Prairie Fire

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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, July 29. Submit items for August 1—August 31, 1990.

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Sunday June 24
10:00 AM
Service of the Living Tradition at the General Assembly in Milwaukee, at the Riverside Theater, 116 W. Wisconsin St., between Plankinton Ave. and the river.

Sunday, July 1
10:00 AM
"Who Really Runs the World?"- led by internationally respected tax expert, Chuck Irish, who teaches law at UW.

Sunday, July 8
No service today. Instead, we'll have a guided tour of the U.W. Arboretum. Details will be available on July 1, or call Bill Robbins at 837-4132 for time and place.

Sunday, July 15
10:00 AM
"Peace Corps Work in Paraguay"- Marcia and David Johnson share their experiences and slides from Paraguay, where they are serving in the Peace Corps.

Monday, July 16
7:30 PM
Program Committee meets at the meetinghouse. All members are encouraged to attend!

Wednesday, July 18
6:30 PM
The French-speakers' group will meet at the home of Mike and Linda Sheehy. 529 Piper Drive. Please bring a dish to share. Call 273-3895 for information.

Saturday, July 21
11:00 AM
The Madison Area CUUPS chapter will meet to plan the next celebration, Lammas, set for August 4. This is a potluck brunch session, please bring a dish to share.

Sunday, July 22
10:00 AM
No service at Prairie. We will meet in Sauk City for our annual visit to the Free Thinkers Society. This is a Potluck Sunday—bring a dish to share!

Monday, July 23
7:30 PM
Prairie Board meets at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, July 29
10:00 AM
To Be Announced. We will meet at the Prairie Meetinghouse.

Saturday, August 4
7:00 PM
The Madison Area CUUPS chapter meets at the First Society Meetinghouse to celebrate the Pagan festival of Lammas.

Sunday, August 5
No service at Prairie today. Instead, there's a picnic at Bob and Barb Park's home near Lake Wisconsin.

Sunday, August 12
10:00 AM
Ruth Gibson, MRE at First Society, will lead a service on lifespan Religious Education.

Today's Quote:
Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.
-Mark Twain

Summer Child Care
July 1: Alice Bullen
July 15: Anne Urbanski
July 29: Beth Lovern, Debbie Goldman

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
Aug. 12: Michelle Honoré  
Aug. 26: Judy & Ken Skog

Coffee Cleanup Volunteers:
The following people have volunteered to clean up coffee cups and the kitchen after Sunday services:

July 1: Donna Murdoch & Maria Hansa
July 15: Bob Lawrence and Cindy Haq
July 29: Volunteers Needed!

Lawn Mowing Volunteers:
We need to mow the lawn at least once a week during the growing season. Your help is urgently needed! Please contact Jean Matos or Al Nettleton.

July 1: Warren Hagstrom  
July 8: Volunteers Needed!  
July 15: Volunteers Needed!  
July 22: Volunteers Needed!  
July 29: Volunteers Needed!

Reduce The Mortgage Fund!
We will still welcome contributions or pledges to this fund so that we don't have to borrow so much to pay for the new roof, which it now appears will cost $12,000! Remember, a contribution now is worth about twice the amount due to the interest we'll save by not having to borrow the amount donated!

You actually have longer than July 1—at least until July 20—to send your check to Treasurer Julie Bonser (marked Mortgage Fund), but we'd appreciate your pledge by July 1. I will be out of town from July 10 to July 31. Thanks for whatever help you can give! -Pat Cautley

Committee Members Needed...
The long range planning committee is looking for members. The committee will meet monthly. If you are interested in helping to set the future course for Prairie, join this committee. Call Chair Dan Laux at 233-3563.

French Speakers’ Potluck
The French speakers’ potluck will meet on Wednesday, July 18, at 6:30 PM at the home of Linda and Mike Sheehy, 629 Piper Drive. People with all levels of French-speaking ability are welcome, from those who are fluent to those who are attempting to revive their high school French. Call 273-3895 if you have questions.

Hispanic Potluck
Five of us feasted, spoke Spanish, and shared a recent letter from Marcia Johnson in Paraguay (including a "Peanuts" cartoon—Snoopy in Spanish is something else!). We decided to take a break till Fall, so watch your August Prairie Fire for our September meeting date. If you have any questions meanwhile about who we are, what we do, etc., please direct them to Orton Gray at 273-2639 or Jean Matos at 255-2209. Until September then—¡Ojalá que Uds. tengan el verano muy divertido y tranquilo!

Good News for Theater Buffs!
Prairie has gotten enough reservations to go ahead with the Les Misérables theater bus trip. We have reserved enough seats for a full bus load. July 1 is the last day for you to reserve a seat with us at the Sunday, August 26, matinee performance given by the Broadway cast at Milwaukee’s Pabst Theater. We will have to pay for all the seats on that date or release any unclaimed ones. The ticket cost of $46 includes bus fare and admission to the performance, but meals and drinks are on your own. You must pay a deposit of $20 by July 1st, and the balance of $26 must be paid by August 8. Send your checks to Prairie UU Society, to Donna Murdoch, 636 Sheldon St., Madison, WI 53711. Call her at 238-0530 if you have questions.

If you were thinking of picking up last minute tickets at the Box Office, you should know that the show is sold out except for the group tickets such as Prairie has!

Summer Splendor Revealed!
July 11 is the deadline for the July 21 trip to the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes in Milwaukee for the summer flower show entitled Arabian Nights—Persian Delights. The show is based on the gardens of Morocco and the Taj Mahal, and will include extensive water displays and colorful pavilions as well as brilliant displays of summer flowers.

After the domes, the bus will stop at the Mayfair Mall for lunch and shopping as an added attraction for the trip. The cost of $15 includes bus fare and admission to the domes. Lunch and shopping is on your own! The bus will return to Madison by 4:45 PM.

Send your checks, made out to Prairie UU Society, to Donna Murdoch, 636 Sheldon St., Madison, WI 53711. Call her at 238-0530 if you have questions.

Lawn Mower (Machine) Needed!
Prairie’s lawn mower is broken down beyond repair. If anyone has a mower they could donate, please call Jean Matos or Bill Robbins. Please help—it’s too much to ask our lawn mowing volunteers to bring their own mower as well!

Announcements...Again
We are going to once again try the 3X5 card method for Sunday morning announcements. As you walk in on Sunday mornings, you will notice 3X5 cards on the card table in the doorway. If you have an announcement that you would like Jack to read at the end of the service, please fill out a card and put it in the box or pass it to Jack near the end of the service. ONLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY RELATING TO PRAIRIE ACTIVITIES ARE ACCEPTABLE! Introductions and Joys and Sorrows will still be open to the floor as usual. We are changing the announcements format in response to Prairie members who feel that announcements have been taking too long and often are not Prairie related. The Board welcomes your input on this change.

Summer Volunteers Needed
There are no regular Sunday school classes during the summer and the R.E. committee needs volunteers to help downstairs each Sunday we meet at Prairie. We still need some volunteers to plan an activity or to take care of the children who can’t participate in the activity. Please sign up on the clipboard at any service or call Linda Sheehy if you can help any of the following dates: July 1, 15, 29; August 12, 26.
The Social Action Committee has ongoing projects in the following areas (and we need your help in all of them):

- The Drop-In Shelter for homeless men (we staff it on the 4th Monday of the Month.)
- The Once a Week blood donors club (Red Cross Blood Bank.)
- Recycling (containers are in the garbage can area in back.)
- Food pantry (we collect food for 2 families in our neighborhood. The collection box is in the foyer outside the men's room.)

From time to time, we also do letter writing after the service on topics of concern and sometimes pass the hat.

For more information on any of this stuff, call Judy Skog at 273-4813.

Food Pantry Announcement
The families we have been assisting with our donated food are doing better this summer. The food collection is being placed on hold until September.

Come And Get It!
Someone has left packages of frozen chicken legs and ground turkey in the refrigerator freezer at Prairie. The packages have been there for several weeks. If these belong to you, please pick them up before they spoil! If you meant them for our needy neighbors, you should still pick them up, because there will be no food deliveries to them this summer.

This Could Be a Windfall...
"Show me the fruit that rots before it is picked, and trees whose foliage each day makes new!"
-Goethe, Faust. Part I

We have that fruit, Faust, or we will have if we don't get help in picking it. In 4 to 6 weeks several bushels of apples will ripen on one of our trees. They aren't especially good fresh, fair for canning, and best for juice. Does anyone have a cider press to lend? Does anyone want to join us in renting a press? Fun for kids—

Call any of the Hagstroms at 238-4970.
- Warren Hagstrom

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Looking Ahead—
June 24-30: LAKE GENEVA SINGLES WEEK combines personal growth workshops with fun in the sun. Brochures are available at Prairie or call Sharon Spencer (312/973-2715) or John Halbeck (708/447-4534).

July 14-20: UU Bayside Camp: Around the World in 80 Ways, on Lake Geneva at Williams Bay, WI.

Oct. 5-7: CAMP UPHAM WOODS Retreat for Prairie UU Society at Wisconsin Dells.

You are Cordially Invited to Join The Friends of A.P.T.

for a gala

GOING AWAY PARTY

for A.P.T. actor

Ted Swetz
and his family

Monday, June 25, 6:00 PM
First Unitarian Church, 900 University Bay Drive
the evening will feature a

Summer Buffet Supper and Surprise Entertainment

A donation of $10 per person ($5 for children 12 and under) would be appreciated.
To reserve a place, please call or write before June 22nd to:
Orange Schroeder
c/o Orange Tree Imports
1721 Monroe Street
Madison, WI 53711
255-8221

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