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CALENDAR

Sunday, August 15

9:00 a.m.--Potluck breakfast

10:00 a.m.--"Cue-in on Design in Everyday Life" by Metje Butler (see story)
Child care provided.

Sunday, August 22

9:00 a.m.--Potluck breakfast

10:00 a.m.--"The Earth is one Country: Unity in the B'hai Faith" by Paul and Ellie Jacobi
Child care provided.

Tuesday, August 24

7:30 p.m.--Board meeting at Les Lyons, 827 Dane St. (notice house number is different than in the directory)

Saturday, August 28

Annual retreat for teachers and R. E. Committee members. Details in next Prairie Fire.

Sunday, August 29

10:00 a.m.--Expressions of Creativity and Provocation--all Prairie members and friends. (see story)

Sunday, September 5

No service at Prairie.

UPHAM WOODS

In the last two Prairie Fires, the date for Upham Woods has been listed as October 17th. Actually, the dates are the 15th, 16th, and 17th. It begins on Friday evening and continues till after lunch on Sunday.

We still need volunteers to help with program planning and with registration. Call me if interested: 257-7056.

Marty Drapkin

CUEING-IN ON DESIGN IN EVERYDAY LIFE

That is what the program for August 15 is called, and it will be a slide showing of just that. For everywhere around us, whatever activity we pursue, there is design happening; and most of the time we do not experience it because in our busy day-to-day lives, we are unaware of it. Awareness is the first step toward enjoyment of this enrichment to daily living.

Since 1967, I have been collecting these design memories, for purposes of sharing, teaching, and also for application to my artwork; when natural law or happenstance causes design elements to align themselves, it follows that the same principles might be applied deliberately, with one or another media so that for me, they inspire much creative thought as they stir my curiosity as to how things happen as they do.

Some time ago I shared similar slides as a two-day lay-minister; most of these are new, though a few favorites bear repeating. Come open your eyes and thoughts, and enjoy.
Metje Butler

JOIN THE STUDY GROUP ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Save Sunday evenings, August 15, 22, & 29 for studying the Middle East situation. A Compassionate Peace, A Future for the Middle East, a report by the American Friends Service Committee will be the basis of our study. Copies may be gotten from Rachel Siegfried. Price is \$6.95. Place is at Rachel's home, 5209 Tolman Terrace at 7:30pm. Phone 271-2173.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE AUGUST 22

YOU ARE INVITED

All Prairie members and friends are invited to the annual Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Festival, scheduled for Saturday, August 28 (raindate, August 29) 12 noon to 6 p.m., at Marlborough Park just a block south of Prairie.

Beginning at noon, hot dogs, brats, sweet corn, beverages, and bake sale items will be sold. Volleyball also begins then with a softball game for all ages set for 2 p.m. and a scavenger hunt at 4p.m. A cake walk is also planned, and there will be music--records and live--most of the day. There's also a chance to win prizes.

Come join the fun.

In a recent edition of Solar Age, William S. Becker argues that solar energy and conservation should be considered key defense industries, and that there can be no national or global security as long as nuclear arms exist.

"The landscape of a defensible America is sprinkled not with nuclear weapons systems, mammoth factories, and big, vulnerable power plants, but with low-technology solar energy systems, a multitude of local power plants using largely renewable fuels, and small facilities producing goods close to their ultimate markets. Moral, social and economic reasons aside, such a landscape should appeal to military tacticians, for it would be nearly impossible to paralyze a country with such diffuse, flexible energy production and industry."

He goes on to say that if Pres. Reagan would use just half of the proposed defense budget for the improvement of conventional forces and the other half of that budget for solar and conservation projects around the country, it would go very far to build a "Sustainable energy future" in America. It would also "create valuable, lasting jobs, retool American industry, and dramatically reduce the nation's energy bill."

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Wm S. Becker writes editorials for a Wis. daily newspaper and was formerly assistant director of the Wis. Energy Extension Service. As the editor and publisher of the Soldiers Grove, Wis., newspaper, he helped organize the village's relocation and solar development project. His recent writings include The Making of a Solar Village, which is a case study of Soldiers Grove, and a more complete treatment of the issues in this commentary, available as a pamphlet from Lorian Press, Middleton.

--Alice and Lee Bullen

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS: LETTUCE BOYCOTT

The United Farm Workers are conducting a nation-wide boycott of "Red Coach" lettuce because Bruce Church, Inc., which produces "Red Coach", has refused to negotiate in good faith on such important issues as pesticide safeguards, medical and pension plans, grievance procedures, job security, and protection against sexual harrassment and discrimination.

In Madison, Eagle Discount Supermarkets still sell "Red Coach" lettuce, although many other brands are available, and despite the fact that the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board has found Bruce Church, Inc., guilty of bad faith bargaining. You can support the United Farm Workers in their struggle for justice by:

1. boycotting "Red Coach" lettuce,
2. asking your local Eagle store manager to stop selling "Red Coach" lettuce until Bruce Church, Inc., respects the law, and
3. joining the picketing at the Eagle store in Fiore Plaza (1880 E. Washington Ave.) Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. along with other Prairie members.

Call Les if you will: 251-5743.

EXPRESSIONS OF CREATIVITY AND PROVOCATION

For the August 29 program, bring and share anything which you feel to be an expression of creativity or provocation. We will set out tables and display things as in an art fair. People will set up their display with their name and then be free to wander and view other peoples' expressions. Type or print a description or explanation if you wish or you can leave things open for personal discussion. Free flowing discussion will be the format of the program. People will contact those whose display interests them. Please limit yourself to four items of interest.

Note: no potluck meal this Sunday.

WHAT'S COOKING?

The Prairie Citchen Companion cookbook is humming along; there will be a committee meeting at Rachel Siegfried's home, 5209 Tolman Terrace, at 7:30, Aug. 19, to pass work from editors to typists, to make needed decisions, and generally to check progress.

Illustrators--if you have had a chance to work on your title pages since receiving the type, bring along a preview. It will be exiting to watch the book take shape!