

RosenWeld 2017 Year-End Review Letter

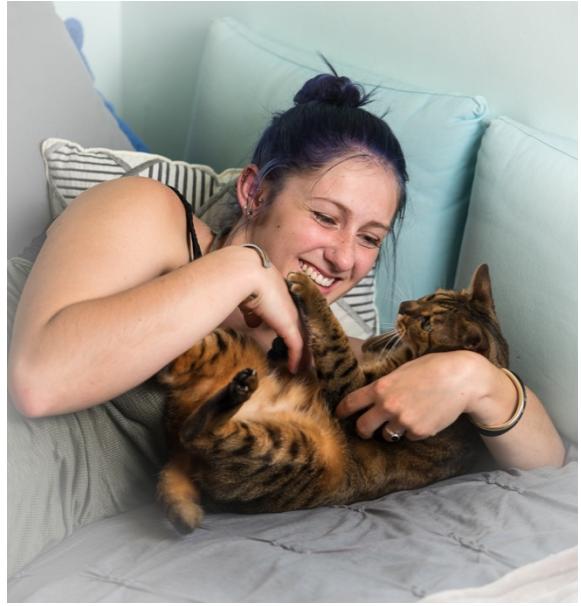


Happy New Year! This year has been one of lots of changes in the RosenWeld family, starting with the January passing of Margaret's father, Art. It was a sad moment, of course, but also one of timely relief. Art accomplished more good for the world than anyone dare hope, and his body was worn-out. We are all inspired by his generosity, dedication, intellect, and good nature.

< Art in 2012, receiving the National Medal of Technology and Innovation.

Leah graduated from Seattle Academy and started her freshman year of college at Tufts, just outside of

Boston, in a 5-year dual degree program between Tufts (where she plans to study biology) and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts (where she plans to study photography). She spends a lot of time on the shuttle bus between the two campuses, but is settling in well and is looking forward to returning to school with a real winter coat in hand. (When home, she likes playing with our cat, Sahara.)



Adam and Galen are both seniors at Cornell, in Ithaca, NY. Galen is majoring in Computer Science and busy applying to Ph.D. programs. Last summer's computing research included a field trip to Tanzania and led to a first-authored paper, which was recently accepted to CHI, a top conference on human-computer interaction. It should be no surprise that he managed to slip away from fieldwork to climb 14,968' Mt Meru along the way. Back in the states, Galen spends his free time as a crew chief at Cornell's volunteer Emergency Medical Services, and photographing at the spectacular rocky glens near Ithaca. He also loves climbing (indoors and out), < skiing (as seen last week near Mt. Shuksan), and canyoneering; this pic >



shows Galen last April, descending Ringtail Canyon, Utah

Adam is majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and plans to stick around Cornell for an additional year to get his master's degree. You should check out his company, <https://hoverbot.io/>, which continues to be his passion. He was recently awarded a Kessler Fellowship, which will fund his entrepreneurial endeavors for the coming summer. Adam also spends a lot of time running the Cornell Graphic Prototyping Lab, designing autonomous planes with CUAir, and climbing,



climbing, climbing! Last May, we convinced him to leave the gym and backpack Utah's Death Hollow, which he grudgingly admitted was pretty great too >

< As this photo shows, Adam also likes skiing!



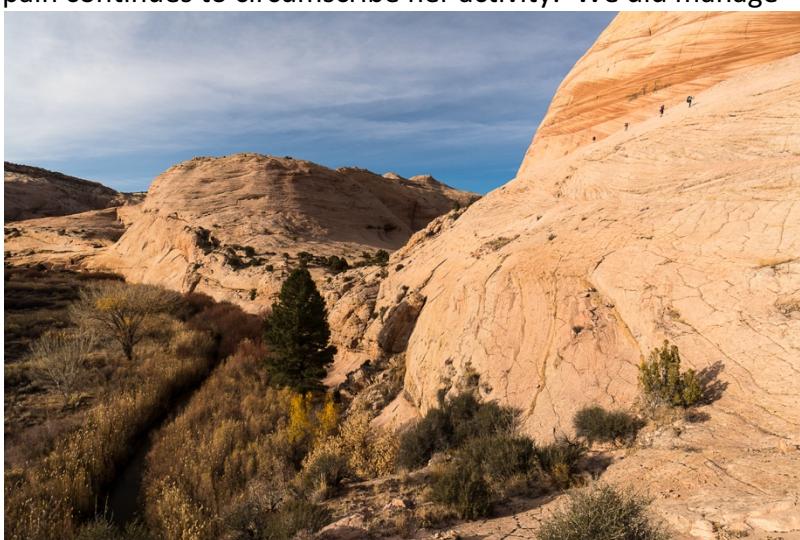
Margaret and Dan are getting used to being empty nesters – what a change! We had lots of plans for our free-bird explorations, but one of the first (a canyoneering trip to Utah's Escalante) ended abysmally, when Margaret broke her right leg (tibial plateau) near the end of the trip. Luckily, we were carrying an emergency locator beacon and were able to summon a helicopter evacuation. Thank you, modern technology!

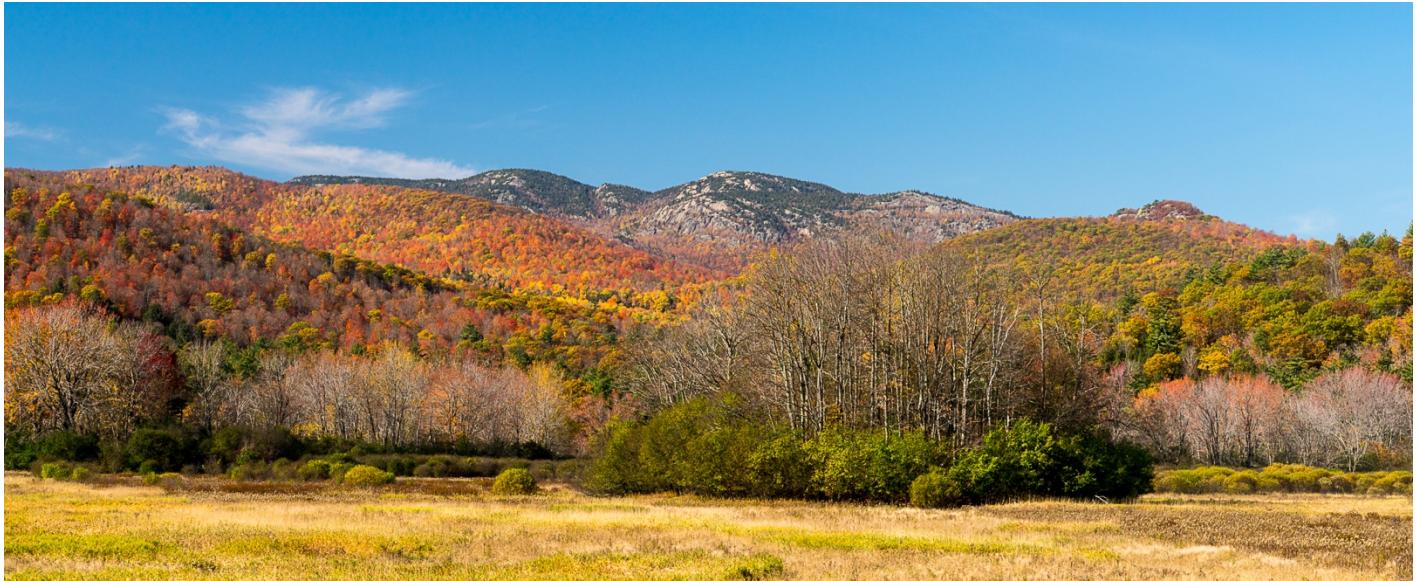
Alas, the recovery hasn't been as smooth as we all wished. Despite Margaret's dedication to physical therapy, the knee pain continues to circumscribe her activity. We did manage



< a November backpacking trip with some friends (back in Utah), but later realized that we'd been too ambitious, and recovery would take quite a bit longer.

Other trips included our annual visit to Upper St. Regis Lake in the Adirondacks to see Dan's family and some short hikes in the Cascade Mountains. See photos next page.





^ Fall foliage in the Adirondack Mts.



< Summer
flowers near
Mt. Baker

Dome Peak >
at sunset



D, M & Ellie by
Mt. Baker v



While we enjoy the freedom and simplicity of the empty nest, we fundamentally prefer having our kids *around*. We are glad they are all here now for the Christmas break, and we are excited to be heading off to the Galapagos together in just a few days!

May this upcoming year bring some relief from last year's many calamities. Don't give up the fight!

Love, Leah (19), Galen and Adam (22), Margaret and Dan (and Sahara & Ellie)