

Bios of Workshop Leaders

Cheryl Statham – Cheryl Statham has been the Director of Education and Programming at Quiet Valley since 2008. She has canned her own food for more than 20 years, which is also about how long she has made corn husk dolls and been a wheat weaver. She started making candles when she came on staff at the farm. She is also a retired homeschool mom, and looks back on those years fondly.

Jennifer Keim – Jennifer Keim has been on staff at Quiet Valley for four years as part of the farmer staff. Her responsibilities include animal care, as well as being an interpretive tour guide in our 1850 barn. She was born and raised on a local dairy farm, and she spent her youth taking care of the farm animals, as well as taking the time to explore the woods, go camping, ride horses and checking out the natural world. She is passionate about nature and the environment, and is even fascinated with owl pellets!

Milton Mosier – Milton Mosier has been on staff as the Farm Manager of Quiet Valley since 2009. He was born and raised on his family's dairy farm in East Stroudsburg. He raised and milked cows while living on the farm, as well as growing all of the food they needed. In addition to running the farm, he also managed the family store. Milton is a fisherman, hunter and knowledgeable in sustainable forestry.

Flora Schubert – Flora is a homeschooling mother of two children. As a certified elementary teacher she currently enjoys being a homeschool evaluator, working as the community Manager for Lavender's Blue Homeschool, teaching classes at Bloom and volunteering in places dear to her heart. She has been volunteering at Quiet Valley since she was a little girl and now enjoys volunteering here with her husband and children.

Alexyss Schatzman - Alexyss is a homeschooling mother of three children who graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts from Salve Regina University. She and her family enjoy spending most of their time outdoors adventuring or cooking in the kitchen. Alexyss is also a certified yoga teacher teaching both adults and children's yoga classes. She has been involved with many different programs and activities at Quiet Valley for many years. It is truly one of her favorite places.

Rebecca Costanzo – Beginning as a homeschool mom volunteering in the schoolhouse, Becky Costanzo has been involved at Quiet Valley for twenty years. She has served as a tour guide and teacher of our preschool and various homeschool programs. Before homeschooling her three sons, she was a middle school band director and continues to teach music at Knowlton

Fire Arts. Becky lives in Cherry Valley with her husband, Lucian, and son Thomas, and is a proud grandma!

Katherine Muller – Kat has been a blacksmith for over 5 years and specializes in decorative items. She first got into blacksmithing through her interest in archaeology. When she's not working at Quiet Valley, Kat conducts research on how ore is smelted into iron. Many times people are surprised to see a female smith, but there were many throughout history.

Norallah Downing – Norallah has a M.ed from Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. She has worked with children as kindergarten teacher at the Growing Concern for 25 years and now in a homeschooling program called Homney School. She has honed her storytelling and theatre skills at these programs as well as at Quiet Valley, Genesis Farm and the library.

Darlene Repsher – Darlene, aka Aunt Grace, is a retired homeschool mother and has been involved at Quiet Valley for many years, in a wide variety of positions. She enjoys working with people of all ages.

Kellcey Repsher – Kellcey has almost 17 years of living history experience. She is a homeschool graduate and has been a tour guide at Quiet Valley for more than 10 years.

Tina Matuic - Tina is a long-time volunteer at Quiet Valley and a soap maker for the past 8 years of her life at Pocono Soap. She loves to make soap and she loves to teach other people how to make great skin care products.

Deb Heilakka – Deb worked at Quiet Valley for many years, serving as tour guide, dutch oven cooking specialist, gift shop manager and many other jobs beside. She currently works at Creature Comfort, but she always loves to come back to the farm. Deb is a mother of two and the wife of Peter. She likes to cook, spin and knit, and rebuild cars.

Peter Heilakka – Peter grew up in the 1960's playing Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians, and Army. The game of Army is what started his love affair with maps. Christmas Day on 1970 was the date that he received his first book about orienteering, written by Bjorn Kjellstrom. Peter has completed numerous long distance hiking trips, organized searches for downed drones and aircraft and mapped areas in the federal parks. Peter is an avid orienteering person and is anxious to share what he know.

David Schatzman – David is a homeschooling father of three children. He grew up in this area and enjoyed coming to Quiet Valley as a child. He now loves attending farm events with his own children. He loves to spend time outdoors snowboarding, hiking, kayaking and adventuring.

Bill Watson – Bill is a retired journalist who became a student of the Civil War during his first visit to Gettysburg National Military Park in 1957. He became a re-enactor in 1990 when he joined Company D of the Seventh New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, which was the same company that his great-grandfather joined in 1861. He has served as a private to a brigadier general, has helped organize many events that emphasized authenticity in depicting the war and has conducted multiple training workshops. He is currently a member of Company G of the 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Sheri Bone – Sheri has been associated with Quiet Valley for more than 40 years. She worked as a tour guide 1975 and 1976. She was an elementary school teacher in upstate New York and is currently employed at the Pocono Environmental Education Center. Sheri went to college in Maryville, TN and graduated with a degree in Environmental Recreation. She has three children and 4 grandchildren and still finds time to volunteer at Harvest Festivals, Farm Animal Frolic and Heritage Days, where she is usually found sitting at a spinning wheel.

Joan Glusiec – Joan is a certified art and special education teacher. Along with painting, she has a special interest in the potter's wheel and has demonstrated its use for more than fifteen years at Quiet Valley. Recently retired from teaching, she now spends much of her time painting and making pottery. Some of her work can be seen at www.glusiec.com.

Meg Weinhofer – Meg has been a volunteer at Quiet Valley for a number of years, helping Gary Oiler with the seed planting and transplanting for the Farm Animal Frolic plant sale. She also enjoys being the School Marm. Meg is a graduate of Kutztown State College, with a BA in Elementary Art Education. She taught Art at Catasauqua Area Elementary School, and worked as a teacher's aide at Moore Elementary, Northampton Area School District. She was a head pre-school teacher for more than 20 years at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Catasauqua. Her love of arts and crafts is central in her life and she enjoys sharing that love with everyone.

T.J. Salmon – T.J. has been one of the farmers at Quiet Valley for more than three years, and he is an avid animal lover, especially when it comes to the farm cat, Duchess. He is in the Marine Reserves, and has become quite a good cook in the last couple of years.

Cindy Lou Morris – Cindy Lou is an acrylic artist who has many awards and showings of art in Carbon County. She sells on commission or at art shows. She has also become a new tour guide at Quiet Valley!

Deborah DiPasquale – Deborah is Director of Marketing and Special Events at Quiet Valley. Deborah was born and raised in Monroe County and with her husband, Lou, has raised four children here. She enjoys presenting heritage craft demonstrations at the farm as well as writing, painting, photography, gardening and spending time with her family.

Kitty Jones – Kitty writes, choreographs, produces and performs all of her material for Kit’s Interactive Theatre. She has been developing her original style of theatre since 1987 where she casts audience members into each show. Kitty has appeared in films, television and on Broadway.

Kristin Ransom – Kristin is a long-time homeschool mom of three, and is also one of the farmers at Quiet Valley. She has been a full-time farmer since the age of six.

Kathleen Mosier – Kathleen is the mother of three girls, grandmother of three girls and one boy and the wife of the Quiet Valley farmer, Milton. Kathleen loves to create and make new and fun types of crafts, and she and Milt work together to create their infamous pigs and owls. She also likes to cook and her chocolate cake with peanut butter icing is a constant favorite with everyone on the farm.

Danielle Donaghy – Danielle fell in love with Quiet Valley years ago as a young girl attending camp. She later became a tour guide, camp director and volunteer at many farm events! Currently, Danielle is a certified elementary teacher and mother of two children. She and her family enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking and taking long walks with their dog, Cody. She is excited to have her little boys grow up on the farm just like she did.