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# THREE SISTERS FOLK ART SCHOOL

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OUR MISSION:

**E**nrich lives  
through art  
and craftsmanship.



# How you can help

You can help us build a Folk Art School! Indicate how you'd like to help and return this form to: **Jennie Hawkey**

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- Spread the news**  
Help us get the word out about our school and fund-raising activities. Have a group you'd like us to address? We'd love to talk to them!
- Donate classroom materials and supplies**  
We're building a detailed list of needed classroom materials and supplies. If you have something you'd like to donate, please contact us! We'd love to hear from you.
- Join in the fun**  
We need volunteers to help with upcoming fund-raising and promotional events, and are building a list of teachers and guest artists.
- Be a financial supporter**  
We'd love to talk to you about a donation. Naming opportunities are available, and donations are tax deductible under the 501(c)(3) SLG Cohen Foundation.

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Your Name Phone

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Name of Organization

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Street Address

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City/State/Postal Code

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Email Address (We'll add you to our email list!)

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Are you an artist or teacher? Please indicate your area of expertise.

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Comments/Questions:



# The SLG Cohen Foundation and Three Sisters Park

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The SLG Cohen Foundation is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation named for three sisters—Sadie, Lillian and Goldie Cohen. Before her death in 1988, Lillian Cohen helped establish the SLG Cohen Foundation and defined the foundation's purpose "To own, manage and operate a perpetual public park, nature preserve and/or model farm in Peoria County, Illinois, solely for recreational, educational and scientific purpose." The sisters left the majority of their assets to the SLG Cohen Foundation, including approximately 400 acres of farmland just outside of Chillicothe, Illinois. That farmland became Three Sisters Park.



The Park, located off Route 29 north of Peoria, is a not-for-profit organization that provides educational opportunities in history, agriculture and ecology. Current park features include an octagonal steel barn-like pavilion which hosts a variety of events, a 100-year old farmhouse, centerpiece for a 1918 Farmstead and a newly built period-correct timber frame barn. The Gatehouse, a steel frame structure that currently houses Park offices, was built in 2002. The chapel was built in 2004 to replace a donated 1868 church building that was destroyed in a fire. The Park's outdoor amphitheatre can house up to 12,000 people.

Future park plans include a historic craft village, a working 1918-era farm, interpretive and visitors centers, restaurant and museum. Visit the Park's website at [www.threesisterspark.com](http://www.threesisterspark.com) for more information.

# A new school based on old ideas

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## Help us build a folk art school in Illinois!

A love of folk art and a concern for the quickly disappearing skills of past generations prompted three friends—Lisé Mundwiller, Jennie Hawkey and Joan Quigg—to begin a journey. Their quest: to build a folk art school in Illinois.

Research began at home, and eventually led the trio to tour several internationally-known schools: Sawtooth in Winston-Salem, Penland in Asheville, NC, John C. Campbell in Brasstown, NC, and Arrowmont in Gatlinburg, TN. Visiting these schools, speaking



with their administrators, and sharing meals with their instructors and students affirmed the idea that creating a folk art school in the Midwest is a viable and needed project.

When the trio returned home, they presented a basic plan to the SLG Cohen Foundation executive board. The board is every bit as excited about the idea as the three friends are, and have generously offered to allow the school to be built within Three Sisters Park, outside of Chillicothe, Illinois.

## FOLK ART:

A TRADITIONAL  
ART MADE BY  
PEOPLE WHO  
HAVE HAD  
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STYLES AND  
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GENERATIONS.

The Three Sisters Folk Art School will offer classes in traditional arts with intense multi-day sessions. On-site housing will allow students to immerse themselves in learning about their chosen craft, and provide an educational alternative to standard vacation options.

**Proposed Classes**

<b>Basketry</b> Basketmaking Caning	Stained glass work Wire work	Orchard and tree studies Plant and wildlife studies
<b>Ceramics</b> Beadmaking Pottery Precious Metal Clay Tile work	<b>Home Arts</b> Breads Cheese-making Pickling and jams Pie-making Preserving and Canning Soapmaking Soups	<b>Paper Arts</b> Beadmaking Bookmaking Calligraphy Mosaics Paper-making
<b>Drawing/Painting/ Photography</b> Alternative Photography Drawing Painting Pastel work Printmaking Rosemaling Stenciling	<b>Music</b> Autoharp Composition Dulcimer Guitar Native American flute-making	<b>Textiles</b> Batik/Dyeing Doll- and Toy-making Embroidery Leatherwork Rug making Sewing Weaving
<b>Glass and Metals</b> Blacksmithing Enameling Glass work Jewelrymaking Metal work	<b>Nature Studies</b> Arbor sculpture Bird-watching Container gardening Heirloom gardening Herbs	<b>Woodworking</b> Carving Chair-making Furniture-making Musical instruments Refinishing Woodturning

Building, programming and fundraising plans are underway. To learn more about Three Sisters Folk Art School, current fund-raising events, and how you can help, visit [threesistersfolkartschool.com](http://threesistersfolkartschool.com).

**The Co-founders**

**Lisé Mundwiller**

Registered Nurse/Director of GPO ASC  
Experienced small business owner of baking, catering and jewelry-making services  
Weaver and other arts



**Jennie Hawkey**

IVC School District Curriculum Director  
Masters Degree in Education  
Weaver and Fiber Artist



**Joan Quigg**

Registered Nurse  
Degree in Fashion and Textile Design  
Weaver and Fiber Artist

**The Development Team**

Our development team consists of skilled individuals with a variety of talents. Our team currently includes an attorney, office manager, small business owner, architect, human resource supervisor, graphic artists, illustrators, basket maker, wood carver, potter, photographer, sculptor, quilter, marketing director, nurse practitioner, weaver and blacksmith.

Patty Bowling	Jack Morgenstern
Chris Cassidy	Gene Pratt
Nancie Cassidy	Missy Shepler
Bonnie Cox	Scott Shepler
Chuck Flagg	Gary Sutton
Jim Miller	Margo Tennis

Call 309-274-8837 to join our development team or volunteer for a special committee.