

# Discovery

Spring 2017

## Show Your True Colors and Values

These signs are 24 x 18 inches and come with a metal stand so you can place them in your yard. The sign is made of corrugated plastic, which will stand up to the weather and the elements.

You can order them at 207-282-4489 or @ferrybeach.org. \$25 per sign and stand. There is a charge for shipping or you can pick up at Ferry Beach. Support Ferry Beach and show your pride!

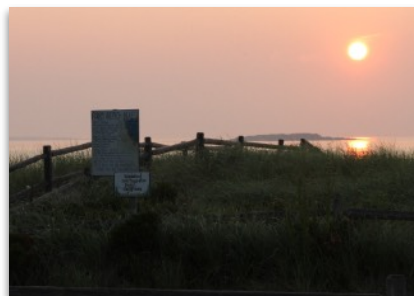


## Practicing Radical Hospitality in a Changing World

*“Step aside, let your light shine,  
Let your love show  
It’s a short ride down a long road  
When the rains come and the winds  
blow  
Let you light shine wherever you  
go.”  
(Keb’Mo’ and Jenny Yates)*

It is said that when baby eagles are close to the time they need to leave the nest, the mother eagle begins to take out the fluffy lining. The nest becomes uncomfortable and of course, as the babies get bigger, there isn’t enough room for everyone. The increasingly difficult space forces the baby eagles to take their first flight. Change happens, sometimes quickly, sometimes imperceptibly until we begin to look around and wonder where all that fluff went. We are forced to make a new plan, take a new path; or find a new way of being.

At Ferry Beach we are embracing the fullness of our Light, in the hopes that others who come here feel inspired to do the same. We



embarked on this journey with three ideas that we held dear: right relations, financial sustainability and truth telling based on fact. In 2019 we will embrace this campus year round as our own, in service to our renewed Ferry Beach mission. It is exciting.

Along this journey we are defining our boundaries, looking for

strategic partners and exploring the best ways we can accomplish our mission of awakening hearts to renew the spirit of universal love. In the fulfillment of that mission, we will make the world a better place.

We believe the key is a world that works for all of us, not just some of us. We want to practice living compassion and kindness in the form of welcome and care, awakening the spirit of universal love. We want to name and own the energy of being an “advance” center, realizing that our hospitality seeks to be generative and live affirming.

Organizations, individuals and families will leave here with a renewed sense of self and purpose. We are open to welcoming the “other,” the stranger, whether that comes

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in the form of another person, group, idea, critique or species. We are willing to practice the openness it will take to learn about, understand and potentially be changed by each other. We believe this will lead to collaborative and effective efforts to nurture safety, peace and social justice in our world. We understand a world that works must include all species and the planet herself.

Along our journey, we continue to build right relations, make decisions that are financially sustainable and share our truth based upon facts. We know this journey of transformation is never complete as we seek to affirm a world that strives to be loving and kind. We grow as our ability to see, feel, hear and develop our consciousness expands. We are willing.

At its core, this is how we practice loving kindness in intentional communities formed regularly at Ferry Beach (in the form of meetings, conferences, workshops, play dates, special events and more). We want to expand our reach to others.

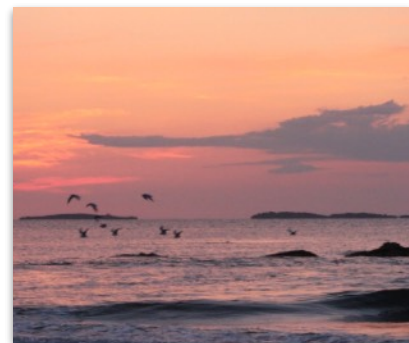
With more than 65% of the time that we can be open coming back to us, we are excited to embark on a new chapter of our organizational life. We are reaching out to others to share the light that is Ferry Beach with more people, families, individuals and organizations. Please

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help us. Please share information about Ferry Beach with groups, organizations, individuals or families that would benefit from a partnership with Ferry Beach in some way: for a special event, a wedding, a conference or a workshop. We are ready to soar! (There are a couple of pages on our website devoted to this: <http://www.ferrybeach.org/space-rental-private-events-and-group-retreats.html>)



On August 30-31, 2017 we are hosting a special overnight for people who are members of organizations wanting to know more about Ferry Beach. More details will be available on the web and people can send an email to [cstackpole@ferrybeach.org](mailto:cstackpole@ferrybeach.org) for more information.



**Updates to Our Facilities!**



The Dining Hall received an upgrade of new flooring. The concrete was covered with an epoxy making it easier to clean. We think it looks better too! We have also added AC and heat pumps for more energy efficiency!

*For more pictures, see our website and like us on Facebook. We post every day about the happenings of Ferry Beach as well as an inspirational message.*

The dunes took a beating in the last storm we had here. We will be propagating and planting dune grass during Work and Play week. Join us! June 10-16th.



Please consider becoming a sustaining donor! Contact us at 207-282-4489 or [ferrybeach.org](http://ferrybeach.org)

## A Family and a Family Vacation Transformed

A family comes to Ferry Beach. They have never been here before; some in the family are skeptical. They are not sure they like to sing in a big group. Upon first impressions, it's a little too rustic and they can't lock the door from the outside to their room.



They check in, leave their valuables in their car and go to social hour. They meet some new people and loosen up with a glass of wine and the late afternoon sun. On the buffet line at dinner a family that loves this place chats them up. The cook in the family is very happy as the kids grab their plates and fill them with veggies, (a surprise!) salad and other relatively healthy options. The parents relax at the table as their children are happy to bus their own dishes and head outside to play with other kids.

A few songs are sung in the dining hall and then there is a bonfire with s'mores in the Grove. The family tucks themselves into bed after a long day of travel.

One of the adults in the family wants to go to yoga on the beach before breakfast, the other stays in bed as

the kids sleep quietly, tucked out from a day of playing with new friends. At breakfast everyone is happy and the cook in the family is starting to realize that these are the kinds of vacations they should have been going to all along!

The planner in the family makes sure the kids know where they are going after the chapel service. The adults go to separate workshops to suit their needs and everyone meets up at lunch. The skepticism is wearing off as the family shares the events of the morning with each other. The adults comment after the kids run off to play at lunch that they had not heard so many positive



words from them in quite some time.

Free time right after lunch brought them to the beach. Sand castles were created: kids came and went from the family blanket, bringing new children to play with. The store provided a nice afternoon snack of ice cream and everyone splashed in the waves until it was time for showers.

By this time, the family adults have

lost their skepticism as they see their kids engaging with many other kids. The adults buy t-shirts that say "Ferry Beach" on them and they meet more adults, some who only live a few towns over back home. They are now fully engaged, thinking about preparing a family car ride song at the Talent No Talent show. Like their kids, they become immersed in the week, deciding to participate in the adult cabaret as well as TNT.

On Saturday morning, as they begin to pack up their room after breakfast, they feel energized as a family again. Everyone is talking to each other, they have renewed their love for their car songs and each other. They have made new friends. They are ready to go back to their home life with a renewed sense of purpose, for their family and for the world around them.

The cook didn't have to work all week to make sure healthy meals were made and consumed, the planner didn't have to worry about and schedule activities they could afford and do each day and everyone had an awesome time. The whole family (and their future family vacations) left Ferry Beach transformed.



### Tech Support

Do you have experience with Salesforce and are looking for a way to help Ferry Beach?

Please contact [sring@ferrybeach.org](mailto:sring@ferrybeach.org) or [cstackpole@ferrybeach.org](mailto:cstackpole@ferrybeach.org)

## Care for the Earth

Our working mission statement is: Ferry Beach awakens hearts to explore, grow and renew the spirit of universal love. One of the six “buckets” through which we will achieve our mission is Caring for the Earth. Through conferences, workshops, newsletters, blogs, social media and other activities, we will share our love of the earth and steps to take care of her.

Summer 2017 conference registration is open!

Visit [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org) for more information and to register.

(Call 207.282.4489 to register.)

### JUNE

Boston Pride Parade  
Annual Meeting  
Work & Play Week  
Young Adult Work Week  
Profound Treasury: Buddhist Conference  
Youth Camps

Saturday June 10  
Sunday, June 11, 1pm  
Saturday June 10- Friday June 16  
June 12-16  
Friday June 16- Sunday June 25  
Sunday June 25- Saturday July 1

### JULY

Youth Camps  
Religious Education Week–Friends Gathering on the Sand  
White Privilege: An Opportunity for Dialogue  
Choral Fest  
GAYLA  
Getaway Weekend  
EcoSpirit (includes Intro to Permaculture)& KFTE Lite  
Yoga Retreat  
Kayaking/Paddle board  
Slow Fashion (Sew Your Own Clothes)  
Family and Friends

Saturday July 1- Saturday July 8  
Saturday July 8- Friday July 14  
Friday July 14 - Saturday July 15  
Saturday July 15- Friday, July 21  
Saturday July 15- Saturday July 22  
Saturday July 22- Monday July 24  
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Sunday July 23- Friday July 28  
Saturday July 29- Saturday Aug 5

### AUGUST

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship & Fun (UUF&F)  
Motivational Interviewing  
Concert: Reggie Harris Returns, New this year! Catie Curtis  
Company of Women  
Circle of Music  
Women’s Healing Retreat  
Power of Words (Pre conference August 17-18)  
Soul Path  
Transformational Leadership  
When You Want Only Love  
Quilting by the Bay  
12-Step Intensive

Saturday August 5- Saturday August 12  
Monday August 7- Friday August 11  
Saturday, August 12  
Saturday August 12- Friday August 18  
Saturday August 12- Friday August 18  
Sunday August 13- Thursday August 17  
Friday August 18- Sunday August 20  
Sunday August 20- Wednesday August 23  
Thursday August 24- Saturday, August 26  
Saturday August 26- Tuesday August 29  
Saturday August 26- Friday September 1  
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### SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend

Friday September 1- Monday September 4