

Discovery

It's Always Something: Want to Help?

With old buildings, there always comes a challenge.

The Blanche Rowland Kitchen

Toward the end of the summer, our 3- compartment freezer in the kitchen finally died. We replaced it with a walk-in freezer which saved space in the kitchen and provided us with additional freezer space. Price tag: \$17,000

The Rose Pavilion

The Pavilion has been on our watch list for several years. We reached out several years ago, hoping that maybe the people who funded the initial structure would be interested. This year, we were forced to address the challenge. Our maintenance staff thought that we could get away with just replacing the rotting posts, but as we began to replace them, it was clear that not only were the posts bad, but much of the siding was as well. An inspection of the chimney showed that it too was falling apart and the building needs a new roof. It will be almost a brand-new building when we finish: new roof, walls, (additional insulation), doors, new windows (previously they were just screens, these will open and close, adding to the usability of the space) and a new wood burning stove. We're proud of all the work we were able to do from our budget and our staff's ability to get it completed. Price tag: \$14,000. (We are also grateful to Pam Emery, Ferry Beach Board member for her gift to buy the wood stove!)

The Quillen Annex

We will be taking additional bids and finding someone to take down the Annex. It is continuing to pull away from the main building and we need, for safety reasons, to remove it. Since it is intricately connected to the main building, it is likely to be a more expensive job than we would like!

Dorm Renovations

As we transition to a year-round facility, we are looking to provide more of the apportionments you would expect in a lodging room at a retreat center. We have four teams (one per dorm and one for the grove) and are planning

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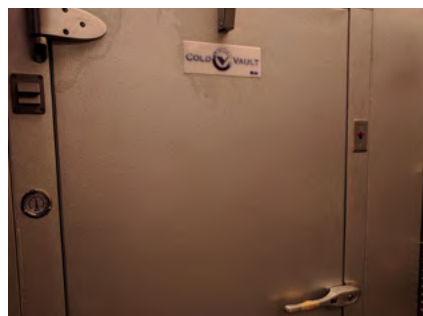
for the groups to meet on line and create a plan for how to spend the funds we have for each building (\$5,000). We anticipate that lamps, small tables, chairs and hooks, might be just some of what the group thinks about for their rooms in each dormitory. Join a team to take part in this fun project at www.ferrybeach.org/campus

ADA doors on DeWolfe Dining Hall

We are so grateful for Gene Grindle and his gift of \$3000 to put automatic door openers on the two doors in DeWolfe. Gene received support from some Gayla Brothers and together they made the doors happen. They were installed just before Labor Day. Thank you, Gene!

Thank you to our Donors

We are grateful that when a problem happens, we are able to take care of it with funds that we are generating from our work on our mission. Having the support of sustaining donors also helps greatly as these funds provide a steady stream we can count on for a rainy day...and it has been raining up here a lot lately!



Art Auction Recap

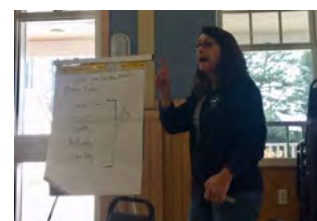
The Art Auction on November 10th was a great success! Thank you to all of the artists, volunteers, and people in attendance who lovingly support Ferry Beach. Special thank you's to our generous donors who gave from their hearts by bidding on art, donating items from our giving tree, and by ordering our 2019 calendars! We appreciate all of the love and support you continue to show us.



2018 UUACCC Meeting at Ferry Beach

Ferry Beach is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Camps and Conference Centers (UUACCC) which is a collaborative alliance of 11 camps and conference centers with a mission to foster and promote the success, growth and well-being of UU camps and conference centers. Each fall, a member center will host an annual retreat of center leadership and senior staff members to discuss the issues facing member organizations. Membership of the alliance provides Ferry Beach and the other centers the following benefits: Professional development and mentoring opportunities, peer support, ideas and best practices, Executive Director and senior staff exchange programs, joint marketing and outreach programs, and grant opportunities.

This fall, Ferry Beach hosted the annual meeting with representatives attending from Star Island, Rowe Center, Unirondack, Murray Grove, the Mountain, and CELSJ.R.



Sneak Peak: Gayla Theater Upgrades

We are grateful to the Gayla Brothers who have stepped up to support a renovation of the theater. Our goal is to insulate the crawlspace below the theater, replace and update the lighting and sound and add a projection system. We are also going to replace the chairs and redo the stage floor which is in bad shape. Besides the chairs, we are looking forward to heat pumps which will provide heat and cooling, making Rowland Hall a more usable space year-round!

We have sent another round of request letters to individuals we are hoping will help us reach our goal and then we are going to send to the general population at Ferry Beach. We have also been looking for grant funds to address this particular capital need as it will make the space more attractive to other groups in the winter, spring and fall months. If you are interested in helping us, please consider making your year-end tax-deductible gift towards this effort. We are over halfway toward our goal of \$114,000.

Goal: Make GAYLA Theatre a year-round destination for Culture & the Arts in Maine

To Achieve this Goal:

- Winterizing including Heat & A/C and adding insulation.
- Upgrading the lighting, sound and projection systems.
- Address creature comforts which includes chairs



Donate at www.ferrybeach.org/gaylatheatre



Stewards of Universal Love

Ferry Beach is proud of our Universalist heritage. Join the stewards of universal love at Ferry Beach to contribute to constructive dialogue and share your ideas on how we can bring the pioneering, charismatic, Universalist spirit of Quillen Shinn to the 21st century to reach the many people who declare that they aren't religious.

The stewards of universal love group will help us think about how to strengthen our Universalist heritage and roots as we promote and share universal love at Ferry Beach and in the world. At a time when we witness many UU congregations losing membership, we remain grateful that Ferry Beach continues to attract like-minded people, including Unitarian Universalists, and others with religious and nonreligious backgrounds.

How do we continue to be radically welcoming to the growing population of those identifying as "spiritual but not religious" while still proudly and genuinely honoring our core values derived from our Universalist heritage? We are looking for creative, innovative inspired people to join this group. Contact Roberta Altamari to join us at raltamari@ferrybeach.org

EI Departs the Campus

Mid-November, Ecology Education, Inc. (EEI) fully departed the Ferry Beach Campus. We would like to wish them well with their future endeavors at their new location at River Bend Farm. As part of their departure plan, they transplanted many trees and shrubs from the garden to their new site, however, due to an extraction error, one of the trees was unable to be successfully moved and died in the process.



Awakening Universal Love: Ferry Beach - A Not for Profit Organization

Ferry Beach is transforming! All of our conference and lodging space comes back to us this year as our long-term tenant leaves. We are already hearing from organizations, individuals and families who are looking to come to Ferry Beach. What were some of the precipitating events?

More than a dozen years ago, the UUA disconnected all "affiliates" from their organization. They did this for probably many reasons, one of which included the liability the UUA might be exposed to through those affiliations. Ferry Beach and other landed camps and conference centers were included in that dis-affiliation.

Ferry Beach has always been a separate 501c3 organization. That is, Ferry Beach is a not for profit organization which has filed a specific required tax form (990) with the IRS since 1936. Our requirement to do so is clearly visible on our tax-exempt status award letter dated 1986. Churches are not required to file a 990 with the IRS.

There has been some confusion of members over the years of whether Ferry Beach is a church/religious institution or if we were governed by the UUA. We are not. We have been our own separate 501c3 organization since 1936. With the changes we made to our by-laws in 2016 and Articles of Incorporation in 2017, we have affirmed our mission statement: Ferry Beach awakens hearts to explore, grow and renew the spirit of universal love. We have also affirmed our independence and courage to step into our mission statement, 365 days a year!

Not for profit organizations have their advantages. We have the ability to raise funds from trusts, foundations, corporations, individuals and other nonprofits. We have the responsibility to have a board of directors to govern and provide guidance for the sustainability and future of the organization.

We receive a huge benefit as a 501c3 to not pay taxes. We pass that on to our members and we provide a space to further our mission with workshops, conferences and activities that awaken hearts to universal love. We have a responsibility to use that public trust and the dollars donated to us wisely.

Ferry Beach has several long-standing summer traditions, such as having a musician and minister of the week, holding a Sunday morning chapel service, having a Talent No-Talent shows, bonfires several times a week with s'mores. Ferry Beach continues to provide our standard summer conferences, including: UU religious education week, youth camps, Family conferences, a gay men's week and other conferences that have become standard for us.

We have always had ministers who have come from a variety of faith disciplines, primarily Unitarian Universalist, but we have also had United Church of Christ ministers, religious educators, and chaplains trained in a non-denominational setting. As we are working to reach new people we may add more diversity. Many people come here for the spiritual and sense of community they get when they are here. Our legacy is that Ferry Beach was founded as a place where Universalists could come to have summer retreats. We proudly continue that tradition.

Ferry Beach is excited to be embracing our mission year-round with conferences and workshops. We have already booked much of May and September of 2019. We are hoping that you will think of us if you are connected to a group looking for a safe place to have a conference, meeting or workshop. As a not for profit organization, we, through our board, are in control of this big, beautiful ship! The waters have been a little rough and chilly for universal love these days, we have our work cut out for us!



ARTS & CULTURE



EDUCATION



SPIRITUALITY



ENVIRONMENT



PERSONAL GROWTH



JUSTICE & ACTION



Youth Camp Registration is Open!

Ferry Beach Youth Camps offer an enriching and fun week-long experience for youth. Join the Ferry Beach Youth camps to become a part of an intentional, kind-hearted, open-minded, and connected community built on self-expression and mutual respect. Young adults often report that Ferry Beach Youth Camps were the one place they felt comfortable being their true selves and that they appreciated being able to make friends beyond the usual labels.



Ferry Beach awakens hearts to explore, grow and renew the spirit of universal love. We honor our values of Community, Acceptance, Respect, Worth, Truth, Compassion and Stewardship and we highlight these values in our programming.



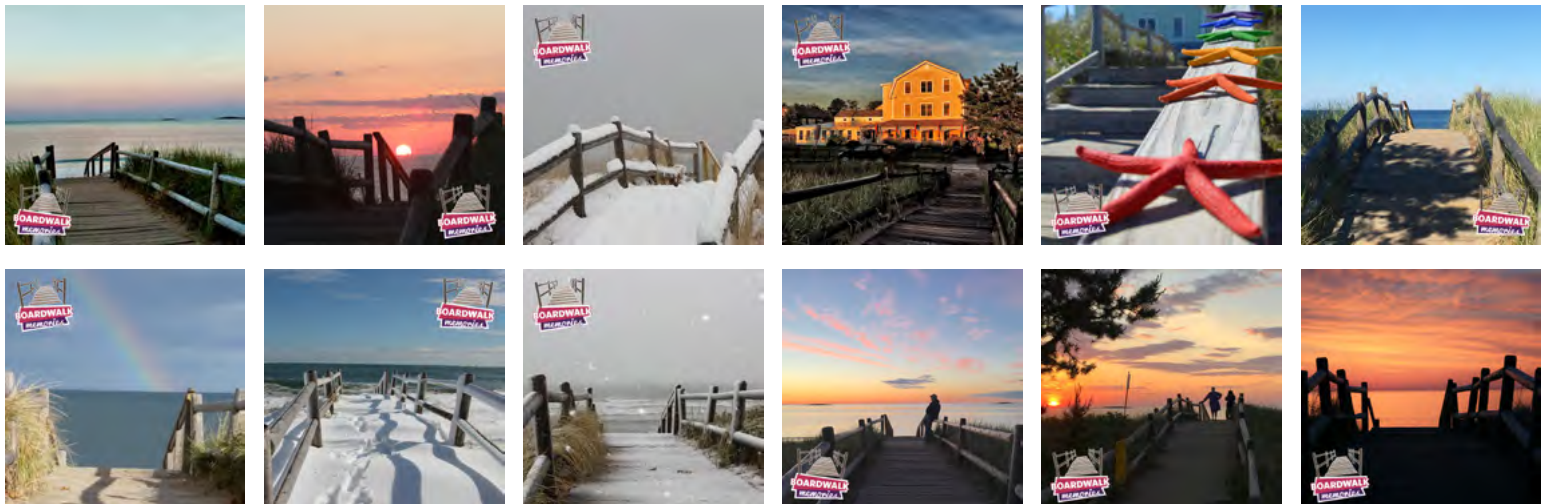
Campers will join large and small group programs to deeply explore these values (often through their preferred interests) at age-appropriate and engaging levels. Each Camper has an opportunity to select from tracks, workshops and activities on Arts & Culture, Education, Spirituality, Care for the Earth, Personal Growth, and Social Justice & Action.

To learn more about Youth Camps, the Available Tracks and Workshops, see a Sample Schedule, and to Register, visit: www.ferrybeach.org/yc

2019 Boardwalk Memories Calendar

This summer we announced a fun project for our members and supporters to participate in! We asked people to submit their best 8x10 photograph of our former beloved boardwalk to the Ferry Beach Art Auction. We had a dedicated gallery for them at the Auction on November 10th and asked participants to vote on their favorite 12 submissions to be put into a 2019 Ferry Beach Calendar.

The 12 winning photographs are below. Congratulations to the winners who will have their photographs published in our 2019 Ferry Beach Calendar! We are taking pre-orders now so be sure to order soon, as we have a limited quantity available. Order online at www.ferrybeach.org



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DECEMBER 2018

PICK YOUR TEAM TODAY! EXTREME MAKE-OVER: FERRY BEACH EDITION



UNDERESTIMATED
UNDERWOOD



QUAINT
QUILLEN



RELIABLE
ROWLAND



GORGEOUS
GROVE

Extreme Make-Over: Ferry Beach Edition

By now, you have surely heard about the fun project we are starting... You've seen the signs all over campus, in the Tidings, on our Facebook page, and in the Discovery. The Dorm & Grove Makeover Project... Think of it like Extreme Make-Over: Ferry Beach Edition!

We have received a \$14,000 grant from Shelter Rock UU to spruce up our Dormitories and the Campground! We've allotted \$5000 for each dormitory space: Rowland, Quillen, Underwood. We will also provide \$2500 for the Grove. Ferry Beach hopes that individuals who are helping on teams will raise additional funds for each space.

So what do you think these spaces need? We want you to tell us what you think we should do to spruce up these spaces. Members of the Ferry Beach Staff will meet with teams this winter (electronically) to brainstorm ideas and think of ways to make each space better and more inviting to guests in the future. Next spring, we will invite our teams to come up to Ferry Beach to do walk-throughs for each of the dorms and finalize the plans for their respective areas. Over the summer, Ferry Beach will purchase all the supplies, products and necessities to complete the projects and in the fall, our teams will reassemble for a Renovation Weekend (or two!)

We would like to get a little friendly competition going! What is your favorite place to stay? Would you like to be a member of the team? Will it be reliable Rowland, quaint Quillen, underestimated Underwood or the gorgeous Grove? Pick your team today to make your favorite spot shine! Register now at ferrybeach.org/campus.