Prairie Fire

June 6, 2011

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Calendar

Monday, June 6, 2011
6:30 Spanish Speaker's Potluck at the home of Ema Pachon, 1459 E. Main St. #205. Call Rosemary Dorney at 238-4382 for more information.

Thursday, June 9, 2011
7:00 Prairie Board meeting.

Sunday, June 12, 2011
10:00 Service – Hail Poetry: A Tribute to Barbara Rames
11:45 Soup Sunday: Summer Salads

Wednesday, June 15, 2011
Noon Prairie Fire deadline – please submit any announcement, calendar items, etc.

Saturday, June 18, 2011
7:45 Rotary Botanical Gardens and Lake Geneva Boat Tour

Sunday, June 19, 2011
10:00 Service - "Collective Bargaining for Government Workers in Wisconsin: The Challenge of Democracy in the Workplace," presented by Howard Bellman
11:45 Prairie Book Club meets to discuss "The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands" by Margaret Regan.

Thursday, June 23, 2011
7:00 Communications committee meeting

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Tuesday, June 28, 2011
2:00 Prairie Elders meet at Oakwood; topic is Consequences of Vanishing Newspapers. For more information please contact Donna Murdoch, 238-3802.

Upcoming Programs

Sunday, June 5, 2011, 10:00 AM: “Spirituality in the conifers, holiness in the tall grass,” at the Arboretum. An occasional outdoor walk, in this case to the Arboretum for a hour and a half guided tour. The walk will be rain or shine (we have reserved three tour guides so, if it rains, those who want to can dress appropriately and go on a rain walk, and those who prefer not to, can have their guided tour with slides inside the Arboretum Visitor’s Center). The walk will not be strenuous and the path
accommodates canes, walkers and wheel chairs, but again, we can always dedicate one of the
guides to provide an indoor tour with slides, depending upon whom comes and their desires that
Sunday. The topic on June 5th will be a comparison of the three different ecological communities at
the Arboretum – forest, wetland and prairie, and the characteristics of their inhabitants. Meet at 10:00
to the Visitor’s Center, 1207 Seminole Highway (there is a google map

Sunday, June 12, 2011, 10:00 AM: "Hail Poetry: A Tribute to Barbara Rames," presented by
Kathy Converse, Anne Pryor, Orange Schroeder. Former Prairie member Barbara Weir Rames
used poetry to reflect on all aspects of life, and especially nature. During her years in Madison,
Barbara lovingly tended to the Prairie yard and flowers. She enriched our Prairie community through
many spontaneous heartfelt recitations of poetry. Barbara died on September 2, 2010 in Minneapolis,
Minnesota where she lived with her sons and their families. This service will celebrate her life by
focusing on inspiring and fun poetry.

Sunday, Jun 19, 2011, 10:00 AM: "Collective Bargaining for Government Workers in
Wisconsin: The Challenge of Democracy in the Workplace," presented by Howard Bellman.
Unitarian Universalists cannot ignore the spotlight that has been turned upon the tension surrounding
union rights and activities, particularly in the public sector. What role do unions play in the workplace
and how do we decide where we stand individually as individual UUs? Mediator Howard Bellman will
provide a review of the history of unionism by Wisconsin public employees, with emphasis on its
driving principles, conceptual challenges; and a foundation for the discussion of a proper future for
democracy in the public workplace.

presented by Cheri Maples. Cheri will explore the transforming power of Mindfulness not only on
our personal journey, but our collective journeys as well. She will discuss how to maintain an open
heart and healthy boundaries while working for social justice.

Input

Deadlines:
Calendar items, announcements, and
program descriptions are due on the 1st and
15th of each month.
Please send to Dan
Klock at
admin@uuprairie.org
or call 271-8218.

News & Announcements

President's Corner: Please welcome Dan Klock as our new Prairie Administer. He
joined our staff at the beginning of last week and is currently being trained by Kate to
take over her duties. Kate will be working with him until June 10th. Both of their
schedules will be posted every Monday.

I have one special request to make. Since Dan is Christina Klock's brother, it will be
tempting to give her messages or items for Dan when you see her on Sunday.
PLEASE do not use Christina as a go-between. Contact Dan directly for all of "your
administrator needs". Thank you for respecting this request and give Dan a big
welcome when you see him.

New to Prairie? We're scheduling 3 sessions of small group participation for new
members and others to discuss our mutual beliefs and as introduction to Prairie
Society. We hope to hold these sessions between the dates of June 1 and 15 at times
convenient for everyone. If you would like to attend, please contact Rick Ruecking at
838-8540 or schedule at Doodle – http://www.doodle.com/rvcia7z76sr2k7mh#calendar