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SPRING HAS ARRIVED! HERE ARE FOUR ARTICLES ABOUT GARDENING AND GARDENS!

- ✚ **Sat. April 25, 9AM to 1PM, Annual Spring Outdoor Cleanup**
Bring your kids, rakes, blowers, tarps, shovels and pitchforks for a whole morning or an hour or two to help beautify our grounds. Afterwards, we will share plenty of pizza and soft drinks in the Parish Hall or outdoors if it is a gorgeous day. **Rain date Sunday the 26th after church.**
- ✚ **Habitat Landscaping:** If you missed the FPS Habitat for Humanity build date last month and want another chance to do some work there, please sign up to help the Landscape Committee with their projects. The signup sheets are on the Landscape Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall. The actual dates are still unknown since all the other outside work has to be completed before we can start, but we hope it will happen in the latter part of April and in May. If you sign up, we'll call or email you when we are ready to start. This call for help includes children who come with a responsible adult. There are kid-size jobs, too.
- ✚ **Memorial Plants for Spring Planting:** Now is the time to consider whether you wish to plant a shrub, tree, or ground cover to remember a family member who has passed away. The deadline for Spring planting in the Memorial Garden is May 31. If you miss that deadline, you can arrange for Fall planting (deadline October 1). If you need further information about Memorial plants or the Memorial Garden, call Marge L.
- ✚ **Memorial Book Entries and Ash Interment** in the Garden can be done at any time with the approval of the Landscape Committee. There is a fee for this service and certain rules apply. Call the First Parish office for a copy of the “Memorial Garden Rules and Intent” and brochures about the Garden.

First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates
 Annmarie A, Audrey K, Polly M, Bruce P, Fred P, Paul R, Dawn S
In the event of a pastoral need, please call any of these Pastoral Associates.

This Sunday's Worship Service

APRIL 12, 2009

EASTER SUNDAY: AN INTERGENERATION SERVICE

"WAKE UP, EARTH SPIRIT! WAKE UP!"

REV. KATIE LEE CRANE AND

MS. ROBERTA ALTAMARI

More than a holy day, Easter marks a holy season of rebirth. On Easter Sunday, as Christians around the world celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, First Parish of Sudbury will explore earlier religious rites of spring that, each in their own way, also celebrates life after death. The service, titled "Wake up, Earth Spirit! Wake up!" will be presented by the Rev. Katie Lee Crane and Roberta Altamari, Director of Religious Exploration at First Parish. It begins at 10 a.m. and is open to all.

This year as every year, our Easter Sunday service is designed for people of all ages and will include stories, congregational and choral singing, and much more. Katie Lee cautions those who fear this will not be a true Easter service. "Don't be fooled; this service is not about bunnies. In virtually all of the world's great religious traditions, there are stories that illustrate the continuing cycle of birth, death and rebirth. We will be exploring the deep vein that informs them all and celebrating this wonderful season of rebirth."

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE AUCTION A SUCCESS!

What a great evening! The First Parish Auction on March 28 was a totally enjoyable experience, with a great crowd ready for an evening of fun, laughs, good food, libations, bargains, and sociability, and that is what we had.

Judy H had decorated the Parish Hall with lots of bright yellow to celebrate Spring Ahead, and the evening began with bidding at the silent auction while listening to delightful folk music provided by our troubadours, Roger C and Jenaabi F, while bidders enjoyed the buffet and refreshments. Ken S also provided some musical magic with his string bass viol. Delicious food was donated by Wayside Inn and Sudbury Farms, and presented and served by Leslie L and her kitchen staff, with a Honeybaked ham donated by Anne and Steve Z.

Steve Z and Rob K did a spectacular job, not only as Auctioneers, but also Master of Ceremonies and Court Magician, and worked as a great team.

When the verbal auction was over we had some lively recorded music from Sherri C, to entertain while we signed out, paid our bills, and did the clean up.

Many people helped to make the Auction such an enjoyable and profitable evening. Without those who donated and bought the auction items, there would have been no auction. Thanks to Tom Y for setting up the website so that we could input our donations electronically, and to Carolyn L, who produced the book, which was beautifully organized. Thanks also to Elaine J who produced all the forms necessary for the silent and verbal auctions. Also thanks to Bonny L for calling and visiting a large number of business donors. Thanks to Rich and Sheila D and David G for arranging for donation and delivery of the food from Wayside Inn and Sudbury Farms.

Thanks also to the set up and breakdown crew – Jan H, Reed and Sarah S and Dan S, and Terry L for setup of the audio.

Thanks to Eleanor K and Ginny P for being the greeters and getting all the guests signed in, and a very special thanks to Leslie L and her kitchen staff: Karen N, Amy P, Ginny S, Susan I, Cilla R, Tom Y and Judith C, with carving service by David G, and Paul R as bar tender.

And special thanks also to those who had to stay at the top of their form for the entire evening - the tabulators and data check-out crew: Peg E, AnnMarie L, Dave C, Roger C, Elaine J, Anne Z, and Jenaabi F.

While all of this was happening downstairs, there was a Kids Party in The Commons upstairs, for children ages 4 to 12, sponsored by the Youth group, and I understand that a good time was had by all. Thanks to Evan S, Robyn R, Cecilia T, Adam B, and Rowan Y. Thanks also to Roberta Altamari who organized the party.

First Parish is a wonderful community to work with, and I want to thank all of you for your donations and purchases, and the great job you did in making it a really fun and profitable evening.

~ Ted J, Auction Chair, 2009

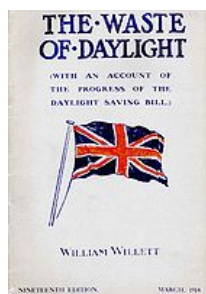


Green Tips

Here is a suggestion from the Green Sanctuary team about how we can all become greener—that is, more ecologically-minded--Earth citizens. If you have ideas for future Green Tips, send them on to George S.

Doubling Daylight Saving's Saving

In 1907, a Briton, William Willett published a pamphlet entitled "The Waste of Daylight" advocating advancing clocks to get more use of daylight. Benjamin Franklin had a similar idea—"Early to bed and early to rise" ... (you know the rest), and it saves candles.



The Government Saved Us Energy by Instituting Daylight Saving Time:

The US instituted Daylight Saving Time permanently after WW2 for the principal purpose of energy savings; particularly for electric lighting. Simple estimates suggest that the resulting reduction of residential lighting causes a reduction of around 0.5% in the total national electricity use, most of which is commercial and industrial—so, 0.5% is not bad in absolute numbers.

You Can Double or Triple This Saving:

A similar estimate suggests that replacing four incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps in every house would also reduce national electricity use by about 0.5%, doubling Daylight Saving's Saving. And of course simply turning off all lights not in use could probably triple it—your dad was right on this one.

SUMMER SERVICE SIGN-UPS: DON'T MISS OUT!

Have you attended a summer worship service at First Parish of Sudbury? Summer services are our lay-led worship services that take place each Sunday from June 21 through September 7, 2009. These services have been growing in popularity over the past few years, and there is a loyal contingent of folks who do their best not to miss a Sunday! And, this is a great time for newcomers to visit FPS in a more informal way, and a great time for us to meet and get to know them.

If you come throughout the summer, you will experience a rich variety of topics, speakers, and styles. Each Sunday there is a light breakfast at 9:30 and the service begins at 10:00.

They say that everyone has "one sermon in them". Are you ready to offer yours to our community? (There is support for you—a Spring Training workshop and an experienced Worship Host to assist you.) Or maybe you could provide music one Sunday. Or, make breakfast?

It's easy to sign up—the poster is in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. Or contact Fran Sharp. You can have a look at the schedule as it develops on our First Parish website: www.fpsudbury.org.

The Bulletin Board

Annual Congregational Meeting
June 7 11:30am
~ add this to your calendar ~

Maypole Dance
Sunday, May 3
during Social Hour

Coming of Age service—
Sunday, May 3, 10:00am

Village Worship & Potluck
Saturday, April 25, 4:30pm
Watch for next Connector or
contact Roberta Altamari