

UU Update

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Our mission is to be a community of faith committed to the freedom of intellectual and spiritual inquiry and to the promotion of the worth and dignity of all persons, through service to its members, friends and the larger community.

April Sunday Services

April 1 - **Laura Smythe**

ETHICAL COMMUNICATION

Most of us spend very little time thinking about the way in which we communicate. We speak to convey our thoughts and to get our needs met. We act based on our understanding of our obligations and to demonstrate our feelings. The manner in which we speak and act conveys a great deal more than most of us are aware. Our manner of communication reflects who we are and what we value. The way in which we communicate shapes the character and the content of our relationships.

Laura is an attorney, mediator, and educator and has mediated a wide variety of disputes for over 12 years. She has taught conflict resolution, ethics, critical thinking and problem-solving, political science, business law, and social responsibility. Laura currently serves as Executive Director of the Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay, Inc. She also volunteers as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children and serves on the Board of Trustees for an orphanage in Johannesburg, South Africa. Most importantly, she is the proud mother of two daughters, Emma and Kathryn.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

Service Leader: Alan Kopischke

April 8 – **Door County Poets**

AN EASTER BASKET OF POETRY

The word *Easter* is derived from *Eostre*, the name of a goddess whose festival was held at the vernal equinox, although it is now better known as a festival that celebrates the resurrection of Christ, or The Passover, or a time to give gifts of eggs to our friends and families. What better way to celebrate the diverse meanings of this day than in original poetry by members and friends of this Fellowship! From memories of Easters long ago and far away to current images, in voices that range from joyful to ironic, serious to playful, our poets will seek to awaken a

fresh response to this holiday.

Participating poets include Sharon Auberle. David Clowers, Hanne Gault, Phil Hansotia, Cynthia Johnson, Poet Laureate Barbara Larsen, Estella Lauter, Nancy Rafal, Jack Redell, and Henry Timm.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

Service Leader: Estella Lauter

After the service, we will celebrate the publication of the third volume of poems from the Dickinson Poetry Series 2011-2012 in honor of Poetry Month.

April 15 – **The Rev. Cynthia Johnson**

LANGUAGE LESSONS FOR THE JOURNEY

How fluent are you in the language and images of your individual spiritual journey? This will be a reflection on how well the Fellowship is doing to embody the fourth Principle in Unitarian Universalism: "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations."

Cynthia Johnson, a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who served UU congregations in Texas and Oklahoma, joined UUFDC in 2000 when she and Al moved to Door County. Cynthia is active as an artist and a poet. She enjoys family and friends, nature, travel, and reading and writing.

Music: Special Guests Katie Dahl and Rich Higdon



April 22 - **Dick Smythe**

TWO EXTRAORDINARY AMERICAN
"ENVIRONMENTALISTS"

One was a woman - the other a man

One was born to modest means - the other to wealth
and privilege

Both died tragically young

Both left us an imperishable legacy

Dick Smythe is an entomologist retired from the research

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Dear Members and
Friends of UUFDC,

Your Governing Board met on March 13 to do the business of the Fellowship. General Assembly was discussed and two people have indicated interest in attending. This year's theme, Immigration Justice, is important to many of us so if you are interested in attending please contact Social Responsibility. Details are available at uua.org.

The Professional Leadership Task Force has met again and is making progress identifying current needs as distinct from the longer-range needs of professional leadership. We have come to realize that we--as a congregation--have developed a beautiful culture of caring. It seems prudent to capitalize on and expand upon what we already do so well. A meeting with the current Caring Committee has been scheduled at which we hope to glean information and begin to develop plans for the needs of the membership. As this develops, the PLTF will concentrate on the continuing exploration of professional leadership.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work finding new leaders for our next fiscal year. There are still some vacancies. But leadership usually comes from membership in a committee. More members are needed for Communication, Membership and Program. Please consider joining one of these committees. The work is shared so the investment of time is never great. The payoff comes from knowing that you are contributing to the current quality as well as the future of this vital and growing organization.

Spring fever! I'm seriously afflicted. As I write this it is the last night of winter and my daffodils and crocus are already up and buds are popping on my trees and rose bushes. Days of longest light rush to greet us with the promise of great times and temperatures to come. Please devote a little of this

time to the future of UUFDC.

Cyndy Stiehl, President

April Sunday Services

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division of the US Forest Service. Before kindergarten he started collecting feathers and insects. In college he majored in biology, then earned a PhD in entomology. Throughout his lifetime, Dick has maintained an interest in the natural world. He is active in a number of environmental organizations, is an avid reader, especially in the biological sciences and theology, and enjoys being out-of-doors throughout the year.

Music: Gerri Friedberg
Service Leader: Bob Lindahl

April 29 - **Brian Pertl**
THE SACRED POWER OF MUSIC

Around the globe and in every culture sacred observance is closely tied to music. Brian Pertl will lead us on an exploration of both familiar and non-familiar sacred music traditions. During this journey we will be asking the question of why music is such a vital part of human spirituality.

Dean of the Lawrence Conservatory of Music, Brian Pertl has done fieldwork in Australia studying the didjeridu, and fieldwork in Tibet, Nepal, and India studying Tibetan Buddhist sacred music. He earned his master's degree in ethnomusicology. After working at Microsoft as an ethnomusicologist for 16 years, he returned to Lawrence to assume his current role.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano;
Leila Ramagopal, Celtic harp
and Brian Pertl, didjeridu
Service Leader: Cynthia Stiehl



UUFDC
OBSERVANCE OF
EARTH DAY

Look for this logo
throughout the
newsletter for events celebrating
Earth Day. Please join in.

Dollars and Sense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

The Governing Board has approved a final draft of the budget for 2012-13. In addition to the building maintenance items I mentioned last month, the new budget identifies increased needs in the areas of administration. Our administrator's hours may be increased by up to four hours per week, additional software support is needed, and a replacement for our aging computer looms on the horizon. The presence of a paid administrator and a well-run office has strengthened the Fellowship in countless ways, not the least of which has been lessening the burden placed on our volunteers. Please keep this last point in mind if you are considering a board or a committee position; there is now solid support for those who contribute their time to UUFDC.

Early in April, UUFDC's Members and Friends will receive letters requesting continued financial support for the Fellowship. We ask that you consider increasing your pledge if at all possible. Please return your pledge statement right away, so that we can finalize the budget prior to the Fellowship's annual meeting June 10th. Please keep in mind that the pledge you will make is for July 1 of 2012 through June 30 of 2013. Some members prefer to pre-pay their pledges, but it is not necessary to send any money at this time. You can indicate on the pledge statement the payment plan that will work best for you. Your support, at whatever level you can manage, is essential to the vitality of the Fellowship.

Fellowship Celebrates Publication of Poetry Book

By Chuck Lauter

The third year of the Dickinson Poetry Series, 2011-2012, recently concluded and some of the poems read in the series have once again been collected in a chapbook. The title of the new

Door County Poet Laureate Kicks Off Dickinson 2012-13 Series

Door County Poet Laureate Barbara Larsen shares her work at the first performance of the 2012 – 2013 Dickinson Poetry Series on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 pm. Larsen retired to Door County 27 years ago with her husband George. She calls Door County a Poet's Paradise and is active in two poetry critiquing groups and other local poetry projects.



Larsen believes in the power and truth of poetry and in its ability to connect with the hearts and minds of readers. Much of her work is inspired by the beauty in nature around her home on a bluff over-looking Green Bay waters in Door County. She finds the constant changes of sky and water each day to be endlessly fascinating. Seasons go by and furnish constant sources of material to write about. Family memories and humorous incidents in her life also find their way into words. An avid reader, influences of other writers help shape some of her work. Many of her poems have a strong philosophical bent.

The most recent of her six published books will be coming out in April. It is titled *Obits: Reading Behind the Fine Print*. She has always enjoyed writing people-poems and these post-life poems reflect the lives behind the fine print in the obituary pages. It is done in a lighthearted positive manner which honors the people and is illustrated by Gretchen Maring of Ellison Bay.

Her people-poem book, *Lime Ridge, 1937*, will be presented as a verse-drama in four performances in two locations in the county in late May as part of her Poet Laureate mission to bring poetry to a wider audience.

book is *Harvest*.

Harvest will be officially released at a gala celebration party on April 8 following the Sunday morning service in which 10 poets will read. The party and the service will precede by a few days the April 11 opening reading of the 2012-2013 Dickinson series by Barbara Larsen, Poet Laureate of Door County. These events are open to the public and are part of the Door County activities to commemorate National Poetry Month. The gala will include refreshments, music, impromptu readings of poems by their authors, and the opportunity for poets to autograph their pages in the books that have been purchased. The cost of the book is \$10 and it will be available at poetry events

county-wide and state-wide and at UUFDC events.

This book includes 27 poems by 17 poets, including seven youth poets. The title reminds us that good poetry is a harvest in two ways. First, the poet harvests thoughts, images, feelings, and insights. Then the reader/listener harvests the words to enliven and shed light on her/his own experience. Both of these processes enrich the lives of those who engage with poetry. The title is that of one of the poems by Cathryn Cofell, included in the book. The poets featured are Francha Barnard, Norbert Blei, Brandon Bogenschutz, Hope Bogenschutz, Katie Buske, David Clowers, Cathryn Cofell,

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Bruce Dethlefsen, Edward Dimaio, An-ya Kopischke, Marybeth Mattson, Alicia Mickelson, June Nirschl, Judy Roy, Taylor Syers, Henry Timm, and Jasper Whalen. The poems reflect on the local scene, travel, language, social issues, nature, and human interactions — subjects with a long history in poetry.

The publication of Volume III confirms UUFDC's plan to continue publishing a book of the Dickinson Series poems annually.



Movies That Matter Presents
Rivers and Tides
By Lu Schilling

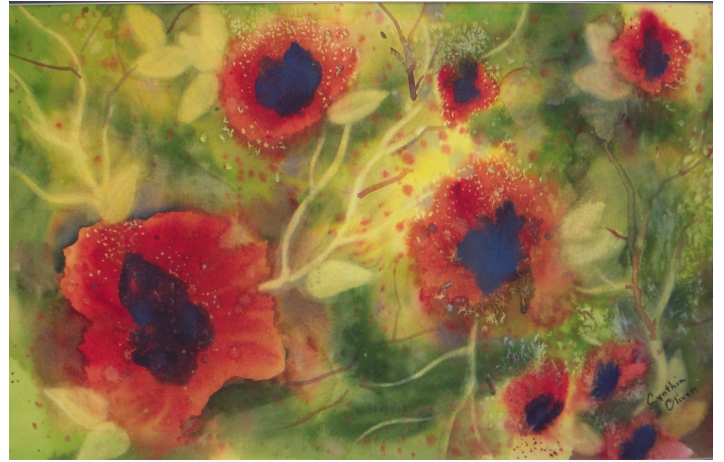
In celebration of Earth Day, Movies That Matters will screen the award winning documentary *Rivers and Tides* about the British artist Andy Goldsworthy, who creates intricate and ephemeral sculptures from natural materials. The film received a number of awards, including the 'Best Documentary' awards of the San Diego Film Critics Society and the San Francisco Film Critics Circle. Showtime is 4:30 pm on Tuesday, April 17 at the UU Fellowship.

In this deeply moving film, shot in four countries and across four seasons, Goldsworthy creates works of art with ice, driftwood, leaves, stone, dirt and snow in open fields, beaches, rivers, creeks and forests. With each new creation, he carefully studies the energetic flow and transitory nature of his work. In his work "you see something you never saw before; that was always there but you were blind to".

You needn't be an art aficionado to find yourself absorbed in the film. One special characteristic of Goldsworthy's work is that each piece interacts with nature, both statically like a photo or painting, and temporally. There is also something elemental about the way he brings time into our consciousness. The work is born and dies, and flows back into its environment. Somehow, we become not simply an observer of this

In the UU Gallery

The exhibit "Looking at the Art of Cynthia Oliver", continues through the month of April. If you have not suggested a name for Cynthia's newest painting, please add your title before April 27.



cycle. In a way not usually accomplished by movies, our awareness and understanding of life, time and the eternal are touched.

When you see Karon Winzenz, thank her for bringing this film to our attention. Happy Earth Day.



UUFDC Initiates Service/ Work-Camp Project
By Chuck Lauter

On April 27-28 the Fellowship will hold its first service/work-camp. The service portion will take place at the Door County Land Trust's (DCLT) newly acquired, iconic Grand View property at the top of Ellison Bay hill.

Activities will begin with the April 27 campout. We'll gather at about 5 pm at the Dilulio's campsite, north of Ellison Bay for a potluck supper. In the evening, we'll have a campfire with readings, stories, and songs. Overnight camping will be in tents or in the 6+ bunks in trailers on the site. Participants must provide sleeping bags, tents, and personal items. There is no electricity, so flashlights are a must. Weather is unpredictable at that time so warm clothing may be needed. Water is plentiful from a deep well with a hand pump and a port-a-potty provides sanitary facilities. The site has a shelter, picnic tables, and other amenities. We are grateful to Helene and Ray for

its use. Saturday morning will begin with an early, simple breakfast so that we can travel 10-15 minutes to the work site by 9 am.

The opportunity to help prepare the Grand View site for its June 23rd opening to the public is thrilling indeed. The tasks include:

- backfilling, mulching, and watering bushes for a new privacy hedge
- marking boundaries to protect the privacy of adjacent lands
- installing a fence around the Hansen property to ensure its privacy
- assembling Leopold benches
- removing trash and litter
- establishing a short pedestrian path from the parking area to the kiosk
- we will need a crew to prepare and bring lunch Saturday noon
- helping Bob with the fish-boil Saturday evening

A sign-up to list your preferences will be posted in the Gathering Room April 1 to April 15. In case the weather makes our plan impractical April 27-28, we do have a rain date of May 4-5. We'll engage these tasks until about 4 pm with a lunch break from 12-1pm. Workers will need work gloves and water bottles (not bottled water). Shovels, buckets, pruning equipment, ratchet or crescent wrenches, and other hand tools will be useful. Our work will be

supervised by DCLT staff.

The day's activities will conclude with a celebratory fish-boil at Bob Lindahl's home at about 6 pm. Many thanks to Bob for preparing this.

We hope Members and Friends will participate in this time of service and of camaraderie and fellowship. Non-campers are welcome at the potluck and campfire.

The UU Book Club

By Karon Winzenz

Our book club will next meet at 1:30 pm on April 4 to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, a non-fiction book about Lacks and the immortal cell line that came from her cervical cancer cells in 1951. The book is notable for its accessible science writing and for dealing with the ethical issues of race and class in medical research. The cells survive Henrietta and provide the vehicle through which her family comes to understand her continued presence in the world (Wikipedia). The author recounts the Lacks family's often painful history with grace. Lynne Lees (lynnajohn@earthlink.net) will be our hostess and discussion leader. In May the Book Club will discuss *The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht.



Door County Land Trust Comes to UUFDC

On April 25 at 3 pm SRC and Adult Education will sponsor a forum featuring a speaker from the Door County Land Trust discussing the philosophy and mechanics of land protection and preservation in Door County.

Unsung UU's

Thanks go to Sally Malm and Phyl Mielke for cleaning and reorganizing the kitchen!

New Email Address

Longtime UUFDC member Jane Aldrich has a new email address: Weyauwegalass@gmail.com.



Welcome Judy Brodd to the UUFDC!

Judy lived in Milwaukee most of her life (with short stays in New York City and on a farm in Pulaski, WI) and graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a BA degree in International Relations and an MA in Urban Affairs. She was a happy stay-at-home mom for 12 years with Jesse, Anson, and Alicia (Mike and Judy's children) and a dog, cats, gerbils and a rabbit. Judy and the kids lived in Door County many wonderful

summers at the Brodd family home in Sister Bay (with Mike commuting on weekends). The next 18 years, Judy followed her passion of working in international education – first as the Asst. Director of International Students and Study Abroad at UW-Milwaukee and as Director of International Student Services at UW-Madison (over 4,000 international students). Every day brought new people, cultures, and nations into her life – including numerous expanding experiences traveling abroad. Another passion was her commitment to improving her family's integrated, vibrant, urban neighborhood – Sherman Park on the west side of Milwaukee. She served on many committees and as president of the board, and accomplished many fundraising activities to sustain and promote the neighborhood. Eight years ago, Judy and Mike fulfilled the lifelong dream of retiring in Door County full time and discovered yet another passion – the Door County Land Trust. Loving Door County and wanting to preserve its beauty for all generations to come made involvement in the Land Trust a natural next step. Judy is a member of the board's Events Committee and has planned many fundraising events for land preservation in Door County. In addition to DCLT, Judy's great joys in life are her two grandchildren, gardening, reading, walking, bridge and being with friends and family. The UU Fellowship makes me feel welcomed, accepted, loved and energized! I am so very glad to be here!

Central Midwest District Assembly

"Leadership Development with a UU Spiritual Core" is the theme of the 2012 District Assembly, held in the Chicago-land area at the Marriott Oak Brook Hill Resort on April 27-29. Brochures are on the bulletin board in the foyer if you need more information.

Above Average Rummage Sale

A stellar group of ladies has formed to raise money to replace the Gathering Room carpet. Chaired by Peggy Lott, the committee includes Lynn Lees, Phyl Mielke, Toby Mason, Margot Warch, Sally Malm, Cynthia Johnson, Helene Di Iulio and Pam Goode. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 5 at 10 am.

The Rummage Sale will kick off with a preview party on Friday, June 1 at 5 pm. The sale itself will take place the next day from 9 am – 4 pm. The success of this important fundraiser depends on quantity and quality of donations. Please start setting things aside today.

Save the Date!

The UUFDC Annual Meeting and light lunch will be Sunday, June 10 following the 10 am service. We will vote on the slate of nominees and possibly other items. According to our bylaws, eligible voters are members of record who have made a contribution to the Fellowship during the 2011-12 fiscal year.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

UUFDC April Calendar of Events

For the most up-to-date calendar, please go to: www.uufdc.org/calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am SERVICE Laura Smythe 11-12:30 Gallery Noon - SRC meeting	2 1-3 pm Gallery	3	4 Book Group 1:30 pm 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm U-Night	5	6 1-3 pm Gallery	7
8 10 am SERVICE DC Poets 11-12:30 Gallery 11:15 Publication Celebration	9 1-3 pm Gallery	10 4:00 pm Governing Board	11 1-3 pm Gallery Dickinson Poetry 7 pm Barbara Larsen	12	13 1-3 pm Gallery	14
15 10 am SERVICE Rev. Cynthia Johnson 11-12:30 Gallery	16 1-3 pm Gallery	17 Movies That Matter 4:30 pm Rivers and Tides	18 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm U-Night	19	20 1-3 pm Gallery	21
22 8:30 Choir Rehr 10 am SERVICE Dick Smythe 11-12:30 Gallery	23 1-3 pm Gallery	24	25 1-3 pm Gallery 3 pm Land Trust Forum 7 pm U-Night	26	27 1-3 pm Gallery 5 pm Potluck & Camp Out	28 Service Work 9 am - 4 pm Fish Boil 6 pm
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