

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
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... As the prairie stretches out, it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world and with one another. —PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

Prairie Smoke (Sieversonia flora)

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CALENDAR

Saturday, February 14

9:00 PM - Valentine Dance, sponsored by Channing-Murray, at Memorial Union Lakefront Cafeteria.

Sunday, February 15

9:00 AM - Choir Practice.
10:00 AM - "Elm Farm Ollie Day Celebration" - come to Wisconsin's oldest Bureaucratic Fiesta. -Barbara James, Lay Minister
WRITE A LETTER
11:30 AM - Potluck Dinner at Prairie - Bring Dairy Products to share
4:30 PM - Vespers Service, at Prairie. Bring a candle & holder. Child care provided. Finger food meal afterward.

Tuesday February 17

5:00 PM. - Program Committee meeting at 4337 Milford Rd. Includes a potluck dinner. Adjourn 7 PM

Thursday, February 19

12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union. Special guest, Mary Lou Munts PSC member and ex-legislator.

Sunday, February 22

9:00 AM - Choir Practice
10:00 AM - "A Liberal Mens' Agenda for the 1980's" by Jim Novak
4:30 PM - Vespers Service, at Prairie. Bring a candle & holder. Child care provided. Finger food meal afterward.

Thursday, February 26

12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union.

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BE SUNDAY, FEB. 22ND. SUBMIT NOTICES
FOR THE PERIOD FEB. 27TH - MAR. 12TH.

Valentine Dance

Channing-Murray is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, Feb. 14th at the Lakefront Cafeteria in the Memorial Union. The music will be 50's and 60's rock and roll by DJ. C. L. Gaylord. Admission is \$2 and there will be a cash bar. Everyone, including kids, is welcome! For information call Cindy LaMar (238-9884).

Convocation in Toronto

"The Welcoming Church", the third annual convocation of Unitarian Universalists for lesbian and gay concerns, will be held at the First Unitarian Congregation, 175 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from February 13 to Feb. 15, 1987. The registration fee is \$45 to \$65 (US) depending on income.

Elm Farm Ollie Day

On February 15, Prairie Society has an opportunity to join in celebrating the 57th anniversary of the historic flight of the Immortal Guernsey, Elm Farm Ollie, on Feb. 18th, 1930. This was the first time any cow went up in an airplane, and her milk was dropped on the spectators in cartons on parachutes. The Public Service Commission has celebrated this significant feat ever since the 50th anniversary with song, dance, and lots of dairy product consumption, (including, traditionally, Babcock Hall ice cream). This revel apparently meets some deep bureaucratic need. At any rate, it sure breaks up February.

We are reconstructing such a celebration at Prairie on Sunday, Feb. 15th. Ethnologists are urged to attend, and encouraged to take notes. The symbolism is such that the Deep Inner Significance only becomes apparent to the careful and thoughtful observer. Don't miss it, and bring dairy goodies to share!

- Barbara James

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The following have signed up for kitchen cleanup - our thanks to them for caring for the rest of us...

Feb. 15th	-Bill Grover,	??
Feb. 22nd	- ??	??
Mar. 1st	- ??	??
Mar. 8th	-Tom Robinson, Cheryl Robinson	
Mar. 15th	- ??	??
Mar. 22nd	-Judy Skog,	??
Mar. 29th	- ??	??

I didn't miss any names this time... Two people are needed each Sunday. Why don't you and I sign up for one of these blank spaces next Sunday? I'd like to get to know you better!

Soviet Friendship Festival '87

The Madison Soviet Sister Cities Project will host a Soviet Friendship Fest on Saturday, Feb. 21st, from 1 PM to 5 PM. The Festival will be held at Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Ave.

Activities will include Slavic music and folkdancing, an international crafts bazaar, Ukrainian egg decorating demonstrations, Russian fortune-telling games, Lithuanian print-making, and juggling. A variety of ethnic foods typical of different Soviet republics will be available at a small charge.

Madison's acceptance of Vilnius, capital of the Lithuanian S. S. R., as a paired sister city will be announced. Slides and video recordings of Vilnius will be shown. The requested contribution for the event is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students/low income, and children under 12 are free. Funds raised will be used to host the Mayor of Vilnius in Madison in May, 1987.

Party Time!

On Saturday, Feb. 21st, from noon until 5:30 PM there will be a get-together at the Spring-Wernecke home near Baraboo. U-U's living outside of Madison are especially invited; we may even have a few guests from Door Co. Bring food or a beverage to share. We'll spend the day enjoying puzzles, conversation, eating and walking. The location is 2.5 miles East of Baraboo on Hwy. 33. For more information call 255-6879 (days) or 356-7325 (evenings).

-Judy Spring

Men's Issues

I have appointed myself as an ad hoc committee of one to "...expand our intellectual horizons..." as concerns men's issues. In the service commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, in the Peggy Alexander interview, I think it is significant that it was the two men who were the victims of violence. The women were not touched. In Bob Park's testimony, it was the men who had to go through the police line where they were hit and poked with clubs. Yes - it was men who were the aggressors, but it was also the men who were the targets of the violence.

-Jim Novak

Artists' Open House

Westwing Studios, of which I am a member, will have an open house Sunday, Feb. 22nd, from 1 to 5 PM. We are located in the basement of the old Dane Co. Home east of Verona. Prairie Folk are especially invited.

- Bill Grover

Handel Rescheduled

We have rescheduled the Handel program to Sunday, Mar. 22nd, to accommodate our musicians. (At least we hope it works out that way.) Anyone who would like to perform Handel, or selections from the Beggars' Opera, please call Warren Hagstrom at 238-4970.

Artist of the Month

Many thanks to Eric and Susan Hagstrom for displaying drawings by Eric and watercolors and drawings by their mother, the late Lois Hagstrom. Embroidery will be featured by our next "artist of the month", Mary Mullen. If you would like to display your artwork at Prairie, call Sharon Scratish at 437-5915.

Vespers Notes

There are two ways to wash the dishes. The first is to wash the dishes in order to have clean dishes and the second is to wash the dishes in order to wash the dishes... If while washing dishes, we think only of the cup of tea that awaits us, thus hurrying to get the dishes out of the way as if they were a nuisance, then we are not "washing the dishes to wash the dishes". In fact we are completely incapable of realizing the miracle of life while standing at the sink. If we can't wash the dishes, the chances are we won't be able to drink our tea, either. While drinking the cup of tea, we will only be thinking of other things, barely aware of the cup in our hands. Thus we are sucked away into the future - and we are incapable of actually living one minute of life.

- Thich Nhat Hanh

R. E. Corner

Nursery and Preschool

On Feb. 15th, you will learn about some of our past presidents with Katie Catingo, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are two presidents whose birthdays we celebrate this month.

On Feb. 22nd, Barbara Golden will be sharing some of our multi-cultural heritage with you. All sorts of people have come to call America their home and you will learn about some of them from Barbara.

Grades K-1-2

On Feb. 15th, those of you in this class will have a special treat to look forward to. You will have a chance to see a special video and eat some home made popcorn balls (if the chef is successful). It will be a Sunday to relax and have fun.

On Feb. 22nd, Shari and Lindy will help you with your explorations of the Mediterranean. You will learn about the cultures of the people in this area of the world and what they have contributed to our culture. Please bring a piece of fruit to share with everyone as you will be making fruit kabobs.

Grades 3-4-5

On Feb. 15, you will join your parents during the special service upstairs.

On Feb. 22nd, Marty and Mary Beth will share the lives of two more famous UU's with you. You will be looking at the lives and works of Clara Barton and Emily Stowe.

Grades 6-7-8

On Feb. 15, you will join your parents during the special service upstairs. Come prepared to sing and have fun.

On Feb. 22nd, you will continue the work on your video documentary about whether the world is worth saving or not. Come prepared to have lots of fun planning the video.

Social Action Notes

Letter-Writing Needed

The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a letter writing session both before and after the potluck meal on Feb. 15 for Prairie Folk to write to Congress. Tell them how you feel about aid to the contras, continued nuclear testing, and other issues. Card tables will be set up in the meeting room after the chairs have been cleared. Paper and envelopes will be furnished. Sharpen your opinions and bring your own favorite pen! Please call Lee Bullen (838-8055) if you have a card table you can lend.

Recycling Help Needed

There is a group of people, including some Prairie Folk, who would like to raise public consciousness about recycling plastics. This group needs a two wheel trailer (as a gift or a long term loan) to use as a permanent collection site for recycleable plastics. The trailer will be located at the Willy Street Co-Op. If you have such a trailer or know of one that might be available, please contact Sandy or Carolyn at 249-1421.

UUSC Spring Events

Many UU societies are planning to link UUSC Sunday with Central America Week in late March. Central America Week is a national, annual event to educate about the strife in Central America. By linking the two events, societies can learn more about Central America, while also raising awareness and support for the Service Committee's work for human rights and peace in the region, as well as its work in Africa, India, the Caribbean and the U. S.

Another spring event for UUSC is Walk for a Child's Future, the annual series of walks that raise funds for the Service Committee's many child-related projects. For more information about UUSC Sunday and Walk for a Child's Future, contact your local UUSC representative, or UUSC, 78 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108, (617) 742-2120.

Prize Poster

A poster produced by UUSC's Boston area Unit as part of its "Toys to Celebrate Life" campaign recently won the second place award for a color silkscreen in the International Gallery of Superb Printing 1986 competition. The poster, entitled "Don't Teach Your Children Violence", features a woodcut by Fritz Eichenberg, was designed by his wife Antonne, and was silkscreened by Donald Snell, of Sam Johnson and Son, Inc. The Posters are available for \$10 (\$20 if signed by the artist) plus \$2.50 for postage from UUSC.

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