Prairie Fire newsletter of
PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
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...As the prairie stretches to where it becomes one with the
sky, let us reach out and become one with the natural
world and with one another—PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

Prairie Smoke (Sieversia flora)

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE WILL
BE SUNDAY, APR. 5TH. SUBMIT NOTICES FOR
THE PERIOD APR. 10TH - APR. 23RD.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29
10:00 AM - "THE HOMELESS AND THE HUNGRY"
Ms. Clare Stapleton-Concord, UW Madison researcher
Child care provided. Finger food meal afterward.
7:00 PM - Orientation to UU & Prairie at the Meeting House

Thursday, April 2
12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union.
Special Guest: Arthur Hove, Assistant to the Chancellor.

Sunday, April 5
10:00 AM - "AIDS AND HIV INFECTION" with
Dr. Dennis Maki, U.W. Madison Department of Medicine.
11:30 AM - R.E. COMMITTEE MEETING.
Child care provided. Finger food meal afterward.
5:00 PM - CHANNING MURRAY COOKOUT at
First Unitarian Society.

Monday, April 6
7:30 PM - PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 9
12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union.
Special Guest: Neil Marbell, Astrologer, will speak on
"Astrology, the underground Science."

Friday, April 10
5:30 PM - The Fish Circle Dinner group meets at Mothers Pub, 1358 Williamson St., Madison.

Sunday, April 26
ANNUAL MEETING AT PRAIRIE - 1:00 PM
POTLUCK DINNER TODAY!

CHANNING MURRAY

Channing Murray Group will hold a Cookout at First Unitarian Society on Sunday April 5 at 5:00 PM. Meat and buns will be provided as will ice cream for dessert. Please bring a salad or other dish to pass. THE PROGRAM: Human Sexuality Values facilitated by Cinda LaMar. Call Cinda at 238-9889 for information.

Fish Dinner Circle

The Fish Dinner Circle will meet at Mothers Pub, 1358 Williamson St. at 5:30 PM on Friday, April 3rd. Call Pat Watkins at 262-7960 by Wednesday, April 1st, to make reservations.

Dedication of Children

The Program Committee would like to include a ceremony for Dedication of Children on Easter Sunday. The Ceremony generally includes music, poetry, and readings welcoming the child to the Prairie community. Anyone who would like to participate with their child should contact Barbara Park at 635-7519.

KITCHEN CLEANUP

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

Mar. 29th - J. Baker, D. Wetherby
Apr. 5th - ?? ??
Apr. 12th - ?? ??
Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, April 26th, at 1:00 PM at Prairie, following a potluck dinner after the morning service.

N. C. A. C. Annual Meeting

The North Central Area Council annual meeting will be held in Appleton, WI at the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on April 11th and 12th, 1987. The focus of the conference will be on celebration in life and the ways we incorporate it in our religious activities. There will be three workshops on various aspects of celebration, and the keynote speaker will be Mr. Tom Madison, Assistant Professor of English at UW Oshkosh. The conference will be followed by a potluck dinner and cabaret, sponsored by the Fox Valley Fellowship. Cabaret performers are welcomed! Registration deadline is March 25th, and the fee is $5 per person or $15 for families. Registration forms are available on the information table at Prairie.

Artist of the Month

Thank you, Mary Mullen for showing us some of your wonderful embroidery.

Cinda Lamar will be next in Prairie's "Artist of the Month" series with a display of photography.

There is still time left (the month of May) in which to display your art work. Children's art work is welcome too. If interested, call Sharon Scratth at 437-5915.

Memorial Day Canoe Trip

Mark your calendars now for Friday, May 22nd, to Monday, May 25th. We will be canoeing the Fox River from Portage to the campground on Buffalo Lake and from Montello to Lake Puckaway, with a side trip to Grand River Wildlife Refuge.

Camping will be $2.00 a person per night for all ages. Showers are available, but we must bring and shuttles all canoes. Watch for registration forms in the Prairie Fire early in May. Call Barb Barley at 249-5979 with questions.

Nursery Assistant Needed

The nursery/preschool room is looking for a new high school assistant to help out on Sundays from 9:45 to 11:30 AM. The pay is $5.00 per Sunday. If you're interested, call Alison at 238-3302 or Barbara at 231-1490.

R. E. Corner

Nursery and Preschool

During the next few weeks you will be learning all about Spring and what sorts of nice changes come with the new season. Come prepared to go outside for walks if the weather is nice.

Grades K-1-2

On March 29th, Lindy and Shari will conclude the unit on Black Americans with you. You will have a chance to see another film strip and do some craft projects.

On April 5th, Alice and Shari will begin sharing with you some of the contributions made to our culture by Asian Americans. Can you think of who the Asian Americans might be? One nationality in this group is the Japanese. Can you think of others?

Grades 3-4-5

On March 29th, Marty and Mary Beth will share with you the stories of Sophia Fahs and Angus MacLean. These two people did a great deal to develop R.E. curriculum for all UU children. They were also very interesting people who you will be interested in learning about since they did so much for UU youth.

On April 5th, Mary Beth and Linda will start you off on a new phase in your Stepping Stone Year curriculum. You will begin a two week unit on the discussion of death and what it means for you and other UUs.

Grades 6-7-8

In the coming weeks, you will be learning about the lives and work of various peace makers in our community. These peace makers will be coming to visit you and tell you of their work.

In the coming weeks, you will also continue to work on your film. There is still a lot of work to be done on the project so come and help in any way that you can.

Thanks, Katrina!

Katrina McDowell will be leaving her job as nursery/preschool assistant and moving to Milwaukee with her family. The staff and children of the preschool and nursery will miss Katrina very much. She has been a great help to everyone and the children have really enjoyed having her with them on Sundays. We all wish her well in her new home.

Vespers Notes

I'm a fairly practical and handy person; I was brought up on a farm where we learned how to figure things out and fix them. During the first year or two that I was at Daitoku-ji Sodo, out back working in the garden, helping put in a little firewood, or firing up the bath,
I noticed a number of times little improvements that could be made. Ultimately I ventured to suggest to the head monks some labor- and time-saving techniques. They were tolerant of me for a while. Finally, one day one of them took me aside and said, "We don't want to do things any better or any faster because that's not the point -- the point is that you live the whole life. If we speed up the work in the garden, you'll just have to spend that much more time sitting in the zendo, and your legs will hurt more." It's all one meditation. The importance is in the right balance, and not how to save time in one place or another.

- Gary Snyder

Roommate Wanted
Wilson St. Apt.

I'm looking for an apartment-mate: a non-smoking, mature adult who would like to share my 3 bedroom flat. There's parking, a porch, looking out over Lake Monona, and a resident cat and dog. The lease is negotiable. Please call me at 255-3536 if you are interested.

- Dorothy Wetherby

Social Action Notes

Interracial Dinner
People of all races will "break bread together" again at the sixth monthly gathering of the Friendly Supper Club. Join them on April 6th at 6:00 PM at McKee's Family Restaurant, 1414 S. Park St. Make a friend of a different color!

A REMINDER

Attached to the last issue of Prairie Fire was the list of services and buyers from last fall's service auction. All of the payment checks were lost. IF YOU PURCHASED A SERVICE AT THE AUCTION AND PAID BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE OUT A NEW CHECK TO PRAIRIE AND MAIL IT TO FAYE GLESSNER. IF YOU PAID IN CASH BUT ARE SHOWN AS NOT PAID, Please let Faye know how and when that payment was made.

Proposed Bylaw Revision

ARTICLE IX: BUDGET

1. The Finance Committee shall prepare a tentative budget and fund raising plan for the coming fiscal year.

2. The Executive Board shall review this budget and adopt a proposed budget as a basis for fund raising.

3. On the basis of the response received during the fund raising the Finance Committee shall prepare a revised tentative budget.

4. The Board shall review the estimated receipts and expenditures and shall adopt a recommended budget for presentation to the Society.

5. The Society shall adopt the operating budget for the fiscal year.

6. This process shall be completed before the beginning of the fiscal year, or as early in the fiscal year as feasible.

(PROPOSED TEXT)
In preparing and adopting the annual budget:

1. The Finance Committee shall prepare a tentative budget and fund raising plan for the coming fiscal year which may be modified by the Executive Board.

2. On the basis of the response received during the fund raising the Executive Board shall adopt a recommended budget for presentation to the Society.

3. The Society shall adopt the operating budget for the fiscal year.

4. This process shall be completed before the beginning of the fiscal year, or as early in the year as feasible.

PLEASE BRING THIS PROPOSED CHANGE WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 26TH.