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Dear friends

Ushered in by two appearances of our Morris Dance team, and lots of daffodils, May has arrived at Camp Caravan. Preparations for our annual summer seminar and 2009 Practicum are in full swing. Held two weeks ago, our first Community Work Day was a great success, and we invite you to another on May 16. Saturday, May 9 is our monthly WORK DAY and on Sunday, May 17, Elan Sicroff gives a concert of Gurdjieff/de Hartmann music in Warwick, MA. As always, your presence is very welcome.

Thank you for all your help spreading the news about the 2009 practicum. A new brochure is now available at our website at www.campcaravan.org, and we can also email you an attachment of a PDF file, or printed copies. Just let us know your need at registrar@gurdjieffbennettpracticum.org.

Saturday, June 20 begins our annual Summer Seminar with the theme of Reciprocal Maintenance. The seminar continues through June 28. Please let us know of your plans to attend.

"A performance of this quality and intentionality is exceptionally rare," says Robert Fripp of Elan Sicroff's performance.

We are very pleased to announce that Elan performs "Journey to Inaccessible Places", a concert of the piano music of G.I. Gurdjieff and Thomas de Hartmann on Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. at the Warwick Town Hall, 12 Athol Road, in Warwick, Massachusetts. Please note that this replaces the previously scheduled May 10 date. A donation of \$10 is suggested. We hope to see you there.

All are invited to the WORK DAY this Saturday, May 9, at Camp Caravan. Whether you are attending for the first time, or are an "old-timer" with lots of Work experience, this is a good event to get a taste of the Work at Camp Caravan. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a morning sitting, continues through lunch, and finishes in the mid-afternoon. Recently, visitors from "the Maine group" have joined in.

The Millers River Educational Cooperative hosts our second COMMUNITY WORK DAY event to work on the next portion of construction on the Girls' Dorm. Great progress was made during the last one and we continue on towards this important part of practicum preparation. We begin the "official" work day Saturday, May 16, rain or shine at 9:30 a.m. but those who wish will gather for morning exercise at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast and a short meeting. Please bring your carpentry tools. Lunch, beer, and tea will be provided.

Our Morris dancers rest this week, and practice resumes Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Camp Caravan Movements Hall, with the last practice of the season on May 26. Newcomers are especially welcome-come check it out!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday June 6. The Village School hosts a special event for the entire community. Beginning with a Pancake Breakfast featuring local maple syrup at 7:30 a.m., the event continues with a Spectacular Silent Auction beginning at 8:30 a.m., with new items from local merchants, original art and unique crafts, and bidding ends at 11 a.m. Go to www.villageschool.to for the whole scoop, and to preview auction items. This event benefits the new building project. To contribute an item for the auction contact Jocelyn at the Village School office at 978-249-3505 or email info@villageschool.to.

NOTE: The weekly Work meetings of the MREC generally take place on the second Saturday of each month, and Sundays on all other weeks, beginning 7:30 a.m. usually ending around 1 p.m.

May Schedule



Tues May 5 MONTHLY MEETING 7:30 p.m. Camp Caravan Campaign Office
Wed May 6 M.I.T. group meeting
Thurs May 7 Warwick group meeting
Sat May 9 WORK DAY -begins at 7:30 a.m.
Tues May 12 Morris practice 7 p.m.
Wed May 13 M.I.T. group meeting
Thurs May 14 Warwick group meeting
Sat May 16 COMMUNITY WORK DAY (optional sitting at 7:30 and breakfast, work begins at 9:30)
Sun, May 17 PIANO CONCERT, Warwick, MA 4 p.m.
Tues May 19 Morris practice 7 p.m.
Wed, May 20 M.I.T. group
Thurs May 21 Warwick group
Fri May 22 "Besieged", original play at the Royalston Common, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Sun May 24 Weekly group meeting
Tues May 26 Morris practice 7 p.m. last of the season
Wed May 27 M.I.T. group
Thurs May 28 Warwick group
Sun, May 31 Weekly group meeting

Save the Dates

June 6 Village School Pancake Breakfast and Auction fundraiser

June 20 Summer Seminar begins

Sept 5 2009 Practicum begins

The work of the Village School--our children's school founded on the principles of J.G. Bennett--continues to thrive, and the spirit was evident at our two May Day celebrations. Come see "Besieged" an original play written, produced, and performed by the Village School students. Two performances on May 22, one at 10:30 a.m. and a second at 7:00 p.m. take place at the Royalston Town Hall. Come early for a good seat.

Work on the new school building at the Camp Caravan property continues, and there are many opportunities to become involved. To learn how you can help, visit us at info@campcaravan.org.

With lots of hearts and flowers,

Debra Strick

And the folks at Millers River Educational Cooperative