



## The Seeds We Plant



*"The first time I planted squash seeds in a mound of earth  
and patted the soil around the seed,  
drumming my hands unto that cool darkness,  
I felt comfort and strength.  
I felt the echo of a pulse running through the ground below me.  
Looking up I saw the spread of wings gliding above  
their shadow moving over the grass,  
and I felt peace."*

—Rebecca Watkins, Garden Intern, 2003

## Happy Birthday, Grailville!

An opening reception, a progressive dinner and a concert are planned for Saturday, November 13, to celebrate the 60th birthday of Grailville. The celebration will begin at the Maritain Gallery in Loveland (200 W. Loveland Ave., second floor, 513-677-9865) with a reception hosted by Mary and Bill Schickel 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. The Schickel family has been a long-time friend of Grailville. The Gallery will showcase the work of Bill Schickel, nationally and internationally recognized as the creator of beautiful contemporary art of timeless and ancient religious subjects. The Oratory, Grailville's chapel, was designed by Bill as he converted a "barn" into a sacred space for Grailville's residents and guests.

After the reception, Grailville will host a good old-fashioned Grailville buffet dinner, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### Broadway Comes to Grailville!

Prior to performing her award-winning "Squeeze Box" in New York, Ann Randolph is bringing this one-woman show to Grailville for a **one-night-only performance on Saturday, June 5, 8:00 p.m.**, Caravansary. Impressed by Grailville and the work of the Grail, Loveland-born Randolph has offered this performance as her gift for Grailville's 60th birthday!

Now a Los Angeles based writer, performer, and filmmaker, Randolph's performances have been defined as "wickedly hysterical" by the *Los Angeles Times*. Through "Squeeze Box," Randolph, with pathos and humor, skillfully weaves stories about a women's homeless shelter.

Seating is limited, and reservations are highly recommended. Special ticket price: \$15 minimum donation. A Bizarre Buffet, at 7:00 p.m., will precede the performance. Information and reservations: 513-683-2340 or on-line at: [www.grailville.org](http://www.grailville.org)

*Please note: the show is rated "R."*

The evening will conclude with a performance by the Ann Arbor Grail Singers in the Oratory at 7:30 p.m.

The Ann Arbor Grail Singers, directed by Lynn Malley, have been singing together since 1995. This all-women choir has performed in such venues as the Detroit Institute of Art series "Brunch with Bach," the Academy of Early Music of Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan Museum of Art, the Toledo Museum of Art and the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. The Ann Arbor Grail Singers will be offering the precious gift of their astounding voices in a concert of sacred music. This concert promises to be more than entertaining; music at its highest quality becomes food for the soul. Lynn Malley has been a choral director for over forty years. She was the Director of Music at Grailville from 1960 to 1994. During that time, she participated in recordings of sacred and folk music composed and led music workshops in Europe as well as various cities in the United States. Lynn has recorded five CDs of sacred music: "A Women's Celebration of Chant and Harmony," "Sounds of the Spirit," "The Hidden Spirit," "Calling Forth the Light," and the recently released "Magnificat!" Of her conducting, it has been said, "...Lynn Malley...brings her

## Grailville Needs YOU!

Among its most treasured possessions, Grailville is blessed with many wonderful people who have given countless hours of their time and shared their varied talents over the years. We recognize that these gifts have been essential to Grailville's existence and know that we are blessed to receive such wonderful and personal contributions.

As we look at all of Grailville's current needs we know we continue to require the gifts of volunteers to help us in the present and carry us into the future. With great hope in our hearts, this spring we are making a concerted effort to increase our volunteer ranks.

A wide variety of opportunities exist

### Happy Birthday, Grailville!

Saturday, November 13

#### The Art of Bill Schickel

Opening Reception  
Maritain Gallery  
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Buffet Special Birthday Dinner

Grailville Dining Room  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### Ann Arbor Grail Singers

Benefit Concert  
Grailville Oratory  
7:30 p.m.

**Reservations for dinner and concert are required.**

Donations:

Benefactor: \$60 - \$150,  
Sponsor: \$200 or more.

ensemble to a tightly knit perfection beyond compare." (A. Estes, Eastman School of Music)

The vision of the intrepid group of women who "settled" Grailville in 1944 remains strong. Liturgies, creative arts, community organizing, women's leadership training, ecological sustainability, ecumenism, alternative education, all remain focal points of Grailville's efforts.

*Please join us for this exciting celebration and support Grailville's present and future work!*

for volunteering at Grailville including gardening and landscaping, trail clearing and maintenance, office work, help with special events, working with the wetlands, and general maintenance and painting.

Whether you enjoy the feeling of contribution and familiarity that comes with a regular commitment of time or you have one afternoon to take a break from your normal routine to spend with us, your contribution will be valued and appreciated.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to lend a hand, please call Grailville at 513-683-2340 or Jean Kearns at 859-331-1826.

## Important Questions Spur Us On

Something about Grailville seems to generate questions. Tucked into the quilted hills of southwest Ohio, "peaceful" tends to be the first impression of motorists working their way along Route 48. Peaceful it is most often. Still we take seriously our task of comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable.

Sometimes questions are asked about the Grail. When members of the Grail define the Grail we often start with the Spirit—the Spirit that calls us, inspires us, the Spirit within the Grail to which we can say "Amen." If we start with the Spirit, we also hope to end with Spirit as the base on which we stand, the firm ground in which we are planting our hopes for a better world. Together with Grail members throughout the U.S.A. and the world, Grailville is working toward transforming our world into a place of justice, peace, and love. Starting with ourselves.

Most often we are the ones asking questions. The questions about hunger in the world and in our own rich country and the many decisions that are made related to the condition of hunger cannot let us rest. Our elected officials respond respectfully to our

letters about disastrous budget choices, saying they are glad to hear of our interest in this topic and look forward to hearing from us again. Because the Grail is an international movement, we often know the people suffering from our government's unfortunate policies; we see the effect of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) on our country's neighbors. Together with our neighbors in this hemisphere, in Europe, and in Africa we demonstrate, we pray, and we work for peace. Here in the U.S.A., many Grail members live in States that have not yet abolished the death penalty. All of these situations and conditions raise tough questions.

Much of the work that we do does not make money for us and is not readily fundable, causing our own stressful financial needs. Sometimes people say, "If you need money, why don't you sell the place? Developers would pay good prices to have such a space!" This raises another important question for us. But, we have learned from Native Americans that we do not OWN land. Our Mother, the Earth, lets us plant organic vegetables, dig new water systems, carve out a labyrinth. Our life on this land is purely a gift for which we are grateful.

—Alice Dougan

### "As Awe Suddenly Touches ..."

*A Celebration of Women's Spiritual Journeys through the Arts*

## Third Annual Women Artists Show

WAM! Women, Arts & Media Project, and Grailville will sponsor the third annual women artists, mixed-media art show. This year's exhibit will explore women's spiritual journeys as they are expressed through the arts. Art allows artists and their audiences to search for the essence of things, to explore the world as it is, or as we would like it to be, to use imagination to create new things, or to transform what is already here. Art is a powerful means of enhancing and deepening our spiritual life. And sometimes, through the artistic process, healing can occur.

Please call 513-683-2340 if you are interested in submitting your

artwork and we will send you an application form. Check our website [www.grailville.org](http://www.grailville.org) for more details. **Deadline for submissions is July 30.**

### *As Awe Suddenly Touches ...*

#### • **Opening Reception**

Sunday, September 19

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Grailville Dining Room

Everyone Welcome!

#### • **Art Exhibit**

September 19 – November 20

Fridays: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sundays: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

By appointment during the week.

### *Community Shares*

Grailville was one of the first nonprofit organizations to become a member of Community Shares, a philanthropic organization of employers supporting social, economic, and environmental justice. Greater Cincinnati and Dayton area readers who are employed by Community Shares members can create a win/win situation for both Grailville and Community Shares through payroll deduction donations and volunteer hours. To contact Community Shares, call 513-475-0457 or go to their website: [www.cintishares.com](http://www.cintishares.com).

### *Give a gift to Grailville*

*for its 60th birthday!*

## *Lydwine Van Kersbergen Endowment Fund for Grailville*

In this issue of our newsletter you will find a brochure asking you to help Grailville by giving a financial contribution towards the establishment of a one million dollar endowment fund.

The endowment campaign was started in January 2001 through the initiative of Shrikant Dighe of Bethesda, Maryland, to support Grailville with a permanent source of income. Other members of the Grailville Development Committee, created and headed by Audrey Sorrento, further developed the project. Carla Stewart of Loveland, Ohio, also a member of the committee, produced the brochure you are receiving with this newsletter. The fund was named after one of the founders of Grailville, Lydwine Van Kersbergen.

In the last three years, thanks to the generosity of many good friends, the endowment has grown to \$305,537.33! This amount represents about 30% of our goal. It is a good start, but still not enough to provide Grailville with a cash flow that will significantly help cover some of our ever-increasing operating expenses.

It's Grailville's 60th anniversary; make a birthday present that will continue to give for many years to come!

*Thank you.*

# Grailville Welcomes the Return of National Grail Office

As the first center of The U.S. Grail, Grailville housed the National Grail Office for many years. When the Grail restructured in the 1970's, the "office" was dispersed into various members' homes. This year the Grail has re-organized and re-established a central location for operations. How appropriate that on the 60th birthday of Grailville, the Grail National Office has returned to the center. It is a "coming home," of sorts, greeted by an enthusiastic response from Grailville staff and residents. The National Grail Office is located on the second floor of *Metanoia* (the office building) and is coordinated by National Leadership Team member Bonnie Hendricks, who lives on site. She shares her impressions of settling into Grailville.

**December 1, 2003:** change is in-the-air, and after a *long* drive from CA, I arrive at my new home . . .

*Grailville*

- ~ 300 acres of sheer beauty, different, but consistently awesome, in every season
- ~ a touch of endangered 'rural' in the midst of encroaching development
- ~ a place of warm welcome and hospitality to the many people who visit and stay
- ~ a living, working model of
  - ~ community
  - ~ sustainability
  - ~ creative expression
  - ~ the celebration of women
  - ~ living ~ growing ~ deepening spirituality
- and*
  - ~ home to the Grail in the U.S.
  - ~ international community ~ movement ~ organization of women
  - ~ my Grail foremothers settled on this land in 1944.

## To contact the National Grail

932 O'Bannonville Rd.  
Loveland, OH 45140  
513-683-5750  
NLT@grail-us.org

**January 1, 2004:** *Happy New Year!*

- ~ my housemates throw shoes out the windows . . . *have I been transported to Italy?*

**January 2, 2004:** a New Year does dawn and I assume my role as one-of-three on the newly elected *National Leadership Team* of the US Grail . . .

- ~ for many many many moons, the Grail has had a decentralized structure, *but change is in-the-air . . .*

**March 31, 2004:** Spring has sprung!

- ~ and our desks are moved in
- ~ the phone lines installed
- ~ computers are networked
- ~ file drawers emptied-and-filling . . .
- ~ a corner of *Metanoia* is a working hub of national Grail activity
- ~ the Grail has, indeed, *come home!*



Bonnie Hendricks

*On behalf of the U.S. Grail, thank you for your support and love of Grailville! Stop in and see us on your next visit!*

—Bonnie Hendricks

## Grailville Offers You...

- 300 acres of farm, organic gardens, pastures, forests, hiking trails, and labyrinths.
- Guest Services providing simple lodging for groups and individuals, nutritious meals, cultural resources and events, garden tours, house tours, labyrinth presentations, and educational opportunities focused on sustainable living.
- The Grailville Store & Coffee House, featuring books, gifts, and specialty items, and a web store.
- An Oratory for prayer, rituals, and meditation.
- Residential internships, a seasonal organic produce stand, a community supported agriculture program, and garden and other volunteer opportunities.
- A diverse spiritual community creating a way of life reflected in programs, projects, and special events offered to the public.

## News in Brief

Grailville, as an environmental center modeling living sustainably, and as an educational center founded on 'observing and absorbing,' has some exciting projects in the works.

The **Wastewater Environmental Treatment (WET) Project** has received a one-year, \$30,000 grant from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to fund the position of Education Coordinator. The Coordinator will design and implement programs for adult and youth groups, collaborate with local schools and colleges, educate government officials and land developers, and train a cadre of volunteers as workshop leaders. All of these efforts support Grailville's development of a wastewater system that is ecologically sound, functional, sustainable, and efficient.

The **Garden Internship Program**, where women 'learn-by-working' in Grailville's organic gardens is a three

## The Great Outdoor Weekend

Grailville is joining with The Cincinnati Nature Center, Imago, and other groups concerned about our environment to present The Great Outdoor Weekend in our area.

Come out to the country this fall and sample nature's wonders. The big event will be held on September 25 and 26. You can learn about and experience the labyrinth, find out how to grow your own garlic, tour the workings of the new constructed wetland system, walk the nature trails, and enjoy the fall season.

Details about the weekend events will be published soon.

### Organic Garden Tours

Tours of our organic gardens may be arranged for individuals or groups. Call ahead to Guest Services, 513-683-2340, to arrange a tour for yourself or for your group. Tours may be scheduled for the morning on the first Saturday and Monday, April through September. Be sure to call by the preceding Thursday.

to twelve-month residential program focusing on:

- growing vegetables for market and our Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program,
- using organic methods,
- working in rhythm with nature, and
- honoring the earth and our connection with it.

Applications are available on the Grailville website and are now being accepted for the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

Grailville's **commitment to sustainability** has also led to the formation of an enthusiastic group of individuals interested in exploring the possibility of

### The Ecovillage at Grailville...

planning group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month.  
Contact Grailville at 513-683-2340 or Suellyn Shupe (suellyn7@yahoo.com) for more information.

an **Ecovillage at Grailville**. You might have seen the article in the Cincinnati Enquirer (11/12/03) about this pioneering effort of individuals wanting to live in community with each other and in harmony with nature.

*If you would like additional information about any of the News in Brief items, call Grailville at 513-683-2340 or go to Grailville's website: [www.grailville.org](http://www.grailville.org).*

### Garden Volunteer Calendar for 2004

Work projects will be held on most second and fourth Saturdays of the month during the garden season, 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., when lunch is served. *Please put in your lunch reservation four or five days ahead by calling 513-683-2340.* We may change the planned project due to the weather and/or garden priorities. In case of severe weather the project will be cancelled.

June 12 ... planting winter squash and pumpkins

June 26 ... harvesting garlic

July 10 ... cleaning garlic

July 24 ... cleaning and braiding garlic

August 14 ... planting fall crops

August 28 ... planting last of fall crops

September 11 ... planting garlic

October 9 ... preparing beds for winter

October 23 ... weeding garlic

November 13 : putting garden to bed

Volunteers and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) workshare participants are also welcome to work in the gardens on weekday mornings and other Saturdays, by appointment.

### Thank you for saving trees...

...and supporting Grailville. We saved the paper and postage from about 1,000 Newsletters in January by sending the newsletter to recipients' email addresses. We do not know how much of a tree that saved, but we know it saved Grailville about \$500. That's wonderful! Congratulations and thank you again! If you are on our snail mail list and received a hard copy of the Newsletter in January 2004, then we must not have an email address on file for you. If you would like to keep up the good work of our first 1,000 recipients and receive the newsletter

by email, please send us your email address to help save trees and support Grailville financially. Don't underestimate the value of just one more person converting to email. When added together, all those individuals really make a difference. Please, send your email address to [grailville@fuse.net](mailto:grailville@fuse.net) or call Guest Services at 513-683-2340.

### Organic Garden Internship

...a program for women to learn by working in Grailville's organic gardens. See [www.grailville.org](http://www.grailville.org) or call for more information.

## Programs & Events

### Slow Walk for Peace

*What is good has been explained to you;  
this is what Yahweh asks of you:  
only this, to act justly,  
to love tenderly and to walk humbly  
with your God.*

Micah 6:8

For the second year, Grailville will join Shalem Institute of Bethesda, MD, an ecumenical Christian community dedicated to the support of contemplative living and leadership, in its ninth annual Slow Walk for Peace.

We will gather and begin with prayer and reflection, moving into an hour of meditative slow walking, and concluding with group reflection time.

Slow Walk for Peace

**Saturday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. – Noon**

Place: Oratory

Facilitator: Linda Neumaier

Cost: Free (donations accepted)

### Reiki at Grailville

During this day of renewal, participants will experience guided meditations and will give and receive Reiki in small groups. Our gratitude to Reiki Masters Teachers Carol Bussey, Linda Neumaier, Teresa Olson, and Elizabeth Tait who will facilitate this program as a donation to Grailville. Please call Grailville at 513-683-2340 for more information or to register.

**Inner Reiki – One Day Retreat**

June 13, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Prerequisite: Reiki I

Cost: \$100 donation to Grailville (includes lunch). Location: Oratory

### Joy of Seasons

**Friday, August 6 – Monday, August 9**

The Joy of Seasons program, held each year at Grailville, brings together women of various ages, cultures, and physical abilities. The arrival of warm summer days evokes memories of fun, games, crafts, and great food. Meeting new friends, renewing old friendships, enjoying the healing power of laughter, and experiencing a sense of community are all part of "JOY!"

This year's theme is *Simply Joy*. Come re-discover the child in YOU! Play with us at Grailville this summer! Call 513-683-2340 for cost and details.

### Zen Retreat

**AMA Samy, S.J., and Grailville!**

—a superb combination of a deep spiritual leader for our times and the beautiful expanse of the Grailville setting. Add silence, the practice of sitting meditation, and vegetarian meals, plus one more addition—you in the midst.

AMA Samy, Jesuit priest and Zen Master, comes to Grailville from his meditation center in Kodai Kanal, India. He also conducts retreats in Europe and Japan.

•**Weekend:** September 10-12, Friday evening dinner through Sunday lunch.

•**Week:** September 10-17, ending with Friday lunch.

•**Cost:** weekend, single room \$235  
weekend, double room \$175  
week-long, single room \$440

This retreat is sponsored by the Ark House of Prayer Team.

Please call 513-683-2340 or 513-683-0116 for more information.

### Maggie Moo's Barnyard Dash

**Saturday, October 9**

Wear your running shoes or check your cyclo-cross bike, the Barnyard Dash is back at Grailville! After the great success of last year's event, Martin Schickel and Kathy Ray, of Little River Enterprise, are once again organizing this FUN-raising event that will benefit the Grailville Organic Farming programming. This year you can have fun running a 5K trail and/or riding your cyclo-cross bike up and down the green, sweet hills and the shady woods that make Grailville so beautiful.

If running and biking are not exactly among your strongest desires, you might certainly have fun just watching the races and adding good food and music to a relaxing day outdoors with your family.

Register at [www.BarnyardDash.com](http://www.BarnyardDash.com) (spectators do not need to register).

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### International Crèche Exhibit

The dates have been set for the yearly International Crèche Exhibit held at Grailville. Mark your calendars and make plans now to enjoy the exhibit by coming to one or several of the exhibit opportunities:

#### Exhibit Opening

December 5, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Includes refreshments and group singing. Free and open to the public.

#### Exhibit

December 5, 2004 – January 6, 2005

Hours: TBA

#### Crèche Luncheons

Tuesday, December 7

Thursday, December 9

Monday, December 13

Wednesday, December 15

Doors open: Noon

Lunch: 12:30 p.m.

Program: 1:30 p.m.

Cost is: \$12.00

This year senior citizens, 60 and over, will receive 10% off the luncheon cost. Reservations are required and groups are encouraged to reserve blocks of tables. The program is always inspiring and enlightening as various Nativity Scenes' history, beauty, cultural setting and journey to Grailville are presented.

### Celtic Christmas at Grailville

This year Grailville will celebrate its Sunday Christmas lunch and dinner on December 19 with a matinee performance of Celtic music performed by the "Silver Arm" musicians in the Oratory.

#### Buffet Luncheon

**and Silver Arm Concert**

Luncheon (12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.)

followed by Concert (2:30 p.m.)

Adults: \$25, Children\* 4-10: \$13

#### Buffet Dinner

**and Silver Arm Concert**

Concert (2:30 p.m.) followed by Dinner (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

Adults: \$30, Children\* 4-10: \$15

**Silver Arm Concert Only — 2:30 p.m.**

Adults: \$15, Children\* 4-10: \$8.00

#### Buffet Dinner Only

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Adults: \$15, Children\* 4-10: \$8.00

\*Children Under 4: Donation suggested.

**Call Grailville at 513-683-2340  
for reservations.**

# 2004 Grailville Calendar

For more events and information, go to [www.grailville.org](http://www.grailville.org), Events, or call 513-683-2340. Registration and a fee are required where noted.

## Recurring Events:

### Prayer at the Ark

Come and join with fellow seekers.  
6/10, 8/12, 9/23, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9  
10:00 a.m.

### Vigils for Peace

Interfaith silent prayer and meditation.  
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
No Vigils 6/24, 7/8, 9/16, 11/25, 12/23, 30

### Sitting and Walking Meditations

Monthly Sunday meditations.  
6/6, 7/4, 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 31, 11/28  
3:00 p.m. (10:00 a.m. on 10/3)

### Eastside Sangha

Weekly sitting and walking meditations.  
Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. More information at [www.eastsidesangha.org](http://www.eastsidesangha.org)

### Mystics' Book Discussion

New members welcome.  
6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14  
9:30 a.m.-Noon

### Coffee House Performances

Aspiring artist performances.  
6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

### Homeschool Nature Hikes

Children participate in the rhythm of nature. Enrollment required.  
Call 513-683-2340 for information.  
9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15; 9:30 a.m.

### Organic Garden Volunteer Days

Call ahead for lunch reservation.  
2nd and 4th Saturdays, March 13 –  
November 13; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
No Volunteer Day on 9/25

### Organic Garden Tours

Available mornings, the first Saturday  
and Monday of the month, April-  
September. Reservations required.  
Must call by preceding Thursday.

## Additional Events:

### JUNE

#### Broadway Comes to Grailville!

**Ann Randolph's "Squeeze Box"**  
June 5; 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$15 min. donation.  
Reservations required.

#### Slow Walk for Peace

June 5; 10:00 a.m.

#### Sunday Dinner at Grailville

June 6; 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Children 4-10 \$8  
Reservations required.

### Plein Aire Painting

Invitation to paint/perform.  
June 12; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
RSVP by June 6. Cost: \$10  
Reservations required.

### Reiki at Grailville

Inner Reiki One-Day Retreat  
Prerequisite: Reiki I  
June 13; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$100 donation.  
Reservations required.

### The Poet, The Painter & The Potter

Mini art show Opening Reception  
Artists: Sharon Thomson, Simonetta  
Romano, and Jan Taylor  
June 19; 5:00-7:00 p.m. Coffee House

### Feast of the Birthday of John the Baptist

A Feast Day celebration. June 24

## JULY

**National Grail Retreat, July 6-11**

## AUGUST

### Joy of Seasons

A gathering of women. August 6-9  
Cost: TBA, Reservations required.

### Feast of the Assumption

A Feast Day celebration. August 8

## SEPTEMBER

### Zen Meditation Retreat with Fr. AMA Samy

September 10-17  
Weekend and week-long options. See  
page 6 for cost. Reservations required.

### As Awe Suddenly Touches...

Annual Grailville and WAM!  
Art Show Opening  
September 19; 4:00-7:00 p.m. Cost: Free

### As Awe Suddenly Touches...

Art Exhibit, September 19-November 20  
See page 3 for times.

### The Great Outdoor Weekend

Sample nature's wonders.  
September 25-26

## OCTOBER

### Sunday Dinner at Grailville

October 3; 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Children 4-10 \$8  
Reservations required.

### Blessing of the Animals

All living creatures are welcome.  
October 3; 2:30 p.m.

## Sunday Dinner Buffets

Welcome the fall by joining us at Grailville for a delicious and healthy meal prepared and beautifully presented by our talented Chef, Mark Metcalfe. Reserve your space early to ensure your choice of seatings by calling Grailville at 513-683-2340.

Need a creative and fun gift? Purchase a Sunday Dinner Gift Certificate for a friend (available on-line from our web store at [www.grailville.org](http://www.grailville.org)).

### Sunday Dinner Buffet Dates

October 3

November 7

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$15, Children 4-10 \$8  
Children under 4 are free.  
Reservations are required.

### Maggie Moo's Barnyard Dash

Cross country run and cycle.

October 9

Register at [www.BarnyardDash.com](http://www.BarnyardDash.com)

Spectators need not register.

## NOVEMBER

### Feast of All Saints

A Feast Day celebration. November 1

### Sunday Dinner at Grailville

November 7; 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Adults \$15, Children 4-10 \$8  
Reservations required.

### Happy Birthday Grailville!

#### Annual Fund Raising Event

November 13—*Opening Reception at 3:30 p.m. honoring William Schickel, followed by Dinner 5:30-7:00 p.m., then The Ann Arbor Grail Singers Concert 7:30 p.m.* Donation: Benefactor \$60-150, Sponsor \$200. Reservations required.

## DECEMBER

### International Crèche Exhibit Opening

December 5, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Cost: Free

### International Crèche Exhibit

December 5 – January 6. Times: TBA

### Crèche Exhibit Luncheons

December 7, 9, 13, 15; 12 p.m.  
Cost \$12, Senior discount available.  
Reservations required.

### Celtic Christmas at Grailville

*Silver Arm* concert and Buffet Luncheon or Dinner. December 19. See page 6 for cost. Reservations required.

Grailville is an environmental, education, and retreat center of The Grail, an international movement of women committed to spiritual search, social action, ecological sustainability, and the release of women's creative energy throughout the world.

Located on an organic farm in southwest Ohio, Grailville is a diverse community offering spiritual, cultural, and educational opportunities for the public, as well as providing guest facilities for meetings, lodging, dining, and special events.



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## Restoring Balance



*Grailville strikes the bell outside the House of Joy as a call to join in restoring balance.*

At Grailville we believe that rebalancing is strengthened by many forms of prayer, contemplation, reflection, and meditation. Along with the heaviness of current events in our country and the faltering health of our planet's environment, it is important to maintain balance by cultivating joy, happiness, and positive change. Grailville regularly opens its doors to kindred spirits to join us in our various forms of rebalancing practices. The following opportunities are free and open to the public—we welcome you in joining us.

### *Eastside Sangha*

Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Oratory

Sitting and walking mindfulness meditations followed by tea and dharma discussion.

(For more information go to [www.eastsidesangha.org](http://www.eastsidesangha.org).)

### *Vigils for Peace*

Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Oratory

Silent prayer, reflections, and meditation.

### *All Grailville Prayer*

Second Tuesday of month

12:00-12:10 p.m.

Coffee House

Silence, with words from participants welcome.

### *Monthly Sitting and Walking Meditations*

First Sunday following full moon;

3:00-4:20 p.m.

Oratory

Sitting and walking meditations followed by option to gather for tea.

### *Monthly Meditation at the Ark*

Thursdays 5/13, 6/10, 8/12, 9/23, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9; 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Come and join with fellow seekers.