

# Discovery

## Summer Theme "Love in Action"

Our theme for the 2018 Summer Season is "Love in Action," which means showing your love by doing good for others. We are encouraging our guests to participate in "Love in Action" in their personal lives. Below are some examples of how you can show love in action:

- Get out and Vote for EVERY election. Your voice counts. If you are not registered to vote in your state, we will have an online voter registration station in the Quillen Lobby this summer
- Donate non-perishable food to a local food pantry
- Volunteer your time, talent and treasure to people and organizations in need
- Clean up trash on the side of the road
- Show random acts of kindness

Show "Love in Action" at Ferry Beach this summer by taking part in the weekly service projects, cleaning the beach, and showing stewardship by becoming a sustaining donor or Beach Keeper.

And don't forget to stop by the Ferry Beach store to pick up this year's theme branded items to show your support! We have some great items arriving already and more to come.



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The Ferry Beach Park Association Annual Meeting is  
**Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 1:00 PM**  
Town Hall Meeting at 10:30 AM

For more information and to register, visit: [ferrybeach.org/annualmeeting](http://ferrybeach.org/annualmeeting)



## Summer is Coming

Despite the horrible weather we had during the second half of this winter, and very cold and rainy spring, we are hopeful Summer will arrive right on time and with plenty of heat and sunshine! Most of you think so too! We are already 66% booked overall for our summer season, which is way ahead of last year! So don't wait to make your reservations, call **207-282-4489** or visit [ferrybeach.org/lodging](http://ferrybeach.org/lodging) today before we sell out.



## Why We Gather: The Importance of "Opening Community"

At Ferry Beach, one of our long standing traditions is to gather for what some call "orientation" on the first day of the conference. As time goes on and individuals become more familiar with Ferry Beach and their conference, some people have chosen to skip the "orientation."

The "Orientation" is not only to establish the rules at Ferry Beach, but is a tool to welcome in new conferees, meet the minister and musician of the week, and to learn about the changes that have taken place at Ferry Beach over the year. "Orientation" gives each conference something that feels like a solid beginning to the event, a real "kick-off;" something more than an "orientation."

Last fall we discussed the declining orientation numbers with all of the conference leaders and thought that perhaps we call the short gathering an "opening community;" or an "in-gathering" as it is much more fitting to the process. So, this year, we ask that you please join us in your conference's "opening community" to bring your energy to your conference and give it the start it deserves.

## Sea Wall Construction

The City of Saco is currently installing a cement wall along the eroded part of Surf Street between Island View and Fairhaven Ave. The new wall will replace the eco-tubes and create a larger span of protection from the encroaching erosion. The city has stated that they will be proactively extending the wall as the erosion progresses down the shoreline, crossing the Ferry Beach properties next. An added layer of protection will be much appreciated if the cause of the erosion is not corrected by the time we will need a wall between Island View and Morris!





## ADA Boardwalk

Thank you so much to all of the donors who have stepped up to help us raise the money to build the new ADA boardwalk to Ferry Beach. Please keep those generous donations rolling in as we work through the permitting and approval processes. Learn more about the progress we are making and donate at: [ferrybeach.org/boardwalk](http://ferrybeach.org/boardwalk)



## DAYLA: GAYLA for a Day!

On Sunday, July 15, GAYLA will introduce something new. DAYLA: GAYLA for a Day is a one-day option for LGBTQ men who live within a day's drive of Ferry Beach. DAYLA will bring a new wave of fun to GAYLA. Activities include: a festive Love In Action Parade, 40s Swing Tea Dance in the Grove, and an All You Can Eat BBQ. It concludes with a special 40th anniversary concert with The Kinsey Sicks: America's Favorite Dargapella Beautyshop Quartet. DAYLA is supported by a grant from the Boston Pride Community Fund. For more information and to register, visit: [ferrybeach.org/DAYLA](http://ferrybeach.org/DAYLA)



## New Groups at Ferry Beach

*"As you state in your materials, 'Ferry Beach is a magical place, a loving community and the perfect environment for us to step into our greatness.'" We felt that we were a perfect fit for you. Thank you for being so welcoming...we would love to continue using your space."* ~ Recent Group Coordinator for conference at Ferry Beach

*"This is a healing place, you can feel the love when you are here. Thank you for hosting us this weekend."*

These quotes echo the sentiment of several new groups we have been fortunate to host in this past year. Ferry Beach has been the home for an artists-in-residence program that provides a week to artists of color, a trans advocacy group, which hosted a program on health challenges in the trans community, a chapter of a non-violent communication group (NVC) and a sexual abuse survivors therapy group.

We are looking forward this summer to hosting, in addition to our youth, adult and family groups: a family reunion, a women of color writer's group, Al-Anon and a conference on white privilege. (The latter funded by the New York State Convention of Universalists).

As we move forward, taking our mission and vision out into the world, we hope that some of you who have attended a summer conference at Ferry Beach over the years might join us for something new. Some of our new groups are working independently from us and using our space and others are joining us in some type of connected venture. All are groups that help to further create and connect to the spirit of universal love.

Stay tuned to our website, facebook page and the Discovery newsletters for more information on these and other exciting programs coming to Ferry Beach!

## Summer Schedule At-A-Glance

**June 9-15:** Work & Play

**June 9-12 / 12-15:** Work, Play & Grow (Young Adults)

**June 10:** Annual Meeting

**June 15-24:** Profound Treasury Buddhist Retreat

**June 24-30:** Youth Camps - Week One

**June 30 - July 7:** Youth Camps - Week Two

**July 7-July 13:** Religious Education Week

**July 14-21:** GAYLA • Choral fest

**July 15:** DAYLA: GAYLA for a Day

**July 21-28:** Paddle Power • Yoga Retreat

**July 22-27:** Slow Fashion

**July 28:** Paddle Power Race and Cruise

**July 28-August 4:** Family & Friends

**August 4-11:** UUFAF

**August 6-10:** Motivational Interviewing

**August 9-11:** Understanding White Privilege

**August 11:** Concert! Kelley Hunt & Rodney Mashia

**August 11-17:** In the Company of Women • Circle of Music

**August 12-15:** Women's Healing Retreat

**August 19-23:** Sacred Circle Dance at Ferry Beach

**August 20-24:** Soul Path Renewal

**August 25-31:** Quilting by the Bay

**August 26-28:** The Beach Getaway

**August 26-29:** Only Love

**August 28-31:** Our Whole Lives for Young Adults

**August 31- September 3:** Labor Day Weekend

**September 1:** Labor Day Cookout & Live Music

View the entire schedule at [ferrybeach.org/schedule](http://ferrybeach.org/schedule)

## By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation Changes

*June 2018 Annual Meeting of Ferry Beach Park Association*

The Board proposes the following changes in the By-Laws. We also propose a restated Articles of Incorporation, which coincide with last year's and this year's by-law changes.

### MAINE LAW

In reviewing our Articles of Incorporation for consistency with the new mission statement that we added to the By-Laws at the June 2017 Annual Meeting, we learned that there were a couple of additional items missing from our By-laws: Quorum of the board for purposes of passing motions at board meetings, and Specification of voting and non-voting members.

### MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING CHANGES

As we reviewed Maine law and we sought to have non-voting members that could come through our strategic relationships with other not for profit organizations, including churches and other organizations, we found we were required to make these changes to specify voting and non-voting members.

A. Voting Members: Individuals become Voting Members by paying annual dues established by the Board of Directors and attending at least one Ferry Beach sponsored conference, retreat or program per year.

B. Affiliate Members: Individuals or organizations become Affiliate Members through an affiliation with an organization or business in partnership with Ferry Beach in accordance with procedures authorized by the Board of Directors.

C. Life Members: Individuals become Life Members by paying a one-time Life Member dues amount or having a one-time Life Member dues amount paid on their behalf. The Board of Directors establishes the one-time Life Member dues amount. Life Members may also become Voting Members by fulfilling the requirements specified in (A) above.

D. Supporters: Individuals or organizations become supporters by making a one-time donation, an annual donation or a sustaining donation to Ferry Beach. Individuals who are supporters may become Voting Members by fulfilling the requirements in (A) above. Individuals or organizations who are Supporters may become Affiliate members by fulfilling the requirements specified in (B) above. Individuals who are Supporters may become life Members by fulfilling the requirements specified in (C) above.

### RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

To reflect the changes brought by the UUA ten or more years ago to dis-affiliate organizations, we make the last of the changes necessary.

- We removed the words Unitarian Universalist from our by-laws in two places.

# Nominating Committee Report to the Board 2018

*This fulfills the board requirement about posting the nominating committee report to the membership.*

## Slate of Officers:

The Committee nominates **Doug Atkins** to the Treasurer position of the board of Directors for a three-year term.



Doug recently retired from a career which spanned forty years at Colby-Sawyer College, a comprehensive liberal arts and sciences college in New London, N.H. At the time of his retirement, Doug served as Senior Vice President and Treasurer, having held numerous roles at the College during his tenure. In these roles, Atkins oversaw the college's campus facilities, athletic and recreation programs, human resources administration and central purchasing, as well as its food services, bookstore, and summer conferences. He was also responsible for the college's insurance and risk reduction programs.

Doug has also been employed as the business manager and assistant treasurer for Historic Deerfield (Mass.), and as the business and employment manager and assistant general manager for King Ridge, Inc., a ski resort formerly located in Central New Hampshire. He currently serves as Summer Venue Coordinator for the Gordon Research Conferences, of West Kingston, RI.

Atkins first came to Ferry Beach in 2012 to attend GAYLA. In 2015 and 2016, he was one of the Coordinators for GAYLA. He lives in North Sutton, N.H., and has two grown children, Bryan and Suzanne. Doug enjoys spending as much time as he can with his partner, Paul Belyea, of Dunbarton, NH.

The Committee nominates **Deanna (Dee) Wilbur** for an at-large position of the board for a three-year term.

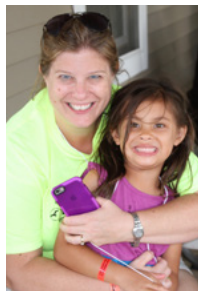


Dee was born and raised in Bangor, ME. She first attended Ferry Beach as a Different Drummers camper and shortly thereafter began attending Family and Friends week with her family. She has held several leadership roles in the conference. Dee was raised at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor where she remained an active member until she moved out of state after graduating from the University of Maine. While a student, she founded a non-profit organization to raise funds for an orphanage she worked for in Uganda. She has since traveled all over the world. Dee currently lives in NYC and works for a progressive new internet service provider called Starry. She is their Knowledge & Content Manager.

## The Committee nominates for three-year terms, the following to the Nominating Committee:

### Meghan Chan

Meghan Chan is the Director of IT at an Events company on the seacoast of NH. Meghan has been coming to Ferry Beach since she was 5, and her 2 daughters have come since they were born. Meghan graduated from Cornell University in 1998 and has an MBA from Babson College. She has a deep love for Ferry Beach, has been a Beach Keeper for 2 years, and is looking forward to helping shape the special place that gave so much to her life.



### Cyd Melcher

Cyd Melcher has been coming to Ferry Beach with her family since 1997, attending several different conferences. She served on the FBPA board of directors from 2009 to 2018. Professionally, she is Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts, has worked in nonprofit and college administration for nearly 35 years, and is keenly aware of the critical role board development plays in the health of an organization. She lives in Three Rivers, Massachusetts with her husband Dave Basler.

