

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
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... As the prairie stretches on, it finally becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to it and be 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, JUNE 26TH**. Submit notices for the period June 30th - July 14th.

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 16

7:30 PM - SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETS at the home of Judy Skog, 626 Orchard Drive. New members are welcome.

Sunday, June 19

NO SERVICE TODAY

Monday, June 20

7:30 PM - R. E. COMMITTEE MEETS at Prairie. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, June 21

7:30 PM - ALTERNATIVES TO ADDICTION meets at Prairie.

Thursday, June 23

6:15 PM - PAUSE - at the home of Lynda Lewis, 5209 Tolman Terrace. (see related story)

Sunday, June 26

11:30 AM - POTLUCK PICNIC (see related story)

Tuesday, June 28

7:30 PM - ALTERNATIVES TO ADDICTION meets.

Sunday, July 3

11:00 AM - MADISON INTERFAITH PEACE FESTIVAL (see related story)

Tuesday, July 5

7:30 PM - ALTERNATIVES TO ADDICTION meets.
7:30 PM - PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS at the home of Julie Bonser, 5213 Milward Drive.

Saturday, July 9

10:00 AM - WORK DAY AT PRAIRIE.

Sunday, July 10

NOTHING CURRENTLY SCHEDULED

Tuesday, July 12

7:30 PM - ALTERNATIVES TO ADDICTION meets.

Sunday, July 17

SERVICE AT UNITY CHAPEL in Spring Green. (More details to follow)

Tuesday, July 19

7:30 PM - ALTERNATIVES TO ADDICTION meets.

Sunday, July 24

AFTERNOON ICE CREAM SOCIAL and Dixieland Jazz music at Sauk City Free Community. (More details to follow)

Tuesday, July 26

7:30 PM - ALTERNATIVES TO ADDICTION meets.

Sunday, July 31

AFTERNOON BEACH PARTY at the Grindrods.
(More details to follow)

Alternatives to Addiction

A support and study group for people interested in a non-theistic approach to overcoming addictions is meeting every Tuesday at Prairie UU Society. We meet from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. If you are interested or want more information, call Julie Bonser at 274-3248.

PAUSE for Summer Fun!

Prairie Adult Ultimate Summer Events (PAUSE) offers opportunities for adult Prairie members and friends to meet for supper and socializing this summer.

Beginning June 23, at 6:15 PM, PAUSE will meet five alternate Thursday evenings through August. A potluck picnic is planned for the first event with a grill set up if you'd like to cook. Besides backyard picnics, suggested activities include recreational evening hikes, attending movies and plays, and eating out at restaurants.

The first event will be held at Lynda Lewis' home at 5209 Tolman Terrace. For information, call 271-2173. Watch future Prairie Fires for announcements of PAUSE activities if you can't join us on June 23.

Potluck Picnic and Sports Day

The Sunday "service" for Prairie Society on June 26th will be a Potluck Picnic, hiking and outdoor sports day at Brigham County Park just North of Blue Mounds. Bring a dish to pass and your favorite games/toys and join us. There is room for a variety of games, hiking trails, bicycling trails, et cetera.

To get there, take Hwy. 18/151 West through Verona and Mt. Horeb and turn North on County Hwy. 'F' at the East edge of Blue Mounds. Brigham Park is 1.3 miles North of 18/151 on County Hwy. 'F'.

CORRECTION NOTICE:

In the list of new officers and committee heads published in the last Prairie Fire, I inadvertently omitted the name of one of the Committee on Committee members, MALCOLM WILLIAMSON.

Please past the correct list below in your Prairie Directory in place of the one published on May 31st.

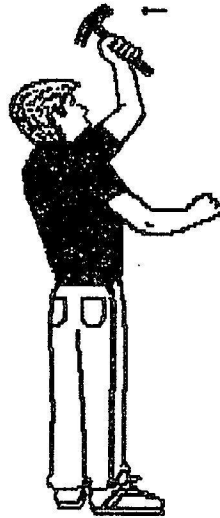
Comm./Comm. Fredericka Schilling 271-5192

Dorothy Wetherby 255-3536

Cinda LaMar 238-9884

Rick Ruecking 238-2924

Malcolm Williamson 273-2237



Work Day Scheduled at Prairie

There will be a Prairie work day held on Saturday, July 9th, starting at 10:00 AM. There are many exciting projects for us to undertake. Call Bill Grover at 845-8505 to volunteer and get more information.

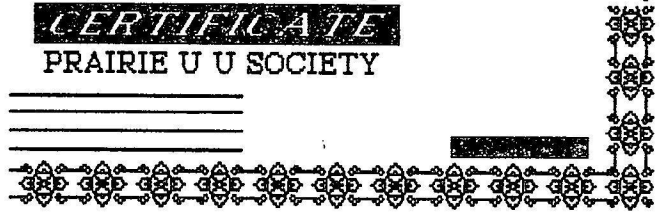
Bond Issue Under Study

The mortgage that Prairie will have to borrow to build even a much reduced addition to the meetinghouse is going to require a large increase in our annual budget to repay. The fundraising committee is investigating the possibility of Prairie's issuing Bonds that would pay better interest than a savings account (but lower than that required by the mortgage) as a way of raising more money to pay for the building project.

If it is possible for Prairie to do so, we would offer them to members and the general public. Proceeds from the Bond sale would be used to reduce the mortgage. The annual budget would include a sum sufficient to pay the annual interest and a sinking fund to cover bond redemption in the future.

The question is - would there be enough interest on the part of Prairie members, friends, other Unitarians, and the general public to make the effort worthwhile? If you, or someone you know, would be interested in buying such bonds, please call Dick Bonser at 274-3248 or Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173. Let us know what size bonds you would be interested in, what interest rate you think would be reasonable, and roughly how many bonds you would want to buy.

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Prairie Banner Wins Applause

The new Prairie Banner won enthusiastic applause from Prairie members who viewed it in our lobby on June 12. It is now headed for the General Assembly in Palm Springs, CA in the care of our representatives Cinda LaMar and Jack and Betty Jallings.

Metje Butler designed and constructed the banner with great assistance from Rachel Siegfried. The primary focus of the banner is the symbolic UU chalice integrated with our Prairie Smoke in vibrant, lively colors.



Home for the Summer

As many of her friends already know, Rosemarie Lester, who can usually be found in Frankfort, Germany, is back in Madison for the summer. Her address and phone number are:

913 Clarence Court
Madison, WI 53715
255-7039

Prairie Artist Wins Prize!

Prairie member Metje Butler is celebrating a comeback this month. After a prolonged recovery period following removal of a brain tumor, her skills have revived to the point that one of her works was accepted in the 69th Juried Art Salon of the Madison Art Guild - and she won a Third Prize with the submission. The Salon is on display in the DeRicci Gallery at Edgewood College, 855 Woodrow Street, until June 30. Drop by and visit the salon - I'm sure you will find it worth the trouble.

Trip to American Players Theatre

The Unitarian Women's Alliance is sponsoring a bus trip to see The Tempest at the American Players Theater on Sunday, July 17. The bus will leave First Unitarian Society parking lot at 3:30 PM, so plan to meet no later than 3:15 PM. Tickets for the play are \$22.80 and for the bus are \$10.00. Box lunches are also available.

Call Eleanor Brown at 233-0233 for further information. Registration and check must be postmarked by July 2nd. Send them to Eleanor Brown at 2817 Van Hise Avenue, Madison, WI 53705.

Stars in the Summer Night-- at APT



Prairie Society is once again scheduling an excursion to American Players Theatre. The featured performance this year is "Twelfth Night", one of the Bard's better known comedies. The date to save is August 28th and the play begins at 6 PM. Many Prairie folk enjoyed a potluck picnic before the play last year - and we will do it again if there is sufficient interest this year.

Call Bonnie Grosnick at 273-4553 for further information or to indicate your preference for or against a potluck.

Artists Take Note--

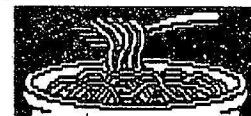
All Prairie Artists should save Thursday evening, September 1st, for a grand event (details as yet unknown). We will start the festival o' the flakes festivities with a flair, fireworks, and fun. You will be asked to present an art piece or perform.

-friends o' flakes

CHANNING-MURRAY NEWS

This summer, Channing-Murray will NOT be holding the Thursday lunches at the Memorial Union.

Drop in for the Wednesday night dinners on the Memorial Union Terrace. We meet at 5:00 PM and are usually done by 7:00 or 7:15. Look for us near the Union Theatre steps. For further information, call Cinda LaMar at 238-9884.



R. E. CORNER

During the summer, we are having informal activities and child care for our children each Sunday that we meet at Prairie. Thanks to Lindy McGraw, Arlene Ferguson, and Anna Nettleton for their assistance in June. If you are willing to help one Sunday, please call Alison McKee at 238-3302.

SOCIAL ACTION ISSUES

Food Donations Urgently Needed!

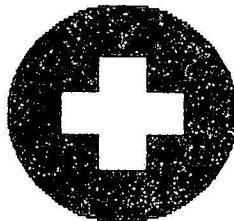
Please help us to help our neighbors. We are collecting food for two families, a family of five - a mother and four children, two of which are teenagers - and a family of two where the mother is unemployed. These people are living near the meetinghouse. They need and appreciate our assistance.



Once-A-Week Club Considers Merger

Prairie Society's "Once-A-Week" Red Cross blood donor's club will merge with the group at First Society unless our members express strong intention to maintain a separate group.

Gordon Cunningham, a Prairie friend, organized the First Society group last winter. At that time he asked if we would like to join forces and organize one Unitarian Universalist club. Please call Lynda Lewis at 271-2173 with your questions or comments about the merger.



Reading Help Available

If you know someone who cannot read or who needs help to improve their English Language Skills (reading, writing, spelling), the MADISON LITERACY COUNCIL offers one-to-one tutoring for adults in these areas. Anyone interested in becoming a student should call the Council at 255-0351 between 9 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday.

Peace Festival July 2nd and 3rd

All Prairie members, friends, and kids are invited to the 9th annual July Peace Festival on July 2nd and 3rd at Olin Park. This year's theme is "We the People... Want Peace", reflecting the bicentennial of our constitution's ratification and the desire of all persons for peace on our planet.

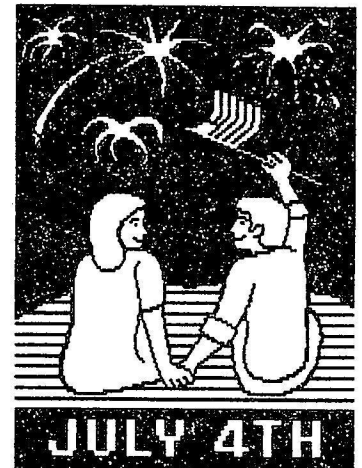
A special Madison Dance Room, held in the park barn from 9:00 PM to 12:30 AM on Saturday, will kick off the festivities with lively music spun by DJ Patsy Valtierra.

Sunday's schedule begins at 11 AM with an Interfaith Worship Service, presenting views on peace from the Jewish, Baptist, Wiccan, Bahai, and Eckankar faiths. (This service replaces Prairie's normal morning service for July 3rd.)

Sunday afternoon will feature a variety of activities including workshops on nonviolence, family peace, racial harmony, arms control, world federation, our sister city Arcatao, Nicaragua, and other topics. Information tables set up by peace and environmental groups will be available all day. Just for fun, try out the "Peaceful Fun" activities including origami, giant bubble blowing, playing with a colorful parachute, or watching a Magic Show!

People of all colors will come together for a community picnic between 5 and 8 PM while enjoying folk music by Rich Baumann, Stuart Stotts and Laurie Ellen Neustadt, African Conga Drumming, and lively comedy by the Truly Remarkable Loon.

The evening will continue with dance music performed by the Black Starr Reggae Band until 11:30 PM, when everyone will be invited outside to celebrate the Fourth by forming a human peace symbol with sparklers, which should easily be visible from the capitol side of Lake Monona.



Come on out to this enjoyable Madison tradition sponsored by the Peace Project. All events are free. (But donations are accepted!) For more information, call Lance Green at 249-5979.

JULY 4TH

Volunteer Opportunity

The MADISON LITERACY COUNCIL is offering a variety of volunteer opportunities including office work (light typing, answering the phone) and as tutors for adults wanting to learn English language skills. Training is provided and no previous experience is necessary.

The Council also needs donations of used paperback and hardcover books for its fundraising book sales. They do NOT need magazines or textbooks. Books can be dropped off at the Council Office at 823 E. Johnson Street.

Call the Council at 255-0351 between 9 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday to find out how you can help!

SAVE THE DATES - '88

Mark Your Calendars--

JUNE 16-22 - UUA General Assembly, Palm Springs, CA.

JUNE 26-JULY 2 - Lake Geneva Singles Week

JULY 3-9 - Lake Geneva Summer Assembly I

JULY 4-8 - Channing Summer School, Channing Memorial Church, Newport, R I. For further information contact Rev. Frank W. Carpenter, (401) 846-0643.

JULY 9-16 - Lake Geneva Summer Assembly II

JULY 9-16 - Third Annual Midwest Leadership School at Beloit College, Beloit, WI. For more information, contact Elise Cade, 920 Oakwood Terrace, Hinsdale, IL. 60521.

AUG. 7-13th - Saugatuck MI Singles Week. For further information, call Sharon Spencer at (312) 248-1242 or John Halbeck at (312) 447-4534.

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Notice to Cat Lovers!



My two cats are so adorable, I'd pay to find them a good home if I could - but I can't. They are two females, both spayed with front claws removed. They have been raised exclusively on Science Diet catfood. They are free to a good home, and I'd prefer to have them stay together if possible. If you're interested, call me at 845-5030.

-Bill Fetzner

Housemate Wanted

I am looking for a mature non-smoking woman to share my home beginning Aug. 1. I have an unfurnished private bedroom with study and den available. The kitchen and bath are shared. If you are interested, call me at 271-2173.

-Rachel Siegfried

For Lease - 88/89 Fall/Winter/Spring Season

I have a delightful 1BR cottage on a quiet cul-de-sac near Monona Bay. It is within biking distance to the Campus and the Capitol and will be available furnished or partly furnished. It will be available from August, 1988 to May or possibly July of 1989. The rent is \$425 per month. Call me at 255-7039 for more information if you're interested.

-Rosemarie Lester

