

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
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... As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to God 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, JULY 10TH**. Submit notices for the period July 14th - July 28th.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 5

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

Friday, July 8

6:00 PM - PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS ANNUAL FISH DINNER AND PLAYREADING. Contact Rosemary Dorney (238-4382) for the name of the restaurant and details of the playreading.

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 at Prairie.

Sunday, July 17

Service at Unity Chapel in Spring Green. (More details to follow)
7:00 PM - SPANISH SPEAKER'S POTLUCK at the home of Jean Matos, 324 Vilas Street. Call Jean at 255-2209 for more information.

Tuesday, July 19

7:30 PM - ALTERNATIVES TO ADDICTION meets - location to be announced.

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 - location to be announced.

Sunday, July 31

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

"Don't ever be afraid to admit you were wrong. It's like saying you're wiser today than you were yesterday."

-Anonymous

Alternatives to Addiction

'Alternatives to Addiction' is 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 on alternate Thursdays this summer.

On July 7, we will dine at the Fess Hotel, 123 E. Doty Street, at 7:30 PM and at 9:00 PM see "Tropical Drinks", an original musical revue presented by ARK Repertory Theatre in the Fess Hotel Garden. Besides buying your own dinner, admission for the revue is \$6 general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. In case of rain, we will all be ecstatic about moving to the ARK Improv Theatre, 220 N. Bassett St.

The revue is the story of life in imaginary Panaragua somewhere south of the U. S. as told by an old American ambassador. Including about two dozen original songs, it runs somewhat under two hours.

You are welcome to come for any part of the evening. Please call Lynda Lewis at 271-2173 by Monday, July 4, for reservations for dinner and/or the revue. Watch future Prairie Fires for announcements of PAUSE activities if you can't join us on July 7. Future PAUSE dates are Thursdays, July 21 and August 4 and 18. Come and visit with Prairie friends if you're in Madison this summer.

Potluck Picnic and Sports Day

The Sunday "service" for Prairie Society on June 26th was a Potluck Picnic, hiking and outdoor sports day at Brigham County Park just North of Blue Mounds. Prairie's table area was graced with a spectacular view north toward the Wisconsin River and a delightful cooling breeze. The burning ban precluded any sort of charcoal grilling at the park, but that did not daunt the culinary creativity of the 16 or so Prairie folk who eventually showed up for the event. Many of us enjoyed a pleasant nature walk in the wooded area of the park after the potluck meal was over.

Remodeling Bids Opened

Once again bids were received and opened, this time for the reduced plan that was developed when the bids for the original project were so far over the estimates

(and our ability to pay). The lowest bidder bid \$70,620 for the basic job plus \$3,923 for the first alternate (a second bathroom in the basement), \$4,260 for the second alternate (a handicapped entrance directly into the basement), and \$1,560 for the third alternate (a handicapped entrance into the office area at the rear of the building). The total of these prices is \$80,363, which, together with the landscaping costs and the balance due the architect comes to about \$92,000 - the sum authorized by the spring parish meeting.

At its regular meeting on June 27, the Prairie Board approved the low bidder's proposals including all three alternates. The approval is contingent upon acceptance of the bidder's qualifications and upon the successful negotiation of a mortgage loan for \$66,000. The contractor estimates that he will need seven weeks to finish the job once he begins, which should have everything ready for us to reoccupy the building by Labor Day. Keep your fingers crossed!

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 as part of preparing the building for renovation. All of our records and valuables will need to be removed to temporary storage during renovation. Call Bill Grover at 845-8505 to volunteer and get more information.

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.

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 6:00 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. If you are willing to help one Sunday, please call Alison McKee at 238-3302.

Sue Azad, our pre-school teacher, had a girl, Amie, on June 12. Sue would like visits from her friends, but call first at 238-6304.

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.

Blood Donors' Clubs to Merge

Prairie Society's "Once-A-Week" Red Cross blood donor's club will merge with the group at First Society to form a single club. From now on, when you donate, sign the book for "U U Society" rather than for Prairie.

Starting in August, Prairie member Patricia Meller

will be heading the Prairie group. Gordon Cunningham is continuing to organize the First Society group.

It is especially important to keep up your donations during the summer. Donations drop because of vacations, while needs increase because of summer mishaps. For your convenience, call the Red Cross at 233-9300 for an appointment or information about the program. Please call Lynda Lewis at 271-2173 with your questions or comments about the Prairie Club.

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 6 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.

KISS of Life...

Keep Infants Seated Safely (KISS) is a national program which originated here with the Dane County Chapter, American Red Cross. It makes auto restraint seats available on loan to protect newborns. The KISS Program is run by community volunteers who share a concern for the prevention of childhood injuries and deaths related to auto accidents. If you share this concern and are interested in volunteering for this program, please call the Red Cross Health Services office at 237-9300.

SAVE THE DATES - '88 Mark Your Calendars--

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) 845-0643.

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

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

Seven Deadly Sins:

"Wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, and politics without principle."

-Attributed to Mahatma Ghandi in a column by Ann Landers.