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Number 41

"All the News that Fits to Print"

June, 1983

• THE SEARCH FOR UNITY •

UNITY. A place in Maine. A college. And an elusive concept and idea, a feeling, a place of being. All three will be combined on June 12-25 for a Consort in Unity, a gathering of people to work and play together, to share skills, and to create an understanding of unity thru music, work, creativity, and cooperative living.

Unity College has opened its doors to this event, providing a campus and a focal point for activity. In exchange, those participating will be helping the college from about 9 AM to 3 PM each day with painting, building and greenhouse repair, planting and harvesting trees, and art work to brighten up the campus.

Each of the fourteen days will then finish with dinner and special events. A tentative day-by-day schedule includes:

June 12--"Unity: Are We Making It?" open forum. How can we overcome the obstacles to cooperation and world peace?

June 13--Making and playing drums.

June 14--Celestial Vibration--music with autoharp, percussion, and voice.

June 15--Music of Maine--performers welcome.

June 16--Sharing the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy culture.

June 17--Workshop (4 PM) and concert (7 PM) w/singer-guitarist Jim Scott of the Paul Winter Consort.

June 18--"Ways of Listening" workshop/concert w/Warren Sender playing Hindustani music.

June 19--Storytelling and string music w/Joel Harrison & Friends--bring both.

June 20--Clowning around--mime, costumes, puppets, etc.

June 21--Sumitra's Sarah Benson doing a workshop and concert (4 PM and 7 PM) with New England Sound Healers.

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• THE SEARCH FOR PEACE •

Memorial Day may be a day to remember the dead, but for Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned, it will also be a day to support the living and their goal of world peace.

In conjunction with Performing Artists against Nuclear Arms, Maine CALC is sponsoring "A Concert for Peace" in two locations: Gardiner Area High School, 4 PM, Sunday, May 29, and the Unitarian Church of Bangor, Main and Union Sts., Bangor, 4 PM, Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day). Both concerts will feature about 15-20 performers presenting classical or traditional music and dance. Tickets are \$4, with older children and seniors admitted for \$3. A potluck dinner will follow both concerts. Proceeds will go to Maine CALC, the Maine Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, and other peace groups.

Maine CALC is also sponsoring (with Pax Christi) an interfaith prayer service as part of Peace Sabbath on Memorial Day, 9 AM, outdoors at Bass Park in Bangor (rain location--Unitarian Church). Various clergy and musicians will offer an alternative to traditional Memorial Day parades.

And in Waterville, the local CALC group and Pax Christi will have a Peace Celebration at Notre Dame Catholic Church on Silver St., also on Memorial Day. It will include a 5 PM potluck supper, a children's rendition of "Ferdinand the Bull," led by Chouteau Chapin, music, and a film. Fun and free for all. Contact Fr. Jim Plourde at Notre Dame, 872-5691, for specifics.

For details on all these events: Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489, 827-3107.

MOTHER NATURE AT HER BEST

If the weather ever gets better, what could be more fun than enjoying the natural beauty of Maine? Several groups have organized outdoor/nature activities for those with a spare day or weekend:

Would you like to learn more about Maine's flora and fauna, about the rivers and the ocean, about microscopic insects and whales? Then you want to know about the field trips planned by the Maine Audubon Society.

In June you can sail out to Matinicus Rock to view 10 species of seabirds; or you can go in search of several kinds of whales on the Viking Sun. If hiking is your passion, join the expedition on the Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail, to discover alpine flowers and shrubs normally found only in sub-arctic regions.

For more information on trips throughout the summer, send for the booklet, "Field Trips 1983," Maine Audubon Society, 118 Old Rt. One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330. Enclose \$1 for the booklet.

The Maine Sierra Club offers more opportunities to explore nature. June outings include an overnight hike on the Mahoosuc Range (June 11-12) and a day on Monhegan Island (June 25). Get in touch with Maine Group Outings, PO Box 18, E. Peru 04229, 562-8278 for most outings or Dick Harris, PO Box 698, Damariscotta 04543, 563-5531 for the Monhegan trip.

The Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) will again sponsor raft trips down the Kennebec and Penobscot Rivers. The first one is on the Kennebec on July 7. Costs are \$45 for NRCM members, \$55 for others. Contact NRCM for a schedule at 271 State St., Augusta 04330, 622-3101.

Finally, Women Outdoors, a national network of women, is sponsoring various outings this summer. Major purposes are: (1) To build a network of women who want to share outdoor activities and interests; (2) To improve women's outdoor skills; and (3) To support an ethic of stewardship for the earth.

Women Outdoors newsletter editor Debbie Sugarman (Outdoor Rec., Unity College, Unity 04988, 948-3131, 948-2053) is the contact for the June 4 rock climbing at Acadia National Park. Registrar Ruth Rohde (83 St. Lawrence, Portland 04101, 774-7066) will coordinate "Biking the Coast"

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June 22--Solstice celebration of music and magic with Michael Noll.

June 23--European folk music and dance.

June 24--"Jammin'"--all of the above.

June 25--Tribute to John Lennon and Bob Marley.

All activities are free, though donations will be accepted, of course. Barter too. Participants are asked to bring food to share, bedding, tents, instruments, rain gear, and personal belongings if they want to be part of the Consort in Unity for one day or fourteen. (Some dorm space is also available.) Or just come for the late afternoon and evening events.

Their motto: "This is a gathering of idealists, a consort of ideals. An experiment, and a reality. It is what we make it."

For more on this unique event: Consort in Unity, RFD 2 Box 330, Brooks 04921 (no phone) or try Unity College, 948-3131.

IN CASE IT RAINS ☁

If your entertainment tastes are less active, try the movies. Railroad Square Cinema (Box 945, Waterville 04901, 873-6526) offers several special films during June. "Lianna" (June 3-6) describes how a married woman falls in love with another woman and how she comes to terms with that. The award-winning "Missing," (June 7-9) is a thinly disguised view of the 1973 Chilean military coup, during which the socialist government of Salvador Allende was overthrown, and the role of the U.S. government in it. And on June 22-23, all three films recently declared "propaganda" by the U.S. government, "Acid Rain: Requiem or Recovery," "If You Love This Planet," and "Acid from Heaven," will be shown.

For those in the Portland area, the Movies (Exchange St., Portland) will host winners of the Maine Student Film Festival at 12:30 PM on Sat., June 4. Sponsored by the Maine Alliance of Media Artists (Box 4320 Sta. A, Portland 04101, 773-1130), the festival will feature films by Pre-teen (under 12), Junior (12-15), and Senior (16-19) filmmakers.

in S. Hapswell on June 11. Sandy Jacques (783-2696) will host a potluck and group meeting for Women Outdoors in Auburn on June 22, 6 PM. A canoe trip for women over 30 is planned for July 10-16. Contact one of the above for a complete schedule.

* A DREAM COME TRUE *

Women in the Portland area (and men too) can look forward to several unique events coming up in June. To wit:

First there is Libana, a women's chorus celebrating women's creativeness through traditional music and dance of Celtic, Eastern European, and other ethnic traditions. This is a Boston-based group, making a special visit to the State St. Church (wheelchair accessible), 159 State St., Portland on Saturday, June 11 for a 7 PM concert. Three dollars gets you in for a unique musical experience.

Then there's Sherry Redding's benefit reading from her poetry book "Close to the Bone" at Anastasia's Book Store, 138 Commercial St., Portland (\$2 donation) at 8 PM on June 4. Proceeds go to The Common Scold, the newsletter of women in the Portland area.

Redding will also present a Dream Workshop on the previous evening (7-9:30) and all day June 4 (9:30-4:30) at 372 Preble St., S. Portland. For \$17, participants will be treated to a (self) analysis of various dreams thru visualization, analysis, and imagination. Bring a lunch.

And the following day, June 5, there will be a special women's meeting to create more cohesiveness, support, and unity of effort within the Portland women's movement. Child care is available. Come to the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. from noon to 5 PM if you are a woman looking for support and action around feminist issues.

For details on any of the above or a copy of the newsletter: Common Scold, 372 Preble St., S. Portland 04106, 799-6905.

♪ SONGS OF THE EARTH

Singer/guitarist Susan Osborn, lead vocalist with the Paul Winter Consort, comes to the Hancock County Auditorium, downtown Ellsworth, on June 17 for a concert entitled "Songs of the Earth," to benefit peace efforts. Osborn, who will also present a workshop at Hardscrabble Hill in Orland during the weekend (see P. 7), combines the perspectives of women, nature, peace, and planetary consciousness in her presentation. Tickets are available from the Auditorium or from Hardscrabble, Box 130, Orland 04472, 469-7112.

CELEBRATE MOM'S DAY..

For an evening of fun and frolic, the Midwives of Maine will hold a benefit fundraiser at the First Congregational Church, Maine St. at Eustis Parkway in Waterville on June 4, 6 PM to midnight. Tim Sample will host an auction of fine Maine crafts and home-baked goods. A concert by County Down will highlight the evening, followed by music for swinging with the Rio Bisbee Band. Desserts will be served, and a door prize of dinner for two at the Last Unicorn will be awarded. Admission is \$4, kids free.

To find out more about MOM: Jill Breen, RFD 1, St. Albans 04971, 938-4129.

HAVE YOU GOT THE SPIRIT?

Susan Savell and Brooke Medicine Eagle will perform in a "Celebration of Peace," an evening of music, chants, and meditation on Wednesday, June 8, 7:30 PM at the State St. Church, 159 State St., Portland. Brooke Medicine Eagle will read, chant, pray, and meditate to Susan Savell's music. Together, they "create a celebration of the healing forces at work on the planet."

Raised on a Crow reservation, Medicine Eagle received spiritual training from a Northern Cheyenne medicine woman and university training in psychology. She combines Native and Western approaches in doing spiritual, physical, and political healing.

Singer and songwriter Savell presents her spirituality as a distinctive blend of Western, Eastern, and Native religious traditions. An ordained minister, she has worked primarily on social justice and peace issues; her music blends together commitments to healing and justice.

Bass player Carrie Barton, who appeared recently with singer Holly Near, will accompany the performers.

The concert is sponsored by the Feminist Spiritual Community, in cooperation with a coalition of peace and church groups. Child care will be available. Admission is \$4/adults, \$2/youngsters and elders. For more information on the concert or the Feminist Spiritual Community: Elly Haney, 159 State St., Portland 04101, 774-6396.

"The vote is the opiate of the people."
--E. Goldman

THIS SUBJECT ISN'T SO DRY → THEY'RE ALL WET °°°°

Have you ever wondered what makes local community development projects succeed or fail? On June 16-18 you can find out at the New England and Maritimes Rural Development Symposium at Upton Hastings Hall, Univ. of Southern Maine, Gorham. The symposium will run from 7 PM Thursday to 3 PM Saturday. Rural development groups are urged to bring literature, photo displays, etc. to share with other groups.

Nathan Gray, director of the Center for Education and Communication in Boston, will be the keynote speaker on Thurs. evening, speaking on empowering grassroots leadership. A banquet and contradance, open to the public, will take place on Friday eve.

There will be 5 workshops on Friday and Saturday: Common Factors (in rural development); Learnings from Experience (critical factors in success and failure); Processes that Work (funding, leadership, management, etc.); Strategies for Rural Development, and Implications for Local Areas (what are the next steps).

Cost for the Symposium is \$55, including all food and lodging. To register or for display information: Judy Kilgore, PO Box 2239, Augusta 04330, 289-3511, 696-4688.

And if you want to get involved in rural development on a full-time basis:

The School of Human Services at New Hampshire College offers a Master's and a joint B.A. and M.A. degree in the area of Community Economic Development. The program is designed for working adults who are currently in the fields of community development, community organizing, and human services. It meets one full weekend per month in Manchester, N. H. and is fully licensed and accredited.

Community economic development (CED) is viewed as a development strategy for the revitalization of low and moderate income rural and urban areas. CED includes a wide range of social and economic activities with the goal of community revitalization. They are seeking Maine people with grass roots experiences as students.

For more info, call 603-485-8415 x544 or write to the School of Human Services, New Hampshire College, 2500 River Rd., Manchester, N.H. 03104.

The notice reads "rain or shine," and poets will be liberally sprinkled throughout the day at the Maine Poets' Festival, June 4-5, no matter what the weather. At the Institute for Advanced Thinking, 22 Salmond St., Belfast, where the event will be held, stay in a fog for the whole time, become misty as poems touch your deepest nerve endings, and precipitate new insights. Bern Porter, raining poet laureate of Maine, will eliminate dampened spirits and cheer up wet blankets with his dry wit, and he will hail a flood of young poets with a deluge of compliments. A condensation of the best of Maine's poetry will be the reward. "Bring your bathing suits."

!!!!!! COME ALIVE! !!!!!

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center will again host the 9th Annual Heritage Days Festival with a mish-mash of hodge-podge events. Where else in Livermore Falls can you find craft exhibits and demos, animal shows, sports events, Morris dancing, and guided tours of an original 1823 schoolhouse, all on June 23-26? Why, at Washburn-Norlands, of course. Tours of the Washburn mansion and library are also available for a small cost. Admission to the extravaganza is one buck.

For a schedule of events or directions, write Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, RFD 2 Box 1740, Livermore Falls 04254 or call 897-2236, 897-4918 or ask anyone in Liv. Falls where the Center is.

THE NECESSITIES OF ORGANIZING

The Eastern Maine Consumer Action Committee, a new chapter of the Maine People's Alliance, is off and running (not in a marathon, they hope). Active campaigns include: returning membership control of the Eastern Maine Electric Coop back to members, fighting escalating electric rates, studying the quality and cost of health care, studying the reasons for the high cost of necessities (food, gas, fuel oil), and cleaning up hazardous waste sites.

They need help to make this broad-based people's movement succeed. To get more involved or just to find out what they are doing: Ernie White, 29 Summit St., Woodland 04694, 427-3400.

"Termite Idology--make change little by little."

- VOICES FROM THE THIRD WORLD -

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REPEAT PERFORMANCE?

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Ivan Suzman will speak on June 1, 7:15 PM on "Jewish People in Racially Segregated South Africa--What Does This Mean for Us?" at Temple Beth El, 400 Deering Ave., Portland. He will show a film, "You Have Struck a Rock," about how five women, black and white, view conditions under apartheid in South Africa. A discussion will follow, and the program is free.

~~~~~THIS STORY HAS NO MORRILL~~~~~

Deadline for July events/articles is, as always, June 20. Send all information to INVERT, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489 or call it in to 827-3107.

## WOODN'T YOU LIKE TO JOIN?

While the heating season has ended for a while, any smart amateur wood burner knows that now, at the latest, is the time to get next fall/winter's wood. The twelve members of the York Co. Wood Coop invite you to join them in a cooperative venture to buy, cut, and haul wood to keep roasty and toasty next winter.

About 25 cords of wood are <sup>already</sup> available, although present members have first call, dry and ready to burn. Last year's price of \$75/cord--cut, split, and delivered--will hopefully hold again. Each member must contribute 5 hours/cord, usually done on weekends. The coop has a truck and a splitter and hopes to have commercial saws soon.

Membership is open to anyone within 10-15 miles of Sanford, including Alfred, Springvale, and parts of Shapleigh, Lebanon, N. Berwick, Waterboro, Wells, and Lyman. To join the coop: Don Leuchs, PO Box 72, Sanford 04073, 324-5762.

## \* TIME FOR HEALING \*

The weekend of June 10-12 is devoted to "Healing Ourselves" holistically. Naturopathic doctors, therapeutic touch practitioners, and guests from Dr. Bernard Siegel's "exceptional cancer patients" group will lead workshops on optimum nutrition, nurturing massage, psychosynthesis, and much more.

The site is the World Fellowship Center, near Conway, N.H. Weekend cost is \$80. For information on registration, contact Dr. Becky Mulkern, Center for NBH Health and Medicine, Friends for Health, Box 99, Conway, N.H. 03818, or call 603-356-6803.

## → 80 MILES PER GALLON? ←

The MCAT (Maine Center for Appropriate Technology) is a new research, development, and education organization currently looking for paths to self-reliance in energy on local and state levels.

The group's main project at present deals with ways to increase vehicle gas mileage. Our correspondant, Glenn Fenlason, reports to have decreased emissions and increased power on his vehicle and hopes to have it running at 80 miles to the gallon by summer.

Projects are also underway related to energy efficient buildings (such as double envelope houses) and biothermal energy. A solar greenhouse is being converted to a composting greenhouse.

The MCAT is looking for co-workers, and they want to hear from other appropriate technology groups. Get in touch with Glenn Fenlason, MCAT, RFD 3 Box 508, Augusta 04330.

## BACK FORTY IN THE FOREFRONT

One of the easier appropriate technology devices to build or set up is a solar water heating system, using mounted all-season solar collectors to collect heat energy to be put into the existing hot water system.

6 One source for the necessary information and equipment to install your own solar hot water system is The Back Forty. The Back Forty sells collectors, pipe insulation, tanks, components and hardware, and all the other gadgets needed for a complete installation.

More importantly, they will be providing lectures and workshops in several Maine locations on how to "do-it-yourself," to build a solar water heating system. Their workshop consists of a 3-hour lecture on the principles followed by a 6-hour session on how to assemble the system. Cost for the lecture and workshop are nominal (\$10 and \$25) compared to the expense of the equipment itself.

The Back Forty will present lecture/workshops in several locations in June, starting at their warehouse in Buckfield, near Lewiston-Auburn on June 3 (7-10 PM) and June 4 (8-4). Similar presentations will be given at the Regional Vocational Technical Center in Portland on June 9 (6:30-9:30) and 11 (8:30-4:30), at Capital Area Regional Vocational Center in Augusta on June 16 (6:30-9:30) and 18 (8:30-4:30) and at Sunrise Solar in Ellsworth, date to be determined.

For a list of solar water heating equipment, a description of the workshop, or other questions: The Back Forty, Box 157, Depot St., Buckfield 04220, 336-2021.

## ☀️ TAKE A (RESPONSIBLE) VACATION ☀️

For many of us summer is a time of disquiet and despair: slugs devour our gardens; winter's wood sits uncut and unsplit; hordes of insects threaten our inner peace and safety; the kids, out of school, are bored and itching to pick fights. We long to escape, but are consumed with guilt for evading our "responsibilities."

If this sketch is an accurate (even slightly) description of your dilemma, let MSN's vacation-planning service (one of our lesser known and less notorious activities) help you choose an alternative that will let you combine the search for personal growth or social change, the learning of new information or skills, and just plain fun.

For the faint of heart of those with klunky vehicles, we'll start close to home and then go to other parts of New England to sample unconventional vacation spots.

Hardscrabble Hill in Orland offers a series of residential courses and retreats for women designed to "expand the heart, challenge thinking, and offer practical tools and experience." Course topics range from Women-Building to Writing Poems. Tuition varies; rooms are \$12/day for a private room, \$8 for a loft-floor, and \$3.50 for tenting; meals are \$12/day. For a catalogue, write Hardscrabble Hill, Castine Rd., Box 130, Orland 04472, 469-7112.

A June special at Hardscrabble is "Women-Building," an 8-day workshop (June 10-17) on shelter-building--including carpentry, design, and other skills. Cost is \$175. Susan Osborn (see article P. 3) follows with a June 17-19 workshop on "Opening the Self to the Power of Song."

Moving down the coast, we come to the Hersey Retreat on Sandy Point in Waldo Co., the oldest Unitarian-Universalist camp and conference center on the continent. It offers both a series of week-long youth camps and a variety of family vacation weeks that combine structured programs to facilitate inner growth with unstructured time. Rates for vacation weeks are \$120 for adults, \$35-95 for children, depending on age; those for youth camps are \$80 for juniors, \$95 for high-schoolers. For a brochure: Hersey Retreat, Box 1125, Bangor 04401.

Another U-U facility is Ferry Beach in Saco. You can rent a room in the historic Quillen Hotel or camp in the Grove and take part in one of the 31 (count 'em) programs offered this summer. Children's program-

ming, with its own staff, is also available. For details, get in touch with directors Norma and John Taylor, 5 Morris Ave., Saco 04072, 282-4489.

June is a quiet month at Ferry Beach, but it does include "Single Life: A Positive Perspective," June 24-27, \$60, and "Single Parenting," July 9-16.

Northern Pines does offer a few special programs (late summer, fall) but specializes in being a wholistic health resort offering regular programs and facilities for a more healthful lifestyle.

Classes in various aspects of natural health, swimming, physical exercise facilities, yoga, and evening activities are offered daily. A special library, special meals, sauna, hot tub, Samahdi Isolation Tank, and hiking trails are available. Rates are \$350-395/week. Northern Pines, Box 279, Raymond 04071, 655-7624.

Moving slightly over the border into New Hampshire, we come to the World Fellowship Center in Conway, which offers "restful but thought-provoking" vacations for concerned people. Topics of a few of the many programs offered are: "Recapturing Socialist History," "The Arms Race or the Human Race," and "Gray Panthers Week." Rates vary from \$63-197/week depending on whether you camp out or live in. For a brochure, write Christoph and Kathryn Schmauch, RR 1 Birch St., N. Conway, N.H. 03860, 603-356-5208. After June 12: R.D. Box 136, Conway, N.H. 03818, 603-447-2280.

Two early programs are the 4th Annual "Healing Ourselves" weekend, June 10-12 (see article P. 6) and "The Economy--Depression, Stagnation, or Recovery" with members of the Union of Radical Political Economists, July 2-7.

Another Place (Rt. 123, Greenville, N.H. 03048, 603-878-9883) combines the personal, political, and especially the traditional perspectives at its conference center. June events include a "Storytelling" weekend (June 10-12) with experienced storytellers as well as amateurs to learn from and talk to. Costs are \$25 for the program and \$25 for room and board. Ben Benjamin offers a workshop on "Assertive Communication Skills" on June 18-19 (costs are \$100 and \$25). Preregister by June 10.  
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The Institute for Social Ecology will sponsor a three-week summer program, "Social Ecology: Community for Social Change," July 15-August 6 at the Stowe School in Stowe, Vermont. ISE focuses on the social roots of our ecological crisis, working toward a "reconstructive practice which can help reharmonize people's relation to the natural world."

The program offers a basic "Ecology and Society" course and special programs in Social Theory, Alternative Technology, Holistic Health, Ecological Agriculture, and Feminism and Ecology. College credit is available for the program, whose comprehensive fee (tuition, room, and board) is \$750. To apply or inquire, write Gloria Goldberg, Box 89, Dept. S, Plainfield Vt. 05667.

Rowe Camp in Rowe, Mass. is founded on a belief in freedom, trusting those who participate to shape a community through their respect for the freedom and integrity of others. "We never 'make' any camper do anything, but seek to provide such wonderful and exciting programs that everyone wants to participate." Over the course of the summer, Rowe will offer a variety of camps for both young people and the not-so-young. For more info--even a slide show--write them at King's Highway Rd., Rowe, Mass. 01367; call 413-339-4216.

A special weekend, June 24-26, of "Music to Transform the World" features Holly Near, Charlie King, and Betsy Rose, singing songs of peace, women, justice, and other movements and giving workshops on music as a social force. Near will give a concert nearby on the 25th.

Rowe will also have a special Fourth of July Celebration, July 1-4, with clowns, poets, Sumitra, and a host of others. Costs are \$80 for the music weekend (inc. the Holly Near concert), \$110 for the Fourth, and various costs for the camp.

The Center for Popular Economics, which is dedicated to the proposition that the Gloomy Science doesn't have to be dull as well, will be holding its fifth annual summer institute on the campus of Hampshire College, Amherst, Mass. Three one-week sessions will run July 10-16, July 31-Aug. 6, and Aug. 14-20.

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Those attending will learn the basics of conventional economic analysis as well as alternative approaches. They will likely leave with ideas to use in combatting Reaganomics in local communities and to work with poor people, labor unions, minorities, women, and The Third World on this crucial issue.

Cost for these one-week programs are \$220 for low-income folks, \$330-440 for others (scholarships available). Write to CPE, Box 785, Amherst, Mass. 01004 or call 413-545-0743.

## IN THE WILDERNESS

Although most wilderness canoe trips are primarily for fun, the North Woods Arts Center will attempt to combine the enjoyment of the outdoors with a learning of the skills of the past. They will be sponsoring several "Wilderness Canoe Travel" trips along the Moose River near Jackman, including training in paddling techniques, portaging, canoe poling, and equipment selection/use as well as spectacular scenery.

All equipment will be traditional, from wood and canvas canoes to handmade paddles to ash pack baskets. Trips will be led by Alexandra and Garrett Conover, registered guides. Five-day trips/courses are scheduled for June 14-18, July 2-6, and in August, Sept., and Oct. All equipment, food, shelter, except personal gear (sleeping bag, clothes) are included in the \$300 cost.

For a description of this course (there is also one in wood-canvas canoe construction), contact the North Woods Arts Center, PO Box 42, Dover-Foxcroft 04426.

## THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!

This is your last chance to be a volunteer (that means you get to wear a special T-shirt and get in free) for the Common Ground Country Fair to work in agricultural demonstrations, promotions, children's area, animals, logistics, and/or the schoolhouse talks. No experience is necessary. "Come join this unique event!" says the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn. To volunteer, call MOFGA at 622-3118 or write Box 2176, Augusta 04330.

"When the well's dry, we know the worth of water."--B. Franklin

# PESTS EMERGE FROM WET SPRING

As trees sprout their leaves, insects also come out, and chief among them is the spruce budworm. In spite of mutterings, objections, and protests, another year of spraying, using both matacil (chemical--85%) and Bt (biological--15%) has begun.

One way of trying to keep the spraying out of areas where people or animals might be adversely affected is through the use of a voluntary program (no legal basis) sponsored by the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn. (MOFGA), the "No Spray Register." This is a listing of landowners who wish to avoid accidental or inadvertent spraying of their property with toxic chemicals of any kind at any time.

While legislation has been proposed, there is at present no requirement that sprayers notify abutting landowners of their intention to spray. This cooperative approach is seen as helpful until a legal definition of "chemical trespass" can be established. To get on the list (meaning sprayers will be notified that you don't want stuff on your property), contact the MOFGA Legislative Committee, PO Box 380, Rockport 04856. The register can be used for budworm spraying or applied to any other taxoc chemical.

PEST (Protect Our Environment Against Sprayed Toxins) has revived itself and has been promoting Bt as a lesser of evils regarding spruce budworm and also trying to mobilize support against the use of Velpar for blueberries and Temik for potatoes. Both are chemicals reputed to cause contamination of water supplies and to affect the area's ecology in a number of ways. See the June issue of the Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener for more on Temik.

Residues of 2,4,5,T, an herbicide recently banned from commercial use, were found in water supplies in the town of Lebanon, near Sanford, prompting residents to form "Save the People from Herbicides" (SPH) to pass a town ordinance prohibiting "any commercial spraying for non-agricultural reasons of herbicides in our town unless approved by town meeting vote." Steven Podsiadlo of SPH, RFD 1 E. Lebanon 04027, 457-2168 is urging other towns to adopt a similar ordinance. Contact him for a copy of the Lebanon version.

PEST is becoming more active with its newsletter, The Gadfly, and a new board of directors. It will discuss its upcoming strategy for future spraying in Maine, elect more board members, and address other upcoming issues at a special meeting on June 4, 2:30 PM, at the Memorial Union (Bangor Lounge), UMO, Orono. New members and interested bystanders are welcome. More details or copies of The Gadfly from PEST, RFD 1 Box 304, Mil-bridge 04658, 546-7293.

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June 21--"Stress Reduction" w/Lillian McMullin, 12-1, Everywomen's Center, Boys/Girls Club, Box 1170, Waterville, 872-9482.

June 22--MSN circus in Liberty (5)

June 23-4--Maine State Nurses Assn. Nursing Summit, Colby Col., Waterville. MSNA, Box 2240, Augusta 04330, 622-1057.

June 23-26--Washburn-Norlands Heritage Days (4)

June 25--Gordon Bok Request Concert, \$5/6, Camden Opera House, 8 PM.

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(Listings with numbers following have more details on that page number)

May 27-29--Maine Writers Festival, First Parish U-U Church, Cafe Domus, others in Portland. Call MWPA's Denis Ledoux, 353-5454 or Mark Melnicove, 666-3637 for details. 10

May 29-30--Peace concerts/celebrations (1)

May 30--Memorial Day dinner "catered" by Friends Food Coop, noon, Community Hall, Liberty. Friends Food Coop, Box 224, Liberty 04949, 589-4605.

June-July--Programs at various retreats, camps, and education centers (7-8)

June-July--Outdoor/indoor entertainment (2)

June 1--Ivan Suzman on South Africa (5)

June 3--"The Long Note" doing Irish music, 8 PM, \$5, at Performing Arts Center at Bath, 804 Washington St., Bath 04530, 442-8455.

June 3--Trumpet/organ recital w/Suzanne Felber and Mark Fenderson, 7:30 PM, St. Dom's Church, State/Gray Sts. Portland, free.

June 3-4--Sherry Redding workshop/reading (3)

June 3-5--"Lasting Change" workshop at USM, Portland. Fran Szostek, Box 379, Orono 04473, 947-6994.

June 3,4,9,11,16,18--Back Forty workshops (6)

June 4--MOM's benefit in Waterville (3)

June 4--PEST meets in Orono (9)

June 4-5--Maine Poets' Festival in Bel. (4)

June 4-5--"Our Parents, Our Past" w/Cristen White, \$120. Wholistic Health Resource Center, 33 Ledge lawn, Bar Harbor, 288-4128.

June 4-5--Food Abuse Workshop w/Maddy Spadola, 9-6, USM, 92 Bedford St., Portland, \$40. Maddy, 140 Washington, Camden, 236-9022.

June 5--Portland women's meeting (3)

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June 5--Political activists Mitch Goodman and Henry Braun read at A Piece of Cake, Farmington, 7:30 for Maine! Writers! Alive!

June 7,28--"Management" for small businesses in Waterville (7) & Farmington (28), \$30. Maine Idea, Box 147, Pittsfield, 487-3195.

June 8--Susan Savell/Brooke Med. Eagle (3)

June 9--"Grease" benefit for Family Crisis Shelter by Portland Players, 420 Cottage Rd., S. Portland, 8 PM, \$8. Call 799-8744.

June 10-12--"Healing Ourselves" workshop (6)

June 11--Libana in concert in Port. (3)

June 11--CONA Annual Meeting (5)

June 11--Maine Holistic Health Network, 1-8, w/support and stress workshops and potluck, Windham Comm. Center. MHHN, PO Box 7482, Portland 04112, 688-4404.

June 12--Hands in Peace (5)

June 12-25--Consort in Unity (1)

June 14-18--North Woods Canoe Trip (8)

June 15--Maine! Writers! Alive! w/Bern Porter and Mark Melnicove, Witherle Mem. Library, Castine, 7:15 PM, free.

June 16--"If You Love This Planet" w/Helen Caldicott, 7:30 PM, Brunswick Pub. Library (tent. location) w/discussion to follow. Call Lars Rydell, 725-5803.

June 16-18--Rural Development Symposium (4)

June 17--Susan Osborn concert in Ells. (3)

June 18--Maine Nuclear Weapons Freeze Congress, 9-4, All Souls Unitarian, 11 King St., Augusta. MNWFC, Box 3842, Portland 04104, 772-0680.

June 18--Poetry reading at Bangor Interweave, 6 PM, Unitarian Church, Bangor.

June 21--Maine Audubon Annual Meeting, Atlantic House Hotel, Scarborough, 5-9, Me. Audubon, 118 Old Rt. One, Falmouth, 781-2330.

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