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The deadline for the next issue of <u>Prairie</u> Fire will be Sunday, September 10. Submit items for September 14 – September 28, 1989.

# GAMENTO SAN

### Saturday, September 2

11:45 AM – PLAYREADERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING at
the Brat und Brau Restaurant, 6654 Mineral Point
Road. (It's in the Clock
Tower Plaza shopping
center—enter off of Grand
Canyon Drive). This is when
we plan our schedule for the
coming year. Bring your play
list (if you have one).
Newcomers, novices, and
the merely curious are
welcome to attend and find
out what this is all about!

#### Sunday, September 3

10:00 AM – No service at Prairie.
7:00 PM – Arrivals and Departures Party at the home of Dick and Julie Bonser. Guests of honor will be David and Marcia Johnson, Faye Glessner and Rosemarie Lester. (see related story)

### Thursday, September 7

12:00 N - CHANNING—MURRAY
LUNCH at the Memorial
Union. Look for Unitarian—
Universalist Student Group
on 'Today In The Union'.

### Sunday, September 10

9:00 AM – R. E. Program Welcome Back party. (See related story)

10:00 AM – "DOES RELIGION HAVE ANY REDEEMING VALUE?" led by Warren

Hagstrom, lay minister.

11:15 AM – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING

11:30 AM – POTLUCK LUNCH—Bring a dish to share.

6:00 PM – CHANNING–MURRAY

DINNER at the home of

Cinda LaMar, 2418 Kendall

Avenue. (See related story)

#### Thursday, Sentember 14

12:00 N - CHANNING—MURRAY
LUNCH at the Memorial
Union. Look for Unitarian—
Universalist Student Group
on 'Today In The Union'.
Guest Randy Bennett will
speak on "The Mormon
Religion".

7:30 PM – PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING at the meeting house.

#### Sunday, September 17

10:00 AM – "CAN A U–U BE A CHRIS-TIAN?" led by Warren Hagstrom, lay minister.

#### Monday, September 18

7:30 PM – R. E. COMMITTEE MEET-ING at the meeting house.

## Thursday, September 21

12:00 N - CHANNING—MURRAY
LUNCH at the Memorial
Union. Look for Unitarian—
Universalist Student Group
on 'Today In The Union'.

#### Sunday, September 24

10:00 AM - To Be Announced.

## Wonday, September 25

7:30 PM – BOARD MEETING at the meeting house.

### Thursday, September 28

12:00 N - CHANNING—MURRAY

LUNCH at the Memorial

Union. Look for Unitarian—
Universalist Student Group
on 'Today In The Union'.

#### Friday, October 13

5:00 PM – Upham Woods Retreat begins with a **Potluck Dinner** after work at Camp Upham Woods. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. (See related story and map in this issue.)



...As the prairie stretches out until 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



# Party Time (Again?)

We know it's Labor Day Weekend, but if you're in town, you'll be looking for fun things to do. Two Prairie members, David and Marcia Johnson, are leaving in September to join the Peace Corps in South America. Two other Prairie members, Faye Glessner and Rosemarie Lester, have recently returned to Madison from jobs in other parts of the world. Fave is back from the far east-Korea, and Rosemarie is back to stay from Germany. Dick & Julie Bonser will be hosting a party for the travellers on Sunday, September 3rd, at 7:00 PM, at their home at 5213 Milward Drive in Madison. Please bring some of your favorite beverage and a munchie to share.

## Prairie Lawn Sale...

PAST— The lawn sale sponsored by Warren Hagstrom had to cope with street resurfacing that severely hindered parking and with rain that dampened spirits, but it was a financial success, netting nearly \$300 for Prairie! Well done, folks!

AND FUTURE— There will be a LAWN SALE to benefit Prairie on Saturday
September 9th, from 8:00 AM to 3:00
PM at the home of Al and Aileen Nettleton, 645 Sheldon Street. Call Al or Aileen at 238–6053 or Pat Cautley at 238–5373 if you have things to put up for sale and can help at the sale. We will also need portable tables and clothes racks. Let us know if you can provide some. Materials should be delivered very early the day of the sale, not before, and should already be priced. Plan to collect your unsold items soon after the sale is over at 3:00 PM.

—Aileen Nettleton

# Calling All Committee Chairs!

The finance committee needs the proposed budget for 1990 from each committee chair as soon as possible. Please give or mail your budget to Pat Cautley, the Finance Chair, by September 15th.

## **Future Fundraisers**

The Finance Committee is planning a White Elephant Auction next fall as a fund-raising venture — mainly for objects that are "too good" for a garage sale but that you don't like or want to keep. Please don't discard such "good" items in a garage sale. Keep this in mind while deciding what to put into a garage sale if you decide to participate in one.

# Upham Woods Retreat Rescheduled

Due to a cancellation by another group, Prairie will be able to hold its Upham Woods retreat in October (the 13th - 15th weekend) after all. (We originally had to settle for a weekend in November because the growing popularity of the camp had resulted in all of October being scheduled more than a year in advance!) This does mean that we'll have to work a little harder and faster to get it all together in time for October 13th. Mike Briggs is handling the registration and room/cabin assignments. We must advise the camp staff at least two weeks in advance of the number of persons attending, so please return the enclosed registration form to Mike Briggs as soon as possible, and no later than October 2nd. If funds are a little tight, feel free to post-date your check to October 2nd. If funds are really tight, call Mike or Board President Jack Jallings to arrange for one of Prairie's Upham Woods scholarships.

The program is being coordinated and developed by Peg Stevenson, who is looking for both ideas and volunteers to carry them out on that weekend. More information on the program will be published in the next issue of **Prairie Fire**. Call Peg at 233–6449 if you have suggestions or can help put on the program.

# Membership Committee Needs Members!

All current members of the Membership Committee and anyone interested in joining the committee are asked to attend a brief organizational meeting on Sunday, September 10, immediately after the service. There are many activities to help with, including (but not limited to) setting up coffee for the service, greeting visitors, helping with potlucks, organizing Circle Dinners, working on the semi-annual directory, and so on. If you are interested but can't attend on Sept. 10th, please call Anne Urbanski, Membership Chair, at

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Channing–Murray, the University of Wisconsin Student Unitarian–Universalist group, resumes its Thursday lunches at the Memorial Union on September 7. The group meets every Thursday at noon. On September 14, guest Randy Bennett will speak on 'The Mormon Religion'.

Channing–Murray's kick–off dinner for the semester is 6 PM Sunday evening, September 10th, at Cinda's home, 2418 Kendall Avenue. This is a BYOV dinner (Bring Your Own Vegetable). If you live in a dorm or just don't have time to shop for a vegetable, come anyway! The kick–off dinner is always a lot of fun—renewing old friendships and meeting new friends. Call Cinda (238–9844) for more information or if you need a ride.



## Welcome Back!

The first day of the new semester is Sunday, September 10. All families who are going to take part in the 1989–90 R. E. Program are invited to come to join us that morning for a Welcome Back party. Come at 9:30 AM to the R. E. rooms downstairs to register, to meet the teachers, to tour the facilities, and to have some tasty refreshments. Join us! The R. E. Classes for the semester are:

Preschool: "The Growing Times" Coordinator: To be hired Assistant: Anna Nettleton

K-1-2: "A Place of One's Own"

Teachers: Karen Gross
Dean Schroeder

3–4–5: "Beginning Unitarian Universalism" Teachers: Linda Nelson Sharon Scrattish 6–7–8: "The Church Across the Street"

Teacher: Erin Bosch

-Anne Pryor R. E. Director



# **Share With Our Neighbors**

There are two families in our immediate neighborhood that need our help to be properly nourished. Please bring your donations on any Sunday and place them in the small room outside the Men's room. If you have food and the Meeting House isn't open, or if you have fresh or frozen food, please call Shirley Grindrod. She will take it to the families.

# Recycling

The collection of recyclables at Prairie is suspended until September. You can continue to take your things direct to Recycle Worlds. When we resume collecting in the fall, the containers will be in the back yard where the garbage cans are.

# **Environmentalist to Address World Federalists**

Philip Wiseley, an environmental educator with the Environmental Decade, will speak to the Madison Chapter of the World Federalist Association on The Global Environmental Crisis. The meeting will be held at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13. Prairie members and friends are specifically invited to attend.



# **Changes of Address**

Jennifer Parker and Rick Ruecking are moving to 186 Ohio Avenue, Madison, WI 53704. Their new phone number will be 246–4304. Please make the appropriate change in your directory. Rick and Jennifer note that they missed a number of deadlines since their wedding, but that they have not forgotten the kindness and generosity of Prairie members on that occasion. They wish to remind all of their friends and acquaintances that they are keeping their names unchanged.

Prairie member Faye Glessner is back from Korea. She is presently living at 2001 E. Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53704. Her phone number there is 246-0238.

# Preschool Coordinator Needed

Prairie's R. E. Program needs a new Preschool Coordinator. The duties of this position include:

Planning and leading Sunday morning activities for nursery and preschool children from September through May. Supervise teenage assistant. Provide lots of love and joy to the children each Sunday.

SALARY: \$12.00 per Sunday.

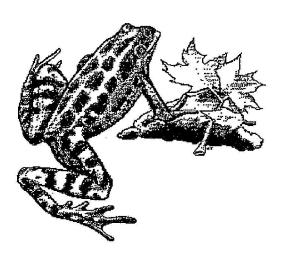
A detailed job description is available upon request. If interested contact Anne Pryor, R. E. Director, at 244–7099 after August 20th.

## **House For Rent**

Unique one bedroom cottage on quiet culde-sac near Monona Bay. Completely refinished interior, vaulted ceilings and skylights. Easy biking distance to the campus and the Capitol. References required. Rent \$445.00 plus heat and electricity. If interested, contact Rosemarie K. Lester at 255–7039.

## Foster(carpet) Care?

Do you have a spare bedroom where we could put down the carpet remnant left over from the lobby at Prairie? Or a dry place where it could be stored rolled up? It is a good sized piece and we want to save it for possible use in the future if needed for repairs, etc. If you are interested in providing a good temporary home for this quiet, undemanding roomer, please call Rachel Siegfried at 271–2173.



#### September 1989 Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Playreaders Organzational Mtg -11:45 5 6 9 Arrivals and Channing-Murray Departures Party lunch - 12:00 at Bonser's 7 PM 11 12 13 15 16 Does Religion have Channing-Murray any Redeeming lunch - 12:00 Value? 10 AM Potluck Meal 11:30 Program Comm. Channing Murray 7:30 PM Dinner 6 PM 18 19 20 22 23 Can a U-U be a Channing-Murray Christian? 10 AM lunch - 12:00 R. E. Committee 7:30 PM 24 25 26 29 27 30 Channing-Murray lunch - 12:00 **Board Meeting**



7:30 PM

Prairie U-U Society Activity Calendar Camp Upham Woods is operated by UW Extension for the state 4–H system and is also available to groups like Prairie, It is on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells and includes a Nature preserve, opportunities for canoeing and outdoor and indoor games. We are responsible for the conduct of our members. We are also responsible for cleaning up when we leave and for setting tables and serving meals, but NOT for washing dishes! We want as many members as possible to attend, regardless of their financial circumstances, so SOME SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN BUDGETED FOR THIS EVENT. If you will need a full or partial scholarship, or have any questions regarding registration, contact Michael Briggs at 256–3445.

# If you have questions or suggestions about the program, contact Peg Stevenson at 233-6449

Arrival Time: 5-6 PM Friday.

Departure Time: 3 PM Sunday

Camp Upham Woods will NOT provide a meal or coffee on Friday night. There will be a POTLUCK MEAL BY PRAIRIE MEMBERS ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

For computation of fees, use the following schedule. Youths are persons from 7 to 18 years of age inclusive. Preschoolers are charged one-half the Youth rate.

## FEES FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

### FEES FOR PART OF THE WEEKEND

Includes two nights and 5 Meals

Lodging and Meals calculated separately

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<u> CABIN LODGING – bring towels, sleeping bag, o</u>	or blanket and pillows.
Number Cost	Number Cost
Adults @ \$39.00 ea.	Friday Adults @ \$6.00 ea.
Youths @ \$27.15 ea.	Youths @ \$4.50 ea
	SaturdayAdults @ \$6.00 ea.
	Youths @ \$4.50 ea
<u>DORMITORY LODGING – linens, blankets, pillo</u>	ws & towels are provided.
Number Cost	
Adults @ \$45.00 ea.	Friday Adults @ \$8.00 ea
Youths @ \$31.65 ea.	Youths @ \$6.00 ea.
	Saturday Adults @ \$8.00 ea.
	Youths @ \$6.00 ea.
SUBTOTAL: All Weekend \$	
	MEAL COSTS  Number Cost
Names & Ages of Children (for activity Planning)	Number Cost
	Number Cost SatAdults @ \$3.35 ea
	BreakYouths @ \$2.50 ea
	SatAdults @ \$4.70 ea
	LunchYouths @ \$2.85ea.
	SatAdults @ \$4.90ea
	DinnerYouths @ \$2.95ea
	SunAdults @ \$3.35 ea
	BreakYouths @ \$2.50 ea
	SunAdults @ \$4.70 ea
	LunchYouths @ \$2.85 ea
	SUBTOTAL: Meals \$
Add \$4.00 / person for Facility Use fee \$	SUBTOTAL: Meals \$ Add \$2.00 / person / day Facility Use fee \$
ALL WEEKEND TOTAL COST \$	PART WEEKEND TOTAL COST \$
Your Name	Phone Number
Address	Number in Party
City, State Zip	
Food and Destatuation Design	

Fees and Registration Forms must be received no later than Monday, October 2nd, 1989. Send them to: Mike Briggs, 2259 West Lawn Ave., Madison, WI 53711