

Discovery

October 2015

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Allison Generosity and Challenge

We are half way to our financial goal for the challenge of raising \$50,000. We couldn't do it without your generosity and support. Finishing touches are being put on our first ADA bedrooms with private bathrooms on our campus, Rev Tom Allison (Gayla brother and Ferry Beach member) has offered to match dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 for gifts to help us finish the project. We are so grateful for Tom's generosity. (for more see p.2)

Summer Theme 2016: Community

At Ferry Beach we are working to build a world that works for all of us, not just some us. Last year at a workshop on the Ferguson Syllabus, Marcia Chatelain reminded us to connect with one another not only in times of struggle and pain, but also in times of joy and connection.

We are inviting families and friends to Ferry Beach who help us celebrate community. We'll start the season off with Work and Play week as we nurture friends old and new, follow that up with the Profound Treasury Buddhist conference inspired by the work of Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche.

We'll have two weeks of youth camp followed by our Religious Education Week. GAYLA and Choral Fest will follow and then three family conferences in a row: one on Ecology, Family and Friends and UFAF. We welcome the Transformative Language Arts conference the weekend of August 14-16 with workshops, performances and talking circles,

featuring writers, storytellers, performers, musicians, community leaders, activists, educators, and health professionals. The conference, which moves around the U.S, was founded in 2003, and features workshops in four tracks: narrative medicine, social change, right livelihood (and making a living through the arts), ecological literacy, and engaged spirituality.

That will be followed by our women's conference now called Creatively Aging with Grace and it will be paired with Circle of Music.

Emma's Revolution and Kim and Reggie Harris will be in concert on August 20th. A Course in Miracles returns for five days followed by Quilting by the Bay, 12 Steps and Photography. Of course, will round out the summer with our Labor Day Celebration.

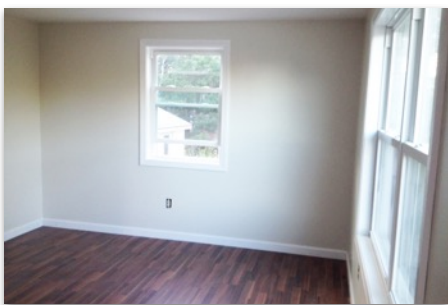
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**Crowdfunding:
FAITHIFY to reach our furnishings
goal of \$5,000!**

Tom has set a timeline for all gifts to be completed by December 1st, 2015. Please send us a gift for this important project!

Will you help us finish this project?

Please join our effort, find the "[donate now](#)" button on our website under the "Giving" tab. Or, you can send a gift to: Ferry Beach, 5 Morris Avenue, Saco, Maine 04072. Our FAITHIFY page is under "Ferry Beach ADA Challenge" less than 20 days left! Thank you!



Why Community, Why Now?

Joanna Macy, the eco-philosopher created the "work that reconnects" as a way to awaken ourselves to the earth's destruction. Unbeknownst to us, Ferry Beach's summer themes began to focus us in similar ways to the work that reconnects. We started by affirming our Transformation, (from serious challenges to abundance) moving to Gratitude and Grace for what we have, practicing Compassion and now we are affirming Community. Next year, our theme will take us back to our Universalist roots: Love.

Macy's work takes participants from Gratitude, to Compassion, to Seeing with New Eyes and Going Forth with Active Hope. This framework, once we learned about it, helped us see how our chosen summer themes are waking us to Active Hope.

By affirming a path of transformation, we realized the importance of being grateful for what we have — this beautiful land, 32 acres and 19 buildings and the incredible communities we build each week or weekend throughout the year.

This past summer we affirmed the importance of compassion — with ourselves, with each other, with others in the world. We honored the work that was done before us here at Ferry Beach.

With community and then with love, we will honor the present and begin to affirm the future, moving into the Active Hope stage by creating Ferry Beach-Keepers, our volunteer program. We will explore the ways we can see one another with new eyes, as well as see this beautiful place in new and re-newed ways. Join us!

Upcoming Important Dates for Fall and 2016

- [STEAM Halloween & Art Workshops](#): October 31st. First Ever Family Halloween Event. Art Workshops from 3pm-5pm, Pizza at 5pm, and Dance at 6pm. Prizes for the most scary and unusual costume. Pizza, drinks (adults byob), and snacks. Overnight accommodations available in dorms. Join us for a festive time!
- [Fall Harvest Fund/Friend Raiser](#): November 14th. More details to follow.
- [Annual meeting](#): April 23, 2016, 1pm. Town Hall, 11am.



Practicing Compassion

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

Mother Teresa

"If you want others to be happy practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."

Dalai Lama

"Loving-kindness and compassion are the basis for wise, powerful, sometimes gentle, and sometimes fierce actions that can really make a difference—In our own lives and those of others"

Sharon Salzberg

[Winter Retreats - Check out the Website for More!](#)

November 27-29: Personal Retreat: Get a jump on the holidays and spend a relaxing Thanksgiving weekend at Ferry Beach.

Jan. 8-9: (1 night) Setting New Year's Intentions and Prayer with Cathy Stackpole

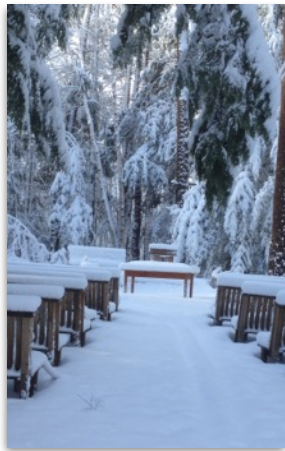
Jan. 15-18: GAYLA Reunion at Ferry Beach

Feb 6-7: (1 night) Deep Ecology with Coleen O'Connell

March 4-6: Body Sculpting and Pilates

Look for bed & breakfast specials throughout the winter!!

[Check the website for more!](#)



[STEAM Halloween & Art Workshops!](#)

Join us for a safe family fun event! Ferry Beach's first ever Halloween event! Saturday October 31st 3pm-8pm

Saturday:

3pm-5pm: Art Workshops: Metal Halloween magnets/jewelry, LED light up masks and spiders, Painting and more!

5pm-6pm: Pizza Party! Snacks! Adults BYOB!

6pm-8pm: Dance Party! Prizes for scariest/most unusual costume!

Sunday:

7:30-8:30: Continental Breakfast

9am: Checkout

Overnight accommodations available!

****Limited Spots: Advance Registration Required****

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Be sure to allow push notifications and geographic location. This will allow us to communicate with you wherever you are.

Please consider becoming a sustaining member of Ferry Beach! On the website or contact us at 207-282-4489

Family & Friends up to visit for the holidays...No room? No problem!

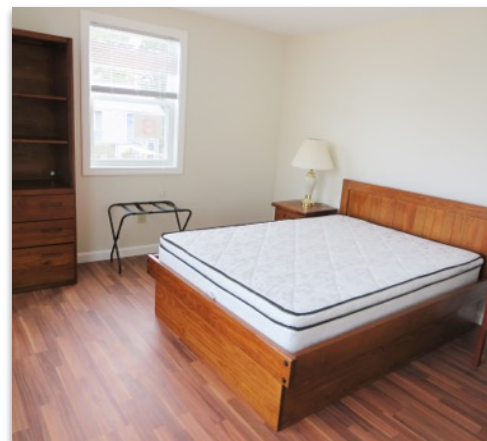


Ferry Beach can help! We've got four private bedrooms with private bathrooms.

Hopkins House off-season rates \$100

Rooms 1 and 2 one queen w/ twin pullout, stair entrance, accessible bathroom

Rooms 3 and 4 one full bed, ADA accessible, ramp access.



Call to reserve your spot today! 207-282-4489



Summer 2016 conference registration is open Mid-October!
Visit www.ferrybeach.org for more information and to register.

(Pay in full by December 1st for a summer 2016 conference and receive 5% off your entire bill! Call 207.282.4489 to register.)

JUNE

Work & Play Week
Profound Treasury: Buddhist Conference
Youth Camps: Kids for the Earth, Different Drummers, & FUUTURE
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Saturday June 11- Friday June 17
Friday June 17- Sunday June 26
Sunday June 26- Saturday July 2
Saturday July 2- Saturday July 9

JULY

Religious Education Week–Friends Gathering on the Sand
GAYLA XXXVIII
Choral Fest
Family Conference on Deep Ecology
Kayaking/Paddle board
Yoga
Family and Friends

Saturday July 9- Friday July 15
Saturday July 16- Saturday July 23
Saturday July 16- Friday July 22
Saturday July 23- Saturday July 30
Saturday July 23- Saturday July 30
Saturday July 23- Saturday July 30
Saturday July 30- Saturday Aug 6

AUGUST

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship & Fun (UUF&F)
Power of Words
Women's Week
Emma's Revolution & Kim & Reggie Harris
Circle of Music
Motivational Interviewing

Saturday August 6- Saturday August 13
Friday August 12- Sunday August 14
Sunday August 14- Saturday August 20
Saturday August 20
Sunday August 14- Sunday August 21
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A Course In Miracles
Healing Arts
Quilting by the Bay
12-Step Intensive
Photography

Sunday August 21- Friday August 26
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Saturday August 27- Friday September 2
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SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend

Friday September 2- Monday September 5