



The Newsletter of the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton

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Sunday Services

September 7 Ingathering and Water Ceremony Service, with corn boil and pot luck afterwards.

September 14 Healthy Congregations weekend, with Ray Drennan presenting and leading Sunday service. *"I Wish Lao-Tzu Hadn't Said That.* A good Baptist minister friend of mine once preached a series of sermons titled, *"I wish Jesus hadn't said that."* It almost got him drummed out of his Church. Most days I have a similar love-hate relationship with words that come from the Tao Te Ching. They challenge me so let's be challenged together.

September 21 Mac Campbell: *"Finding a Compass in the Middle of a Whirlwind."* Most would agree that life is a journey, both geographically (in many cases) and, more importantly, spiritually. There is less agreement about just how we chart a course for this journey. As Rev. Mac Campbell begins his four month "pilot project" with tUFF as part-time Affiliate Minister, he will explore the ways we use to get and keep our bearings on our life journey. He will

also look at some of the possibilities for the time he will be sharing with us.

September 28 *Spiritual Journeys II.* Three members of the congregation will share their response to the question: "How did I wind up at tUFF?"



Women's Pot Luck

The next date is September 26th. Details to follow.



First Thursday Discussion and Pot Luck

Thursday Sept. 4th

Start off the Fall Season of events at the Fellowship by attending our Discussion Evening and Pot Luck. We begin with a delicious supper at 5:30 followed by the discussion. Topics vary widely and are usually chosen by participants ahead of time. Last spring we had several guest speakers sharing information about "Jews for Peace", French Language Training in N.B., and Environmental Issues. It is always a lively discussion and a very good meal! For further information please call Ken and Sheila 363-2480 or Allison Calvern and George DeMille 459-1436



Children's Religious Education

September 2008 - June 2009

September 2008 We Believe That Each And Every Person Is Important.

September 7: Music & Singing

September 14: Principle #1 Discussion

September 21: Environmental Topic

September 28: Big Questions

October 2008 We Believe That All People Should Be Treated Fairly And Kindly.

October 5: Music & Singing

October 12: Principle #2 Discussion

October 19: Environmental Topic

October 26: Big Questions

November 2008 We Believe That We Should Encourage One Another And Learn Together.

November 2: Music & Singing

November 9: Principle #3 Discussion

November 16: Environmental Topic

November 23: Big Questions

November 30: World Religions

December 2008 We Believe That Each Person Must Be Free To Search For What Is True & Right In Life.

December 7: Music & Singing

December 14: Principle #4 Discussion

December 21: Intergenerational Christmas Service

December 28: Big Questions

January 2009 We Believe That All Persons Should Have A Say About The Things That Concern Them.

January 4: Music & Singing

January 11: Principle #5 Discussion

January 18: Environmental Topic

January 25: Big Questions

February 2009 We Believe In Working For A Peaceful, Fair And Free World.

February 1: Music & Singing

February 8: Principle #6 Discussion

February 15: Environmental Topic

February 22: Big Questions

March 2009 We Believe In Caring For Our Planet Earth, The Home We Share With All Living Things.

March 1: Music & Singing

March 8: Principle #7 Discussion

March 15: Environmental Topic

March 22: Big Questions

March 29: World Religions

April 2009 We Believe That Each And Every Person Is Important.

April 5: Music & Singing

April 12: Principle #1 Discussion

April 19: Environmental Topic

April 26: Big Questions

May 2009 We Believe That All People Should Be Treated Fairly And Kindly.

May 3: Music & Singing

May 10: Principle #2 Discussion

May 17: Environmental Topic

May 24: Big Questions

May 31: World Religions

June 2009 We Believe That We Should Encourage One Another And Learn Together.

June 7: Music & Singing

June 14: Principle #3 Discussion

June 21: Environmental Topic

June 28: Wrap Up

Special Events:

September 20, 2008: Apple Picking & Baking

January 2009: Sleigh Ride

Big Questions:

How Do We Treat Each Other? (Community)

How Did the World Begin? (Creation)

What Happens When You Die? (Death)

Who Are the Great Teachers? (Teachers)

Who or What Is in Charge? (God)

What Is the Right Thing to Do? (Ethics)

Why Do Bad Things Happen? (Hope)

How Do We Connect to the Divine? (Prayer)

Why and How Do We Celebrate? (Rituals)

Editor's Note: in the original document, each of the big questions was a link to a web site. Anyone wishing more details may email the editor for the original article with the links.



Apple Day

The Children's Program Committee at TUFF is organizing an apple picking activity, to be held on Saturday, September 20, for the children, their parents and any other interested persons. Mark your calendars for this event; it should be lots of fun for the young and young at heart among us.

The plan is to meet at the Fellowship at 12:30 pm and then proceed to the Johnny Appleseed orchard in Keswick. (Alternatively, you may join us at the orchard at 1 o'clock.)

You should bring your own containers. They will be weighed by the orchard before and after filling them with apples. TUFF will pay for the apples which we will then bring to the fellowship. We plan to ask some volunteers to make apple crisp for the snack after our service on Sunday. Apples left over will be sold on Sunday or contributed to either the food bank or the community kitchen. The proceeds from these sales will also go to these charities.

Directions to the orchard will be circulated closer to the date.

This will be the first of what we hope will be a series of activities which will bring together the children and adults in our congregation. Look forward to a sleigh ride or similar event when the snow returns.

Plan to join us and support our children's programs.



Notes From the President

We had our first Board meeting August 10th, and I thank the members for taking time away from their families to attend on such a beautiful summer day. Three main topics were discussed.

Ministerial Contract Committee (MCC)

The Board approved the concept of trying out a parttime "Affiliate" minister for the four months from September to December 2008. Although a number of concerns were raised, there was unanimous consent to go ahead with the trial period. An ad-hoc committee (the MCC) was struck to negotiate the terms of agreement with the proposed minister, and to report back to the Board on September 9th for a final decision. Tom Hanley agreed to chair the committee, with the help of George DeMille, Ken Moore and Patricia desChamps.

If the Board accepts the proposals presented at that time, the Affiliate Minister will serve us for at least four Sundays during those months. The proposed contract will not interfere with our normal arrangements for visiting UU ministers or with the duties of the Lay Chaplains. It is hoped that a regular affiliate minister will be able to give some guidance and support to our various committees and, in essence, give more "heart" to our Fellowship. A congregational meeting will be held in early January 2009 to decide if, and on what terms, we should continue with the contract.

Review of the Financial Statements

We are in a relatively healthy state at this time. One anomaly that has risen a number of times this year is the entry for the purchase of the piano. At first glance, it appears that the purchase has caused a strain on our budget.

We all know, however, that the piano was acquired with the generous contribution in memory of Ken Brown and Margaret Fitzgerald's agreement that it should be used for the piano purchase. For this we are thankful and, by year-end, the anomaly we see now should be cleared up. Discussions on the financial statements did give rise to recognition of the need of a fundraiser sometime this year for various projects and to ensure a healthy balance on the books. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the next regular Board meeting

Administrative Matters.

Since this was our first meeting, we dealt with a number of "getting-to-know" you topics. The chairs of committees will have the service of August 31 available to discuss their programs and objectives with the congregation. The next regular Board meeting will be at 12:45PM after Service, Sunday September 21st, at which time committee reports will be reviewed and a priority agenda set for the Board for at least the next six months. Suggestions from the congregation are always welcome and, as usual, any member of the Fellowship is welcome to attend a Board meeting.

We hope you will have the time and interest to attend and support Jo-Anne's Healthy Congregations Workshops, September 12-14 October 3-5. It should be an interesting and worthwhile with Ray Drennan at the helm.

John van Abbema



Report from the Board of Directors

At its meeting on August 10 the board received a report on the financial situation of the fellowship. Currently we are running a deficit of just over \$2000, due to our purchase of a new (to us) piano at an overall cost of \$7250. Other expenditures and donations are pretty much on target. There is some cause for concern in that the budgeted revenue for rentals and fund raising is as yet substantially unrealized.

The main item of business at the meeting was to consider the report of an ad hoc committee (Ken Moore, chair, Allison Calvern & Linda Sprague) that had been established by the board to look into the possibility of reaching some sort of arrangement with retired United Church minister, Rev. Mac Campbell, whereby he might serve as a part-time minister to our congregation. That committee had met with Rev. Campbell on two occasions and he expressed an interest in having some sort of affiliation with our congregation. The board agreed to establish an ad hoc committee to work out a four month contract with Rev. Campbell for the period September 1 to December 31. Following this trial period a congregational meeting would be called to determine if a longer term arrangement was wanted. That

committee has reached an agreement with Mac Campbell which will be brought to a special meeting of the board on September 9 for ratification.

George DeMille



Kilometres

Jo-Anne Elder

We're attracted to photos. We gather around albums we take out for visitors, company, people from away. Sometimes there's a new baby in the house and we take out the album to show big brothers and sisters that they, too, were once rocked, cuddled, nursed, that the baby is not the only one to be loved this way. Children ask who the old people in the photos are. They are your grandfather, your grandmother, your favourite great-aunt who drank scotch with the men (you don't tell them that part). Children ask, "Are you sad that you don't have a mother any more?" They can hardly imagine living that way. You can hardly imagine it yourself.

Come to think of it... Yes, I am sad, with a sadness as vast as the sea, as all the love you have known up to this point. Vaster than the love we know, in fact, because our love is constantly crashing up against the shorelines of our daily life. We may be grown-ups, but we still don't know how far everything can reach, where infinity begins. Without infinity, unconditional love has no room to settle into, to stretch out comfortably.

Yes, I am sad, with a sadness that flies over the kilometres of our travels, our wanderings, our escapes. We didn't always know how to be there, how to stay put. We tried, but sometimes we didn't manage to sit still. Our restlessness guided our decisions, and we roamed around visiting other countries, starting other families, breaking up and taking flight. Life has been a series of exiles.

Yes, but... Life has also been a series of discoveries, family reunions, chance encounters. We lost sight of certain thoughts, impressions, memories, and they come back to greet us at the end of our pilgrimages, imprinted with childhood friendships, Sunday grace, the touch of those who cradle our destiny in their hands and offer it up to us, who let it light on our skin, this sense that is always with us and continues to evolve mysteriously and, from time to time, catches us unawares, held by people who whisper in our defective and wrinkled ear that is becoming too old to cope with the excitement and is still too young to resign itself to the confusion. They come and tell us they recognized us right away, that we haven't changed that much at all.

But yes, I do have a mother. I mourn her the way I love her. I know that the only way to avoid grief and heartbreak

is to avoid loving people. I've tried that. I've decided I'd rather weep.

We don't know what kind of air the people around us are drawing into their bodies, what unspeakable sadness flows deep into their lungs, through their veins. Some never cry for their lost loves. Others haven't learned the words to tell the stories of their villages burning in their wake as they fled. Invaders are clever; they know how to snatch languages and hide them in the hull of their boats until they can cast them into the sea. Thousands of languages are floating many kilometres away from us, across the vast sea. I can't believe in shipwrecks. I think that words hover like ghosts behind the fluttering eyelids of people sleeping wordlessly. Sometimes you dream and words of your own language slip from your mouth. Sometimes I dream that your mother's hand, my mother's hand, rest softly on my shoulder, anchoring me for one more day.

I wake up with a gentle sadness, swept away by the unbounded love I carry out towards the shocking sunlight of my daily adventures. It seems to me that once we have tasted those dream-depths we never again want to totally emerge. Our loves, joys, sorrows stretch out across the seas. Sometimes the sweet is impossible to distinguish from the salt, pleasure from tears, love from regret. Sorrow tastes like beauty. We hold it in our mouth like a first kiss, like the first embrace in the arms of our mother, at the instant we discovered for the first time that we were loved.

Editor's note: The above is a translation of one of Jo-Anne's French texts, and she read it at the Worship service about losing a parent. It is reprinted at the request of a number of people.



Unitarians Mourn Senseless Violence And Call to All Communities of Faith to Re-Affirm the Right to Worship

Montréal, July 30, 2008 – "Canadian Unitarians are responding to the tragic violence on Sunday, July 27, when a stranger opened fire during a children's program at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, killing two adults and wounding seven more.

"Such specific, targeted violence in a single community affects all people of faith," said Jean Pfeleiderer, President of the Canadian Unitarian Council.

Rev. Carole Martignacco, President of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada said, "Collectively, we as religious communities must affirm that acts of hatred and fear can never be tolerated as commentaries on religious beliefs or social justice policies."

Rev. Chris Buice, the minister at Tennessee Valley, was

quoted in an op-ed column printed last March in the Knoxville paper as saying, “In the midst of political and religious controversy, I choose to love my neighbors as myself ... Ultimately, I believe that tolerance, compassion and respect are the qualities we need to keep Knoxville and East Tennessee beautiful.”

Published months before the violent events in his congregation that tragically disrupted last Sunday’s worship service, Rev. Buice’s words nonetheless represent the stance taken by Unitarians and Universalists to injustice everywhere.

Canadian Unitarians are standing in solidarity with him and his words, and applauding his faithful defense of human rights and his commitment to social justice. They are inviting other faith communities to stand with them at this difficult time.



A Spiritual Home

A special chalice lighting has been written by Rev. Carole Martignacco to honour the bravery of the Knoxville congregation:

As a spiritual home is a sanctuary, a safe space for the gathering of the beloved community, we light this chalice, symbol of our free faith,

In solidarity with brothers and sisters all over the world who mourn with the Knoxville community last week’s tragic events, the violation of their sanctuary and the loss of precious lives.

We light this chalice in honour of the courage and goodness of those who in every age, mindless of the cost to themselves, are moved to shield others from acts of violence.

May this flame burn in our hearts today to warm us and remind us that our greatest security lies in our choice to answer hate with the all-consuming power of love.



Correspondence with UU Church in Knoxville

Sent Monday, July 28, 2008

To: Rev Chris Buice, Minister
Subject: In support of your church. . .
From: a Unitarian Universalist in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Hello Chris, allison calvern here.

I met you in May in Ottawa, at the CUC-ACM, where you impressed me with your quiet manner, and your interest

in us Canadians and how we conduct the business of being Unitarian Universalists.

Please accept my warm thoughts for all of you as you and your congregation struggle in the aftermath of the tragic shooting at your church. Many of us here in New Brunswick and in the rest of Canada are thinking of you—including widely ranging faith and secular communities who, because they do not know you, are reaching us as individuals with their messages of support.

We send this support on to you and add our own to the mix, hoping that the best parts of fellowship are called into play in the best possible ways, as you grieve and grow into the fullness of your community of faith.

Much love to all of you, and as many tears as are necessary. You are very much in our thoughts, Chris. Take care. I send you hugs, many hugs.

allison

Received from Rev. Chris Buice, Minister
Thursday, August 14, 2008:

Subject: Re: In support of your church . . .

Thank you Allison for your words of support. The spirit of the CUC-ACM helped sustain me during this time. Our choir led the congregation in “Circle of Song” in our sanctuary rededication ceremony. The words about “the old and the young, the weak and the strong” having special meaning because all ages were in the sanctuary when the attack occurred. As you can see I am behind on my email but wanted to say thanks for your kind words.

Chris



Wanted: Youth and Supporters

Every month, youth from Saint John, Fredericton and Bouctouche have a chance to get together in Saint John for an evening (and sometimes an afternoon) of activities. Sometimes the youth spend some time together at picnics, at our Fellowship, or at youth conferences. A “con” is a weekend retreat for teens between 14 and 18 years of age. They are organized by various congregations and draw youth from a larger region or even across the continent. The biggest con is the CanUuddle, the youth programming offered at the Annual Meeting and Conference of the Canadian Unitarian Council; our young people live together from Friday night until Monday morning and then leave in tears.

Participants at youth cons need to have a youth adviser from their congregation or a sponsor, who is 25 or older, has had a criminal check, has been involved with the youth at some level and met with them before the con, and who

is available to stay on site throughout the youth con. In the case of the CanUUdle, participants are also required to have attended three youth meetings in their congregation. Last year, Gabriel and Élisabeth took part in youth meetings in Saint John, hosted a sleepover at the Fellowship, attended a youth con in Montreal, and attended the CanUUdle. The Montréal trip was supported by the Fellowship, which made it possible for us to drive youth from Saint John and Steve McCavour, who generally served as an advisor for them. Since Steve was working with another group at the ACM, Liz and Gabe were able to find a youth advisor from another congregation who was able to serve as their sponsor. On the other hand, youth wishing to attend a con in Toronto “ran out” of sponsors.

The enthusiasm of youth members is incredible! This year, we are planning to host a sleepover at the Fellowship during the second Healthy Congregations weekend (October 4-5). Since it is early in our “church year”, this would be a great chance for youth to be involved in our activities for the first time. We’re planning to go to a movie and join the Fellowship in a potluck on Saturday, and then enjoy Haifa’s pancakes on Sunday morning. We are inviting youth from Saint John and Bouctouche as well, so we hope it will be an opportunity to get to know some new UUs.

Liz and Gabe also hope to go to a regional gathering in November, and possibly another con at some point, as well as the CanUUdle. For youth cons outside of Fredericton, Carlos and I can provide transportation, but we are unable to serve as youth advisers because of our family’s needs. For this reason, I am wondering if there are adults who are willing to serve as youth advisors / sponsors to make these activities possible.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping at the Fredericton sleepover or able to travel with us. Advisors and sponsors are resource people and participants at the cons, and information about the responsibilities is provided by the organizers. Thanks for considering this service to our youth members!

Please get in touch with me if you want more information about youth get-togethers in Fredericton or Saint John. We welcome new participants!

Blesséd be,
Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes



Growing Our U*U Community

Rather than being born into it, most of us choose Unitarian Universalism as adults. As U*Us in Fredericton we might consider the following gestures—centering, reaching out, announcing—to encourage our larger community to try us out. How tUFF can it be?

Centre

- Wearing your name tag at every service.
- Sitting beside a visitor; talking to someone you don’t know at coffee time.
- Introducing a friend to a Sunday service.
- Welcoming a return visitor.
- Calling somebody you haven’t seen at service for a while; asking them how they are.

Reach out

- Offering to be a greeter.
- Informing a non-member about an upcoming service.
- Asking someone their opinion on a provocative comment heard at a service.
- Emailing a sermon or giving a copy of WORLD magazine to a friend.
- Sharing information on our many resources: lay chaplaincy; websites (<http://www.uff.ca/> - <http://www.cuc.ca/index.html>); rental space.

Announce

- Putting a U*U decal on your car; wear U*U jewelry.
- Displaying our U*U principles at home, at work, and/or on your website.
- Buying a copy of “Singing the Living Tradition” for your home.
- Hosting a dinner or a party for both members and non-members.
- Organizing an event that welcomes outside people to our building, such as a coffee house, or concert.



Diary Entries

Thursday, February 9, Foot Clinic My volunteer work at Foot Clinic is very rewarding. I think back to Pup’s accident in 1922 when the elevator cable broke and the elevator came crashing down with Pup in it—two floors, I think, and Pup rolled out onto the mill floor. No doubt, those present thought he was dead. I really don’t remember the tragic event, or his long stay in Portland. I only know that Dr. Gardner in McAdam sent him, to quote Pup, “to the best damned bone specialist on this continent,” and he was in Portland, Maine. He must have been good because they did a remarkably good job. I think Pup broke just about every bone in his feet. When he finally came home he was on his knees, on knee pads. We still have a peg leg in the barn with padding on the knee, and a belt and buckle for attaching it. It was made for him by Mum’s Uncle Dode Little. We had great fun wearing it when we were kids.

Each year Pup received shoes from Hartt Boot and Shoe Company in Fredericton. These had a special last. The

soles were at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick and they were black leather, laced up over the ankles like a half Wellington. They were wide, hard, and heavy, but he wore them all his life, until the last 20 years—then he wore sandals.

Pup was a dude, I'm told. He was a pretty sharp dresser in spite of those shoes. He liked straw hats and always wore a three-piece suit, even on picnics. He was very fussy about his neck ties. He wore a watch fob and a chain with a gold pen knife attached. Yup, he was a dude—a good dude!

Friday, February 10, Sunny and Cold Our car garage was attached to the office. It was a double garage for our car and Matt Briggs.' In those days, there was a bridge between our house and the office. We called it the "little bridge." The run of water under it was just a brook, except in a very rainy time or during Spring run-off when it became a river. I only remember once when that bridge was washed out and Pup had to put planks to walk across to get to the mill. When we looked back, in later years and expressed our concern about Roy, Marie, and the other 'little' neighbour kids during that time, Uncle Lorne Coffey said, "Oh don't worry. I can remember when your father went to the mill with a lantern, and you kids followed along behind. He walked the plank and so did you, and he expected you to do it." It makes me afraid to think of it now.

Getting back to the garage, sometimes when we got home late at night, Pup would carry us up to the house if we were asleep. Often we'd just pretend to be asleep and were too cute to wake up. Another rather painless way to cover the distance home, if Pup was already carrying one child, was to wrap our arms around his legs, with our head between his legs. It must have been quite a drag on him, but he never said so.

I don't remember when the garage was reconstructed this side of the little bridge. They use it to store wool now. The cars were not kept in the barn until years later. There wasn't room with all the sleighs and wagons, and we had a pony, a horse and a cow. And there were ducks down below, behind the barn. Laddie was our one and only dog. I'll write about him one day.

R.E.C.



An Important Announcement from the CUC Board

The Board of Trustees of the Canadian Unitarian Council announces that it has accepted with regret Mary Bennett's resignation as Executive Director, effective September 17, 2008. We are deeply grateful to Mary for her leadership over these eight years of the organization's rebirth and re-development. She has built a lasting legacy, and we wish

her all the very best as she moves on to new opportunities.

Linda Thomson, our Associate Executive Director, will assure the continuity of executive leadership as we enter this transition period. Known to many of you in her role as Director of Regional Services - East, for some time Linda has also worked alongside Mary in the Associate role and is well-prepared to move us forward. The CUC is fortunate, and the Board is very pleased, to have Linda's leadership at this time of change.

Jean Pfleiderer, President, for the Board of Trustees (jeanp@cuc.ca)

Message from Mary

August 21, 2008

Dear Unitarians and UU's - friends, volunteers, staff and all,

This letter is to let you know that I am leaving the CUC employ. It has been a unique, challenging and often richly rewarding experience to serve as the CUC's executive director during this chapter of our history.

The CUC board is now considering new strategic directions and I believe it is best that a new executive director provide leadership during this next chapter.

Job One during my time with CUC has been to support creation of and then implement the "new CUC". Those early years were full of big changes, new initiatives and shifts in staff and volunteer roles. With Director of Lifespan Learning, Sylvia Bass West, and Directors of Regional Services, Linda Thomson and Sara McEwan and then Laura McNaughton, we have built the volunteer systems and connections to fulfill the Of Regions and RNGs implementation task force report. Phil Strapp has been my "rock" progressively taking on more and more responsibility and remaining calm, cool and collected at all times.

Along the way, I have met many, many of you and that has been the real pleasure of this role. Thank you to all who volunteered in so many ways your considerable talents to the CUC. I leave cherishing many fond memories from planned and spontaneous moments of connection.

All the best to you all.

Take care,
Mary Bennett mary@cuc.ca



Forest Forum at Falls Brook Centre

September 6'th

This year as part of our annual Falls Brook Centre Fair, we are featuring a Forest Forum.

Carvers, bowl turners, woodworkers, sawmillers outdoor survival trainers, tanning hides, telling stories and formal

speakers round out a gathering of people and activities which focus on forest products, making a living, and enjoying the uniqueness of our Acadian forest. Booths will be set up by 9.00a.m. and formal speakers will begin at 10.00a.m. You will be able to sample sumac tea, hazelnut butter, have a tour of wild mushrooms and edible forest plants.

10.00AM David Coon - Policy Director, Conservation Council of New Brunswick “Crown forest, NB management alternatives as outlined in the Task Force on Forest Diversity and Wood Supply report”

10.30AM Mitch Lansky - Town Councilor, Witopitlok Village, Maine “A brief history of forest management goals and approaches in the Acadian forest and what management would be like if the future really mattered”

11.00AM Sophie Michelle Cyr - Falls Brook Centre “Community Asset Mapping in the Upper St. John River Valley”

11.00AM Dr. Peggy Smith - Lakehead University, Thunder Bay. “Northern Ontario Sustainable Communities Partnership and possibly recent proposed changes to tenure in Ontario”.

Come to listen, exchange ideas and work together for a future in New Brunswick that enables us to maintain our forest diversity and livelihoods by careful ecological land management and community engagement.

For more information on The Fair itself, check out our website www.fallsbrookcentre.ca for updated schedules and see the invitation in the attachment.

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Hello and Happy Harvest Season!

We at Falls Brook Centre are pleased to invite you to our annual Falls Brook Centre Fall Fair, a celebration of the best of rural living! The Fall Fair will run from September 5 to 7. It's a great event for the whole family, with activities and showcases of interest to all ages.

This year, the fair will feature a Forest Forum, which will showcase New Brunswick-based woodworkers, craftspeople, non-timber forest product producers, and other forest-oriented producers and researchers. Alongside our ‘forester’s village’ of booths and displays, we are also excited to invite some great speakers to our Forest Forum. Among these speakers are Mitch Lansky, who is the founder of the Maine Low-Impact Forestry Project, and Dr Peggy Smith from Lakehead University, who was a First Nation representative on the Forest Stewardship Council. There will be presentations from other experienced local speakers, including David Coon from the Conservation Council of New Brunswick, and Sophie Michele Cyr of Falls Brook Centre who will talk about the Community Asset Mapping Initiative in the Upper St. John River Valley.

Alongside the Forest Forum, the Falls Brook Fair festivities will continue on as usual, with great local food, music, and artisans. The Fair will kick off on September the 5th at 8pm with a concert in the barn. This year we are lucky to present the great East Coast talents of Isaac and Blewett and Ross Neilsen. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Saturday and Sunday the grounds are open from 10am to 5pm. Admission is \$5 per person, with children under 9 free. The Fair continues to be a smoke, alcohol and pet free environment.

We hope to see you out on September 5-7th!

For more information please contact ja@fallsbrookcentre.ca or phone (506)375-8143. You can also check out a full schedule at www.fallsbrookcentre.ca

This space wants your material!