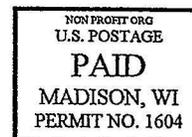


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# PRAIRIE FIRE

... As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world and with one another.

*From our Bond of Union.*

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## PRAIRIE CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 27

10:00am

"Women and Globalization". Guest speaker is Margaret Thompson.

### Sunday, September 3

10:00am

"Creating Comics and Cartoons". Participate in a hands-on intergenerational workshop with Jean Matos.

### Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

1:00pm

Grinrod-Durkin wedding, reception, and potluck lunch. (See RSVP for details.)

### Sunday, September 10

10:00am

"Good Things About Religions We Have Left".

Presented by Doleta Chapru and a panel of Prairie members.

12:00pm

Book Club Luncheon (See RSVP for details.)

### Sunday, September 17

10:00am

"The Need For A National Health Care System".

Guest Speaker, Dr. Bruce Barrett.

### Sunday, September 17

12:00pm

Prairie Women's Group meets downstairs after the service. Bring a snack to pass and enjoy the company of other women.

## DETAILS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, August 27

Globalization--the buzz word of the next millennium--is hailed as the panacea for many world problems, but the reality is that it has had devastating impacts on more marginalized groups, including women, particularly those in the Global South. Margaret Thompson, Marian Thompson's daughter, will talk about some of these disparities, and then outline efforts by the international women's movement including alternative women's media to counteract some of these trends.

Margaret has been working as a journalist for an international women's Internet radio in Costa Rica for the past year, so has gained some interesting insights on this topic. In September she will return to the University of Denver where she is an associate professor of international communication.

**Next Prairie Fire deadline is  
Sunday, September 3, 2000**

### **Sunday, September 3**

There will be fun for all as Jean Matos discusses and demonstrates the fine art of cartooning. Then try your hand at creating your own! Come prepared with an idea or two you'd like to try (something political, perhaps?) Bring the whole family, since the more the merrier as we share our results.

Jean is a long-time Prairie member, who has a Master of Fine Arts degree from the UW. She has taught art for years in Puerto Rico, and currently teaches many classes each semester for the UW Division of Continuing Studies. She also runs her own alternative press: Low End Pubs.

### **Sunday, September 10**

Doleta Chapru and a panel will discuss the good things they remember about their past religious beliefs. Come prepared with positive thoughts about your background religion(s). Call Warren or Doleta if you'd like to be on the panel 238-4970, 238-5576.

## **OUR SOCIETY**

### **Jack Barisonzi**

In his presentation on June 25th, Jack Barisonzi expressed his concern over the increasing control of the global economy by powerful multi-national corporations. He indicated that hundreds of organizations had participated in the Seattle protests against the direction being plotted for the World Trade Organization by these powerful economic interests. He said the great majority of the protestors were peaceful, and blamed the broken windows on a small group of anarchists. He noted that third world representatives at the WTO meetings were emboldened by the protests and insisted on being allowed into closed door meetings which the big corporate interests had organized. The result was that many of the decisions which these powers had hoped for, were not reached. He spoke favorably about the presidential campaign being waged by Ralph Nader and the Green Party.

### **Dan Rodman**

On July 9, Dan Rodman, President of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua and active member of the Madison chapter of Jubilee 2000, presented a talk entitled

"Protest in Washington, D.C.: The World Bank and International Monetary Fund".

Both organizations grew out of talks at Breton Woods following World War II. Their mission was to promote world peace by assuring economic prosperity for all. Unfortunately, at the turn of the century, there is a growing consensus that these organizations have failed to achieve their goals. Criticism has focused on the fact that the IMF and WB policies concentrate wealth and power in the hands of a few and are destructive to the environment. Moreover, these organizations operate in secrecy and are not held accountable for their actions.

According to Dan, a movement against the policies of the IMF and WB has been forming in recent years. There are some that advocate abolition of these organizations, while others are in favor of reform. Advocates for reform have made several suggestions including scaling back the operations of these organizations, switching over to grant giving rather than a loan giving, and holding the organizations accountable for their operations.

Unfortunately, this program could not be taped. However, Dan left copies of two articles. Check the table in the back of the room or ask Linda Sheehy if you would like to see them.

### **Living The Dream**

On August 6th Nancy Graham, Julie Bonser, and Dick Bonser shared the ins and outs of the "nomad" life, a choice which involves traveling much of the year and living in a camper or trailer. The large turnout for this program may be an indication that many of us are curious about a lifestyle that seems adventurous yet, in many respects, simpler and less stressful.

### **Music**

On Sunday, August 20 we grooved to a Prairie Jam Session. This was an "Interactive Musicale", and many of our musicians came to informally present their music, and to jam a bit together. Thanks to our musicians, including Mike Briggs, Norma Briggs, George Calden, Ruth Calden, Doleta

Chapru, Gary Giorgi, Jim Glueck, Lisa Glueck, Warren Hagstrom, Mary Mullen, Barb Park, and Dean Schroeder. Special thanks go to Mike and Norma for leading us in wonderful four-part rounds and in some fun dance circles, to be continued at the Fall Retreat!

### **Kudos**

The Program Committee wishes to thank **Rosemarie Lester** for organizing the music for each program for the past two years! She has actively chosen hymns and songs; arranged for accompanists; and solicited members and RE kids to perform Preludes. We will miss her dedication to this important work, and sincerely hope that someone will now step forward to continue it for us.

### **Newcomer Alert**

It has become apparent that Prairie could really benefit from having more members. We need more children in our great RE classes and we could use some more enthusiastic adults for other activities. In order to advertise what Prairie has to offer, we are putting an insert into the Capital Times and State Journal newspapers that will be delivered to the 53711 zipcode (8,000 households) on Sept. 8. Hopefully, we will get lots of visitors this fall, especially on **Sept. 10**. Let's be prepared to be extra friendly and welcoming in the coming weeks.

### **Prairie Fall Retreat Planning**

All Prairie members and friends are warmly invited to join the weekend of fellowship, fun together, reflection and relaxation at the annual Prairie Fall Retreat coming up October 13-15 at Bethel Horizons (near Dodgeville). This is a time to share your creativity, your knowledge of a special topic, and your enthusiasm. Consider volunteering to lead a cross-age craft session or nature walk, a story time, treasure hunt or games, a workshop/discussion on a timely topic, a music session, campfire, or Sunday service. And start planning and practicing for our super-duper Talent Show!

Contact Aileen Nettleton, program coordinator for the retreat, 238-6053, to volunteer or give your ideas. Mark your calendars and watch for the registration and further information in the next Prairie Fire.

The paper part of registration will be handled by Marilyn Ruecking but we still need someone willing to take care of on-site registration. Contact Erin at 238-6285 if interested. It is a beautiful time of the year and the staff is most accommodating.

### **A Blurb About Boy Scouts**

Boy Scouts rent space from the Madison Metropolitan School District. According to a District employee, "MMSD rents to many different groups without restriction, since they pay rent. Boy Scouts are one of our renters. Each group has a contract which outlines the rent and any other charges they are required to pay".

Prairie people who wish to express their opinion about this may write to Calvin Williams, Board of Education, Madison Metropolitan School District, 545 West Dayton, Madison WI 53703

### **Get Your Budgets Ready**

If you haven't already done so, all committee chairs and other interested parties should submit tentative budgets for 2001 to Bob Reuschlein, 848-5248.

## **THE COMMUNITY**

### **James Reeb Closing Words**

When the four Unitarian Universalist societies met recently, Arthur Thexton shared with us the closing words used at the weekly meetings of the James Reeb Society:

*"May the love that makes life beautiful  
the reverence that makes life holy  
the truth that makes us free  
lead us onward into the deepening  
and growing Fellowship of Life."*

### **Life Savers Needed**

Not of the yachting variety, but those generous pints of blood that are donated by Prairie Society members and five percent of the population! Linda Sheehy continues to be a donor, but will now credit her pints to her employer. Kathy Helm and Kay Frazier gave a pint in mid-July. Barb Park and Karen Kiener became aphoresis donors – going beyond the "second mile" of other Prairie donors. Aphoresis is Greek for "removed". The blood so donated is extracted; specific components are

removed and the remainder is returned to the donor. It helps save lives of patients needing special products for treating cancer, leukemia, and aplastic anemia.

An eight-year old wrote this to her unknown donor: "You are so nice. You saved my life and I want to thank-you." Be a hero; donate now!

### **Allied-Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Center Marks a Milestone**

The Neighborhood Center celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 22. Because of this Center, the kids in the neighborhood are safer and healthier and have better opportunities than they did 10 years ago. Before 1990, there was little formal community involvement in the Allied-Dunn's Marsh neighborhood, partly due to its location between the borders of Madison and Fitchburg. That year, a Vista worker noticed the need for more activity within the community. At that point, two separate organizations, the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Center and Allied Community Association, collaborated to create the Allied-Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Center which focused on neighborhood involvement and empowerment. Over the years, the Center has created a venue for outside agencies to offer activities from after-school programs to employment counseling. We're pleased to be a part of this community by contributing to the Food Pantry, filling a wish list at Christmas, etc.

### **Westside Coalition 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

Senator Russ Feingold will be the keynote speaker Friday, September 8, when the Westside Coalition of Older Adults celebrates 25 years of service and care to seniors on Madison's west side. The festivities begin at 11:00am at the Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Drive. Lunch and music by the Ethnic Connection will round out the event. Cost of the lunch is \$10.00. Call 238-7368 for more information and to make a reservation.

The Westside Coalition grew out of a coming together of westside churches, community organizations, Madison Urban Ministry and others sharing a common concern for enhancing the ability of older people to remain independent.

### **John Hingtgen, UU Graduate Student Seeking Housing**

Through e-mail we received a request from a starting UW graduate student. He hails from the Orange Coast UU Church, will start graduate school in the fall, and is seeking a room near the UW campus living with UU's in a quiet neighborhood. He's allergic to cats and smoke, is 38 years old, enjoys folk dancing and outdoor sports. If you can help him out, contact him at JSH\_UU@Yahoo.com or 151 East 21<sup>st</sup> ST, #16 Costa Mesa, CA 92627

### **RSVP/You're Invited – The Social Events Calendar**

**Monday, September 4: Grinrod-Durkin Wedding**  
Prairie people are invited to come celebrate with Shirley Grindrod and Bob Durkin at the Prairie Meeting House at 1:00pm as these two long-time friends create one fantastic "blended family." Enjoy good food and good conversation at the potluck lunch and reception following the wedding.

### **For Those Who Like to Read**

We would like to start a book club at Prairie and are open to ideas. Interested? If so, plan on going to lunch with other interested folks on September 10 after the program. If you can't make it, talk to Barb Park (273-8775) or Mary Mullen (238-7904).

### **The Road Not Taken**

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in the wood, and I -  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

~Robert Frost

### **Shaarei Shamayim Calendar**

**Friday, August 25 7- 9:30 Evening Service**  
**Saturday, September 9 9-2 pm Morning Service**  
**Friday, September 15 7-9:30 Evening Service**  
**Saturday Septmeber 23 8-10 Evening Service**  
**Prairie Liaison: Bill Littman 829-1909**