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## September Services

SERVICES ARE ON SUNDAYS AT 10 A.M.



### September 9

Water & Peace Communion – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Our annual ingathering service and Water Communion will be devoted to seeking, creating and being peace. We will pour our waters into the communal bowl as a symbol of universal oneness and peace.

THIS IS AN INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

***Remember to bring water gathered during your summer travels.***

### September 16

Justice General Assembly: Its Impact on Me

– *The Delegates, with Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Presented by the eight UUCSC delegates to the 2012 UUA General Assembly in Phoenix— Charlie Donnelly, Iris Falck Donnelly, Val Follett, John Glasheen, Carolyn Hurdis, Larry Kelland, Nancy Rose and Sue Strakosch.

### September 23

Days of Awe: High Holy Days of Introspection and Resolution

– *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

Through the ten days that span the Jewish High Holy Days, from the Rosh Hashanah new year celebration through Yom Kippur's rituals of atonement, there evolves an experience of personal transformation and relevance in the world.

### September 30

The Spiritual Roots of Yoga – *Judy McClain*

Codified two thousand years ago as a series of eight steps toward self-realization, classical yoga continues in the West as a foundation for spiritual practice. Our guest will outline the eight steps toward awakening in the yoga tradition.

*Judy is the director of Grace School of Yoga in Wickford, where she conducts weekly classes and trains teachers.*

### October 7

Connectivity – *Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

This service will be based on the poem "Turning to One Another" by Margaret Wheatley. The poem begins this way: "There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Come and be prepared to make discoveries.

*After the service, the Small Group Ministry facilitators will lead a practice Small Group session for those who are interested in learning about Small Group Ministry.*

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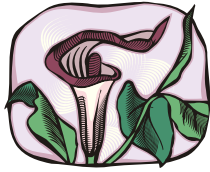
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scheduled activities sometimes call me away. If you'd like to stop by, it's a good idea to call the  
minister's study phone, (284-3321) to confirm that I am in. I am also available  
at many other times by appointment.



# *The Minister's Message*

By Rev. Betty Kornitzer

## A Month of Peace

September is being celebrated as a “Month of Peace” in Rhode Island. More than anything, I believe, we human beings need a pathway back to Peace. This summer has been punctuated by too much violence, too much fear and too much hatred. From an Aurora, Colorado movie theater, to Syria, to the streets of Cranston, and regretfully sometimes to our homes, and even to our hearts, conflict and anger have become a way of life on this planet.

A Month of Peace is a good start. Let's participate. Information about Peace Month activities can be found at this web site: [www.thepeaceflagproject.org](http://www.thepeaceflagproject.org). The flyer for A Month of Peace says:

*Celebrating the Peace Month is about working to create the Beloved Community and a Culture of Peace in our wonderful communities. A peaceful culture is one that we citizens can create ourselves by how we live our lives each day. The goal is peaceful relationships on all levels. Our focus is on how we live with our families, friends, and community members; what kind of citizens, coworkers and colleagues we are; and, how we educate our children and work for social justice. It's about being able to live a healthy life with meaningful work, good housing and safe neighborhoods. It's about affirming our need for artistic expression and appreciation for culture in all its diversity. It's about how we live on this planet and use its resources. It's about appreciating the connection of all life physically and spiritually.*

Events during September will be special peace events or events that are reflective of a peaceful world.

During September and forevermore, what we really need is a lifetime of Peace, an eternity of Peace— one day at a time, one minute at a time, one breath at a time. It is about commitment to brotherhood/sisterhood. instead of separation and conflict. May we forsake our devotion to conflict, as this poem expresses.

### Forsake Your Devotion *by James Broughton*

Forsake your devotion to predicament and discord.  
Break the tradition of rivalry and curse.  
Quickly, while there time, uproot hostility.  
Claim your humanity.  
Insist on brotherhood.  
Open your fists into embraces.  
Open your arms' length into loving circles.  
Remove every roadblock to the peaceable kingdom.  
Outnumber the hawks.  
Outdistance the angels.

May we pray for Peace, may we be Peace may we radiate peace in the world. May we know that we cannot win at another person's expense, that we are truly One, that we are not strangers.

Blessings, Peace & Love

*Betty*

# The President's Letter

Regardless of what the calendar says, for me and teachers and school personnel everywhere, September marks the beginning of the year. So it is with most UUs around the country and so it is with UUCSC.

Our church year traditionally begins with our water communion service. Folks bring samples of water that represent something from their own summer hiatus and all the water is combined. After purification (through boiling) to remove any bacteria or other unwanted things, the water is used as one of the “elements of life” we have on our altar and into which the pebbles of joys and concerns are dropped. It is the perfect way for us to gather-in.

The summer worship services were terrific and the thanks go to Helene Gersuny and the worship committee. The sermons, mostly provided by our own members, were inspiring, relevant, and complemented perfectly by the musical selection. Thanks to all who participated and helped to make our summer services happen.

Many of us reflect on the experiences we had this summer and I am no exception. For me, one of my summer highlights was attending the UUA General Assembly in Phoenix. This was a uniquely different GA; the Justice GA focused on many of

the human and civil right issues around immigration. Eight of us attended and during the course of this church year, the “GA8” will be sharing how this event opened our minds, opened our hearts, changes our perspectives and fired us up to make a difference.



This year will be another exciting one of growth; some changes, new energy, new members, and hopefully, a new commitment to our true financial sustainability. The Board meets for a day retreat on September 8th and during this time, we work toward setting goals for the year, we review how our congregation is functioning and meeting the needs of our congregants and the larger community, and we look to ourselves as responsible leaders of UUCSC and stewards of its resources.

Our new Director of Religious Education, Pam Santos, is “chomping at the bit” and ready to begin the

important work of religious education for our youngsters and their families. She has great ideas, great insights and great skills to ensure a wonderful RE experience for all children, youth and young adults. It’s going to be an amazing year downstairs and if you’d like to be part of the magic, think about volunteering to be a RE teacher for one of the sessions. Everything you’ll need to have a glorious time with our younger members will be provided.

The Board has designated a new committee, the Flower Committee, chaired by Roni Meyer and Patience Peck. If you like working with flowers and want to help enhance the beauty of our sanctuary, please be in touch with Roni.

Also, the Board recently decided to revive the Social Events committee and separate it from Music at Lily Pads. Now we need members to serve on this committee and come up with some congregational events that bring us together for FUN!

As the new president, I look forward to working with our amazing Board and our amazing congregation. We have some wonderful committees and I urge you to consider joining one. After all, “service is our prayer.”

See you on Sunday,

– Nancy Rose

## Coffee and Conversation with Rev. Betty

All are invited to join Rev. Betty for coffee and conversation after the service on Sunday, September 23 from 11:30 to 12:30. Please pick up some refreshments in the community room and join us. We will gather in a circle at the front of the sanctuary to share conversation about whatever is on your mind. This is an especially good opportunity for newcomers to UUCSC to ask questions and get to know some of our members.



## Celebrate Local Foods!

Join with the Green Sanctuary Committee on Saturday September 15 for a fall celebration of local foods. The potluck dinner starts at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish you have made using local ingredients. We would like to make this a regular fall festival. Please bring your ideas for how we can support local food sources. Questions? Speak David Floyd.

# Here is where we must draw our line

Dear Friends,

In this election year, politics is a hot topic around my house, maybe it is around yours as well.

In a number of discussions with friends from the congregation this idea has come up: “Why can't we have political gatherings at the church and use the e-mail and phone lists to support good political candidates who stand for our values?”

It is true that the values of our faith are entwined with politics. We say that we believe in the inherent worth and dignity of each person, and we want our laws to reflect that worth and dignity. We respect the interdependent web of which we are all a part, and the urgency we feel about the destruction of our planet and its inhabitants drives us to demand legislation that reflects that respect. In fact, the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process in society at large is one of our principles. For me, and for many (maybe most) UUs, political involvement is a moral and religious imperative. How then, could we not organize ourselves into a loving, fearless political force for good?

Well, my friends, we must orga-

nize ourselves as a people, but I emphatically say that using church resources like facilities or member lists for promoting or opposing particular political candidates is not what we do. One reason is the tax law, which states that a 501(c)(3) organization, which we are, “does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.” Another reason, dear to my heart, is the goal of fair campaign financing. I am not saying that a misplaced “joys and concerns” statement or a mistaken e-mail will corrupt our campaign finance system. Since the Supreme Court’s *Citizens United* decision, the U.S. campaign finance system has become a mockery of fairness. Still, I have my ideals. I ask you to imagine this: if we were not careful about the purpose of our non-profit and religious organizations, a group of paid partisans could start a “religion” and spend all the money they wanted on political campaigns, subsidized by the American taxpayer. No way!

The fact that many churches do become involved in the political

process has also come up. Some ministers declare from the pulpit which candidate they want their congregants to vote for. Some churches hand out pamphlets saying who to vote for. When my children want to do something others do that they know they shouldn't, I am tempted to drag that old saying out— “If they all jumped off a bridge, would you?” I am tempted to bring it out in these discussions as well. Those churches shouldn't do that, and neither should we.

We have every right to organize ourselves for non-partisan political activities. We march against war and injustice. We call, write to and meet with our legislators. We can and should organize voter registration drives. We can and should encourage each other to be involved in the political process, from voting to running for office. We talk about the issues that matter to us. We invite each other to important political events. We organize in so many ways. For some of us we must, our faith demands it. I am one of these people; I encourage you to seek me and each other out. We are the ones we've been waiting for, my friends. Warmly,

Amber Kelley Collins

## And here are the rules . . .

Where do we draw the line between social action that is a manifestation of our spiritual beliefs and advocacy that jeopardizes our tax-exempt status? Here's what the IRS says about what 501(c)(3) organizations are allowed to do:

- General advocacy— influencing public opinion on particular issues, sponsoring candidate debates, or running voter registration drives— is allowed as an educational activity.
- Lobbying— attempting to influence legislation by talking to members of a legislative body, encouraging the public to contact them, or advocating a position on a ballot referendum— is allowed as long as it is not a substantial activity of the organization.
- Political campaign activity— endorsing or opposing particular candidates, contributing to candidates or PACs, making public statements or distributing material in support of or against particular candidates— is absolutely prohibited.

If we want to show our support for particular causes, we can do that as individuals or as a congregation. What we can't do as a congregation is support or oppose particular candidates. – *The Editor*





# Justice General Assembly 2012 in Phoenix

On Saturday evening, June 23, eight Unitarian Universalists from South County participated in the national rally at Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Tent City Prison in Phoenix, Arizona. The purpose of the Rally was to bear witness against inhumane conditions and human rights violations at the prison, where inmates live in tents in 110 degree heat. Within a few miles of this horrible jail, Phoenix maintains a fully air-conditioned animal shelter.

## Sunday Service – September 16

*Justice General Assembly: Its Impact on Me*

The eight UUCSC delegates to Justice General Assembly will tell us what they saw and heard and what they thought about it .

More than 2,500 persons, including representatives of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the United Church of Christ, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, the National Day Laborers Organization and Puente Arizona, a global movement for migrant justice, attended the rally.

The rally followed a lecture by Maria Hinojosa, award-winning National Public Radio broadcast journalist, entitled “Stories from the Front Lines of the New America: Detention, Deportation and the Power of Democratic Resistance.” Hinojosa discussed the concept of “two Americas,” one characterized by human rights violations similar to those in Nazi Germany in the 1930s and 1940s.

In a parallel action, the UUA General Assembly

voted overwhelmingly to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery, the premise that European Christian explorers who “discovered” other lands had the authority to claim those lands and subdue or enslave the residents. The resolution calls on the UUA and its congregations to review “contemporary policies, programs, theologies, and structures” for evidence of the doctrine, and requires the UUA to demand that the federal government fully implement the standards of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



The rally at Tent City Prison

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As UU church members return to their home congregations across the country, we seek to work with other local religious groups and community organizations to improve our treatment of others and to move to become more fully ONE nation. Please join with these efforts.

– John Glasheen

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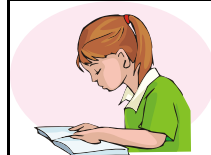
## “Walking the Word” with Colombia’s Indigenous

On October 24, Witness for Peace New England will bring Ligna Pulido, a member of Colombia’s Nasa indigenous group and a human rights leader, to our congregation to talk about the ways in which militarization, international trade, land rights, and environmental protection are connected.

Her talk, on the Colombian Consolidation Plan and U.S. government policies, will give us a unique view through the eyes of Colombia's indigenous people, and the viewpoint of women in particular.

Ligna is active in the Cauca Regional Indigenous Council (CRIC), the Minga Popular, a national process of Mobilization and Conscience, and the Colombian National Indigenous Organization. The CRIC is has brought suit against the Consolidation Plan in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the OAS (Organization of American States) for violation of land and indigenous rights. Founded in 1971, CRIC is a highly organized and empowered hub for indigenous rights in the Andean Region of Cauca, a region besieged by military activity supported by the U.S. government. CRIC is dedicated to non-violent resistance and change and to the remaking of Colombia into a just and peaceful society.

Join us for a potluck meal at 5 p.m. Ligna’s talk begins at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Adult Religious Education Committee. For information, e-mail Susan Letendre at [wfpne@witnessforpeace.org](mailto:wfpne@witnessforpeace.org).



## **Religious Education News and Events**

### **By Pam Santos, Director of Religious Education**

Welcome to the 2012-2013 year of Religious Education at the UUCSC. The word I keep drifting toward is “introductions.” Although I am a somewhat familiar face within the congregation, I would like to introduce myself as the new Director of Religious Education at the UUCSC. In this new role I look forward to nurturing and refining the wonderful RE program offered to our children and youth. I hope to draw from my training as a social worker and therapist, my organizational skills as a project coordinator, my love for the children, and my enthusiasm and respect for the RE program.

As the new DRE I will provide an introduction to the concept of Service Sunday, where once a month the children and youth will participate in a service project during our classroom time. I will introduce a new support structure for our teacher volunteers. We will introduce the new RE library to the congregation; it will be a loving space for all to share. I will also introduce the idea of an intergenerational service trip to be planned for next year.

Finally, I hope to introduce even more congregational members to our RE program. It is my intention to actively encourage adult participation in our children and youth programs. On this note I will let you know that we are still in need of teachers throughout the year. Volunteers are being asked to commit to an eight-week session and will be fully supported in their efforts. The RE committee and I are planning a volunteer training for the middle of September and hope to have full participation of all our volunteers at that time.

Please contact me if you would like to volunteer with the children, if you have questions about teaching, or if you would like to join us in the RE Committee. You are always welcome to contact me for any reason. I will be at the church on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as on Sundays.

I am most honored and humbled to be able to serve this congregation as its DRE and I look forward to a year of spiritual growth, strengthened connections, and lots of fun!

*Respectfully,  
Pam Santos*

*Just a reminder –*  
Sunday, September 9th – Intergenerational Water Communion Service  
Sunday, September 16th – Religious Education Classes begin

# Welcoming?

We have been recognized by the UUA as a Welcoming Congregation for several years, but we have done little programming to reinforce that reality, not have we taken actions to increase our LGBT membership. We have marched in the Gay Pride Parade in June for several years, but took no formal note of it this past June. This is a particularly important time because it is possible that marriage equality legislation could become law during the

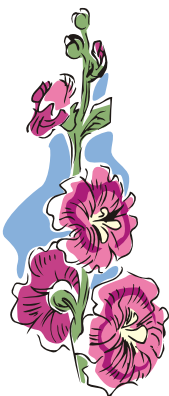
General Assembly session that begins in January. The immediate issue facing the LGBT community and its supporters is to elect state senators and state representatives who will support this bill.

This article has two purposes. One is to urge you to work on behalf of candidates who will support this legislation. Only by knocking on doors and calling to rally support will the election produce what we need for the legislation. Go to [www.fightbackri.com](http://www.fightbackri.com) to find the campaigns and issues that need

support and put some of our energy to work to change the legislature.

The second purpose is to ask issue is how we might develop a larger effort to welcome on behalf of our congregation. There is a Pride Celebration coming up shortly, and the UU Legislative Ministry will be at work this year. How can we take stronger action to support these efforts and to impact civil rights in our state? Please call or e-mail John Glasheen on these matters

– John Glasheen



***“She wore flowers in her hair  
and carried magic secrets in her eyes.”***

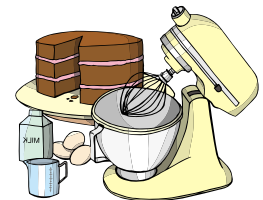
Arundhati Roy wrote these words in *The God of Small Things*. If you love flowers and have magic secrets in your eyes, the floral committee is for you. Come help us to create floral designs that celebrate the heart of our congregation. We are a flexible bunch and work solo or in teams to design arrangements for the niches in the front of the church. We try to create designs that last a month. Please contact me if you are interested. – Roni Meyer

## THIS MONTH’S FLOWERS

The design team of Roni Meyer and Patience Peck created the floral designs at the front of the church. They are entitled ‘The Impermanent Sands of Summer.’ An interactive Zen garden is in each corner near the floor. Please use them.

## The Welcome House meal

This month, we will provide the Welcome House evening meal on Wednesday, September 12. We need a salad, an entree, and dessert for twenty people. The food, or the ingredients to make it, must be at Welcome House by 5 p.m. If you can help, please contact Gerre Alderwick.



## Attention, guys! The Lunch Bunch is now co-ed!

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Monday, September 17 to continue its discussions of early Christianity. We will now delve into *Peter, Paul and Mary Magdalene: the Followers of Jesus in History and Legend*, by Bart D. Ehrman, available at local libraries. All are welcome. Questions? Call Helene Gersuny.

## Clear Heart Sangha

Clear Heart Sangha is a meditation group in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hahn, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk. The sangha is led by dharma teacher Joanne Friday. It will meet on Sunday, October 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome; no prior meditation experience is necessary.



## Background for the Social Action Committee meeting on September 11

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County has a spiritual mission—to serve the South County community in its quest for a liberal faith. To carry out that mission, we have adopted a Strategic Plan that outlines specific goals and objectives for the Board and for the various committees. Our effectiveness is measured by how well we meet those goals and objectives.

Communication between the UUCSC Board of Directors and each committee is important in setting and updating those goals and objectives. Some of us on the Social Action Committee feel that we need to improve our communication with the Board. At our committee meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. we will talk about whether to ask for a meeting with the Board or a spot on a Board meeting agenda so we can discuss what our committee has been doing and what changes we would like to recommend to the Strategic Plan.

To prepare for our committee meeting, I suggest that you review the following materials:

- The proposed amendment to the Social Action element of the Strategic Plan, dated December 2010 and revised on May 24, 2012.
- The Social Action Committee's annual report to the congregation, submitted to the Board for the 2012 annual meeting but not distributed.
- A rough draft of an Annual Social Action Plan for 2012-13, which we will work on at our committee meeting.
- Our Share-the-Plate contributions for the past year, so we can decide what Share-the-Plate contributions to recommend for this year.

Please call or e-mail John Glasheen if you would like a copy of these documents.

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## What is Small Group Ministry?

Small Group Ministry is a way for people to build connections within our growing congregation. The groups create an environment in which we can come together to talk about the significant events of our lives and about the ideas that engage us. The groups are inclusive, not exclusive. They are not therapy groups, affinity groups, or study groups.

When people are asked why they come to church, the most common reasons given are: to be part of a religious community, for inspiration and intellectual stimulation, to meet people and to find support for their spiritual journey. Small Group Ministry fills these needs and seeks to address the social isolation and superficiality so characteristic of modern life. It is a

response to the deep hunger in our hearts for real connection with each other and for spiritual exploration and growth.

How does Small Group Ministry work? Those who are interested make up groups of six to ten people and covenant to meet regularly every two weeks for an hour and a half to two hours.

***Come to the service on  
Sunday, October 7 and  
try out a sample Small  
Group meeting!***

Each meeting begins and ends with a reading. There is a brief check-in during which each participant can say a little about what's new or important in his or her life,

and there's a feedback time at the end of the discussion. The main part of the meeting is a discussion of topics, selected by the group from a wide range of sources. Some recent topics include aging, approval, atheism, caring, change, democracy, forgiveness, friendship, living Simply, longing, and perfection.

At UUCSC, new Small Groups form in October and in February. At those times there is an orientation workshop (this year it's on October 7) for interested congregants, and an opportunity to sign up to join a group. You can join a Small Group at any time by speaking with Rev. Betty, who will explain the program and assign you to a group. Call Rev. Betty at 284-3321 to make arrangements.



### The Fall Plant Sale is on September 30th

Our annual fall plant sale will take place on Sunday, September 30th before and after the service. If you have plants to donate or would like to help out, please contact Helene Gersuny.

## *Rev. Betty Kornitzer's Retirement*

*Last May, this letter was sent to all members and friends of the congregation. It is reprinted here at Rev. Betty's request so everyone in the congregation may start the church year "on the same page."*

May 2, 2012

Beloved Members and Friends,

I am writing to let you know that I have decided to retire from parish ministry, effective June 30, 2013. Going forward we will have more than one full year to work together. I know it will be a good year.

In writing you now, I am following the recommendation of the Unitarian Universalist Association Department of Ministerial Transition that sending a letter is the best way to insure the entire community will learn this news at more or less the same time. My public announcement will be during the service this Sunday, May 6, 2012.

I could not have asked for (or imagined) a more wonderful and rewarding congregation to have served. There is a reason I call UUCSC a "beloved community," because that is what you are. We have accomplished so much together and I see that UUCSC's potential is wide and deep. As I move forward, I will be taking time to consider new directions in my professional and spiritual life. I also look forward to spending lots of time with all my children and many grandchildren who are growing up so rapidly.

UUCSC is my first settled ministry. While some saw a bingo hall, I saw a sanctuary housing a vibrant and soulful beloved community. I was right! You are UUCSC, that will not change, but rather you will grow and thrive in new and unexpected ways. Together we have faced significant challenges, shared precious moments, and accomplished a great deal. I am so grateful and I believe in you and your future.

I am sure that you will have questions about the Ministerial Search Process and the Interim period that precedes it. I assure you that UUCSC is a very desirable ministry and you will attract many highly qualified candidates. I welcome conversations with you expressing your Joys and Concerns about this transition.

Over almost eight years, my life has become intertwined with yours. We have shared laughter, tears, frustrations, and joys. During the next year, I invite you to work with me in making this a very constructive time for all of us. In this way we will openly and honestly reflect on our time together and plan for the bright future of this community.

Blessings, Peace and Love,

*Rev. Betty Kornitzer*

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### The Art of Allowing: A Series on the Law of Attraction for Manifesting the Fullness of Life

Christine Phoenix Green's sessions on unlocking the powerful creative source within you to manifest a life of your dreams will resume on Tuesday, September 11 from 7 to 9:15 p.m. Change your thinking, change your life! Release your "old story" and start living the "new story" of your dreams! Come join us!

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## Dining for Dollars

It's time to start thinking about the fall edition of our Dining for Dollars silent auction, which will be in late October. For folks unfamiliar with Dining for Dollars, this is the major fundraiser for our congregation. Volunteers agree to host some kind of event at which food is served, and you bid for a place at the table. It's fun, it's a great way to connect with other members of our congregation, and it generates much-needed funds.

Our Dining for Dollars auction this past spring saw several new hosts with terrific offerings. Now we need folks to hosts an event for this round. If you've been pondering offering your creative and culinary skills for this worthy and very necessary fundraising event, please contact Nancy Rose.



## MUSIC AT LILY PADS

Join us for a very big weekend of music! Tickets are now on sale at Sweet Cakes Bakery in Wakefield, the Alternative Food Coop and Looney Tunes II in Wakefield, and at [BrownPaperBag.com](http://BrownPaperBag.com).

Friday, September 21st

### An Evening with Rory Block



Heralded as "a living landmark" (Berkeley Express), "a national treasure" (Guitar Extra), and "one of the greatest living acoustic blues artists" (Blues Revue), Rory Block has committed her life and her career to preserving the Delta blues tradition and bringing it to life for 21st century audiences around the world. A traditionalist and an innovator at the same time, she wields a fiery and haunting guitar and vocal style that redefines the boundaries of acoustic blues and folk.

"Her playing is perfect, her singing otherworldly as she wrestles with ghosts, shadows and legends."

– The New York Times

It is a great honor to welcome Rory Block to the Lily Pads stage. Join us for an intimate evening consisting of two sets with this great performer.

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Saturday, September 22

### Maggie and Suzzy Roche with special guest Chelsea Berry

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Doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 7:30 p.m.  
For more information, please visit [www.musicatlilypads.org](http://www.musicatlilypads.org)

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