

NOVEMBER 2009

The Center



Community Center Foundation

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GOOD CHOICES

Every day we are faced with choices on how to conduct ourselves. There are personal decisions about our lives. We choose how to handle family matters and relationships with our loved ones. We make contributions at our workplace and interact with fellow co-workers. We make community, nationally and worldly minded decisions. Our choices shape who we are and certainly we strive to make good decisions. Sometimes we need help. Here are a few suggestions.

In all the actions you take you could ask yourself "Am I a part of the problem or am I a part of the solution?" Train yourself to think "Be part of the solution." In all your affairs "Be part of the solution!" We all know people like this and they are a pleasure to be around. They don't waste energy and time complaining. They spend their time and energy solving...and this is one of their most valued principals. It is simple, but very effective. Think "Be a part of the solution" and you will generate positive energy in all facets of your life.

Take some time to make important decisions. "Sleep on it" is a good thing to do sometimes. When we sleep, our sub-conscious mind is at work analyzing and processing our thoughts. There is now much scientific data that suggests our sub-conscious mind is at work figuring out how to solve problems and obstacles that came up during the day. No kidding! The old saying "I'm going to sleep on it" is a smart and wise thing to do.

"What would Jesus do?" is another very effective question one could ask before handling any difficult situation or decision. Sometimes we are too quick to judge another person and we can make selfish decisions. If you ask yourself "What would Jesus do?" you will make the right decision and one you can always live with.

One of my favorite passages from the Bible is in John 8:1-11.

But early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their consciences, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving season and reflect upon all the friendships and experiences we have had in our lives...many times we will cherish most those who love and care for us. Those who have helped us through difficult times. Those who have stood by us, even when we were wrong, and helped us make it right. Are you one of those people? Each one of us can be...and the beautiful thing about it...we can start right now.



Are you looking for a night out? Or that perfect Holiday present?

Please join us on

Friday, November 20th from 4:00pm – 9:00pm
at the Farm & Nature Discovery Preschool.

Vendor Fair / Shopping Night

We will be hosting vendors such as: Tupperware, Purses, Home Decorating, Jewelry and a variety of other fun vendors. Bring a friend and receive one free raffle ticket.

Money raised will go towards our Nature Based Play Area.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Farm and Nature Discovery Preschool

October was a month filled with pumpkins, hayrack rides, and apples as we studied "Fall at the Farm." The kids are spending time also enjoying our phase 1 of our nature-based play area. We ended the month with our fabulous Harvest parties and trick or treating at The Center offices.

November will be a new area for us to look at as we study Community Helpers. The children will learn all about jobs on the farm and around their community. This will hopefully incorporate visits from parents who will come in and talk about their job in the community. In addition, we will have our annual Thanksgiving harvest in our classrooms.

If you have a child who will be three and are interested in looking at our beautiful school, please contact Kristin at 708-361-8933 to make an appointment or have a flyer mailed to you. You may also email us at farmandnature@sbcglobal.net.

Coming up in early December:

(Please call after Nov 15 to make reservations)

Live Nativity Luncheon on Dec. 1st, 12 noon (with a donkey and sheep right in the lodge!)

Wanted: Folks to bring nativity sets to the luncheon!

Bob Cratchit Dinner on Dec. 13th, 5:15 p.m.

(Dickens's "Christmas Carol" and a roast goose/turkey and plum pudding dinner)

Christmas Teas in the Log Cabin Art Center: heartwarming, cozy, and delicious!

Dec 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

The Log Cabin hostesses invite you to enjoy a cup of Christmas tea and a plate of Christmas cookies, cakes, and sandwiches. A heartwarming Christmas story will be shared by the fire and each tea guest will have an opportunity to make Christmas potpourri so that they can take home a bit of the Log Cabin's warm and cozy holiday ambience. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Advance Tickets are required: \$24 per guest



FELLOWCRAFTERS GIFT SHOP

Can you believe Thanksgiving will soon be here?! You will surely be inspired to begin to decorate your home when you come into the Fellowcrafters Gift Shop located in the Main Lodge. There you will find the most darling turkeys, completely sewn by hand. They would look so cute adorning your table or mantle. We also have the most lovely assortment of floral arrangements and wreaths. You will also begin to see Christmas (yes Christmas!) decorations beginning to appear! The wonderful and talented Fellowcrafters have been very busy creating items for the holidays and the November 15 Art Fair at The Center. At Thanksgiving and always, we are thankful for them and for you, our loyal customers. Happy Thanksgiving from the Fellowcrafters!

Special Events This Month

MEDITATION: *Attending the Silence*

Every Tuesday, 5:30 – 6 p.m., in the parlor

Please join Chris Hopkins for a brief period of silent meditation each week. Come whenever you are able.

WOMANTALK COFFEE HOUR!

Tuesday, November 24, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

WOMANTALK! is a wonderfully nurturing and supportive women's discussion group, led by Mary Ann Grzych, and focusing on the month's readings in Sarah Ban Breathnach's "Simple Abundance," "Romancing the Ordinary," and "Moving On" books, or any other inspirational resources that ladies would like to bring to share. The focus of Womantalk is on learning to live authentically, joyfully, simply, and gratefully. Womantalk Coffee Hour cost: \$5. Please call to reserve a spot.

AUTUMN WALKING CLUB:

Every Monday and Friday morning, 7:30 -8:30 a.m.

If you'd like to focus on fitness this fall, please join Lois Lauer and Kathy Mical for morning walks at the farm and in the woods. Please call ahead, so that we will be able to notify you of schedule changes and walk locations. Meet on the lodge front porch

SPIRITUAL COMPANIONSHIP

Kathy Fontaine is donating her time and expertise to The Center, by offering her one-on-one services to anyone seeking spiritual direction through prayer, meditation, and dialogue. A good friend of The Center for many years, Kathy Fontaine has been trained by the Institute for Spiritual Companionship. The cost of Kathy's spiritual companionship is \$20/hour, which Kathy donates to the camp scholarship fund. Please, call the office for details about setting up appointments with Kathy, who is here as a spiritual companion all day every Tuesday

REIKI

Sunday, November 29, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Reiki (pronounced Ray-Key) is a gentle, relaxing and peaceful form of energy healing, especially beneficial for those suffering from physical or emotional pain. Reiki Master and Social Worker Judy Wiggins will be joined by fellow Reiki practitioners to offer their healing services, asking a suggested donation of \$10 per participant to The Center. Advance registration is necessary; as participation is limited. Until November 15, registration is limited to new participants in our Reiki program. After that time, returning participants may register for any remaining spaces.

CHAIR YOGA---for those who want to stretch but don't wish to get down on the floor!

6 Thursday mornings, beginning October 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (skip 11/26)

Yoga instructor Maureen Ryan will lead this yoga class, in which participants can stretch and twist and balance, either sitting or using a chair for balance. We meet in the parlor of the lodge. Class fee: \$60 per 6 week session. Pre-registration required.

MIND-BODY FITNESS

Monday evenings, 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Anderson Center at the Farm

Wellness/fitness educator Pam Johnson leads this experience, using the NIA mind-body technique-- a gentle blend of yoga, tai-chi, and the grace of dance. This class is beneficial for all fitness levels and is designed for the beginner as well as for those who have taken some form of mind-body classes already. Pam volunteers her services to lead this healing experience, asking only a free will donation each week. Please call to pre-register for your first class. After that, please call the office or check with Pam Johnson at class the week before about further schedule changes.

SUNDAY EVENING GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION: Egypt

Sunday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.

Great Decisions is a Sunday evening monthly discussion group for folks interested in broadening their knowledge and understanding of the world. The Great Decisions book published annually by the Foreign Policy Institute provides facts and a nonpartisan analysis of the "great decisions" we face today. On Nov 1, we will be discussing topic #5, about the U.S. relationship with Egypt. Briefing sheets are available in the office. Please call to let us know you are planning to attend.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB: Learning to Communicate

Wednesdays, November 4 and 18, 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in improving and practicing your public speaking skills, we invite you to join our supportive group of speechmaking students. We take turns leading the meetings, giving speeches, critiquing speeches, and having fun doing it. Talk to Dave Sanders, Lois Lauer, or Frank Sanders for details: we're all in this effort together and would love your participation..

LOG CABIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS; CHRISTMAS ART SHOW AND BAZAAR

Sunday, November 15, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

The Art Show and Sale will feature the beautiful work of the instructors and students at our Log Cabin Center for the Arts. The annual art show is an afternoon to get in the Christmas spirit, perhaps to buy a few unique Christmas gifts or decorations, to support our art center participants with your enthusiasm and appreciation of their art, and to enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music and wonderful fellowship at The Center. Included in the show will be Watercolors, Drawings, Pottery, Woodcarvings, Poetry, Creative Writings, Collages, Handmade Paper, Prints, Gourds, Photography, Baskets, Quilts, Calligraphy, Knittings, Stitchings, Weavings, and Jewelry for show and for sale, plus an exhibit of the Children's Art and Family Art work. Some of our art instructors will be demonstrating their artwork throughout the afternoon, so that you can get a first-hand look at their creativity! The Center staff and volunteer Fellowcrafters will also have a bazaar of handmade Christmas decorations and gifts for sale, including our traditional log reindeers, tin bell swags, and Christmas wreaths. We hope you join us for a festive afternoon!



Trim-a-Tree Holiday Party At The Children's Farm



Please join us in helping our animals celebrate Christmas!

On Saturday, December 12th from 1pm-3pm we will be hosting a Holiday Trim-a-Tree Party for our farm animals. The day will focus on getting the farm 'holiday ready' and getting our animals in the Christmas spirit. Guests will spend time in our Anderson Center Great Hall creating several ornaments for our trees before heading outside to decorate and bring stockings to our animals. All of the animals will be awaiting visitors and holiday refreshments will be served. In lieu of an admission fee, we are asking guests to bring a Christmas gift for our animals. A wish list is available in the main office. Hope to see you there!



We welcome you to
The Wayside Chapel,
to its comfort and its peace.

Advent Services

The first Sunday of Advent will be November 29th. Advent is the period of preparation for the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the Christ Child. It is a most beautiful season of the year. The Chapel will be decorated for the Christmas season by the first Sunday of Advent. We light our first Advent candle as part of the candlelight service.

You will enjoy these chapel services. We hope you will plan to share with us in these services as we prepare ourselves for the Christmas season.

SUNDAY VESPERS IN THE CHAPEL

Every Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

We invite you to join us each Sunday for a short inter-denominational worship service of music, meditation, and prayer. After the service each week, we continue the long-standing Center tradition of inviting everyone down to the lodge for tea and fellowship. Please join us!

THE CENTER SINGERS

Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m.

Our choral group, The Center Singers, is busy preparing for Advent. Rehearsal pianist Shirley Swanson, organist Ed Nowak, and Director Penny Wills invite you to join us on Monday evenings!

ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND RENEWAL OF VOWS

Sunday, November 1, beginning with 4:30 p.m. Vespers

All November anniversary couples are invited. The evening will begin with a Vespers Service at 4:30 pm in the Chapel. After Vespers, the couples will enjoy a gracious candlelight dinner in the lodge, and then return to the Chapel for Renewal of Wedding Vows. For reservations: send \$70 for dinner for two, to be received no later than October 19.

Refresh your spirit at a Center Retreat!

WOMEN'S PERSONAL GROWTH RETREAT: *Inviting Mara to Tea*

Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, 5 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Using the story of Buddha inviting Mara (his "demons") to tea, instead of banishing Mara, social worker Linda Whittaker and program director Lois Lauer will lead participants through a dynamic weekend in which we learn to appreciate all of the parts of our personalities, including those we tend to deny or hide. We invite you to join us for a transformative weekend of dialogue, reflection, and personal growth exercises, plus great fellowship, fun and relaxation. Retreat cost: \$110 which includes leadership, 3 meals, accommodations, and retreat supplies.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS RETREAT: *Let Heaven and Nature Sing!*

Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, 5 pm to 5 pm

Artist April Schabes and program director Lois Lauer invite ladies to our very popular 17th annual women's Christmas Folkcraft Retreat, which will focus on preparing our hearts and our hearths for Christmas. Featuring handmade woodland crafts, fireside fellowship, and time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas, this women's retreat is always a wonderful way to get in the spirit of the season. Retreat Fee: \$110, includes leadership, 3 meals, accommodations, and retreat supplies. For those who would like to stay over Saturday night for continuing fellowship and creativity, we offer an additional \$40 second night option.

Thanksgiving

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, my thoughts go back to the good old days. In those early days we were tied to the land. I can well remember those days and what thanksgiving meant to me. The crops on the farm were harvested, and in the barn – corn, oats and hay. The garden vegetables were either canned or in storage bins in the basement. The pigs had been butchered and the meat was in a locker in Joliet. It was a day of thanksgiving and it had real meaning because it meant that much of the food supply was in for the animals of the farm as well as for ourselves.

Those were days of more primitive living. We were closer to the land and to nature. We have much more to be thankful for today. Our needs are cared for in greater abundance. We go to the store. I question, however, if we are increasingly thankful.

This same situation might apply to all. We all have so much to be thankful for today that we take for granted. But when we take these privileges for granted do we lose them? It is when we are thankful for these blessings that come to us that we take care and protect those gifts. In our thankfulness we realize their value. Things we take for granted very soon slip through our fingers.

It would take too much space to list all the blessings that we, as a people share. However, it is well for us to remember that we have freedom of worship which many people in the world do not have. Because we have this advantage, a great many people take this religious freedom for granted and do little about it.

We live in a comparatively free country, even though we complain about taxes and government supervision. This freedom of democracy implies great responsibility but we find those who do not even exercise the right to vote, let alone take their place in government.

We also live in a land of plenty and we often forget this too. These are but a few of the things that we, of this country, need to be deeply grateful for. There are countless others that we pass by thoughtlessly.

Certainly it is well that we all pause for a time to count the blessings that are ours and give thanks to God as we share in the joy of Thanksgiving day.



Log Cabin Center For The Arts November and December 2009



Classes and Workshops for Adults and Children in Fine Arts and Folk Arts



A complete Autumn Session class schedule containing additional information was published in the September newsletter and is available in the office and online:



www.thecenterpalos.org/artclasses.html. The following list is an abbreviated reminder of the wonderful opportunities that we offer in November and December. We hope you'll sign up and let those creative juices flow! All classes require pre-registration.



LOG CABIN ART FOR KIDS!

Instructors: Jessie Schaar (Grades K-1), Sarah Heflin (Grades 2-3), Amy Bennett (Grades 4-8)

New 6 week sessions begin Saturday morning, November 7, 9 am and 10:30 am, ending on Dec 12 with a party around the big Christmas tree in the lodge. Class Fee: \$66 per 6 week session



LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY?

Talk to one of the art teachers or call Lois Lauer to schedule your child's art party today!



FAMILY ART CLASSES

Instructor: Shari Wenzel

Sunday, Nov 15, 1-2:30 p.m.: Table Art! Make "Give Thanks" placemats and placecards

Sunday, Dec 6, 1-2:30 p.m.: Charlie Brown Christmas Trees.

Class fee: \$6 per person for Nov class; \$9 per person for Dec class

ADULT CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

(As you'll see, many of our instructors now have their own art websites, which are listed by their names, so that you may look at examples of their work, and in some cases, their students' creations.) Plus you can become a fan of the Log Cabin Center for the Arts on Facebook!

PEN AND INK DRAWING

Instructor: Lois Hrejsa

6 weeks beginning Thurs, Oct 29, 9:00-11:30 a.m. (skip 11/26) Class Fee: \$98

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Instructors: Lois Hrejsa and Lenox Wallace (www.lenoxwallace.com)

6 weeks beginning Wed, Oct 28, 6:30 – 9 p.m. (skip 11/25)

Or Thurs, October 29, 1– 3:30 p.m. or 6:30 – 9 p.m. (skip 11/26) Class Fee: \$98

CREATIVE WRITING

Instructor: Frank Coughlin (www.want-to-be-writer.blogspot.com)

6 weeks beginning Wed, Oct 28, 1-3 p.m. Or 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (skip 11/25) Class fee: \$78

PAPERMAKING (scrapbooks)

Instructor: Marilyn VandenBout (www.vbartworks.blogspot.com)

Wed, Oct 21, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. Class fee: \$13 plus \$5 materials fee

STONEWARE POTTERY

Instructor: Karen Stasky

6 weeks beginning Thurs, Oct 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (skip 11/26)

Class Fee: \$78 plus \$15 materials fee

WOODCARVING

Instructor: Keith Miller

6 weeks beginning Wed, Oct 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. or Thurs, Oct 29, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

(skip 11/25 & 11/26) Class Fee: \$78

COLLAGE

Instructor: April Schabes (www.aprilsart.blogspot.com)

6 weeks beginning Wed, Oct 28 (skip 11/25), 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Class Fee: \$98



BASKETMAKING

Instructors: Jane Dwyer (evenings) and Ann Fowler (mornings)

6 weeks beginning Mon, Oct 26, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Or Thurs, Oct 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (skip 11/26)

Class Fee: \$78, plus \$25 materials fee

QUILTING

Instructor: Denise Dulzo

6 weeks beginning Wed, Oct 28, 1-3 p.m. (skip 11/25)

Class Fee: \$ 78. Purchase your own fabrics and batting before the first class.

WEAVING FOR CHRISTMAS (beginners welcome)

Instructor: Nettie Botts

3 weeks beginning Mon, Nov 9, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. (skip 11/23)

Class Fees: \$39 plus \$10 materials fee

SILVER JEWELRY CHRISTMAS PENDANT WORKSHOP

Instructors: Sonya and Dan Snyder

Mon, Nov 16th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.: Class fee \$13 plus \$7 materials fee.

PAPER-CRAFT FUN FOR CHRISTMAS:

Instructor: Ann Fowler

Tues, Nov 24, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon: Make 4 holiday papercraft projects.

Class fees: \$17 plus \$6 materials fee.

New! PRINTMAKING

4 weeks beginning Mon, Oct 26, 6:30 – 9 p.m.: Class Fee: \$65 plus \$12 materials fee

Instructor: Kris O'Reilly

GOURDCRAFT

OCEAN DRUMS*:

3 Mondays, Nov 2, 9, and 16, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Class Fee: \$49 plus a \$60 materials fee for a 13" drum or a \$80 materials fee for a 16" drum.*

WINTER WHATNOTS AND WHIMSEYS*:

Mon, Dec 7**, 1 – 3:30 or 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Class Fee: \$17 plus \$15 materials fee;

Follow Up Students: Class Fee: \$6.50 per hour, \$5 materials

*Early registration is necessary in order for Karen to have your gourd type or size ready for you!

Instructor: Karen Caldwell (www.picturetrail.com/karencaldwell)



KNITTED NATIVITY FIGURES

Instructor: Pat Burger

3 Wed, beginning Oct 21, 9 – 11a.m. (for experienced knitters only) Class fee: \$39.

STORY JEWELRY

Thurs, Oct 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Class fee: \$13 plus \$15 materials fee

Instructor: Catherine Myers

CANDLE-DIPPING

Fri, Nov 6, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Class fee: \$13 plus \$5 materials fee

Instructor: Lois Lauer



“ANTIQUE” TIN BELLS

Instructor: Lois Lauer

Mon, Nov 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Class Fee: \$13 plus \$5 materials fee
(Bring work gloves, needle-nose pliers, and 12 tin can lids)

EVERGREEN WREATHS

Instructor: George Mitchell

Mon, Nov 30, 7:30 – 9 p.m. Class Fee: \$10 plus \$10 materials fee (Bring pruners)

In addition to the above classes, new sessions of poetry, quilting, papermaking, calligraphy, kids' and teens' Creative Writing, Artist's Way, and other folk arts will begin in January.

***The programs at the Log Cabin Center for the Arts
are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.***



Pre-registration is required for all Log Cabin classes and workshops. Class and materials fees are due at time of registration. All class fees include a \$10 non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee. No refunds or transfers of fees are available for cancellations made less than 24 hours prior to the beginning of class. To register by mail, send check and the following information: Name, address, phone, email, name and date/time of class, and if registration is for a child, send birthdate and grade in school, plus parents' names and emergency contact information.

Mission Statement of The Center

To help people reestablish and strengthen the spiritual and emotional foundations of their lives. We reach out with care and faith to enliven the human spirit with the consciousness of God's ever presence. We reconnect people with the natural world, encouraging appreciation and responsible stewardship of our environment. We nurture and restore balance and growth in people's lives. We present total experiences through the use of wholesome traditional and cultural activities.



Fellowship Corner *Shari Wenzel and Madeline*

Madeline and I first came to the farm in 2003 when she was ready for Junior Farmers. Madeline was 3 and I was a nervous but excited mom. I explained to Ms. Kay that Madeline would do better away from mom but needed to have her hand held. Madeline arrived an hour later from the barn with Ms. Kay and a fist full of pony hair. Her smile was ear to ear and she couldn't stop chattering about Bounce the goat, the chickens, or the pigs. We were instantly in love with the farm!

Over the next few years, Grandma Wenzel has visited the farm and took a hay ride with the Junior Farmers and baby farm animals. Grandma and Grandpa Draper have visited during the Egg Hunt. Dad has come and held Madeline close during the Haunted Farm. We have attended the Thanksgiving, Bag-O, and pumpkin carving dinners, bought pumpkins in the patch, walked on the dried out pond during the drought, and had the pleasure of clean up duty after many fests.

I had always dreamed of teaching in the log cabins and was delighted when Lois asked me to take over the Family Art classes on Sundays, with Madeline of course! It has been a pleasure and an honor to volunteer teaching Family Art. Each month we look forward to relaxing in the art cabins and interacting and meeting new families.

God has placed a little bit of heaven on earth in Palos Park . I always feel refreshed and energized each time I walk the grounds, smell the barn, pick the dandelions, roast a marshmallow on Indian hill, or eat a hamburger from the grill at a fest (the best hamburgers around). Thank you for allowing me to volunteer!

(Come sign up for a Family Art Class – we'd like to meet your family!)

Thanks so much Shari and Madeline! We are so glad that you found The Center six years ago. We are very grateful for your generous service as a Family Art teacher and as an instructor for our summer camp lifeguards, and we are always glad to see your smiling faces. The Center Staff

Tuesday Luncheons, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Each Tuesday, we invite interested folks to join us for a delicious luncheon followed by an enriching program on travel, nature, art, book reviews, personal growth, spirituality, or other topics of interest. Luncheons cost \$15. Reservations are always required three days in advance.

Tuesday, November 3: A Plan to Re-Energize America!

We invite you to join us for a screening of Jeff Barrie's award-winning new film, Kilowatt Ours. Barrie offers hope as he turns the camera on himself and asks, "How can I make a difference?" In his journey Barrie explores the source of our electricity and the problems caused by energy production including mountain top removal, childhood asthma and global warming. Along the way he encounters individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities who are leading the way, using energy conservation, efficiency, and renewable green power, all while saving money and the environment.

Tuesday, November 10: Fair Trade Bazaar: Hope, Justice, And Dignity With Every Purchase!

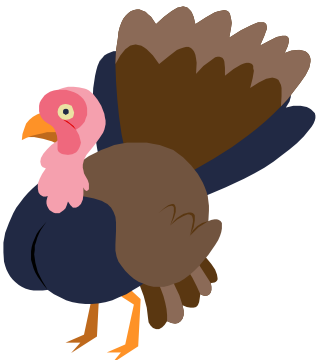
The Fair Trade movement is growing! More and more people are eager to help hard working farmers and craftspeople by supporting them with their purchases. Every year the number of colleges, churches, and other institutions that serve fair trade coffee goes up dramatically! This is our fifth annual bazaar of items from "fair trade" organizations, which attempt to give a fair wage to farm and craft workers in developing countries and in job training programs in our cities. Our speaker (and provider of dessert!) this year will be Stephen Smith of the Missgivings Bakery in Chicago, a job-training cooperative that serves men and women living with HIV and AIDS. Then, of course, there will be time to shop at the bazaar, which will include coffee from Costa Rica, chocolate from Ghana, baskets from Bangladesh, jewelry from India, plus soap, beans, and paper from homeless women's cooperatives in Chicago and Denver. We hope you'll join us to learn about this important movement, and to buy some beautiful and meaningful Christmas presents.

Tuesday, November 17: Big Band Memories

Local bandleader and trumpet player Steve Cooper brings us a 90 minute show of rare films & videos of the most popular big bands and singers from the 1940's-50's-60's. Big Band Memories features the bands of Glenn Miller, Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey, Harry James, Bob Crosby & The Bobcats, a hilarious clip of Spike Jones and Freddy Martin filmed at the famous Coconut Grove nightclub in Hollywood, a rare clip of comedian Sid Caesar playing a great saxophone solo with the Benny Goodman Orchestra and Gene Krupa on drums, and Eddie Howard on stage at Chicago famous Aragon Ballroom, with his song introduced by then unknown Ronald Reagan! Other favorite bands include Guy Lombardo, Vaughn Monroe, Ina Rae Hutton & Her All Girl Orchestra, Count Basie, Spike Jones and rare clips of Lawrence Welk not seen in 50 years. Steve Cooper will also play a big band song on his trumpet and will play the favorite song of all the audience members - he claims to know all the old songs! Steve was the "house band" at the famous Como Inn Restaurant in Chicago for 20 years and has played the Willowbrook Ballroom for the last 30 years.

Tuesday, November 24: A Day Of Gratitude

In the spirit of that first Thanksgiving, we invite you to join Bobbie Genemaras, Chris Hopkins, and Lois Lauer in this afternoon of appreciation. We'll offer prayers of thanksgiving, we'll bow our heads in silent appreciation, we'll list and share our gratitudes, and we'll create a visual collage of the bounty of our lives. And, yes, we'll eat turkey and pumpkin pie!



A Thanksgiving Puppet Presentation...

Friday, November 27th beginning at 1PM the animals of The Children's Farm will be performing a puppet presentation. The puppet show will begin promptly at 1:00pm and following the show guests can spend time in the farm, making a craft, or having refreshments.

Admission is \$4.50 per person. Children under two are free.

Come and celebrate Thanksgiving at The Children's Farm!

Come Celebrate this Holiday Season with our new
WINTER HOLIDAY JUNIOR FARMER SESSION!

Join us for a four week winter holiday junior farmer session. This new session will begin the week of November 9th and go through the beginning of December. These four weeks will focus on preparing our animals for the cold weather and getting into the Christmas spirit. The conclusion of this session will be reenacting a live nativity with our very own farm animals! Bella, our donkey, will carry 'Mary' to the manger, shepherds will bring goats, cows and sheep to visit baby Jesus, and the angels and wisemen will all be there as well. The live nativity reenactment is certainly an event you don't want to miss! Preregistration required.

Choose a Session:

Ages 3-6

Saturday 10:00-11:00am or 11:30-12:30pm Beginning November 14th
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00-11:00am or 1:30-2:30pm Beginning November 9th,
10th, 11th

Ages 6-8

Saturday 2:00-3:00pm Beginning November 14th
Monday or Tuesday 4:00-5:00pm Beginning November 9th or 10th

Ages 9-12

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm Beginning November 14th
Wednesday 4:00-5:00 Beginning November 11th



Thanksgiving Family Night!

Sunday, November 22rd, 5:30 p.m.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, LIMITED SEATING

The November Family Night is an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner full of tradition, good food and community. Each family is asked to contribute a homemade potluck item to the Thanksgiving table (such as squash, corn, or pumpkin pie) to compliment the freshly roasted turkeys, gravy, mashed potatoes, and dressing from The Center's ovens. Following dinner, two heart-warming, interactive Thanksgiving stories will be dramatized before the fireplace in the Great Hall, starring willing audience members. Family Nights are evenings of family fun and fellowship. Proceeds from Family Nights support the camp's scholarship fund. Cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child.

Christmas Wreaths From The Center:

Balsam fir handmade wreaths with red velvet bows

24" (\$20), 36" (\$30), 48" (\$40), 60" (\$50) wreaths

If you already ordered your wreaths, don't forget to pick them up

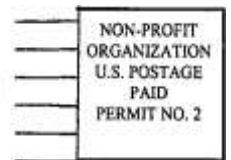
Nov. 27 or 28 at the farm.

We may have some extra unreserved wreaths. Call today!



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*We invite you to our seventy-sixth Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 8, 2009*

*The meeting begins with a memorial Vespers
Service at 4:30 p.m. followed by a
complimentary supper served at 5:30 p.m.
The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.*

Please join us.

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