

# The HEED APRIL 2019

Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



## Services at 10AM Sundays

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| <b>April 7</b>  | <b>Abigail Carroll</b><br><b>Letters to St. Francis</b>  |
| <b>April 14</b> | <b>Rev. Ed Lynn</b><br><b>How Can Cold Nights, Motorcycle Accidents and<br/>Imaginary Cemetery Laments Lead to Wisdom?</b> |
| <b>April 21</b> | <b>Thomas Pistole</b><br><b>UU Easter—Oxymoron or Natural Progression</b>  |
| <b>April 28</b> | <b>Larry Vogelman</b><br><b>Passover Seder</b>   |

## DUUF BOARD MEETING

**The April Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30PM.**

### About our April speakers

**Abigail Carroll.** Abigail Carroll is a poet and the author of three books, *Habitation of Wonder* (2018), *A Gathering of Larks: Letters to Saint Francis from a Modern-Day Pilgrim* (2017), and *Three Squares: The Invention of the American Meal* (2013). She has taught history and writing at Boston University, where she earned her PhD in American Studies. A Durham native, Abigail currently lives in Vermont and serves as pastor of arts and spiritual formation at Church at the Well in Burlington.

**Rev. Ed Lynn.** The Reverend Edwin Lynn is Minister Emeritus of the Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers, MA, where he had served the congregation for 33 years. He is a recipient of a first place prize in the Unitarian Universalist Borden Sermon Awards, has served on the Borden Sermon Award jury, and for many years had been a member of the Billings Preaching Prize jury at the Harvard Divinity School. In 1986 Harvard University awarded him a Merrill Fellowship, after which he served there as both Denominational Counselor to Unitarian Universalist students and as a Visiting Lecturer for 22 years, which included teaching the course "Unitarian Universalist Polity and Practices." In addition to his serving as a Unitarian Universalist minister for over 40 years, Reverend Lynn is also a registered architect. He is the author of the book *Tired Dragons: Adapting Church Architecture to Changing Needs* and has served as a lecturer and architectural consultant to over 70 Unitarian Universalist churches. His newest book, published in 2011, is *Shore Lines: Life Lessons From The Sea*, in which he creates a connection between the seaside environment and human experience through imagery and story. He is a graduate cum laude of the Syracuse University School of Architecture and received his MDiv from the Thomas Starr King School for the Ministry. Rev. Lynn and his wife, Marj, live in the coastal town of Ipswich, Massachusetts.

**Thomas Pistole.** Thomas is Professor Emeritus of Microbiology, retiring from UNH after 45 years. He is also a Credentialed Religious Educator and was the first male to complete this UUA program. He directed the Religious Education/Exploration program at our Fellowship for 23 years. He has presented an Easter service at our Fellowship at least five previous times and is honored to do so again.

**Larry Vogelmann.** Our own "Jewnatarian," Larry has led us in a unique Passover seder for the last half dozen years. Larry is a civil rights lawyer committed to changing the world, one case at a time.

## **DUUF Socials for April 2019**

**It's spring and though many of us are still waiting for warm weather, the sun is shining ever more strongly (and we are ever hopeful)**

**Please join us at DUUF on Saturday night (March 30<sup>th</sup>) 5- 8 pm for our annual Pizza and Games night. Whether you seek fierce competition, relaxed matching of wits or just the pleasure of eating pizza with fellow DUUFers, there's something for everyone. Kudos to Mike Fleming for organizing this enjoyable annual event.**

**April will be a busy month at DUUF with a potluck luncheon on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and our Easter Breakfast potluck on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to this event-filled calendar, we will be holding our Second Sunday Table Tennis Tournament on April 7<sup>th</sup> (which is actually April's first Sunday).**

**Please join us for our traditional Easter Breakfast just before our Easter Service on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be asking you to sign-up to either bring eggs or breakfast meat or breakfast pastries or fruit to share with others. Please plan to bring your dishes by 8:30 am on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will also hold our traditional Easter Egg Roll following the service**

**Deb, for the Socials Committee (Edna O'Sullivan, Amy Randlov and Bob Sheehan)**

## President's Message

March was a very busy month at the Fellowship. Thanks to Rev. Mary Edes, Robert Azzi, Donna Pistole and Joan Lincoln for excellent Programs. We finish March with a Program on the 31st by Betty Crepeau on Downsizing as Life Review.

Thanks to all who supported the Oyster River Folk Concert on March 9th! Special thanks to Bob and Brad and the Youth for again providing the refreshments at Intermission.

Thanks to Mike Fleming and Green Sanctuary for an excellent program by Washington governor, Jay Inslee, on March 16. Attendance was at roughly 100 for the program.

We are now looking forward to a very busy April. Journey Song will be giving a concert on Sunday, April 7. Pot Luck on Sunday April 14th with Rev. Ed Lynn.

Oyster River Folk Concert featuring Gordon Bok on Saturday, April 20th. Easter Breakfast on the 21st.

Bob Sheehan

## EACH YEAR IN APRIL

Each year in April the treasurer prepares a budget for the coming fiscal year and presents it for discussion and vote in May at the DUUF's Annual Business Meeting. This plan for income and spending must address the realities of our resources and the costs of operating our Fellowship. But it can and should also be aspirational. It should reflect our mission and our short and long-term goals. For these reasons I am requesting budget inputs from each of our committee chairs and council coordinators. Fellowship members with ideas they would like to see reflected in our financial planning, please pass them along to me or any other member of the board. I will do my best to include them in the budget proposal to be presented, discussed and voted at the ABM.

Also in April, the Nominations Council identifies members and friends to serve on the DUUF board or councils for the next fiscal year. After four years I plan to step aside as treasurer. I encourage any member interested in the inner workings that support the mission of this 60-years-and-running operation to be fearless (Margaret McKenna was in her 80s) and offer your name for the ballot. Let me know if you'd like to know more about what's involved.

Yours,

John Macri, Treasurer

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Photo (March 28th): A Work crew contracted by Eversource carefully takes down the large cottonwood tree near the far front corner of DUUF's parking lot.

This old tree was presenting a risk to the power lines. DUUFers interested in having some of the wood left behind (and willing to work for it) should contact House Chair Sarge Legard.

## THE OYSTER RIVER FOLK SERIES PRESENTS:



# GORDON BOK IN CONCERT

APRIL 20, 2019  
7 PM

Gordon Bok's music is synonymous with the folklore of the sea. Gordon grew up in Camden, Maine, where he worked on or near the water much of his earlier years, in shipyards and on sailing vessels, serving in every capacity from dishwasher to captain. As the original first mate on the sloop "Clearwater", he toured the New England coast with the Hudson River Sloop Singers. His repertoire consists of a rich trove of ballads of Maine and the Maritimes, songs and dances from abroad, stories of boats and sailors, tales of seal-folk and cantefables of his own composition, contemporary songs and guitar instrumentals. He performs on 6- and 12-string guitars as well as the "cellamba" – a cross between a cello and a bass viol da gamba - which he designed himself. He also sings a cappella, plying the resonant bass-baritone voice that has become a Bok trademark.

Gordon has recorded over twenty albums, both solo and with other musicians, and performs at folk clubs, concert halls and festivals throughout the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Scandinavia. He has appeared in concert with the Paul Winter Consort and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and on the radio program, "A Prairie Home Companion".

In the words of one critic, "If the sea had a voice with which to sing, it would be the voice of Gordon Bok."

**DURHAM UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**  
**20 MADBURY RD., DURHAM, NH**  
**TICKETS \$15 / \$5 STUDENTS**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM**

## 2018-2019 DUUF Officers & Committees

### **Officers**

President: Bob Sheehan

Vice President: Dottie Oliver

Treasurer: John Macri

Secretary: Rachel Legard

### **Committees**

Program: Thomas Pistole (Chair); Susan Bullivant, Carmen Buford-Paige, Julia Kinsey

Religious Exploration: Bob Pavlik (Chair) Brad Kinsey

House and Grounds: House: Sarge Legard (Chair); Grounds: Eric Nordgren;  
Rentals and Cleaning: Maria Isaak (Rentals); Edna O'Sullivan (Cleaning)

Socials: Deb Johnson (Chair); Edna O'Sullivan, Amy Randlov, Bob Sheehan

Membership: Brooke Baldwin (Chair); Caring Subcommittee: Chris Rodgers, Betty Crepeau,  
Michael O' Sullivan, Bob Sheehan, Joyce Sheehan

### **Councils**

Nominations: Michael O'Sullivan (Coordinator), Joyce Sheehan

Green Sanctuary: Mike Fleming (Coordinator), Jake Kritzer

Social Action: Dawn Meredith (Coordinator); Betty Crepeau

Music: Carmen Buford-Paige (Coordinator); Thomas Pistole; Maria Isaak

Communication & Outreach: Brett Gibson (Webmaster); Stefanie Griffin (HEED Editor)

Denominational Affairs: Joyce Sheehan (Coordinator)

## **Our Mission Statement**

The real test of our religion is the way we live our lives. The Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship affirms the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism:

We seek to be a place in which each person's unique worth and beliefs are acknowledged and respected and where each person's voice may be heard – a place in which each may freely explore his or her own spiritual path.

We join with others in reaching out to make the world more just, and commit ourselves to caring for the earth and all that makes up the web of life.

We strive to be a source of inspiration, a forum for intellectual exchange, a wellspring of comfort to those in need and a nurturing, supportive community for each other and our children.

### **Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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