

UU Galveston Gazette

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

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Tree Conservancy Needs Your Vote!

The Galveston Island Tree Conservancy is among the top 20 finalists to receive funding from Toms of Maine to help replace trees on the island that were destroyed by Hurricane Ike. Toms of Maine is the popular shoe company that is best known for donating one pair of shoes to a person in an impoverished country for each pair it sells in its stores or on the internet.

The "50 States for Good" contest will award a total of \$150,000 to six finalists, with five finalists receiving \$20,000 each, and the overall winner receiving a \$50,000 cash prize. Winners are determined by an online vote at the address listed

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<http://www.tomsofmaine.com/community-involvement/living-well/finalists-overview/poll>



A Month Of Sundays

Gerry Carr,

"Water Ceremony"

SEPT 4 As Unitarian Universalists, we are free to create rituals and to celebrate life passages in ways we feel express our values and our faith. The water ceremony has become a ritual in our fellowship to mark the end of summer and the beginning of the church year. During this service, you will be invited to add water to a common bowl and share personal experiences. You may bring water saved from travels, water from your home or use water provided as a symbol.

Greeter: Bev Frannea

Board Member: Margaret Canavan

Music: Bunny Andrews

Joanna Crawford,

"What Shall We Say About 9/11?"

SEPT 11 This Sunday, we pause to reflect on the 10th anniversary of what has come to be known as the "September 11 Attacks" or simply "9/11." How should we remember that day and what meaning should we draw from it? A lifelong Unitarian Universalist, Joanna Fontaine Crawford recently completed her summer chaplaincy at Methodist Hospital in Houston. She is a UU candidate for ministry and the Intern Minister for the Church of the Larger Fellowship. She lives in North Houston with her husband and their four children.

Greeter: Vickie Francil Board Member/Facilitator: Bets Anderson

Music: Margaret Canavan



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Rev. John Pepper,

"The Sunday Morning Good News with John Pepper"

SEPT 18 There is a lot of good news out there and from time to time we need to focus on the positive. This sermon will celebrate and report on the ongoing Good News in the World and our own Freedom of Religion. Rev. John Pepper is a visiting minister from Houston. He preaches twice a month in Huntsville at the Thoreau Wood UU Church and once a month at his home church, the Unitarian Fellowship of Houston. John also works full-time as an Operations Supervisor for the Office of Pipeline Safety within the US DOT.

Greeter: Bets Anderson

Board Member: TBA

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Music: Woody Dickson

Beth Thomas,

Ingathering / "Archetypal Healing Stories I Tell Myself Through My Art"

SEPT 25 Artist Beth Thomas will explain her creative method of experiential learning and the studio art practice that results. Traveling to the source of inspiring cultures, searching for ancient ruins and rock art and participation in Native American Lakota Sioux Ceremony for over a decade have informed many works. Personal experiences of loss and healing have also been an important influence in the artworks. A Kansas native, Beth has been an artist/educator in Texas since 1981 and Professor of Art at Galveston College since 1992. She exhibits her art widely and teaches ceramic workshops at universities and colleges throughout Texas.

Greeter: Madeleine Baker Board Member/Facilitator: John Frannea

Music: Tony DiNuzzo

Greetings from Your President

Dear UU Members and Friends:

What are your hopes for our UU Fellowship? What spiritual and personal needs do you believe our UU Fellowship should address? What is your view of the ideal UU church fellowship for Galveston?

As you contemplate these questions, take notes of your thoughts and revisit them from time to time. Share your best ideas with each other and our Board so we can work together to design solutions with you. Your ideas and thoughts are the seeds for our UU



fields. We are eager to plant and grow an ever more bountiful and joyous spiritual home for all of us.

Let us make a rewarding and exciting year for our faith community as we work together to support each one's spiritual path.

Billie Rinaldi, President UUFG

Workshop Focuses On Nonviolent Communication

Do you want to create more connection with family? Reduce your stress in your workplace? Be more compassionate with yourself and others?

The **Decade of Nonviolence Houston** invites you to attend a free introductory workshop in Nonviolent Communication (also known as Compassionate Communication) by Raj Gill, CNVC certified trainer and co-founder of the Freedom Project, Canada, on Thursday Sept. 15th from 6-9 pm at the Dominican Center for Spirituality at 6501 Almeda Rd. in Houston. This will be followed on Sept. 16-18 by intermediate workshops held at the Covenant Church, an Ecumenical, Liberal, Baptist Congregation. For more information about any of these workshops, please go to <http://www.houstonnvc.org>.



Get Connected with UUFGC



Meetings are at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted. Everyone is invited and welcome to all listed activities

Alcoholics Anonymous Phoenix Group meets Sunday & Wednesday at 8pm. Contact Robert G. for information at 409-392-7005.

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9am (except potluck days) to explore topics in religion, philosophy, history & politics. Contact Neil Huddleston at (409)744-2369.

Board of UUFGC meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30pm.

Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Contact Fanny DeGesero if you have book suggestions.

Book Sale monthly on second Saturday, 9am-2pm, at the fellowship. All adult hardback books are \$ 1.00, paperbacks \$ 0.50. Children's hardback books are \$ 0.50 and paperbacks are \$ 0.25.

Bowlers will meet at 5 pm each Wednesday to create "Empty Bowls" for the annual Jesse Tree fundraiser. Please check availability before showing up.

Choir rehearsals are held approximately twice monthly and are generally listed in the calendar in this newsletter. If you would like to participate please

contact Bets Anderson, director Susan Vaughan, or any choir member for the future rehearsal schedule.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Monday at 11 am. Contact Laura Murrell for info: (lauramurrell@att.net).

Spirit Circle is a small group ministry focused on sharing and deep listening about the "big questions." The group follows a process with opening words, meditation, readings, sharing and closing words. The group will be limited to 8 participants and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Fellowship. Once the group starts it will be closed to new members until the next session. The fall session will run from September 13 through November. Please contact Gerry Carr at gcarr@tlc-galveston.org for more information.

Dance Classes: Galveston Dance Club offers classes each Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm. Questions, call Betty at 281-337-0441. See <http://www.galvestondanceclub.com>.

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm, at Mosquito Caf 

in Galveston. Join them or contact Gerry Carr if you have a program to suggest.

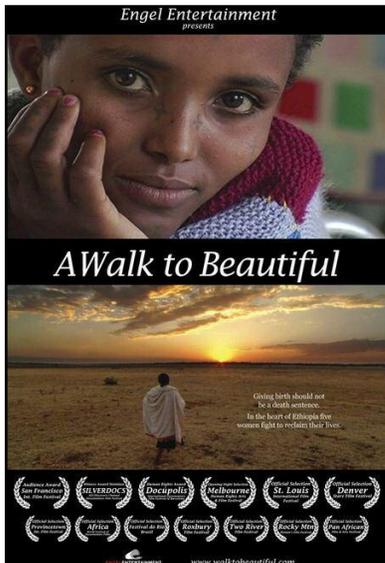
"Spirituality of Poker" Group meets the third Sunday of each month in a member's home to play "dealer's choice". Location is in the monthly calendar and is announced in weekly emails and the Sunday bulletin. Game Night is not currently held for lack of a host (let us know if you'd like to host!).

Social Action Committee meets the first Sunday of each month after service and welcomes your ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Supper Circles meet monthly. Call Judy Glaister at (409)762-8187 to schedule a supper, sign up for one, or for information.

Meditation: *Zen Island Fellowship* meets every Monday at 5:30pm, Contact Cara Geary (gcarat@comcast.net) or visit <http://galvestonzen.org/>. *Natural Awareness Meditation* meets Thursdays at 5:30pm, contact Terry Conrad (409)599-7268.

Have an open group meeting you'd like to list here? Let us know and we'll add it.



FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE Provocative Film Series Friday, September 2, 7 p.m. 502 Church Street, Galveston *A Walk to Beautiful*

In this award-winning documentary, a difficult journey that begins in hopelessness and shame for thousands of women in Ethiopia ends in a productive new life. The film tells the personal stories of rural women who make their way to Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, seeking treatment for obstetric fistula, a life-shattering complication of childbirth. Filmed in a starkly beautiful landscape, the documentary juxtaposes the isolated lives of village women who are outcasts because of their medical condition, with the faraway hospital that offers a miracle after a long and arduous trek — a "walk to beautiful."

Bring a friend and a snack to share.

2011 - 2012 UUFGC Board of Directors

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Book Sale: The UU Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 10, from 9 am to 2 pm. Books are \$1.00 for hardbacks and \$0.50 for paperbacks.

Book Club: Will Meet September 14 at 7 pm in the living room at the fellowship to discuss *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang; upcoming readings will include *Birds Without Wings* by Louis de Bernières (October); *All Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum (November); and *Crow Lake* by Mary Lawson (December.)

Bowlers: Have resumed working on bowls for the 2012 Jesse Tree fundraiser and will meet each week at 5 pm at the fellowship. Please check for availability before showing up.

Supper Circle: Mike Hennen and Susan Vaughan are hosting the

September Supper Circle on Sunday, September 11 at 5:30 pm. At By the Sea Condominiums, 7310 Seawall Blvd., in the Piano Bar. The theme is foods from your garden (or someone else's, as the case may be). There is no limit, but please sign up on the bulletin board.

"Spirituality of Poker" will meet at John Hunger's, at 6:30pm on Sunday, September 18. All are invited to participate. There is a \$20 buy-in.

Ingatherings are scheduled once a quarter on the last Sunday of the month. The two remaining for 2011 will be on September 25, and December 25. If you are not already a member, think about accepting the joys and responsibilities of membership in this Fellowship. Please contact Cheryl Henry, Membership Chair, if you are interested in becoming a member.

Olsen Named President of Nature Tourism Council

Diane Olsen has been selected as President of the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council.

GINTC's mission is to sponsor, support and develop nature-based educational and recreational activities,

and promote the value of the natural habitats and resources of the Galveston area.

To learn more about the council's programs or events, please visit www.galvestonnaturetourism.org/.

Trees

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on Page 1. The contest began August 2 and will continue through September 13. You can vote once per day (per computer) – just remember to follow the directions and type the code into the box and click "confirm vote" for your vote to be counted. As of August 17, the Galveston Island Tree Conservatory was in first place. Winners will be announced on or before October 11, 2011.

The 2008 storm destroyed about 40,000 trees city-wide, including roughly 11,000 on public property including in parks and down leafy streets. About 300 trees were killed on Broadway alone.

The Apache Corporation, a Houston-based oil and gas company, paid approximately \$128,000 to replace about 15 live oaks along two blocks of Broadway that weighed about 8 tons apiece.

Now, tree-lovers are hoping the donation stimulates even more giving. Essentially all of Galveston's tree-replanting has been funded by outside donors, although authorities have been providing logistical and other support. So, there is

a need for millions of more dollars. Estimates range from between \$1.5 million to \$3 million to replant Broadway alone. Unknown millions more will be required to re-plant the rest of the city.

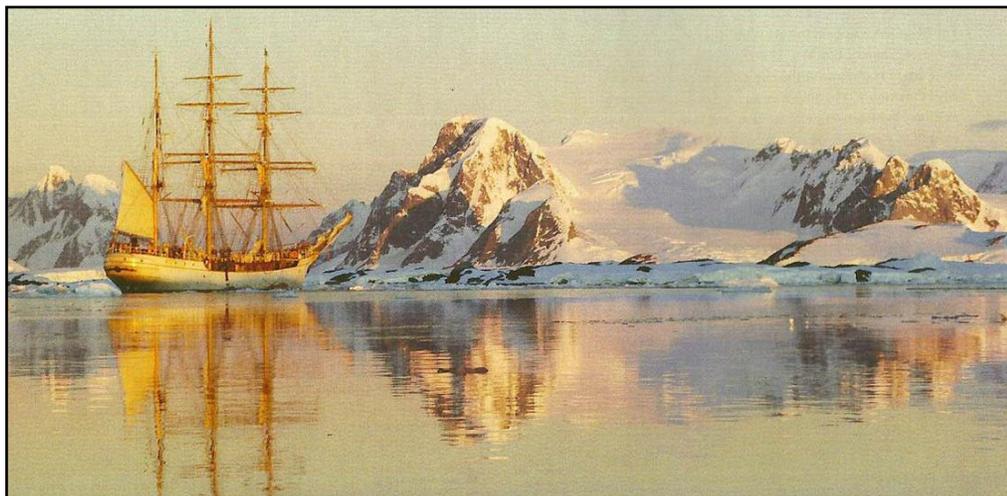
Be Thoughtful To Our Guests

A request to UUFGC members: As a welcoming gesture for new visitors, will you please leave the back rows open during a worship service?

Saturday, September 24th · 5-8 pm
502 Church Street · Galveston, Tx

YOU'RE INVITED!

"The friends of Beth present "Reliquary: Ceramics and Photography" by Beth Thomas. UU's, friends and family are cordially invited to join us at the UU Galveston for a Celebration of Beth's 20 years as an Artist/Educator in Galveston. There will be an exhibition, presentation and refreshments. Please join us.



On Friday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m Renate Backstrom, Matthew Orange, and Judy Glaister will show a 40 minute video of their three-week trip to Antartctica in January/February 2011 aboard the sailing ship, Europa. Wine, cheese and snacks will be served.



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:</p> <p><i>Kat Joel-Reich</i> 9/1 <i>Billie Rinaldi</i> 9/16 <i>Martha Terrill</i> 9/10 <i>Doris Lee</i> 9/23 <i>Patricia Morrison</i> 9/11 <i>Corinne Higbee</i> 9/28 <i>John E. Hunger</i> 9/16 <i>Steve Reubens</i> 9/30</p> | | | | <p>1</p> <p>5:30pm - Meditation 7pm - Dance Lessons</p> | <p>2</p> <p>7pm - Provocative Film, <i>A Walk To Beautiful</i></p> | <p>3</p> |
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| <p>9am - Adult Forum 18 9:15am - Choir rehearsal 10:30am - Rev. John Pepper, "The Sunday Morning Good News With John Pepper"; Children/Youth Religious Education 6:30 - Poker at John Hunger's 8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p> | <p>19 11am - Course in Miracles 5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p> | <p>20 7pm - Dance Lessons</p> | <p>21 5pm - Bowlers 8pm - AA</p> | <p>22 5:30pm - Meditation 7pm - Dance Lessons</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>POTLUCK 25 10:30am - Ingathering/Beth Thomas, "Archetypal Healing Stories I Tell Myself Through My Art"; Children/Youth Religious Education 12n: Potluck lunch - Beth Thomas will join us to discuss her ceramics and photography and answer any questions. 8pm - AA Phoenix Group</p> | <p>26 11am - Course in Miracles 5:30pm - Zen Meditation</p> | <p>27 6-7:30 pm - Spirit Circle 7pm - Dance Lessons</p> | <p>28 5pm - Bowlers 8pm - AA</p> | <p>29 5:30pm - Meditation 7pm - Dance Lessons</p> | <p>30</p> | |