...As the prairie stretches to the sky, let us reach out to those in the one with the natural world and with one another—PRAIRIE'S BOND OF UNION

Prairie Smoke (Sieversia flava)

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 3RD. SUBMIT NOTICES FOR THE PERIOD MAY 8TH - MAY 21ST.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 26
9:15 AM - Choir Practice
10:00 AM - "ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS"
with Prof. Mort Perlmutter
UW M School of Social Work
11:30 AM - Potluck Dinner at Prairie
1:00 PM - ANNUAL MEETING AT PRAIRIE
4:30 PM - Vespers Service, at Prairie
Bring a candle & holder.
Child care provided. Finger food meal afterward.

**NOTE**

POTLUCK DINNER TODAY!

Monday, April 27
6:30 PM - Choir Practice at Prairie

Thursday, April 30
12:00 AM - Channing-Murray brown bag lunch - Memorial Union.

Friday, May 1
6:00 PM - MAY DAY BOARD BASH AND BALL

Sunday, May 3
9:15 AM - Choir Practice
10:00 AM - "A DOCTOR'S EXPERIENCE IN AFRICA": Cynthia Hag M.D.
11:30 AM - R.E. COMMITTEE MEETING
4:30 PM - Vespers Service, at Prairie.
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Addictive Behaviours

The April 26 service will be presented by Mort Perlmutter, Ph.D. and Liz Briskin, M.S. Professor Perlmutter is a psychologist and a faculty member of the U. W. School of Social Work. He is also a practicing therapist in Madison. Liz Briskin holds a Master’s Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling, heads women’s groups in Madison, and provides treatment with a focus on dependency addiction.

Agenda for Annual Meeting

The final agenda for the April 26 Annual Meeting is:

- Nomination and election of officers, standing committee chairs, delegates to the General Assembly, and special committees.
- Discussion and vote on proposed bylaw amendment - Article IX.
- Other new business as raised at the meeting.
May Day Board Bash and Ball

Come honor the outgoing board with a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM and entertainment at 7:00 PM on Friday, May 1 at Prairie. We'll provide turkey, vegetarian entree, and dessert. You provide salad, veggies, bread or drink. Prices are $4 for the whole evening and $2.50 for either dinner or entertainment. Children's prices are $2.00 for both and $1.50 for either part of the evening.

Since we need to plan ahead, we'd appreciate your purchasing tickets ahead if possible from Faye Glessner, Barb Barley, Brent Haglund, Chuck Vetzner, or Rick Ruecking.

Entertainment will possibly include an Egyptian tour, videos by our kids, music by the Ethnic Connection, and dancing.

Celebrate with Rose Smith

Rose Smith retired from her position as research librarian at the Dept. of Natural Resources on March 12, 1987. Her co-workers are helping her celebrate at Tower Hill State Park on Sunday, May 3. A potluck meal will begin at 1:00 PM and music and dancing with the Ethnic Connection will start at 3:00 PM. All of Rose's friends are welcome! Please call Anne Forbes (257-3485) for details.

Teachers Needed

The RE Committee is recruiting teachers for the 87-88 school year. The K-1-2 group (7-9 children) will be using "The Adventures of God's Folk", a curriculum based on Biblical and North American folk traditions that have affected UU-ism. The 3-4-5 group (14 children) will be using "Holidays and Holy Days", a curriculum based on learning about the origins and meanings of different holidays and holy days. The 6-7-8 group (6-9 children) will be working with "World Religions" a new UU curriculum. Please contact Alison McKee (238-3302) or Barb Golden (231-1490) or Aileen Nettleton (238-6053) if you are interested in teaching.

Housemate Wanted

Bob West is looking for someone to share his six room Townhouse, located at 305 Nautilus Drive, beginning on July 1. If interested, contact Kaye Eko at 231-2375 until Bob returns from Japan on May 26. After that, contact him directly at the same number.

Vespers Notes

First days of spring--blue sky, bright sun.
Everything is gradually becoming fresh and green.
Carrying my bowl, I walk slowly to the village.
The children, surprised to see me, joyfully crowd about, bringing
My begging trip to an end at the temple gate.
I place my bowl on top of a white rock
And hang my sack from the branch of a tree.
Here we play with the wild grasses and throw a ball.
Playing like this, here and there, I have forgotten the time.
Passers-by point and laugh at me, asking,
"What is the reason for such foolishness?"
No answer I give, only a deep bow;
Even if I replied, they would not understand.
Look around! There is nothing besides this.

- Ryokan

R. E. Corner

Nursery and Preschool

On April 26 and May 3, you will still be learning about Spring. There is still a lot to learn about this season. Katie and Barb have some great activities planned for you. If the weather holds out, you will also have more time to be outside so come dressed appropriately.

Grades K-1-2

Your travels for the year are almost over. Before they end, you have two more trips to take with Lindy and Shari. On April 26, you will have a chance to learn about Japan through Origami and Haiku. What are Origami and Haiku? Come and find out.

Your last foreign adventure will be one in which you will learn about India. Shari will guide you on this adventure. Come on May 3 and learn about what the Indian culture has brought to us here in America.

Grades 3-4-5

On April 26 and May 3, you will all have a chance to talk about what it is that makes you decide to act the way you do. All year you have been learning about different religions. You have also learned about many famous UU's and what they have done with their lives. Now it is time to think about all of those lessons and see if any of what you have learned has any bearing on the way you act in your every-day life.
Grades 6-7-8
On April 26, those of you who come to class will have a chance to work at editing the video you have been working on. There will be a showing of your film on Friday, May 1.

Lynn McDonald will talk about family peace-making with you on May 3. This topic seems to be quite vast, so come with specific questions you would like her to address.

Welcome and Dedication Books
On April 19, David Grover and Steven Hall were welcomed by the Prairie Community in a short service. As part of the service, and in the Prairie tradition, the children were given books. These books are to be filled with favorite poems, original poems, prose and art works from the entire Prairie Community. The books, and a sample of a completed book, will be on the back table for the next three to four weeks. Please bring your contributions for Steven and David's books during this period.

An Open Letter
As a participant in last summer's Midwest Leadership School, I would like to wholeheartedly recommend the experience to all current and potential UU Society leaders. The training program will be held again on the pleasant campus of Beloit College from July 11 to July 18, with the same experienced UU leadership as last summer. The training format combines large and small group experiences and the curriculum includes organizational development, UU heritage and theology, creating and evaluating worship services, and personal spiritual growth. Each area is presented in an interesting and enjoyable way. I can say without hesitation that the program was for me one of the most rewarding I have ever attended.

If you wish more information on the 1987 Midwest Leadership School, please contact Carol Taylor at 233-9774 or call me in the evening at 835-3266.

- Roger Backes
First Unitarian Society

(Ed. Note: There is a society fee of $75 which will entitle a society to send up to four representatives to the school; individual fees for delegates are $300.)