable. We welcome their support again this year, and we invite new sponsors at any level to join us. Information regarding sponsorship opportunities can be found at www.homefields.org. Please direct questions about #22 to golf@homefields.org.

Terry Blue, Golf Tournament Director

Sunflowers in the House!



Our most recent construction project didn't require an architect, permits from the Township, or concrete footers, but the newest edifice at Homefields did involve a bunch of folks and stands as a testament to what happens when people come together and work side-by-side. Tim, Paige, Morgan and Becky from Friendship Community planted the seeds for the sunflowers. We also had lots of help from our youngest shareholders and Open Barn visitors planting seeds too. Zoa Kile and Katie Landis harvested the bamboo from neighbor's Mary and Fritz Schroeder. Brandon Santiago and father and son team Don and Brad

Turner built the bamboo structure. Mike Hurrell joined Bradley in digging the beds, mulching and planting a myriad of flowers and seeds. Now we get to watch Bradley's sunflowers grow!



CSA MIDSEASON UPDATE



Your farmers hope you are enjoying the 2018 season, munching on greens, sugar peas and early herbs. The 2018 growing season has presented us with many challenges, as well

as opportunities. Bringing the farm to life this year has involved many helping hands, from the first day a group from Occupation Development Center opened the door to the greenhouse and planted the seeds to the end of June when we reached a high of over 300 volunteer hours!

2018 has been challenging for vegetable production from the start, an early heat spike followed by almost 30 days of rain which ended with a rain event of 3 1/2 inches in an hour and over 6 inches in a weekend. This means shareholders are seeing lots of greens, garlic and garlic scapes with some herbs, and less of those early season veggies we all look forward to. Strawberries were a little late, with a short season, but delectable! Great blueberry harvest, although if you didn't grab your blueberries early, the birds were persistent and decimated remaining crops.

Your farmers want you to revel in each week's harvest, we know that weather patterns impacted our usual harvest. We want you to be happy, toward that end, each week your farmers try to plan a surprise for shareholders. Check out the pick-up

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Goodby Shoo Fly, Hello Hot Chicken

As Farmer Taryn was wrapping up her time with Homefields, we couldn't resist a peek into her future.

HF: We're sure you were interviewing for other jobs, what drew you to Homefields?

TH: I was interviewing for other jobs and did have other job offers at the same time as Homefields. I really wanted to work on Homefields Farm because of its unique setup with creating opportunities for people with barriers to employment, and also educating the community about agriculture.

HF: During your time as the Farm Manager what surprised you the most?

TH: The excitement and joy that the Farmer Trainees got from working outside and growing produce. I was surrounded by coworkers that loved working in agriculture just as much as I did, and it was such a great atmosphere to be in.

HF: What challenged you?

TH: Weather and pests for sure! This is a challenge that all Farmers cannot control, especially while practicing nature farming methods. If only we



could put the farm in its own little organic bubble!

HF: Is there anything you'd change about Homefields?

TH: The only thing I would change, if I could, is encourage more people to experience the farm, by being a shareholder or volunteering. It's such a

great experience to be part of creating sustainable CSA that includes work opportunities for people with disabilities and other challenges.

HF: Can you list a few highlights from your time as the Farm Manager?

TH: My tomatoes last year were amazing! I love growing tomatoes, so I was really excited when we got over 400 pounds of tomatoes from greenhouse #2—in only one week. I really loved becoming part of the Homefields family. I highly recommend that all shareholders take time to get to know the Farmers, Homefields board members, volunteers and other shareholders. Everyone at Homefields expresses so much care, dedication, and love towards the Farm—there is so much involved in the farm, everyone is needed.

HF: Any words of advice for the new Farm Manager?

TH: Make sure you don't skip any water breaks. Take a break in the shade, and make sure you always have snacks on hand! Keep educating others about natural agricultural practices. Take time to have fun with it all!

HF: What will you miss the most?

TH: People! I will really miss interacting with everyone at the farm! When I'm back in PA, I will definitely be stopping in to catch up with everyone.

HF: What are you doing now?

TH: My fiance and I are getting settled into life in Nashville, TN. I'm looking forward to having new experiences in agriculture, and career paths. I recently started working at Bloomsbury Farm, outside of Nashville. The have a CSA, and a farmers market. I'm also looking for a job in hydroponics too. And, the big news, I'm getting married on June 16th at my family's vegetable farm, where I grew up and learned to love agriculture.

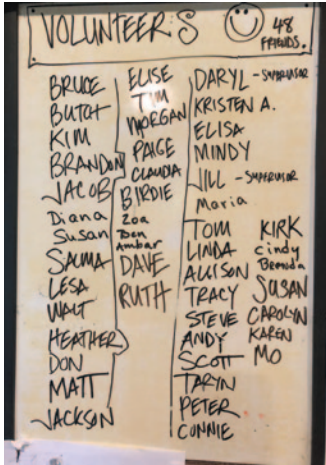
EDITOR'S NOTE: We hold all our Farmers in our hearts, and each one brought a different sensibility to Homefields, Taryn was the first female Farm Manager at Homefields. The Homefields Circle of Friends wishes Andy & Taryn friends to laugh with, meaningful work and time to embrace the gifts of this season of life.

—Allison G. Hawthorne



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THE WINDS OF CHANGE ARRIVED



As most of you are aware, Keystone Goodwill, our collaborator for nearly 20 years, shifted organizational direction after the 2017 CSA season. In January 2018, the Homefields Board of Directors assumed responsibility of operating the farm, changing the name of the CSA to what you see above. Homefields has always provided the land, buildings, and equipment, but not personnel. This is where you came in!

As the transition unfolded, we rolled up our sleeves, put out the call, and opportunities arose for many new cohorts as you see here and elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you to the team of farmers and farmhands, including our hostess and many, many volunteers—you are making it happen! After

lots of sweat, we enjoyed greeting old friends as well as new shareholders to the farm. We're looking forward to a productive fall. New folks can sign up for a prorated share at homefieldsfarm.csasignup.com

TOP:
Farmer Hogeland hands the keys over to Farmer Hagens.



BOTTOM (LEFT TO RIGHT):
Susan Mathews (CSA Hostess), **Bradley Hagens** (Farm Manager), **Elizabeth Swope** (Farm Supervisor), and Farmhands **Brad, Christina, and Brian**.



There are many options to volunteer at Homefields—in the greenhouse, out in the fields, in the barn, under the pergola—seeding, weeding, preparing the harvest, and more. Look at what you did! Volunteers hours in April 174, May 247, June 307! Get involved, call us up at 717.872.2012, or send an email to info@homefields.org



Here are some of the volunteers you will meet on the Farm every week. On the left are members of **Meaningful Day Academy**. On the right, **Occupational Development Center**. We're thankful for their steady assistance and are glad to be able to work side-by-side with them, from opening weekend to fall gleanings.



WE'RE GETTING PRETTY GOOD AT PICNICKING. You might have noticed by now that *Picnic in the Fields* follows the annual *Fall Classic Golf Tournament* each year. These two fundraisers serve as the two signature fundraisers for the year. It's a big weekend for Homefields, we look forward to seeing friends old and new.

Each year we try to add something fresh to Picnic in the Fields. For the uninitiated, this outdoor event has something for everyone: young or seasoned, families or freewheeling singles. The all-inclusive ticket price includes all the ingredients for a great picnic and a good time, no

need to bring anything—all we're missing is you!

Expect freshly prepared foods, courtesy of **MILLER'S SMORGASBORD** chefs, many of the vegetables and



herbs will come from our own fields. Look for carnivores' favorites, as well as two options for our vegan friends. We'll have local beer and wine on tap as well as beverages courtesy of **TURKEY HILL**. Look for a surprise signature drink from Homefields (for those 21-and-over). Diners can look forward to a full menu of picnic foods hot and cold, which we'll update at homefields.org/picnic!



COURTESY OF KAREN BREIDENBACH

New music this year...very local musician **BOBBI CARMITCHELL & FRIENDS**, Tammi Hessen on drums and Ashely McFalls on the cello. If you aren't familiar with Bobbi's music,

please check out these links and look for her CD titled *County Wide*, and listen to *Rocky Springs Saturday Night*. Many of you may remember those days and some of you may have heard stories from your parents or grandparents. bit.ly/2n5TMAA
www.facebook.com/bobbicarmitchell

LANCASTER CREATIVE REUSE will sponsor the Kids' Tent, which will include games, activities and crafts for children 4-and-up. We didn't forget about taller kids, look for *Giant Jenga* and *Corn Hole*. If you want to bring a lawn game, we welcome you! Contact events@homefields.org and let us know what you plan to bring.

A **SILENT AUCTION** is planned, guests can look forward to bidding on items and experiences in and around Lancaster County. You'll be able to buy signed CDs from Bobbi Carmitchell too!

We're bringing more shade this year...look for extra purple tents in the dining area. This year we are also offering **TABLE RESERVATIONS**. Please contact events@homefields.org to reserve a table of 4, 8, or 10, for family & friends.



READY TO BUY A TICKET? Advance tickets for Adults \$25.00, at the door \$30.00, Youth 13-17 are \$10.00 and children under 12 are free. Buy online at homefields.org/picnic

Please contact events@homefields.org with questions, to register children and to reserve a table. Your ticket includes free off-street parking with a short shuttle ride to the venue. Accessible parking available for those with handicapped placards. Credit cards, cash and personal checks accepted.

—Allison G. Hawthorne



== **BENEFACTORS** ==
June 2017–June 2018

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William Kiehl

\$1000 and over

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In Memory of Mary Beth

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CSA Midseason Update

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area for buckets filled with edible plants and flowers, other times we may have take home plants or ready to go herbs in the pick-up area. Our community of farmers,

shareholders and volunteers has come together and made magic on the farm this year overcoming challenges of weather and great change. Sending lots of love out to shareholders, longtime loyalists as well as new friends, thank you for working with us during this building year. Looking ahead, the future is very bright. The harvest is improving, as we work with demanding weather patterns, with the lion's share of the harvest is still to come.

Focus on perennial production has really upped the game in the Pick Your Own field. We are just getting started with full rations of salad burnet, celery and basil just to name a few. Shareholders have been enjoying salad burnet, lovage, chervil and edible flowers. We will soon see radish pods, cucamelons, radicchio, Malabar spinach, Gold Medal tomatoes and much more. Summer into fall promises a bounty of yellow and orange melons, scads of squash, tomatillos and more. Please feel free to contact me at farmer@homefields.org or call the farm office at 717.871.3110.

—Bradley Hagens, Farm Manager

These Fields Are Alive

One goal of our founding members is to use our spaces for multiple purposes, keeping Homefields active and present in the life of the community. Some of you may remember the Millersville biology class that designed and built our insect hotels on-site, or the Kaiser/Erb wedding that took place in the barn. These are two historical instances of how our biome thrives when it's pollinated from outside. Here are some more recent examples:



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: A plein air painter by the greenhouses, courtesy of Elizabeth Patton / Candace, Tim, and Ally from Friendship Heart Gallery, painting in the pickup area / Goumi berries at their peak / Farmer Bradley leads a hayride during the Open Barn / Tom Strauss ensures the 1940 tractor is up to the task of mowing / A shareholder and child check out the Homefields sharing library / Danielle Frederick Rhoades of Belle's Bees Apiary, leading a Talk in the Fields.



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