

ACHIEVEMENTS 2010

Increased Workshops

In 2009 Common Ground on the Hill offered a total of 206 workshops in the areas of visual arts, traditional musical instruments, band workshops, singing, dance, percussion, songwriting, recording, listening, literary arts, film, lecture and human arts. This year, 2010, our curriculum increased to a total of more than 250 workshops. The areas with the most growth have been the visual arts, dance and percussion.

Increased Enrollment

841 students participated in Traditions Weeks I & II. Enrollment reflects a continued healthy balance of commuter and residential students. Among those participating were 93 public school teachers from Carroll County and 239 low-income inner city youth.

Scholarships

As always, Common Ground on the Hill offered scholarships to students with financial need, understanding this to be at the core of our mission. 150 scholarships were awarded to well over one fourth of our fully enrolled student population. This robust scholarship program is supported by the generosity of private individual donations and grant awards from a variety of foundations.

Summer Academic Enrichment Program

Common Ground on the Hill played a vital role in a partnership with the College Success Foundation - District of Columbia and McDaniel College during the summer of 2010, offering a Summer Academic Enrichment Program to 239 low-income students from southeastern Washington, DC. High school rising seniors needing extra help in transitioning to college, these students participated in various Common Ground general as well as unique classes, taking a wide variety of offerings from the Urban Folk Workshop to African Dance & Drumming to the Common Ground Gospel Choir and Orchestra. As has been widely acknowledged, outcomes in language, math and science are greatly enhanced when the arts are included in student curriculums. We are excited to report that this groundbreaking program returns to us for two weeks in July 2011, with a total of 275 students, increasing enrollment by 35 students, all of whom will receive Common Ground on the Hill instruction on their way to college careers.

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Calendar of Events

The Deer Creek Fiddler's Convention

Presented by Common Ground on the Hill

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster, MD

Traditions Weeks

Week I: July 3 – 9

Week II: July 10 – 15

McDaniel College Campus, Westminster, MD

Common Ground on the Hill Festival

July 9 & 10

Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster, MD

Roots Concert Series

Presented by Common Ground on the Hill

Monthly, October – April

Carroll County Arts Center, Westminster, MD

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COMMON GROUND ON THE HILL

Common Ground on the Hill is a roots-based, traditional arts, non-profit organization housed on the campus of McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. Founded in 1994, we are a multicultural community of musicians, artists, writers, lecturers, actors, dancers and filmmakers, teaching skills to students of all ages and to one another. By way of the arts, we foster and facilitate dialogue among different cultures in order to discover that our artistic common ground unites us. We endeavor to improve our communities, our world and ourselves as we meet, share and celebrate our traditional arts and cultures on "common ground." As a result, our world can become a more humane place.

What they're saying

"Every class I took was so well done, by instructors with such expertise and with such interest in their students. I am taking away many, many valuable things that I will be able to begin to pass on. Thank you CGOTH!!!"

"I can't believe you've been in my backyard for years and I am just coming for the first time. What an amazing creative and collaborative gathering. I can't wait to come back and will spread the word far and wide. Thank you."

"Met so many nice people and truly felt on common ground with some of the most talented people I have ever met."

"I thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated this week. It was a personal high for me. Overall this is a friendly and uplifting and thought provoking program. CGOTH is the best thing since the Newport Folk Festival of the 1960's."

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Summer Traditions Weeks



Common Ground on the Hill offers two separate weeks of classes, performances and activities during July on the picturesque campus of McDaniel College. Courses are taught by world-renowned artists who provide exhilarating, hands-on learning experiences. Students of all ages and experience levels attend Common Ground on the Hill with the option of taking classes for undergraduate and graduate credit. Traditions Weeks feature more than two hundred classes in instrumental music, the visual arts, musical ensemble workshops, singing, dancing, songwriting, recording, broadcasting, listening, spoken word and literary arts, film, and human arts such as yoga and polarity therapy. Traditions Weeks features courses from the Zepp Center

for Nonviolence and Peace Education, a Distinctive Lecture Series, "World Village" — a program for youth ages 6-12, and a myriad of evening concerts, dances, lectures and other events featuring Common Ground instructors. The works of visual arts instructors are featured in the Rice Gallery. Art exhibits and all evening events are open to Common Ground students and the general public.

Common Ground on the Hill Festival



The Common Ground on the Hill Festival is held at the nearby historic Carroll County Farm Museum on the weekend between Traditions Weeks I and II. This two-day event features Traditions Weeks musicians and artists, as well as festival headliners who have included Pete Seeger, Odetta, Doc Watson, Jean Ritchie, Richie Havens, Tom Paxton, The Fairfield Four, Hot Tuna, Roger McGuinn, Arlo Guthrie, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Etta Baker, Tom Chapin, The

Nashville Bluegrass Band, Ralph Stanley, Kathy Mattea and many others. The Maryland Board of Tourism has selected the festival as one of five top tourism events in the state. Four stages of live music, arts, crafts and food vendors, and children's activities make the festival appropriate for all ages. Festival hours are 10 am – 9 pm on Saturday, and 10 am – 6 pm on Sunday.

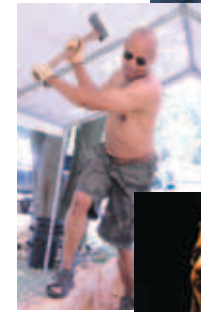
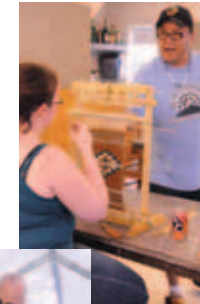
Roots Music Concert Series

October through April, Common Ground on the Hill produces a popular monthly evening concert series at the Carroll Arts Center in Westminster, MD. Concerts feature both national and international, traditional roots-based artists.

Deer Creek Fiddlers Convention



Common Ground on the Hill proudly assumes production of this venerable Maryland event, soon to celebrate its 40th anniversary. Held at the Carroll County Farm Museum, the Convention features bluegrass, old-time, Celtic music, and dance competitions with cash prizes offered. Attendees enjoy lots of shade tree jamming and an evening concert featuring a national act. Food and crafts are featured in this one-day family friendly event.



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