Floralia Dinner on the Farm: Spring Benefit for UUCA

On Sunday, May 3, 2015 Gaia Gardens/Love is Love Farm and UUCA invite you to join us for the Floralia Dinner on the Farm to celebrate and benefit the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. The dinner is named Floralia after the festival for the Roman goddess of flowers, vegetation, and fertility. Nature will be in bloom when guests arrive at 4pm and are greeted by a cocktail reception, followed by a tour with Farmer Joe Reynolds. Dinner will be outside along the gardens on grass and gravel. This night will be a 4-course meditation on the farm and season interpreted into deliciousness by celebrity Chef Philip Meeker formerly of Kimball House. Chef Meeker believes in nourishing cuisine that supports a holistic lifestyle and will be preparing courses that will captivate omnivores and vegetarians alike. Wine will also be paired. (Must be 21 years+ to attend.) All proceeds will benefit UUCA's Operating Budget. Note: site of the dinner at the farm is accessible by motorized wheelchair.

Donations to attend the event will be priced on a sliding scale- please pay what is comfortable for you. Paying the higher price point will allow you to help another member attend. Tickets: $80, $100, or $120 each. Host tickets are $200 each and will include a special thank you gift. Purchase tickets at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1348440.

Event Location: Love Is Love Farm at Gaia Gardens, 900 Dancing Fox Rd, Decatur, GA 30032. If you are interested in volunteering to help with serving, set-up, and clean-up please visit our sign-up genius at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084aada625a13-floralia.

Questions? Contact: Joe Reynolds 404-840-9618 joe@loveislovefarm.com Dana Boyle 770-365-5551 danaboyle@me.com

Thank You, Ruth, for 35 Years!

Ruth Gogel has held the position of Chair of the UUCA Art Committee for 35 years, promoting Southeastern artists. For eleven shows a year, for those 35 years, she has searched out Southern artists, reviewed their work, and determined if the paintings, sculpture, jewelry, fiber art, photographs and other visual offerings would be a good fit for our gallery space and up to Ruth’s discerning standards. With Ruth’s commitment to the arts and her church, our walls have come alive and fed our spirit. Please join us after the second service on April 26 for a reception in her honor.

Reminder:
The deadline for the Weekly Update is at 5pm on Tuesday. Please send all submissions to weeklyupdate@uuca.org. The deadline for the newsletter is the third Sunday of the month by 5pm. Please submit all content to newsletter@uuca.org.
Upcoming Events

National Weekend of Prayer for the Freedom to Marry
Saturday, April 25 - Monday, April 27
In Marietta, Decatur, and Columbus Georgia and other houses of worship around the state, vigils to pray for the plaintiffs and the Supreme Court Justices are planned. On April 28, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court will consider the freedom to marry – which could lead to a decision that brings the country to a national resolution on this issue. Now, in the days before oral arguments are presented, people of faith from across the country are joining together in prayer for the freedom to marry for all people. For locations click here.

Humanist Fellowship Program
Sunday, April 26
Non-violence vs Apartheid in Palestine: The Movie

IUUCA Board of Trustees April Meeting
Tuesday, April 28
The Board of Trustees monthly meeting for April will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 7 - 9 p.m. in Room 209-210. The draft agenda is posted at http://www.uuca.org/about-us/new-board-of-trustees/agendas-minutes/. Meetings are open to the congregation.

Wonderful Wednesday
Wednesday, April 29
Join us Wednesday nights beginning September 17, 2014 – May 14, 2015 for a variety of programs we call "Wonderful Wednesdays!" Community dinner begins at 6:15 pm followed by worship at 7 pm.

Dinner catered by Five Old Guys and Friends
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Yarn Club
Tuesday, May 19
At 7:00 in Room 216 Yarn Club Meeting - Refreshments provided

Volunteer Opportunities

Office Volunteer for Tuesday afternoons, 2-6 pm in the IUUCA office.

Experience with Microsoft Office suite desirable. Familiarity with copiers a plus. Should enjoy working with others and have fun while getting the job done.

Announcements

Facilities Study Team Town Hall Meeting
The Facilities Study Team will host a series of Town Hall Meetings for the Congregation on Sunday, April 26. Meetings will be conducted to inform members of the Congregation about our study and to solicit input on various aspects of our facilities to ensure that our study is complete and truly reflective of the Congregation’s views and desires.

The 75-minute Meetings will coincide with each of the regular services at 9:30 and 11:15 and will follow the second service beginning at about 1:00 to allow time for members to participate in honoring Ruth Gogel for her years of service as curator of our Art Gallery. Please plan extra time that Sunday to participate in this important step in planning for IUUCA’s future.

Congregation Conversation
The Task Force for the 2nd minister will hold a Conversation Congregation in the sanctuary following the 2nd service on Sunday April 26th. Members of the Task Force will also be present at the six Town Hall meetings hosted by your Board of Trustees in May. Please attend any of these sessions if you have questions about the letter recently sent by Rev. Makar.

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U, U, & U Around the World
Have you visited with Unitarians or Universalists (or Unitarian Universalists) in other countries around the world? Are you willing to share a little of your experiences and thoughts? Do you want to learn more about what it means to be U, U or UU around the world?

The Children’s Religious Exploration Program needs you this Summer! Please contact restaff@uuca.org if you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the Summer Program.

Dante Santacroce Art Reception
Be sure to stop in for the reception to open Dante Santacroce’s art exhibit on May 3, 2015 from 2 until 4 p.m. in the Social Hall. The artist so well known for his theater work will be gracing our gallery with his beautiful pen and ink drawings and sculpture. Dante, a multitalented artist and longtime IUUCA member, is donating these works and all profits will go to IUUCA. Please join the fun and enjoy the art and maybe even buy something for your home.

Children’s Choir for Four Weeks
Celebrated IU Musician Brooksie Wells will be leading a short term children’s choir that will perform on Sunday, May 17 during the service. This choir is open to any of kids K-6 who want to sing. We will meet between services in the theater on April 26th, May 3rd, and May 10th. We hope this will stir up interest in either a long standing children’s choir or several short term sings throughout the year.

2015 Slate of Candidates for Open Positions: Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee – Election May 17
At the IUUCA Congregational Meeting on May 17, 2015, the congregation will be electing one new officer and eight members to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee has worked diligently this past year to create an excellent slate of candidates to serve the congregation in the coming years. Look for nominees’ detailed bios to be on display soon in the front foyer and in the Social Hall.

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