



## Love, Land, Bread and Music

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Mili Bermejo and her husband, Dan Greenspan, began the process of settling a piece of land in Richmond in 2000 when 292 Morgan Road was still only beautiful woods. Living in Cambridge, Mass., they began finalizing their decision to find an ideal space, a natural environment, in which to continue their lives.

A newspaper ad described the Richmond woodland as “Nature’s loveliest paradise 1.5 hours from Boston” and after Fred Blaise showed it to them, they knew instantly that it was the land on which they would gradually build their home, construct beautiful and fruitful gardens, continue their journey through the world of music, and eventually become bread bakers. Mili states this about their settling the land: “We always found helping hands here while in the process of building. Every step on the way, when we knocked on doors for advice, we got it! Building, farming, town advice everywhere. We found it was easy to learn and grow into having a community here, a supporting group of friends and neighbors with whom to share.”

Mili’s roots are in Argentina and Mexico and Dan’s in New England. Mili came to the United States in 1980 to study at



**Dan and Ike**

Berklee School of Music in Massachusetts. As soon as she graduated, the school offered her a job where she has been ever since. Dan’s roots are in music too and he became an accomplished classical cello player and evolved into jazz while simultaneously teaching himself to play the

acoustic bass. Their music moved in and around the Boston area then nationally and internationally. Their latest album, “Love Songs of the Americas,” is an incredibly moving collection of songs and accompanying musical depth which I found should be a candidate for recognition and, hopefully, an award (available on-line [www.lovesongsoftheamericas.com](http://www.lovesongsoftheamericas.com)).

Mili and Dan now share a small bread baking venture titled



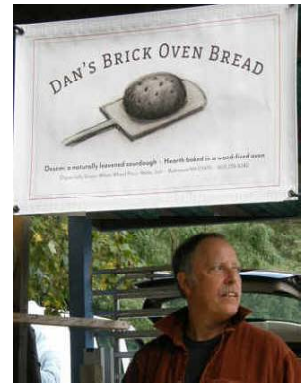
**Mili and Dan**  
Photo by Evan Barlow

“Dan’s Brick Oven Bread,” making Desem, a naturally leavened sourdough. It is one of the best tasting, nutritious breads I have ever eaten with or without anything on it. It is slowly appearing in a number of local and area wide stores and homes. My granddaughter, Emma, loves it as do both my wife, Theresa, and I. If interested, contact Dan at [breadman@mva.net](mailto:breadman@mva.net).

Over time, this wonderful couple have become A+ gardeners who believe that gardening is part of a philosophy of being able to do as much for yourself and your neighbors as possible. Through gardening, they make and produce food for themselves which they share with others.

They are very grateful to long time Richmond resident Norma Thibodeau, for helping to provide gardening guidance when they realized that it should become an important part of their lives, which it has.

In Mili and Dan, we see two people who are loving, hard working, and conscious of people and the world around them. Both credit their grandmothers who had a very deep influence on their character and persevering through difficult times to achieve one’s goal. Dan’s grandmother was a first generation immigrant who lived through great difficulties but never gave up. Mili’s grandmother was the same type of person who had a large family where survival was based on what you could do, especially with the soil to grow your own food. From their dedication and strength, Dan and Mili have persevered with the talents they possess so that they take nothing for granted and are very much motivated to share with and help others. Mili says that “I am so privileged and happy to have this home and this is what it is.” How proud our town is to have in its midst another wonderful, caring, giving, talented, and hard working couple who clearly understand the journey that life is.



**Dan at Work**



**Mili in the Garden**