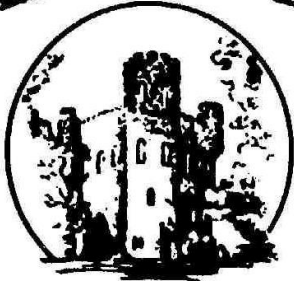


CASTLE PARK



The Banner

Fall 2022

The Carter Brown Style

Beyond the folklore for rustic nostalgia, we should take a moment here to attempt to describe just what “Carter Brown Style” is. As difficult as it is to describe his style, his design canon is forever subject to personal interpretations as good as, or better than this effort. Some “Old Timers” often take the justifiable position that to see it is to know it but even they find it challenging to describe it beyond “rustic.” Here, we look for the style language - the vernacular - embedded in his beautiful body of work.

First and foremost, “Mr Brown” as he was known respectfully by everyone younger, was a country gentleman in the finest English tradition. A resolute Southern equestrian, he was endowed with a horseman’s sensibility that celebrated country life earnestly, lacking all pretension.

Throughout his decades transforming Castle Park, he left proof that he could conjure Nature’s spell over buildings and landscaping in the most enchanting ways. His was an unpretentious way of nestling cottages or gathering places into landscapes that make daily living a delightful experience indoors and out.

Carter Brown has a well-deserved legacy as a visionary, in whose hands nature and architecture effortlessly complimented each other. For more than half a century, from 1917 to 1974, he and his beloved wife Marion created in Castle Park a place of tangible heritage with a spirit that has endured for the last half-century. Old Timers will remember

them at their table in the Castle Dining room, prominently positioned to prompt good manners in anyone passing. Practical himself, he was often seen during the day with tools in hand, sawdust settled on his clothes or mud under his boots.



In many ways, he sought to replicate in Castle Park much of the Southern charm of his beloved Pine Crest Inn in Tryon NC, since 1982 placed

on the National Registry of Historic Places. (For more on Mr. Brown, see “Carter Brown’s Legacy” on the Fund website).

Yet, rather than adhering to the formalism of Classical Revival architecture, he found more satisfaction in designing charming cottages and casual outbuildings, inspired by country life.

For much more about the Carter Brown style from Steve Nobel, click [HERE](#)

Look who's above AND below the fold of the August 6th Sunday Styles section of the New York Times! For the complete article, click on [BEN WATSON](#).



Castle Parkers Rendezvous with Art Out West

Emily Currie joins Krissy and Ben Nobel at Steve Nobel's opening of his exhibit "Evolution of Abstraction" at the Danforth Museum of Art, Livingston MT - where artists, writers, wranglers and anglers meet.

Check out Graham Outerbridge's latest movie, "**Pretty Problems**" distributed in 30 theaters across the country and available on Apple TV and iTunes to rent or buy! This comedy is set in Sonoma County and worth the watch!

Victory March

During an emotional roller coaster season, Mary Laughna coached her high school girls lacrosse team to the 2022 Massachusetts State Championship. After losing four starters to injury during the course of the season, it was a steep climb to the top. Mary's family & friends were on hand to cheer her team to victory in the semi-finals then her cousin Kathryn Hibbard, sister Sara, and mom were on hand to witness the culminating victory. The game was so exciting that Kathryn's iWatch started recording her exercise. Mary was named the Division 3 Coach of the Year by the Boston Globe.



Are the pressures of the Castle Park social scene causing anxiety? Let Claudia Noble guide you through a yoga routine to reset your attitude. The dance dune is the perfect place with a beautiful blue sky!

One Last Look!

Most people noticed the uninterrupted view of the lake when approaching the Dance Dune this year. This temporary clearing was created when the Maentzes removed the small "Stibbs cottage" which stood at the north side of the dance dune. The remaining cottage on the right is due to be razed to make room for a new cottage. Castle Parkers will be treated to a beautiful new cottage next year in this central location.



Library Activities

Highlights from the summer of '22 ~

- Roberta Rubin presented her book review on "Hamnet". It was well attended and well received by those in attendance.
- Bill Whitbeck followed with his teaching us how to write a book and get it published.
- Sam Helmrick Blossom donated 70 books from the GR Library book sale to the Castle Park library.
- Castle Parkers supplied incredible book donations of books throughout the summer.
- Kathy and Jim Pyott have a very talented daughter-in-law, Michelle Lee, who illustrates children's books.

Please make sure that you return the books, puzzles, and games in a timely manner.

Next year ~

With so many wonderfully talented Castle Parkers we are planning to host four Tuesday evening events at 7:00 at the Castle starting July 11th. The committee is hoping for Scott Hibbard, an Oz night, John Clarke, and Roberta Rubin, who will be leading a discussion of the John McCullough book, "The Pioneers". Your job is to find out where your relatives were living in 1776 and join in our discussion on "The Pioneers" next summer. Please watch for the details on the Castle Park website.

The library committee extends a big thank you to the beautification committee for helping us add a new rug to the library and to the committee for their help on maintaining our books. ~ Ruth Allison



A Melange of Marthas

It has always been a bit of a puzzle when it comes to the number of Marthas in CP. Pictured Marthas: Chamberlin, Jannotta, Gregg, Laughna, Dahlman. Not pictured: Moyer, Golub, renter whose last name we forget.

Castle Capers Redux

This July, to honor the 100 years of the amphitheater, Carolyn Deol and Evelyn Bloom organized a talent show! The two girls worked hard to organize the entire event themselves! From coordinating the details with Rae & Mark to advertising around the park, Carolyn and Evelyn impressed us all with their professionalism and leadership. At the last minute, two angry wasp nests prevented the show from being performed in the amphitheater, but the girls pivoted quickly and arranged for the show to go on at the Castle. The performers spanned all generations. Kate Amburgey kicked it off by leading the audience in the classic "Castle Capers" theme song. The audience was treated to a hilarious poem by Jim Carr, Randy Amburgey mystified us all as "The Great Zucchini", London sang Bruno Mars' "Count on Me," Ward Minneman delighted with his bubble show, from the Bodeen cottage Bodhi performed a piano piece and Bayla demonstrated some basketball skills, Silas Deol (Blossom) crushed the song "It's a long way to the top" by AC/DC, and Evelyn and friends performed the summer hit "We Don't Talk About Bruno." The audience was full of supportive Castle Parkers who came out to honor our historic amphitheater and to support new initiatives by our youth leaders. The girls are hoping to make this an annual event....so start practicing! Click [HERE](#) for Capers songs.

The traditional Labor Day weekend **sing-a-long** was revived this year and was an occasion to celebrate the 100th birthday of the amphitheater on September 2. Ned Jannotta opened the evening by giving the history of the sing-a-long and the original songbook, which was originally compiled by Debby Jannotta's father George Ross. Bob Palmer, with help from Bob Burton and Ned Jannotta, spearheaded the updating of the song book. More than 50 people assembled to sing some old favorites, accompanied on the keyboard by Kory Heitzig, a friend of Emily Norwood. Doug Ireland did an excellent job of generating an enthusiastic response and will take on the efforts to further modernize the songbook. Afterwards the singers enjoyed wine and a variety of hors d'oeuvres assembled by Jeanne and Eli Kane.



The Annual Book Exchange provided quite the list of great reads:

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt: This was a wonderful story about loss, finding oneself and creating family, and a marvelous octopus who has agency to freely navigate the confines of the aquarium where he's sheltered and affect the lives of those around him.

Noor by Nnedi Okorafor: From Africanfuturist luminary Okorafor comes a new science fiction novel of intense action and thoughtful rumination on biotechnology, destiny, and humanity in a near-future Nigeria. This fast-paced, relentless journey of tribe, destiny, body, and the wonderland of technology revels in the fact that the future sometimes isn't so predictable. Expect the unaccepted.

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah: from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone* comes an epic novel of love and heroism and hope, set against the backdrop of one of America's most defining eras—the Great Depression.

The Fire Wound by Kirstin Valdez Quade: an enchanting debut novel by Kirstin Valdez Quade taking place in northern New Mexico in a fictional small and run-down town of Las Penas. The novel follows a year in the life -- from one Holy Week to another -- of a fractured family barely staying afloat in one house: Yolanda, a hardworking secretary in her 50s, her large adult son Amadeo, and his pregnant teen daughter Angel. "This was the most pleasurable reading experience I've had in several months, brimming with human warmth and connection. Valdez Quade doesn't judge her characters, who are deeply flawed people in difficult circumstances, living in a working-class Latinx community in northern New Mexico ravaged by multi-generational poverty and the opioid epidemic." Goodreads reviews

Horse by Geraldine Brooks: A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.

Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley: From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Thousand Acres* and the *New York Times* best-selling Last Hundred Years Trilogy, a captivating, brilliantly imaginative story of three extraordinary animals--and a young boy--whose lives intersect in Paris

The Paper Palace by Miranda Callie Heller: A family spending all their summers on Cape Cod... a family that has dealt with some devastating history. There's so much more to this story than what the synopsis states.. so many layers ..so much that many of these characters have endured.

The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny: Louise Penny has taken another gamble with this unique novel in the Chief Inspector Armand Gamache series. When the renowned choir director of the monastery of Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loupsis murdered, the lock on the monastery's massive wooden door is drawn back to admit Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir of the Sûreté du Québec. There they discover disquiet beneath the silence, discord in the apparent harmony. But before finding the killer, before restoring peace, the Chief must first consider the divine, the human, and the cracks in between.

The Good Left Undone by Adriana Trigiani: From Adriana Trigiani, "a master of visual and palpable detail", comes a lush, immersive novel about three generations of Tuscan artisans with one remarkable secret.

Happy Go Lucky by David Sedaris: In Happy-Go-Lucky, David Sedaris once again captures what is most unexpected, hilarious, and poignant about these recent upheavals, personal and public, and expresses in precise language both the misanthropy and desire for connection that drive us all.

Watching You by Lisa Jewell: Lisa Jewell's latest thriller examines the secrets and obsessions of a seemingly idyllic neighborhood. Melville Heights, an upscale neighborhood, home to professionals like doctors and lawyers, might be one of the last places you'd expect a brutal murder to occur.

The Guest List by Lucy Foley: The bride · The plus one · The best man · The wedding planner · The bridesmaid · The body. Who doesn't love a good locked-island mystery? There's something immensely appealing about a small group of people being stuck together with no escape while knowing that a murderer is among them.

Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn: The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Rose Code* returns with an unforgettable World War II tale of a quiet bookworm who becomes history's deadliest female sniper. Based on a true story.

Freezing Order by Bill Browder: Following his explosive *New York Times* bestseller *Red Notice*, Bill Browder returns with another gripping thriller chronicling how he became Vladimir Putin's number one enemy by exposing Putin's campaign to steal and launder hundreds of billions of dollars and kill anyone who stands in his way.

The Lost Art of Reading Nature's Signs by Tristan Gooley: When writer and navigator Tristan Gooley journeys outside, he sees a natural world filled with clues. To help you understand nature as he does, Gooley shares more than 850 tips for forecasting, tracking, and more, gathered from decades spent walking the landscape around his home and around the world. Whether you're walking in the country or city, along a coastline, or by night, this is the ultimate resource on what the land, sun, moon, stars, plants, animals, and clouds can reveal—if you only know how to look!

The Next Ship Home by Heather Webb: A thoughtful historical inspired by true events, this novel probes America's history of prejudice and exclusion—when entry at Ellis Island promised a better life but often delivered something drastically different, immigrants needed strength, resilience, and friendship to fight for their futures.

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towle: Another great read from Amor Towles, who never fails to deliver compelling characters in unusual circumstances. It's a wonderful story of a journey by a unique cast of characters that takes you into the heart of America during the 1950s as they travel across the country, each trying to find something they lost.

The Pearl that Broke its Shell by Nadia Hashimi: Afghan-American Nadia Hashimi's literary debut novel is a searing tale of powerlessness, fate, and the freedom to control one's own fate that combines the cultural flavor and emotional resonance of the works of Khaled Hosseini, Jhumpa Lahiri, and Lisa See.

Polio: An American Story by David Ossinsky: The gripping story of the polio terror and of the intense effort to find a cure, from the March of Dimes to the discovery of the Salk and Sabin vaccines--and beyond.



The Burns Family Reconnects at Castle Park

My best memory from the summer of '22 is the family time when both of my sons and families were with me at Pinecliff. My older son, Ben, my daughter in law Laura and their three—BJ, Lucette and Izzy—are often at Castle Park because they live in Grosse Pointe, a scant three hours from the cottage. But James and his daughters—Clementine, Harlow and Chloe—are on the other side of the country, having just moved from Seattle to LA. The cousins had the opportunity to get re-acquainted, roam the beach and the CP grounds, roast marshmallows for s'mores and play endless board games. Clementine declared after just a day that she loves Castle Park more than ANYTHING, even Disneyland! And that is high praise!

Nashville Comes to Castle Park

On Sunday afternoon October 2 the weather was glorious and glorious music was heard coming from the Dance Dune. Castle Parkers Greg Kester (guitar), Tara Kester (vocals, camera), Levi Kester (guitar), Grace Kester (bushes, rocks), Jim Carr (guitar, vocals); and friends Bruce (mandolin, vocals), Paul (guitar), Rachel (fiddle, vocals), Lisa (fiddle) and Loren (banjo) gathered to play bluegrass, old-time, gospel and related styles. We'll be back. If you play an instrument suitable for a string band, bring it to CP next summer and brush up on "Old Joe Clark."
Jim Carr and Tara Kester





Mary and Bill Ford celebrated their 65th anniversary on June 15th!
Wow, that is longevity (with a sprinkle of patience)!



George and Margaret Parker enjoyed celebrating their 65th anniversary by sharing it with the whole park!



Kristen & Spencer Swaney celebrate the beginning.



Peyton proposed to Michelle on the Dance Dune, married in the amphitheater, and celebrated into the wee hours of the morning. Their Pomeranian, Winnie, served as ring bearer.

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who have recently lost loved ones.

Rory Laughna ~ June 13, 2022

Peggy Steketee ~ September 9, 2022

Wedding Bells

Charlie Palmer and Kelsey Beaty Palmer were married in August 2021 in a COVID cautious wedding so on September 4th they celebrated big time in the Palmer's back yard.

Ross Palmer married Nicole Flison on June 4, 2022 near Boulder, CO.

Peyton & Michelle Carr tied the knot in the amphitheater on September 17, 2022.

Tina Nielsen married Eric Engelking in Castle Park on September 24, 2022.

Kristen Etterbeek & Spencer Swaney went the simple route in front of a judge on September 29, 2022

New Arrivals

In these days of shortages and delivery delays, the babies in Castle Park are not paying attention!

Asher Tallmadge Moshenskiy ~ 6/21/22

Meggie (Kernahan) & Alex Moshenskiy

Adelyn Marie Kester ~ 6/22/22

Greg & Tara Kester

James Eugene Outerbridge ~ 6/29/22

Graham & Sarah Outerbridge

Cora Louise Chism ~ 8/20/22

Jack and Grace Chism

Piper Holland Laughna ~ 9/28/22

Ryan and Goldie Laughna





After having a COVID safe wedding in 2021, Charlie and Kelsey Palmer enjoyed celebrating Oktoberfest style with their friends this year during Labor Day weekend.

Social Commentary

Castle Parkers have long enjoyed a unique relationship with one another. We are best friends with 2nd and 3rd cousins, we convene yearly for long enjoyed traditions, and we support each other during good times and bad.

We are a social group which enjoys gathering for sunsets, hors d'oeuvres, an occasional drink, dog walks, beach walks, marathon Sudoku sessions on the beach and to welcome new residents. But all that gathering makes for a group that is also supportive of one another without asking. We are BFFs. It is wonderful that we know our longtime CP friends are there for support when it is most needed.

Our First Summer in Castle Park By Tara Kester

“If I’m going to move from San Diego to Michigan, we’d better find a spot that’s magical,” my husband Greg said jokingly (but not?) as we were preparing for our cross country move to be closer to family. And long story short, magic is what we found. Not knowing anything about Castle Park, we (somewhat hesitantly) bought a little plot of land in Indian Pipe for proximity to Lake Michigan and hiking trails. But during our build and soon after our move back in May, we began to realize what a special place this was and how blessed and fortunate we were to stumble upon it. Yes, there were more tangible things like amenities and events than we expected. I mean, who gets to get on a golf cart and take their young children to a library in a castle everyday? However, without sounding too sappy or cliché, there’s one perk that a real estate agent can never quite communicate. We are absolutely blown away by how welcoming, kind, and warm people are here in the park, and we would like to thank everyone for that. Between friends made at the pool and events like Rock the Park to some deeper friendships already forming with our Indian Pipe neighbors, it’s been a pretty unforgettable summer. Oh yes—and we had a baby, Adelyn Marie Kester, on June 22nd—also unforgettable, and potentially our first life-long Castle Parker. So cheers to Castle Parkers old and new and many more summers and friendships to come.

~Greg, Tara, Grace (4), Levi (3) & Adelyn (brand new) Kester | 2022





These "Soreheads" have carried on the tradition started by Platt, Morgan, Davey, and Austin (no last names necessary here!). The most recent edition of the Soreheads includes Ernie, John, Bob, and Tom in a battle of righties vs lefties. In this photo, the lefties are on the right and the righties are on the left (makes perfect sense). The lefties won.

These ladies enjoyed a fabulous day of golf and lunch at the Ravines. Over 20 women participated in the nine-hole scramble format tournament. The Hibbard team took top honors while Susan Muzzy drove the longest ball and Katie Palmer shot closest to the pin. The \$431 raised by passing the hat at lunch goes to fund the beautification committee's efforts.



Costume Dance Revived!
Mackie Larue and Grant Griffin dressed as their favorite farmer, Griffin Shepard!

Randy Ford and John Marshall wore down their young opponents to win the Men's Doubles Championship.
Kristen Etterbeek and Spencer Swaney loved winning the mixed doubles championship so much that they got married!





A small Irish fishing village



Check out these unbelievable chance encounters among Castle Parkers. It is a small world indeed.

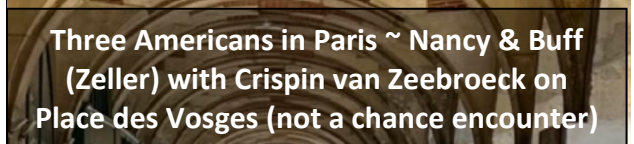


Amsterdam

2022 Cottage Tour

On August 3 Castle Parkers were invited into various cottages which displayed old time architecture, many updated. Thank you to Muzzy, Jr, Bustle, Nix, Keehn and Hedblom for allowing all to enjoy such fantastic homes while raising money for a great Castle Park cause, the Barnswallow! 110 people enjoyed the tour as well as ice cream, wine, jewelry sale, silent auction and each other's company. A net total of \$7590 was raised to help fund some welcome improvements to the Barnswallow.

A large team of Castle Parkers made this night happen but most importantly, thank you to the organizers of this wonderful night out: Martha Dahlman, Julie Wade, Ted Parker, Martha Mittelstead, Cindy Fuller



Three Americans in Paris ~ Nancy & Buff (Zeller) with Crispin van Zeebroeck on Place des Vosges (not a chance encounter)



Large model airplanes now hang from the ceiling courtesy of Dick Muzzy via the Axe, now Parker, cottage. A retro pinball machine also made it to the Barnswallow by the same route. Wait until you see it next year!



The July Jubilee taken to new heights by Matt Bloom (Betsy Clarkes' son in law)



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