



April 29, 2009

Happenings in Faith, Peace and Justice
Interfaith Center - Gaia House Newsletter

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CREATING ART AS SPIRITUAL INQUIRY, "Visions from the Seeking Heart," artist Leslie Stanick will lecture on FRIDAY, MAY 1, 4 p.m., SIU University Museum, in conjunction with an exhibit at the Vergette Gallery, April 26 through May 2.

REDS, film depicting life of activist-journalist John Reed who chronicled the Russian Revolution, FRIDAY MAY 1 and MAY 8, Big Muddy Independent Media Center in Carbondale, 7 p.m.

JOE JENCKS, at Cousin Andy's Coffee House, FRIDAY. MAY 1, 7:30 p.m. "Joe Jencks is an international touring performer, songwriter, entertainer, and educator. From concert halls like the Lincoln Center in New York, to coffee houses, festivals, spiritual communities and schools, Joe Jencks has spent the last seven years touring full time. His music has traveled to every continent. He has earned respect for his unique merging of musical beauty, social consciousness, and spiritual exploration."

SHAWNEE ENERGY FEST, Saturday and Sunday, MAY 2 and 3 at the Green Retreat Center, (W. Chautauqua and Rt. 127 South) forty workshops on such topics as bio intensive home gardening, geothermal energy, and local foods, with lots of eco- aware activities for kids and live music, all day Saturday and Sunday. More info and registration is available at www.ShawneeEnergyFest.com. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the gate, and \$10 for the weekend. Parking will be at the SIU arena with shuttles running to the festival site every 15 minutes.

FREE HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTION: Southern Illinois Airport, Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items to be accepted at the collection include: paint, paint thinner, aerosols, household cleaners, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, motor oil, antifreeze, old gasoline, batteries of all types, solvents, polishes, pool chemicals, and lawn chemicals. Also accepted will be unwanted or outdated medications, both prescription and over-the-counter. These items should be brought in their original container, but you may black out all personal information other than the drug name. For more information call 618-684-3143, ext. 136.

BELTANE, celebration with SIPA, Sunday, May 3, Shelter 4 at Giant City State Park beginning at 11 a.m.

GAIA HOUSE, presentations of architecture students' design concepts for Gaia House and the North Block, at the Interfaith Center, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 5:30 p.m. Refreshments.

PATRICK SWEENEY BENEFIT, Green Ridge Farm Aid, A Patrick Sweeney Cancer Benefit, Unitarian Fellowship, SATURDAY, MAY 9, 4 p.m. See Endnote 1.

GRADUATION FESTIVAL for graduates, families, and friends, SATURDAY, MAY 9, at the Interfaith Center beginning at 6 p.m. Potluck.

"GOOGLE EARTH AND THE NEED FOR RELIGION," presentation by David Clarke at the Humanist Roundtable, Wednesday, May 13, Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, 2 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

VIGIL FOR PEACE, Saturdays, Noon to 1 p.m., corner of Main and Illinois, Carbondale.

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE HOUR, Fridays, 3 to 5 p.m., SIU NW Annex, Bldg. B.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS AT THE INTERFAITH CENTER

SUNDAYS

QUAKER MEETING, 10 a.m.

SOUP SOUL SERVICE, 7 p.m.

EKANKAR, Third Sunday, 3 P.M.

S. ILLINOIS TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE, Fourth Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

MONDAYS

SIWADE, African Drumming, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

SHAWNEE DHARMA MEDITATION, 7 p.m.

STUDENTS for a DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

T'AI CHI, 5:30 p.m.

PEACE COALITION, Third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

SHAMANIC DRUM CIRCLE, Second Wednesday, 7: p.m.

THURSDAYS

JOHN WOOLMAN'S JOURNALS, Brown Bag Discussion, 11 a.m.

INTERVEG, Vegetarian Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, 8 p.m.

FRIDAYS

GAIA HOUSE DEVELOPMENT GROUP, 1 p.m.

RICE & SPICE, International Slow-Food Dinner. This Friday: Coordination Dinner for Shawnee Energy Fest, Cooking starts at 6 p.m.

SATURDAYS

CODA, Co-Dependents Anonymous, 11 a.m.

[HAPPENINGS IN FAITH, PEACE AND JUSTICE](#) newsletter is available for your announcements. Please let us know if you wish to be removed from this list. And please let your interested friends know about it. We will be happy to include them. Contact us at 618-549-7387, or hugh@ucmsiuc.org.

THE INTERFAITH CENTER'S multipurpose areas, kitchen, and library are available for your meetings and social events. Visit the Dave Colombo free lending library and the Labyrinth Peace Garden. Wireless Internet is available. We are located at 913 S. Illinois Ave. (corner of Grand), Carbondale, IL 62901. Website: www.ucmsiuc.org

THE GAIA HOUSE DEVELOPMENT GROUP: Student Projects will be reviewed and critiqued by HOK staff on May 1. All stakeholders are invited to view final project boards and models beginning May 3 at the Interfaith Center. Presentation of the work for stakeholders and the public will be on Wednesday, May 6, at 5:50 p.m. Refreshments. All Welcome. Please note that the proposals for the complementary "North Block" ((from China Express north to Mill St.) will also be presented.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"We are a progressive Christian and Interfaith Center, a welcoming community committed to spiritual development, peace, justice and ecological sustainability."

ENDNOTES:

1. **Green Ridge Farm Aid**, A Patrick Sweeney Cancer Benefit is on Saturday, May 9, 4 p.m.

Event: Green Ridge Farm Aid, A Patrick Sweeney Cancer Benefit

What: Fundraiser

Host: The Friends of Green Ridge Farm

Start Time: Saturday, May 9 at 4:00pm

End Time: Saturday, May 9 at 9:00pm

Where: Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship

Mark your calendars now, so you don't miss this event! Featured events will include "The Best of Southern Illinois Auction, " and music performances by Etherton Switch, Carter and Connelley, SIWADE, The Ol' Fishkins, Tomcat Social Club, Candy Davis and more.

Food by Hunan, Panera Bread, and Tres Hombres Restaurants, and by Arnold's Market and The Neighborhood Coop.

Beer provided by Venegoni Distributors

\$15.00 suggested donation at the door per adult , kids welcome!

Proceeds from the benefit will help offset the Sweeney's medical bills and travel expenses to Zion, Illinois where he is receiving treatment for Pancreatic Cancer.

Additional Donations are currently being accepted at First Southern Bank, Patrick Sweeney Cancer Fund.

First Southern Bank 301 E Main Street Carbondale Il
Telephone number 549-3621

2. **PLEASE BRING BOOKS BACK** to the Dave Colombo Memorial Library at the Interfaith Center. This is especially important at the end of the semester with graduating seniors. Also, if you have any books you think might fit into this special collection, we will be happy to receive donations.

3. **Possible position openings** at the Interfaith Center for summer and fall: part-time, low pay, high fulfillment, interesting challenges. Send a brief resume and mention when you may be available.

4. See a good story about Fr. Louie Vitale in the Southern Illinoisan at:
http://thesouthern.com/articles/2009/04/27/front_page/28917918.txt