

PRAIRIE SMOKE

WITH APOLOGIES TO THE BOARD: There will be no PRAIRIE FIRE this week due to the Summer Schedule. Prairie Fire will return on July 14.

... 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



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(*Geum triflorum*)

Prairie's official flower, Prairie smoke, was drawn by Lois Hagstrom. The original was printed on a hand press by Leland Bullen from an engraving inked simultaneously with two colors.

Warren Hagstrom signed the Prairie Membership book in March, and Lois in September 1973. Lois was a master artist.

Her haunting picture of people on a bench hangs in the Prairie Foyer. Lois died of cancer in 1986,

Lee and Alice Bullen were pioneers at Prairie. They signed the membership book on January 21, 1979. Lee ran a local printing press. They are planning to move to Pennsylvania this Fall to be close to their children.

Our elegant name tags were designed by Lee. Each new Prairie member gets a hand lettered name tag. The hand lettering is done by an individual whom I greatly admire and who provides sage advice and support.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

The U.U.A. was formed in 1961 by the merger of the Universalists and Unitarians. These denominations have a long history in America dating to before the Revolutionary war. Unitarian churches date back to the Reformation in Europe, and several Church Fathers were Universalists.

American Unitarians were the descendants of the early Calvinist Puritans who settled New England. Unitarians believe in the Unity of God. Universalist churches sprang up throughout the Mid-West after the Civil War. Universalists believe in Universal Salvation.

The Flaming Chalice surrounded by two linked circles was originally used by the U.U. Service Committee. It has since been stylized to look more like a Cross that is clearly off-center. The two circles represent the Universalist and Unitarian faiths, which are united, but still separate.

The Chalice represents the second element of the Eucharist. The flame represents the martyrdom of heretics, specifically those who opposed the practice of reserving the chalice of wine solely for the priesthood.

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