

**All-in-One Luncheon Meeting      Feb. 3, 2015, 1 p.m .**

We met at the home of Anne and Tony Ferrara with Dan Husijen, Pat Wheeler, Carol Gregor, and Gary Vencill joining the hosts.

Anne opened the meeting with a reading *Daniel Hoffman's poem. "Blizzard."* The poem's sentiments and timeliness were noted and appreciated by the company.

> Anne moderated the meeting and started with a *brief overview* of all that had been accomplished at the sanctuary in 2014. Was amazing to hear, and we probably did not pause long enough to bask in the warmth of it. [List attached?]

> Dan was there from *the building team*, and led discussion of a proposal from Ralph Chapman to purchase a heat pump to add to the propane heating unit we have now. The price of heat pumps has come down and there is a \$1,000 rebate available for its purchase. With installation Ralph estimates it will cost us \$2,300. We voted to move forward with purchase and installation. Tony has since contacted the installer and they met yesterday, Feb. 11, at the sanctuary to discuss the placement of the heat pump.

We also discussed the installation of a composting toilet and associated matters - location in the building or adding to the building, the bringing in of water, the usefulness of the kitchen, etc. But when we looked at priorities it was agreed that repairing the steeple is a more urgent matter.

> *Finance* - Anne reported that Karen Adamo sends word from Mexico that we have something over \$9,000 dollars in our account.

> We moved to a discussion of Tony's proposal for a change in leadership structure. A long and animated discussion followed. Though we did not adopt Tony's proposal or come to a resolution about a different way to function, the conversation confirmed Tony's insight regarding the inadequacy of our present structure and the need to continue the search for a different model. We did not come to a decision about Tony's second suggestion with regard to web-based communication, but I think feedback would indicate that we continue to explore ways in which the website can facilitate the life and work of the RFS community.

> Tony gave us an update on the windowdressers project, which, like the Greenhouse project, addresses a real need in the community and has engaged the imaginations and the desire in many to work to bring health and comfort to our neighbors.

>Carol Gregor brought an invitation from the Blue Hill Grange to join them for a Slow Money presentation at the BH Library on Feb. 25. That would be an initial event in what could become a fruitful collaboration around mutual interests and concerns regarding sustainable agriculture and sustainable local economy and community. Their invitation was embraced by the group. We also agreed to find a date when some of us could meet with some folks from the Grange to talk about what we might do together in the future.

> Gary reported on program team plans for a Lenten series entitled "Celebrating Sacred Space." Each will be held on Sundays at 4 p.m..

- Feb. 22 - Celebrating Sacred Space and Time: *Jon Imber's Left Hand*, an award winning film by Dick and Melody Kane-Lewis.
- Mar. 1 - Celebrating Reversing Falls Sanctuary as Sacred Space: Chris Farrow-Noble on creating a labyrinth at RFS. [Laura Moore has volunteered to paint the labyrinth.] [Carl Karush may be able to lead us off with sacred dancing.]
- Mar. 8 - Celebrating Local Farms as Sacred through the Lens of Art: A slideshow with music by Pat Wheeler.
- Mar. 15 - Celebrating Sacred Spaces of the World: *The Lost Language of Architecture*, a film by Carol Gregor.
- Mar. 22 - Celebrating "Thin Places" of Brooksville and the World: A Celtic ritual service with a Celtic Cross created for a class project by a student at GSA.
- Mar. 29 - Celebrating the Bagaduce as Sacred Space: An exhibit of Tonyia Peasley's photos of the Bagaduce and the Brooksville Elementary School Children's art work the photos inspired along with paintings of the Bagaduce by Annie Poole. Presenters: Tonyia Peasley, Becky Poole, Elaine Hewes, Annie Poole.

We never got an opportunity to discuss the remarkable Fiber Arts Exhibit currently under way. More than 70 people came to the opening on a cold and snowy Feb. 1. The warmth with which those folks responded to the works exhibited and to the artistry of the exhibit as a whole will sustain us through this long, cold, snowy winter. Thanks to Pat and Daksha, to their hidden helpers, to the exhibitors, and to the gallery sitters.

And thanks to Anne and Tony for a wonderful lunch and a warm place, physically and spiritually, in which to meet.

Date for next meeting - March 10 at 4 p.m.

Gary Vencill, faulty recorder