

# *Starr King View*

A publication of the  
**Starr King Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship**

**-A Welcoming Congregation-**  
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**The Reverend Sarah Stewart, Minister**

**March 2011**

**Cindy Spring, DRE**

## **Sunday Services - 9:30 a.m.**

### **March 6 :“Where the Heart Is”**

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching. Follow a wonderful night of fellowship with the spiritual side of our stewardship campaign: Your Stories, Our Community.

### **March 13: “To Be Announced”**

Worship and Music Service led by Whitney Howarth

### **March 20: “On Welcoming the Stranger”**

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

### **March 27 : “April Fool’s Service”**

This Starr King Fellowship tradition is a worship service for the whole family. Bring your silliest self and dress in costume if you wish!

## **Adult Education**

### **March 6— Rev. Sarah Stewart, Sermon Discussion: Generosity**

### **March 13— Ingredients**

A sumptuous documentary featuring the inside of a movement to bring personal and economic health back to our communities. Illustrates what is good about food in America. (67 Minutes)

### **March 20—Committee Meetings**

Adult Education 10:30 a.m.

Social Justice 11:00 a.m.

RE Committee 11:00 a.m.

### **March 27— Star Island**

Come take a tour of Star Island and learn about the Conference Center programming for the 2011 season. Martha Copithorne and Jane and Bob Clay will share photos and tell more about their visits each summer. The conferences this summer are varied in theme and length and appeal to many. There is something for families, adults, children and youth, artists, writers, history enthusiasts, and more. Perhaps a personal retreat sounds more relaxing! A brief step back in time to this quiet space can be spiritually “just what you need.”

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### Gathering

Starting on Thursday March 3, I will be leading a weekly gathering of contemplation, sharing and silence. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and remain in our gathering together for about half an hour. All are welcome. This is intended to be a mid-week pause and reorientation towards our ground and our being. I invite you to join me any Thursday at 4:00 for this gathering.

### Candles of Celebration and Concern

I love hearing the joys and sorrows we share with one another during the time for candles of celebration and concern in our Sunday service. They are a special and sacred part of our time together, and they are part of what binds us together as a community.

Occasionally people in the fellowship ask me if a particular concern would be an appropriate one for which to light a candle. I respond that candles should be about deeply felt emotion. Whatever is moving you to light a candle that morning, think about whether you can express it in terms of your own emotions and faith. If so, it's appropriate for a candle. If you need to convey information and find your own emotional connection to the information is not great, please consider giving the information in the form of an announcement instead.

As we grow as a congregation, I hope we will also think consciously about making candles an inviting and open part of our service. Using the microphone allows everyone to hear you, and saying your name before you share your candle helps introduce you to those who may not know you. Sharing emotion or asking for thoughts and prayers, as opposed to making an announcement or inviting political action, model how others might light a candle themselves. New people in the fellowship will be paying attention to figure out what this part of our service is for, and how they might participate. As far as I know, candles of celebration and concern are uniquely Unitarian Universalist. We can help keep it an open and welcoming part of our service, even as our congregation grows, and more and more join us who are new to Unitarian Universalism.

In fellowship,  
Rev. Sarah

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**“From the Prez”...**

Hello everyone,

Even with all the snow and ice on the ground, this column will appear in March and when that happens we all begin to look forward to Spring. Already, the longer days have become noticeable and on a sunny day you can feel the warmth as the sun’s rays are absorbed by your warm clothing.

This month the Board was busy once again with the development of our new Strategic Plan. We were very pleased with the input we received at the adult ed session at the end of January. The Board reviewed that input at our February meeting and will be using that to put together an initial draft at our March meeting. Once we have that initial draft we’ll make it available for the entire congregation for input. Our goal is to have our fellowship approve the new plan at our annual meeting. Speaking of our annual meeting, save the date of Sunday, May 22. We’ll have our meeting after the service on that day.

It’s going to be a busy and exciting spring for the fellowship. I hope many of you get a chance to participate in the many activities such as our annual auction and our Stewardship campaign kick off! See you there...

Eric Hoffman

**SKUUF Finances Snapshot** as of February 17, 2011

Fiscal Year to Date, Operating:		Change from Last Month	
Income	\$ 88,744.26	+ \$	9,628.04
Expenses	\$ 87,954.63	+ \$	11,189.12
Important Balances			
Operating Funds	\$ 12,117.12	- \$	1,253.22
Building Funds**	\$ 69,001.20	+ \$	2,130.00
Endowment Funds*	\$ 12,761.85	+\$	0.00

This snapshot shows only selected funds. This is not a full accounting of assets or liabilities. If you would like more detailed information feel free to contact Nancy Chaddock, or me.

\*These funds represent multiple accounts grouped together.

\*\* This includes the principal from the new mortgage.

Accurately submitted,  
Mark Becker

## Stewardship Campaign 2012

### *Our Community / Our Stories*

Plan on coming to the **Stewardship Kick-Off dinner on March 5 at 5:30 p.m.** at SKUUF, a family event with child care available, to enjoy a lasagna dinner and the company of our community of good friends. We will be serving regular and vegetarian lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. Please call the office by Friday, Feb. 25 so we may have an accurate count for the caterer.

We are off to a great start. Attendees at the Leadership Breakfast in January took down some interesting stories when we paired off to interview each other. These little glimpses and fragments of our multistoried lives will be put into booklet form with permission of each narrator. During the **Stewardship Kick-Off dinner** at SKUUF on Saturday, March 5 you will be able to read them for yourselves.

Forrest Seavey and I have been working on a ten-minute video montage of several oral histories recorded during February. It's been a big learning curve for Forrest and myself to distill four to five hours of video into twelve minutes of final production. Forrest is doing an amazing job. All the materials for this project will be archived at SKUUF. This video will be viewed at the **Kick-Off dinner** as well.

Information about this year's Stewardship Campaign will be presented so that you may consider your pledge for the coming year. With the burden of the Capital Campaign finished, some members have increased their pledge appreciably. Keep this in mind when you receive your Stewardship packet, and see if it's right for you.

Beverly Walker, Chair

### **SKUUF Religious Education Program**

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
<b>MARCH</b>	6 Curriculum	13 Curriculum	20 Curriculum	27 Family Service (April Fool's)	
<b>APRIL</b>	3 Curriculum	10 Curriculum	17 Curriculum	24 Family Service (Easter)	
<b>MAY</b>	1 RE Sunday (May Pole)	8 Curriculum (or Quincy Bog)	15 Curriculum	22 Family Service?	29 Curriculum
<b>JUNE</b>	5 Curriculum	12 Curriculum or RE Committee Sunday	19 Family Service (RE and Flower Sunday)	26 No RE Program	

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## Religious Education Program

February 6th was a snowy morning. As I drove slowly from Meredith to the Fellowship, I wondered how many would venture out. I arrived just after 8:00 and found Paul Tierney shoveling our walk ways. (Leslie Bryant had already ploughed the parking lot. We are well taken care of!) After greeting Paul I went inside and started preparing for a regular Sunday. By 9:00 three of the OWL leaders and all fifteen of the students had arrived - I was impressed! Things downstairs were much quieter. Wendy and Edie had four young children and one baby in the Nursery.

By 9:15 the Timeless Themes leaders and most of their students had arrived and moved into their classroom. Still only a few of the younger ones and no teachers - should I leave them all playing in the Nursery for the morning?

At 9:25 two teachers walked in bringing four more little ones. I scooped up the three non-Nursery kids and we moved into "Chapel Time." By the end we had one more teacher and a lot more kids.

Since the theme for both the Chalice Children and Special Times classes was Valentines, we put both groups in Room 1 with the three teachers. There were eleven children, so it was a busy place, but they did fine. Lots of stories, "play stations" and plenty of art supplies.

I love the flexibility of church school - on a snowy day in February, how nice to have a warm, inviting place to read, play, sing and be together!

RE Thanks this month go to:

**Ruby Weldon** for her help in the Nursery

**Margaret Salt** for the official "Nursery clock"

**Michael Nicholas** and **Stew Weldon** for helping out with the Timeless Themes group.

And **everyone** who helped on February 13th while I was in Boca!

Cindy Spring, DRE

### Youth Conference at SKUUF

The district's UU Youth will be holding a conference here Friday, February 25 to Sunday morning, February 27.

All fourteen to eighteen year olds are invited to attend.

See Cindy Spring for more information.

## **About Membership in Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

### **What It Means to Be a Member**

SKUUF membership is open to all individuals regardless of race, creed, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation. You are invited to become a member by participating in a membership orientation or by meeting with the Minister to review the rights and responsibilities of membership. All new members sign the official Fellowship membership book witnessed by the Membership Chair or the Minister.

Members are entitled to the services of the minister and the use of the sanctuary for rites of passage (weddings, dedications, funerals, etc.) at no cost. Members also have the privilege of full voting rights, are eligible to serve as Chairs of committees, and may be elected to Officer positions.

Membership is maintained by active participation in the Fellowship and by supporting the annual fund and/or contributing service towards the Fellowship.

### **What it means to Be a Friend**

A Friend is an individual in harmony with the visions, goals, and programs of SKUUF who chooses not to sign the Membership book. A Friend may participate in any and all Fellowship activities, but does not receive rites of passage services without fee, cannot vote and may not serve as a committee Chair or Fellowship Officer.

### **For More Information on Membership**

If you are considering becoming an official member of our Fellowship, or if you can support membership activities, please contact Membership Co-Chairs Danni Simon, or Darlene Nadeau.

### **Directory Changes:**

Please send changes to Cheryl in the Church Office, or Mary Tierney, so that we can keep the data base current.

Remember, if you change your name, mailing address, phone number, email address do let us know.

Mary Tierney

## **The Hospitality Committee needs your help.**

Due to the increase in the price of coffee, the committee has run out of funds. Hopefully the coffee we recently purchased will take us to the end of the fiscal year. We will be putting a collection basket out each Sunday and would appreciate donations of any amount so we can continue providing milk and cream to go with the coffee.

## Hospitality Schedule

March—May 2011

The schedule for March through May 2011 is listed below. If the Sunday assigned doesn't work for you, please change with one of the others listed and let us know. (We are hoping to use the same schedule next year!)

Month	Food	Flowers
<b>March</b> <b>6</b> <b>13</b> <b>20</b> <b>27</b>	Natalie Thompson The Weldon Family Anna Wilken Cindy Spring and Jeannette Bilodeau	Natalie Thompson Deb Casale Anna Wilken Cindy Spring
<b>April</b> <b>3</b> <b>10</b> <b>17</b> <b>24</b>	Phyllis Rockwell & Mitch Manseau Nancy & Bill Dowey	Helen & Bob Lindstrom Darlene Nadeau Nancy & Bill Dowey
<b>May</b> <b>1</b> <b>8</b> <b>15</b> <b>22</b>	The Beckers	Margaret Salt Elizabeth Becker

We would like to make coffee hour easier for everyone by making it simple – it's just a snack to go with coffee, not a meal. Feel free to team up with someone else to do coffee. Help is available on how to run the new dishwasher.

The hospitality sheet also includes a sign up list for flowers. You do not have to do both on the same day, especially if you have a certain Sunday when you want to remember a special someone or a special occasion with flowers.

Thanks for your help in making SKUUF a welcoming and friendly place to come on Sunday.

Bev Seavey  
 Cindy Spring  
 Hospitality Contacts



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## Greeter Schedule March – August 2011

If your name is on the list please make a note in your calendar. We are still in need of a Greeter for March, July and August. If you are not able to be a Greeter when scheduled, there is a list of substitutes on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions contact Anna Wilken, phone 536-2013, email [awilken@roadrunner.com](mailto:awilken@roadrunner.com).

Month	Upstairs Greeter 1	Upstairs Greeter 2	Downstairs Greeter
March		Harry Vogel	Suzanne Schwartz
April	Darlene Nadeau	George Maloof	Michael Nicholas
May	Marceline Boomer	Joe Kelaghan	Thad DeFauw
June	Janet Doner	Jules Doner	George DeWolf
July			
August			

Anna Wilken

### Coming April 16 The Fun and Fantastic SKUUF 2011 Auction!

This year we will be celebrating Mud Season and the first signs of spring with our Annual Auction of goods and services. This year we will be serving hors d'oeuvres during the silent auction and desserts, coffee, and tea during the live auction. Beer, wine, and soda will also be available for a nominal donation.

Doors will open and bidding on the silent auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bidding on the silent auction will close promptly at 7:30, and the live auction will begin at 7:45.

***Admission is free, and any member of the SKUUF community who brings a guest will receive a complimentary-beverage ticket for their guest and themselves!***

Danni Simon

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## Social Justice

### Community Outreach for March

Since 1989 The Bridge House Homeless Shelter has served all those who contact us. This past year 7500 bed nights were accounted for by 126 individuals and families, while an additional fifty-four families and individuals received friendship and support in the greater community. We've seen that partnering in the community is a critical step in strengthening independence and averting homelessness.

Recent innovations are:

- \* a partnership with White Mountain Animal Foster and Rescue,
- \* opening The BH Ladders, and
- \* a commitment to prioritize the homeless needs of Grafton County and veterans.

The men at the BH are caring for adoptable dogs on site. Twenty-one dogs have moved on to permanent homes since last April. It's been great for the dogs and greater for the guys. We are the only shelter in New Hampshire (perhaps the entire country) that has matched these two populations and the only shelter we know of accepting people with animals. It has become clear that often it's not people caring for animals... It's animals caring for people.

The Bridge House Ladders opened around Christmas. This is a fun little gift shop in our converted garage that will provide job training opportunities for BH participants as well as a resource for anyone who would like to support the BH while remembering a loved one with a gift. This came about through the efforts of PSU's Marketing Professor Terri Dautcher and her talented students. Volunteers to assist in the shop would be very much appreciated. We anticipate a thriving little business as the weather turns warmer....hmm maybe around July!

This fall Alex Ray served corn and lobster chowder at the BH to twelve Grafton County welfare officers. A tour was provided, and there was an information exchange over lunch and a commitment to prioritize local county needs. Since then the BH sends an e-mail to all forty-one municipalities with our current bed availability every Monday.

We always find a way to serve veterans even if it means using the futon couch as a bed, bringing in a roll away or commandeering the staff bedroom. We are researching the possibility of serving homeless vets on a different site that will lend itself to a garden, a wood shop and the adopt-a-dog foster care partnership.

We thank you for your interest and support...it is that support which makes The Bridge House success stories possible.

Cathy Bentwood RN  
 The Bridge House  
 603.536.7631  
[www.tbhshelter.org](http://www.tbhshelter.org)

<p><b>Remember to wear your Nametag.</b></p>
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**It helps Everyone.****Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the April Newsletter is Wednesday, March 16.

Please send all items, committee reports, notice of events and activities to Barbara Avery

*SKUUF Newsletter Policy :*

*"Activities covered in the Newsletter are those sponsored by SKUUF or related to SKUUF Committees. As room permits, UU activities happening elsewhere may be included. There may also be a column mentioning activities that are happening in our building but not directly related to SKUUF."*

**Membership Has Advantages**

Members of SKUUF have some interesting DVD's they may borrow from the SKUUF library. This is especially useful when planning a night at home or perhaps staying with an ill relative or friend. Some might even be used to trigger discussion for a group meeting. You should check out the titles and see what might interest you.

Betty Ann Trought

**Hospitality Volunteers Needed**

**Volunteers are still needed for April through June.** You may sign up for the rest of the year at this time. The list will be posted on the bulletin Board in the foyer, and printed in the newsletter. In addition, we'll remind you. We will contact each host on Wednesday of your scheduled week to remind you.

Hospitality Committee  
Bev Seavey  
Cindy Spring

**Remember to Recycle Cans**

Remember to bring your aluminum cans to SKUUF. Let us continue to recycle for the good of SKUUF and the planet. Those cans SKUUF collects and recycles help the work of our Fellowship.

**Community Closet  
Needs Our Help**

Remember, the Community Closet can always use our help. There is a basket in the foyer for your non-breakable food contributions. You can drop off canned or boxed goods anytime.

Thank you.

## Announcements

The Starr King Fellowship office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The minister, Sarah Stewart, is usually in her office from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to drop by to see her; however, if you have a particular need, it is best to call to make an appointment.

Director of Religious Education Cindy Spring is in her office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

In cases of inclement weather, the fellowship office is closed if Plymouth State University is closed.

## Stewardship Committee

If you prefer to use cash to pay your pledge, please use the designated envelopes available by the Sanctuary door. Simply add your name to the outside and seal in your cash!

Thank you all for pledging to Starr King !

Andrea Sutherland

## Our Favorite Books

(From our annual Book  
Sharing service  
held at the end of 2010)



***Misquoting Jesus:***  
*the story behind who  
changed the Bible and why*  
by Bart D. Ehrman

***At Home:***  
*a short history of private life*  
by Bill Bryson

***Over My Head:***  
*a doctor's own story of head injury  
from the inside looking out*  
by Claudia Osborn

***King, Warrior, Magician, Lover:***  
*rediscovering the archetypes of the  
mature masculine*

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by Robert Moore

## Talent Share Workshops

March 19, 2011

On Saturday, March 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., SKUUF will be offering a day of workshops. The morning session will run from ten to noon, the afternoon session from one to three. A vegetarian lunch will be served from noon to one. Several members/friends will be sharing their expertise in a number of areas, from arts and crafts, to photography and weather prediction.

The fee for a single workshop is \$10.00. For both sessions of a workshop that continues into the afternoon the fee is \$15.00. A materials fee is required for a few of the workshops. There will be an additional, though very reasonable, charge of \$5.00 for lunch.

This is an adult SKUUF fundraiser, so we hope you will participate yourselves and tell your friends about it. If you would like further information, contact Marcia VanderMast or Leslie Nicola, or the individual workshop leaders. Most of us are in the directory. The workshops are listed below.

### Morning Session

**Prismatic Painting with Watercolors** – Beverly Walker – Fellowship Hall – Limit four participants.

After an initial sketch, the design is broken up by lines, creating spaces over the entire surface. Color is then applied to these spaces creating a prismatic effect, much like stained glass. Brushes will be available. Paper and paint, \$3.00.

**Basic Photo Editing on a PC, Part 1** – Forrest Seavey – RE Classroom 3 – Limit six participants.

We'll be using Adobe Photoshop Elements 7. From capture to enhancement, to sharing your images, see what's possible.

**Learn to Spin, Part 1** – Mary Tierney – Lower level piano area – Limit four participants.

Keep a tradition alive! Two sessions will be devoted to aspects of wheel spinning. Morning Session: simple fiber preparation and basic wheel spinning. Materials provided at no extra cost. If you have a wheel of your own in good working order, please bring it.

**Beginning Needle Felting** – Phyllis Rockwell – RE Classroom 2 – Limit six participants

The basics of needle felting will be taught. We'll begin with a small 3x3 square suitable for framing or other use, decorate it with prefelt. On our second project, we'll use a freeform "painting" technique. The final project is a simple three dimensional project, like fruit or an animal. Materials fee: \$12.00.

**Indian Cooking** – Whitney Howarth and Michael Nicolas – Conference Room – Limit four participants.

Whitney and Michael will share with you the history and use of Indian spices while teaching you how to create four delicious (not too spicy) Indian Vegetarian dishes. Ever wonder what to do with shredded coconut? Try cashew coconut lemon rice! Curious about chickpeas? Simply pop them in a pot with our own secret masala recipe that you can make in three quick steps. Love to be refreshed with raiti (yogurt, cucumber, cilantro) on the side? Want to figure out aloo gobi (delicious potato and cauliflower dish)? This is the place for you! Vanga! (that's Tamil for "Come!") The results of our culinary efforts will be shared at lunch. Ingredients fee: \$10.00.

**Four Ways to Prepare Tofu** – Marcia VanderMast – Kitchen – Limit four participants.

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A staple of some vegetarian diets, tofu lends itself to many ways of preparation. We'll make it three different ways for serving in sandwiches later on at lunch, and one way for dipping crackers and vegetables into. Expand your culinary repertoire...learn to cook tofu!

### **Afternoon Session**

**Basic Photo Editing on a PC, Part 2** – Forrest Seavey – RE Classroom 3 - Limit ten participants.

Learn how to easily create customized slide shows for family and friends. Use motion, transition effects, music and more on your PC.

**Learn to Spin, Part 2** – Mary Tierney – Lower lever piano area – Limit four participants.

We will continue our practice of basic spinning, plying and skeining.

**Dharma Yoga: Uniting Body, Mind & Spirit** – Sarah Hazlitt – Sanctuary – Limit ten participants.

There will be an hour and a half of asanas practice (standing and sitting poses), followed by a discussion of the eight lines of Yogic philosophy. Please bring any Yoga “props” you may have.

**Learn to Knit** – Darcy Hoffman – RE Chapel Area – Limit four participants.

Have you always wanted to learn to knit? Spend two hours learning the basics to get you on your way. We will begin by making a cotton dishcloth and you will have enough materials to make a second one at home to hone your skills. All materials provided.

**Weather Prediction** – Sam Miller – Fellowship Hall – Limit ten participants.

Sam will take the group to tour the Judd Gregg Meteorology Institute at Plymouth State. The group will carpool from Starr King at 1:00 p.m. and return by 3:00 p.m.

**Woodworking** – Babe deRaymond – Outdoors or lower level foyer – Limit six participants  
No description yet available.

You may register for one or more of the workshops, and secure a place at lunch by contacting Cheryl in the SKUUF office, 536-8908. The fee for each workshop and for lunch will be collected at the door. All materials fees should be paid directly to the workshop leader. We hope to see you there!

Marcia VanderMast  
Leslie Nicola



## **Landscape Fundraiser**

Our annual fundraiser is a plant-sharing day, Sunday, May 15. Save that date! Pot your plants ahead of time, and drop them off on our porch just before the sale. Mark prices yourself, or we will do it for you. We will charge less than the market rate, but try to make a little money for our general fund.

Margaret Salt



### Starr King Auction Donation Form

Please fill out one form per donor and either drop the form in the Auction Basket in the fellowship hall or email the completed form to:  
Danni Simon (dannisews@live.com)

Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation #1**

Suggested Title (a short, catchy phrase): \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date for redemption of service (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation #2**

Suggested Title (a short, catchy phrase): \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date for redemption of service (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Calling All SKUUFers We Need Your Help!**

With the auction only a little more than a month away, the time has come to decide on your contributions to the gala event. Will you donate goods and/or services to be auctioned-off in the silent and live auctions? Will you offer to cook a savory appetizer or a decadently-delicious dessert so that we will have a feast worthy of the event? Can you help set-up, clean-up, or work during the auction? Please let us know by filling out an auction donation form (there is one in this newsletter) and leaving it in the Auction Forms basket located on the counter in the foyer at SKUFF.

Danni Simon

### **SKUUF Auction Donation Suggestions**

Don't think you have anything to donate? Check out our suggestion below. Remember, you can purchase any item on the list and donate it to the Auction—and your donation will be fully tax deductible!

- \* **Gift Baskets (wine, gourmet items, new baby, spa, gardening, etc.)**
- \* **Host a dinner**
- \* **Museum passes**
- \* **Massage/spa certificates**
- \* **New electronics/software**
- \* **Periodic deliveries of cookies/bread/casseroles**
- \* **Hotel accommodations or use of a vacation home/time share/condo**
- \* **Ski passes**
- \* **Memberships**
- \* **Sporting event tickets**
- \* **House, pet or baby sitting**
- \* **Daytrips on your boat, canoe or kayak**
- \* **Services: carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, gardening, etc.**
- \* **Jewelry and fine art**
- \* **Theatre/concert tickets**
- \* **Restaurant gift certificates**
- \* **Chauffer services**

**\* Lessons in painting, knitting, golfing, skiing, etc.**

## **Fundraising**

### **Afternoon Tea**



The fund raising committee will be posting menus in the foyer very soon along with recipes. We will need lots of volunteers for making sandwiches, baking scones, cookies etc. Please sign up for one or more baked goods .

The Tea is being held on May 1 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Thanks to Jann Sparks and Christine Holba, we will have live music while we enjoy all the goodies.

Tickets will go on sale very shortly. It would be wise to express your interest in buying them very soon as they will not last long. We are selling only seventy tickets.

### **Line Dancing**

The line dance class is slowing showing signs of life! We are being joined by a few Methodists down the road.

Class is on the second and fourth Sundays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Call George Maloof for details. If you are a couch potato, this is your chance to come out and get some exercise and have some fun and meet new people. Price is only \$5,00 per person.

### **Spring Auction**

Quebec City weekend will be on the auction block again in April. The hotel has been chosen and the date settled: Chateau Hotel in Old Quebec, phone # 1-888-412-7336 ext 202 (ask for Derek) .

We will be leaving on Friday, July 1 and returning on Sunday, July 3. A complete itinerary will be available the night of the auction.

In the meantime please reserve your room/rooms as soon as possible to take advantage of the group rate which is under the name "Malooof Group." Derek is available from 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. to help you with your reservations. Rooms are different prices and run from \$129.00-\$145.00 for a double. See George Maloof for more details. **HURRY, THESE ROOMS WILL BE FILLED QUICKLY!**

George Maloof

## **Activities**

### **Nashua UU Cardigan Weekend**

**March 12.**

There'll be a plethora of Nashua and other UUs of all ages there. We can join them at 9:00 or so to plan and partake of the day's activities: hikes of all levels, including one to Cardigan summit, some backcountry skiing, or some bench warming. Bring your own lunch; stay for BYOB social hour and (\$20 or so) dinner by Chef Tom. Phyllis and I did the evening activities last year and enjoyed ourselves immensely. There's an historic Nashua UU-SKUUF connection, besides the Doweys, Walkers, Cindy and Phyllis. For more information/sign-ups, please contact. We will need dinner registrations by March 6. (SKUUF participants will receive constructive credit for the Second Sunday hike, hereby cancelled.)

### **Games Night at SKUUF**

**Friday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

Come join in the fun. Bring a game and dessert to share. Games start at 7:00 p.m. in our

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fellowship hall. Elizabeth Becker is your host; please call her for more details. You'll love it, so plan on coming the second Friday of every month, same time and place.

**Carolina Chocolate Drops at the Flying Monkey, Plymouth**

**Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.** These Grammy Award winners, for Best Traditional Folk Album, come highly recommended by Selma and Coke Levin. A group of young African-American string band musicians, the Chocolate Drops play the rich tradition of fiddle and banjo music from the foothills of North and South Carolina."

Please make your own ticket reservations. *Call the Box office Monday- Friday, noon - 5:00 p.m., at 603-536-2551. Ticket prices: \$25/\$35 Gold Circle.* Visit their web site at [www.flyingmonkeynh.com/live\\_events.cfn#42](http://www.flyingmonkeynh.com/live_events.cfn#42).

**Phoenix at the Bridgewater Inn, Bridgewater**

**Saturday, March 26, at 9:00 p.m.**

Phoenix is recommended by Susan Jacobs. They play blues/classic rock/southern rock cover songs. There is a minimal cover charge of \$4. If you would like to meet at the Bridgewater Inn for dinner either in their main restaurant or at their Japanese Steak House, contact Mitch.

Here are some activities that you might want to consider at PSU. Please make your own ticket reservations. *For tickets to any of these, call the Box Office Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., at 603-535-2787.*

Contact if you would like to meet before the event for dinner at the Thai Smile in Plymouth.

**Cypress String Quartet at the Silver Center**

**Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

Widely celebrated for the power of its performances and its passionate dedication to the genre, the San Francisco-based Cypress String Quartet combines technical precision with imaginative programming to create unforgettable concert experiences. **Ticket Prices: \$30 Adult, \$28 Senior, \$15 Youth** Visit their website at: [www.cypressquartet.com](http://www.cypressquartet.com).

**Altan at the Silver Center**

**Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.** "*The hottest group in the Celtic realm,*" says the *Boston Globe*. When it comes to Irish/Celtic music, few artists capture the heart and spirit of Irish tradition as Altan.

**Ticket Prices: \$35-25 Adult, \$33-23 Senior, \$25-15 Youth.** Visit their website at: [www.altan.ie](http://www.altan.ie)

**Robert Frost Celebration at PSU, Smith Recital Hall**

**Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m., FREE!**

Donald Hall, who actually met Robert Frost, will lead a group of readers in sharing their favorite Frost poems. Don will share some stories about the great poet including their first meeting when Don was just sixteen years old. Please call the box office to reserve your free tickets: 603-535-2787.

## Wise Women in Training

Wise Women in Training (WWIT) is a flexible group of senior women (over 50) who meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at **10:00 a.m.** in the SKUUF conference room. They talk about issues and topics of interest to the group. Membership includes a core group but is flexible so feel free to attend when you have time.

Meetings this month are scheduled for March 9 and 23. If you would like to be on mailing list for WWIT please contact Betty Ann Trought.

Betty Ann Trought

## SKUUM

The men's group, SKUUM, will meet on the first and third Sundays of February from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at SKUUF. Any interested male is invited to attend these lively and entertaining discussions which cover a wide range of topics.

The co-leaders are Bob Clay, George Maloof and Bill Trought. Contact any of them for further information.

Bill Trought

## "FOREVER 42"

Practice birthday party.



Hey all you people who were born in 1942 (and you KNOW who you are!), come for a practice 70th party on the porch of Newfound Farm on June 25, about 2:00 pm.

This is time to reminisce, hopefully laugh and plan for our Big 7-0 next year. Drinks, cake provided. Call Phyllis Rockwell.



## Play Bridge Thursday Afternoons at SKUUF

If you are a bridge player interested in the Thursday afternoon bridge game at Starr King Fellowship, please see Anna Wilken.

## Circle Dinners

We are looking for hosts for Circle Dinners for February, March and April. You can host a dinner, lunch, afternoon tea or brunch on any day of the week that works for you and any time that is convenient for you. Circle events are a great way to get to know other SKUUF members on a more intimate and personal way. If you are interested in offering your home for a fun time with other SKUUF members please contact Sue Appleton.

Suzanne Appleton
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## Landscape Activities

With snow on the ground, we are planning ahead! Our two annual landscape events are coming, so mark your calendars now. We need to spruce up our grounds after the long winter, so join us on the morning of Saturday, May 7. We will start about 8:30, and work for about three hours. You can join us for part or all of that time. Just bring your water bottle, gloves, and favorite tool. We will be raking, weeding, and mulching as well as cutting a few trees. A few early birds will work on April 16, so check that date too.

It's more fun to work with friends, old and new, but if you can't make it on May 7, see Margaret Salt for something that could be done on your own schedule. No one has time to do it all, but by joining together, we can be proud of how our building and grounds look! Also, we are saving Saturday, May 14 as our "rain date" if it pours! A light mist will find us working, since that is actually more comfortable than heat.

Margaret Salt



## News Notes

Congratulations to Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw on being presented with the Booker T. Washington Award from Tuskegee University in January. The ceremony took place during the weekend inaugural activities celebrating the new president of Tuskegee University, R. Gilbert L. Rochon.

This award "was presented to esteemed individuals who have made significant and unsung contributions to the Tuskegee community, education and the nation." Dr. Scrimshaw is the "institute professor emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and senior adviser for the food and nutrition program at the United Nations University." (Tuskegee University news)

Thank you, Nevin, for bringing roses to the Sunday service in the beautiful cut crystal vase with the silver base, a visual representation of that special day at Tuskegee.

Mary Tierney and Phyllis Rockwell have been spending the first Saturday of each month during the winter at the Danbury Grange Hall demonstrating and selling their wares with other crafters.

Mary and Phyllis will be joining several other talented people from SKUUF to share their skills at the Talent Share Workshops on March 19. Be sure to sign up early to learn any one of a great variety of things including: painting, photo editing, spinning, felting, Indian cooking, preparing tofu, yoga knitting, weather prediction, woodworking. See further details in this newsletter.

We are so lucky to have so many talented people at SKUUF.

Bev Walker



## **Parking Crunch!**

What a wonderful problem to have! Recent weeks have revealed a scarcity of parking at SKUUF, mostly related to snow and plowing patterns. Hang on! Spring is coming. Meanwhile, you can help by parking close together, and using all the back spaces if you plan to stay into the coffee hour time.

We have been doing a good job most weeks in leaving a few spaces free in front for those with mobility issues, and several folks have reported that the traffic flow allows them to drop off members of their party at the front door where there is easy access. Good job, drivers!

We have been asked to not park on the street, if at all possible. If you happen to see new folks arriving, it would be helpful for regular attendees to help them find parking. Thank you for your help!

From your friendly House and Property/Landscape Committee

Margaret Salt

## **WANTED: Volunteers for Property and Maintenance Committee projects.**

How well we at SKUUF maintain our grounds and building tells the visitors and passersby how much we truly value our sacred space. You can help. The Property and Maintenance Committee is looking for people to do the many one-time and recurring tasks needed to keep SKUUF physically attractive and welcoming. Needs include mowing and landscaping, painting, clean-up, repair work requiring electrical, plumbing and/or carpentry skills.

Volunteers will be placed on a rotating call list and contacted on as needed basis in order to spread the work out among as many people as possible.

If you are interested in helping out, contact Barrie Sawyer.

### **Governing Board Meeting**

The Governing Board will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Committee Chairs Meeting**

Committee Chairs will meet on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

***Starr King View***

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**Mission Statement**

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a multigenerational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in our fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.

**Save These Dates!**

**Stewardship Campaign “Kick-off” Spaghetti Dinner**  
Saturday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m.

**Talent Share Workshop**, Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**SKUUF Auction**, Saturday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

**SKUUF Afternoon Tea**, Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m.

**Plant Sharing Fundraiser**, Sunday, May 15

**SKUUF Annual Meeting**, Sunday, May 22 at 11:00 a.m.