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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, August 23. Submit items for August 27—September 17, 1992.

Please Note: Prairie Fire will be published only once during August!

Saturday August 22
1:30 PM
PLAYREADERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING and Potluck Lunch at Pat Watkins home, 230 N. Meadow Lane. (See related story)

Sunday, August 23
NO PROGRAM AT PRAIRIE! Beach Party at John and Shirley Grindrod's, 2:00 PM to ??, includes water sports, great conversation, and a POTLUCK SUPPER. All members and friends of Prairie are invited!
Rain date: August 30.

Sunday, August 30
9:00 AM
Band Practice at the Meetinghouse
10:00 AM
"MAKING A POEM" a shared experience. May be canceled if there was rain on the 23rd, cancelling the Beach Party at the Grindrods'.

Sunday, September 6
NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE—Fall Retreat Weekend at Bethel Horizons.

Saturday November 7
"THE ANCIENT AMERICAS: Art From Sacred Landscapes." A fundraising bus trip to the Chicago Art Institute. (See related story)

Today's Quote:
“It is well, when judging a friend, to remember that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality.” —ARNO LD BENNETT

...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

The Oldest and Largest Lay-Led Society in the UUA
GRASS MOWER/TRIMMERS NEEDED NOW!

Again the grasses reach even taller during our Wisconsin green growing season. Your volunteer energy is needed NOW! The Hooks are what you wish them to be—you can be on the Housing and Property Committee, learn a new skill or practice an old one, develop self confidence and responsibility or just do a good deed with little fan fare, knowing you helped other folks. If you’re young or old, middle aged, girl or boy, rich or not so rich, and if you have a little time on a weekday once or twice or more this summer. We need your help to MOW/TRIM the lawn. I’ll help you get started. Please call Karen at 259-0556.

Prairie Playreaders

The Prairie Playreaders is one of the several social groups available to Prairie friends and members. Participation requires no commitment and neither expertise nor experience in theater. We meet once a month at the home of a volunteer Prairie host, who chooses the play, assigns the parts, and provides refreshments.

We read and discuss the play (and have a lovely social evening). We sometimes also have theater parties. On Saturday, August 22, at 1:30 PM, we will have our annual organizational potluck luncheon. Everyone is welcome to attend and find out what we’re like. After lunch, we will set dates, choose plays and determine hospitality locations.

If you are interested in hosting a playreading, we suggest that you browse the library and decide on at least two possible play selections. Please bring your pocket memory (engagement calendar) with you to the meeting so we can all be sure to reserve the playreading dates in advance. Please call Pat Watkins at 233-5795 to tell her what dish you plan to bring.

Garage Sale Followup

There doesn’t seem to be enough interest in a late July Garage Sale, so I intend to postpone it until late August or early September.

-Susan Hagstrom

Prairie Fundraising Trips

The first of Prairie’s fundraising trips to the Chicago Art Institute will take place on Saturday, November 7th, for the major international exhibit entitled “The Ancient Americas” which explores three thousand years of the artistic achievement of ancient Amerindian cultures. The exhibit will present three hundred works of art—including ceramic vessels, brilliantly colored textiles, spectacular goldwork and monumental stone sculptures—many of which are masterpieces never before exhibited in the United States.

Complementing this major exhibit will be several other smaller related exhibits of interest: a new gallery space in the Education Center of the Institute will be showing “Art Inside Out”—twelve Amerindian art works (among other art) in an interactive environment using computers, videos, games and music which will enable visitors to understand and appreciate the art of other cultures. Also available will be an exhibit of pre-Columbian books, and an exhibit of woven, embroidered, painted and printed textiles from these areas and time periods.

You art lovers won’t want to miss this one! Watch for further information in the Prairie Fire and mark this date on your calendar NOW. We hope to have several such fundraising trips this year, including the major exhibits of the Art Institute (Chagall’s Moscow Jewish Theater Murals, the Renee Magritte retrospective) and a visit to the Rose Show at Milwaukee’s Boerner Gardens. Organizers Pat Watkins and Pat Caulton would welcome your comments and suggestions for other future trips.

You Can Change the Future!

Later this summer, maybe as late as our Labor Day Retreat to Bethel Horizons, all persons interested in the long range future of Prairie will have a chance to come to the organization meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee. One main concern will be the effects of a new Third Madison UU Society on us. Please let the Committee Chair Mary Mullen (271-5192) know right now if you are interested in becoming a member of this committee.

Prairie Patter

Dick and I and Cinda LaMar have all returned to Madison after going to GA in Calgary. We bring you greetings from many former Prairie folk. The first person I met as I walked into the Convention Center was Orie Loucks, who was there as a delegate from his Ohio Congregation. Elinor soon joined him and we had a good visit. We saw Mary Beth O’Halloran on Friday also. She is now serving as Minister to the Society in St. Cloud, MN. It was a pleasure to be at the Service of the Living Tradition Sunday for her Admission to the Fellowship of Ministry.

Holly Loring spied me on the way to the Plenary Session one morning. She is now working for the Church of the Larger Fellowship and teaching music. She was the soloist for the Worship Service sponsored by the CLF.

Next year GA will be in Charlotte, NC and will be even more exciting than this year. The UUA is proposing changes in its governing structure. We will receive a packet on this in Sept. and are to send back feedback by January 1993. There are two candidates for the Presidency of the UUA. The campaign has already started and there were two spirited meeting of the candidates at GA. They offer very different styles and visions. We hope to offer more information prior to next year.

Volunteers at Prairie are busy at work. The lawn was mowed this past week. The Prairie Garden looks spendid. Programs are scheduled until September. I hope to see most of you at the beach party at Grindrod’s in August.

-Julie Bonser

Bethel Horizons Weekend Retreat

REGISTER NOW!

This year it is first come, first serve. There are limited numbers of indoor beds and bunks at this year’s annual retreat at Bethel Horizons, near Dodgeville, though there are plenty of camping spaces. If you have a special need (or preference) for sleeping and