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We're Glad We Know SUUSI —

If you're reading this at the Southeast UU Summer Institute at Radford, Virginia, you're one of the lucky people to participate in that fun-filled experience. We at THE MOUNTAIN continue to enjoy the benefits of our cooperative sharing of recreation and crafts equipment, our use of the SUUSI computer and our being able to offer our facility for SUUSI staff meetings or gatherings on the way to and from. Stop and visit us on the way back this year and discover what else is available to us lucky UUs in the Southeast.



Woven Flaming Chalice To Become Plaque

The Wheelers have donated a wall hanging done by Larry's mother to be used for the Memorial Life Members' Plaque. The hanging was made from scraps of wool hooked into burlap. This handsome piece is now hanging in the dining hall. Thanks, Lillian!

Directors' Corner

Mo
Larry

The caller was a friend. She said they were trying to decide between THE MOUNTAIN'S youth camp and the YWCA camp. I could feel the adrenalin . . . Now, I have nothing against the YWCA. But, I do feel a lot about THE MOUNTAIN. I asked her to hear me out.

I told her that if she wanted to encourage her daughter to develop an identity as a Unitarian Universalist, if she wanted her to accept the values we hold, if she wanted her to develop a group of UU friends from throughout the Southeast . . . then there was no choice. I told her about this spring's flurry of calls among the teenagers going to Senior High camp. I told her the Senior High Camp had increased by 33% this summer, that the 11-13 year old camp was full, and that if she did want her daughter in the 7-10 year old camp, she needed to make her decision quickly.

At this writing, I'm not sure what she chose. Sometimes finances prevail. Sometimes what your children's friends are doing is a powerful influence. Sometimes parents allow their children to make choices which the parents ought to make.

She may be angry with me for my response. If she were the only one, I would let it go. If she could only see what happens here at camp . . . If she could see a ten year old boy persuading a woman in her late sixties to be part of their evening program as he sat next to her at vespers . . . If she could see 40 teenagers spread out in the Rec building planning their schedules for the week . . . If she could see the counselors worrying about a particular child's getting along with others . . . Would it make a difference? I wonder.

Mo

Space Available After August 21

Space is still available during the period of August 21-Labor Day. It's a wonderful time to escape the last blasts of summer heat at lower elevations. You can choose from a variety of workshops in the mornings and afternoons. If you don't have a copy of our Summer Program brochure, give us a call.

Another Big Pig Bites the Dust

The last big event of the summer — our annual Labor Day Weekend Celebration, September 3-6. It's sure to be a sellout again this year. Saturday and Sunday will again include our annual Arts and Crafts Fair with UU craft persons from all over the Southeast displaying, selling or demonstrating their wares. (Contact Evelyn Carter, c/o THE MOUNTAIN, if you would like to participate.) We'll also have another "pig roast" and a full schedule of New Games, relay races, water activities, hikes and nature walks, folk singing, a special worship service and workshop led by Sid Peterman, new Interdistrict Representative for the Southeast, and of course, our famous Pie-in-Your-Eye Contest! Come on Friday and join us for the raft trip. Make reservations NOW!!

Attention Horse Loves Of All Ages!

Overnight horseback trips are going great! We have discovered a new trail with a truly spectacular view . . . this special view, as it turns out, is of our Mountain. From the trail, we can see the camp and cliffs quite clearly. Riders go from the trail deep into the forest to make camp. We still have some openings for the following dates: July 22, August 30, and September 2.

We are NOW offering weekend overnights. Weekend rides depart at 2:00 on Friday and return at Saturday noon. Choose the date best suited for you: July 9, 16, 30, August 13, 20, 27. The cost is only \$15!

For reservations or more information, contact:
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Baroque & Recorder Enthusiasts, Unite!

Emily Adler, President of the Recorder Society of Atlanta, will be in camp August 22 through September 4. She has just returned from Europe where she studied recorder with European masters. This is a great opportunity to learn to play the recorder or to continue your recorder study.

Some instruments will be available. Kennette Rogers, our Program Assistant, who teaches piano and guitar, will also be available to work with beginning-intermediate pianists and guitarists who wish to participate. There will be instruction as well as small group ensembles. This program is for beginners as well as experienced musicians, with lots of opportunities to listen, learn and make music.

Work Week Workers Went Wild

Wow! Wonderful! Those were the comments of THE MOUNTAIN'S staff about the results of the Work Week projects which 21 participants attacked during their stay in early June.

Sue Male's staff cabin almost magically received an indoor shower, windows, door, paint, etc. A drainage ditch was dug at the dining hall and the path replaced with steps (see picture). Shelves and closets were built, curtains made, dining hall lounge's walls sealed, all summer cabins cleaned, lodge ceilings painted, and on and on and on.

Folks, we thank you for your efforts!

For anyone wanting the camaraderie of such a week, we'll have another at the end of the summer, August 29-September 4. Come at special reduced rates and join Steve Carter in helping to build our Mountain.



Left to right - Helen Thompson, Jennie Davis and Margaret Weaver take Work Week into their own hands.

Color It Spectacular!

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors in the mountains during the week when the rates are cheaper. We'll be serving meals for three solid weeks during October, from the 1st through the 24th. The weekends are filling up, but weekdays are readily available. We'll even have some special workshops during the week:

Oct 19-21 The Threads of Our Lives: Using
Adlerian Techniques in Self
Understanding with Mo Wheeler

- Oct 5-7 Astronomy and Religion with Don Male
- Oct 11-15 Photography and/or Crafts
with Evelyn Carter
- Oct 19-21 Intermediate Watercolors
with Kadi Paull

The cost of each workshop is just \$15 above regular room and board rates. There will also be hikes and drives to waterfalls and mountaintops to see the fall colors at their peak.

Special Fall Weekends

Plans for the fall are taking shape and already include several special weekends. Save the dates!

- Oct 1-3 OCTOBERFEST-need we say more!!!
- Nov 5-7 THE MOUNTAIN's Annual Meeting
and another fantastic Your-Lost-Is-Our-Found Auction.
- Nov 24-28 Life Member's Thanksgiving Celebration. Watch for mailing in late September.

Nominees Announced

The Mountain Nominating Committee composed of Margaret Ann Link, Chair, Beverly Booth and Alice Lingswiler, submits the following as nominees for positions which will be voted upon at the Annual meeting to be held in early November, 1982. Biographical information follows.

For the Board of Trustees:

Roger Comstock, Atlanta, GA

For the Nominating Committee:

Ray Hubbard, Atlanta, GA

Alice Lingswiler, Miami, FL

Mary Nelson, Oak Ridge, TN

Christine Robinson, Columbia, SC

Roger W. Comstock - a founding member and first President of the Highlands Camp and Conference Center. He was a member of the SUUSI Feasibility Study committee which provided the necessary groundwork to get the Mountain underway, and he conducted the initial fund drive which raised in excess of \$350,000 in 1979-80.

Roger has been a member of UUCA in Atlanta and the Charlotte, NC church, and has held many active positions in both. He served on the staff of SUUSI

from 1974 to 1977 and later as President of the SUUSI Board.

Roger is a management consultant with over 20 years experience in accounting, finance and data processing activities for non-profit corporations. He is married, with 3 children.

Ray Hubbard - a UU for 10 years. Ray first joined the Clemson, SC Fellowship and is now a member of the Atlanta NW Congregation where he has served as a Board member and is currently president-elect for 1983.

Ray is a Life member of The Mountain who voices strong support of The Mountain as a UU cathedral . . . to be maintained for the use of current and future generations. Ray would seek to nominate persons whose commitment to The Mountain, like his own, is long term.

Alice Lingswiler - a UU since 1964. Alice is a candidate for Minister of Religious Education in the UUA's Independent Study Program. She has served as Chair of the FLA District RE committee and is currently Secretary of the UUA Nominating Committee.

Alice is a registered nurse employed by Hospice of Miami, caring for the terminally ill and their families.

Alice has "first hand" Mountain experience, having worked as camp nurse for the Mountain's Youth Camp during the Summer, 1981. She is a Life Member of The Mountain willing to do "anything to help support that special place."

Mary Nelson - discovered Unitarian Universalism in 1956 and became involved immediately in RE and LRY.

She began work as a Director of Religious Education in 1967. In 1980 she was UUA fellowshipped as a Minister of Religious Education (MRE) and ordained by the Tennessee Valley Church.

Mary served on the planning committee for the Thomas Jefferson District Summer Institute before it became SUUSI. She currently serves on the UUA Independent Study Committee and supervises MRE students, as well as her district's Women and Religion and RE committees.

Mary has been married for 35 years, has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. She is a Life Member of The Mountain.

Christine Robinson - UU minister, Columbia SC Fellowship. Chris has served on the SUUSI staff as worship coordinator and is now a SUUSI Board member.

Chris expresses commitment to our denomination beyond her local church as an important part of her life and ministry.

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She has been a frequent participant at The Mountain, specializing in shelf building and staying up late. The Mountain and the people she has come to know there have become part of her system of support and renewal. She feels challenged by the prospect of finding ways in which The Mountain can serve and be served by individuals who are committed to its continuing presence.

The Mountain's A Perfect Place

. . . A perfect place for your church retreat, board meetings, or special groups to get together for fellowship and relaxation. Call the Wheelers to reserve a date in the fall, winter, or even next spring.

Camperships Make Camp a Reality

In its continuing commitment to the larger community, The MOUNTAIN Board awarded camperships to four underprivileged Atlanta youths identified by Interfaith.

Five camperships were available to UU youths through the contributions from districts and societies throughout the Southeast. Four camperships were awarded.



This could be you transforming a MOUNTAIN cabin during late summer '82 Work Week.

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