



STAR ISLAND

SPEND A DAY + STAY A WEEK + REMEMBER FOR A LIFETIME



2012 Conferences



About Star Island

Star Island is located ten miles off the coast of New Hampshire. It is the second largest of the nine islands that make up the Isles of Shoals. Its historic Oceanic House and adjacent buildings become the village home for thousands of visitors each summer who attend one of the many conferences presented on a range of subjects such as natural history, writing, photography, music, painting, ecology, matters of the spirit, yoga and more. The nonprofit Star Island Corporation has been providing affordable individual and family retreats since 1916. With historic connections to Unitarian Universalism and the United Church of Christ, Star Island has a liberal, spiritual quality that is renewing and uplifting. Each conference is self-administered with conference chairs arranging for speakers, workshops, childcare and registration.

Geography, Geology & Nature

Many species of birds have been sighted including bald eagles, snowy owls, nesting colonies of cormorants, snowy egrets and black guillemots. Whales and dolphins can be seen in the Shoals area, and harbor seals have been sighted swimming in Gosport Harbor and sunbathing on Star's rocky shoreline. A checklist of the marine flora and fauna of the Isles of Shoals, compiled by the staff of the Shoals Marine Lab, included 256 species of invertebrates, 139 species of algae, 49 species of fish and 145 species of birds.

Buildings and Amenities

Enter the **OCEANIC HOUSE** and step back in time to a simpler, less hectic era. This historic building provides a glimpse into the life of the Grand Hotel Era of the late 1800s when the Shoals attracted such notable artists and writers as Childe Hassam and Nathaniel Hawthorne. Rooms are simply furnished. Meals are hearty and served family-style in the hotel's dining room, which has changed very little since the hotel was built. Modern amenities inside the hotel include a **SNACK BAR** providing ice cream and other delights. In the lobby, **SHOPS ON STAR** sponsored by the Isles of Shoals Association, Unitarian Universalist, Inc. (ISAUU) offers gifts, books and sundries.





In addition to the hotel's guest rooms, a number of cottages and stone buildings provide accommodations and meeting rooms. Life is comfortable but not modern in part due to our commitment to conservation of resources. Living quarters in the main hotel and cottages have shared bathroom facilities for each floor, while the double rooms of the "motel" units have private toilets and sinks. Water for bathing is provided by the rainwater cistern; showers are available every other day.

The **STONE CHAPEL** was built in 1800 on the highest point of land. Chapel services are a cherished tradition and are held at the close of each day. Guests form a procession to the chapel, carrying candle lanterns as the villagers of long ago carried their whale-oil lamps up the same winding path. Inside the chapel, the lanterns provide the only source of light. The **VAUGHN-THAXTER MEMORIAL COTTAGE** houses a library, a collection of art and artifacts related to Isles of Shoals poet and artist Celia Thaxter, and early records of Gosport Village history. The **RUTLEDGE MARINE LABORATORY** has salt-water tanks and terrariums to allow visitors to observe island flora and fauna. The Vaughn Cottage and marine lab are open until Labor Day weekend.

Children's Programs & Evening Child Monitoring

During scheduled adult activities, most conferences plan a full children's program, including childcare for those under three. Details about children's programs may be found on the respective conference websites or by contacting the conference registrar. We offer a child monitoring service for families with children under 8 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Pelicans

Every job on the island—including docking boats, cooking and serving food, maintaining the grounds and providing hospitality services—is staffed by a "Pelican," an affectionate term for the nearly 100 people who work on Star. In 1924, two members of the kitchen staff brought an awkward sailboat out to the island named "The Pelican." From that day forward, Star staff members were known as "The Pelicans." Our employees work in support of Star Island's vision to create an environment that frees all who come to renew spiritually, explore matters of consequence and gain knowledge about the world as it might ideally be.



GOSPORT REGATTA CONFERENCE ~ SAT 6/9 TO SUN 6/10

Regatta Weekend: Restoring a Sailing Tradition in 19th Century Style

www.starisland.org

The centerpiece of this new conference features a sail race that was first hosted in 1874 and carries the tradition of winning the Oceanic Cup, first won by the original yacht "America." Follow the race from the starting line on the M/V Thomas Laighton and come ashore in time for lunch, entertainment by the Funky Divas and best views of the finish line. The awards reception and dinner bring race crews and spectators together in the Oceanic Hotel dining room. A lecture on New Hampshire's maritime history will be presented on Sunday following brunch with the Kat Gang Jazz Band. Register now for the overnight or buy Saturday-only tickets to the event by contacting the Star Island office in May.

Registrar: Angela Matthews, amatthews@starisland.org, (603) 430-6272, 30 Middle St., Portsmouth, NH 03801



YEARLY ADULT CONFERENCE (YAC)
MON 6/11 OR WED 6/13 TO SUN 6/17

2012: It's Not the End of the World

www.bigyacattack.com

Our conferee-run workshops range from whiskey tasting to hula hoop making. We spend our island days rocking out on the porch, catching rays on the lawn and polar bearing in the harbor (some of the younger conferees like to run around in onesies, but not everyone can pull that off). We rejuvenate our souls while relaxing, creating and talking with friends, new and old.

Conference Programming Fee: \$100/person. Make the check out to Jonathan Howard, memo "YAC"

Registrar: Jonathan Howard, 823 Montpelier St., Baltimore, MD 21218.

Scholarship Information: Applications available on our website.

STAR ARTS CONFERENCE ~ SAT 6/16 TO SAT 6/23

Make, Play, Show

www.stararts.org

Explore and deepen your creativity within Star's thriving artistic community. Wake to gorgeous views with morning singing, icy polar bear dips and stretches in the morning air. Dig into a week-long workshop on writing, dance, drama, photography, music or visual arts. Pursue a hobby, break into a new form or follow a private, inner journey — it's all up to you. Star Arts offers great conversation, fabulous music, spontaneous performances, quiet contemplation, funny and inspirational services and deep beauty that will nourish the creative, spiritual and curious soul. Groups welcome to this adults-only conference.

Conference Programming Fee: \$110/person. Online registration at www.stararts.org.

Registrar: Jill Brody, eastorchard@verizon.net, (401) 421-2678, 43 East Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

SUN 6/17 TO SAT 6/23

MFA Writing Residency

www.snhu.edu

Six days of true retreat and inspiration for writing students enrolled in SNHU graduate program in writing.

Apply to SNHU Master of Fine Arts in Fiction and Nonfiction, <http://www.snhu.edu/8749.asp> or contact Diane Les Becquets, Assistant Director, (603) 668-2211 ext. 2538, cell (603) 724-5784.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH

(FORMERLY YRUU) ~ SAT 6/23 TO SAT 6/30

Roots to Routes

www.religiousyouthempowerment.wordpress.com

YES is a week-long conference for youth and young people, ages 15 to 22. We provide a safe atmosphere for spiritual growth and renewal together with friends, old and new. We examine themes of community, identity, social justice and more through youth-led programming.

Minister: Rev. David Scheuneman

Conference Programming Fee: \$85/person. Make the check out to "Religious Youth Empowerment Inc."

Memo: (Registrant Name)

Registrar: Emma Wellbaum, registraroftheyes@gmail.com, (617) 997-7944, 150 Grove St, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

NATURAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

SAT 6/23 TO SAT 6/30

The Secret Lives of Birds and Turtles

www.nhcstar.org

Guest speaker Chris Swarth has studied the secret lives of turtles and birds for over 30 years. He'll discuss the ecology and conservation of these creatures and will lead excursions to observe animals and birds. Did you know that seabirds off Star Island come from as far away as Greenland and Antarctica? Children are welcome under supervision of a parent or guardian.

Guest Speakers: Christopher Swarth, wetland ecologist and ornithologist; Director, Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Lothian, Maryland

Ministers: Rev. Chris Holton Jablonski and Rev. Lauren Smith, South Church, Portsmouth, NH

Conference Programming Fee: \$125/person. No fee for children. Make the check out to "Natural History Conference."

Registrar: Ellen Campbell, ellenrc@myfairpoint.net, (207) 843-5858, 280 Lower Dedham Road, Holden, ME 04429.

Financial Aid: Scholarships available by application with the registrar; recommended deadline March 10.



ISLES OF SHOALS HISTORICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
SAT 6/23 TO WED 6/27 OR SAT 6/30

ISHRA JUNE: Under the Amazing Sea at the Shoals!

www.ishra.org

Explore the undersea wonders of the Shoals from tide pools to ocean depths, we'll virtually experience the myriad of marine life through easy-to-understand lectures, exquisite photography and workshops. Partnering with NOAA and the Rutledge Marine Lab, we'll have opportunities to "get wet" through a variety of hands-on activities from tide pooling to snorkeling to ocean sampling, with possibly whale watching, deep sea fishing and lobstering. While there will be no separate programming for children, ISHRA welcomes people of all ages to this conference, including children under the supervision of their parents/guardians.

Guest Speaker: Andrew J. Martinez, Underwater Photographer & Educator; NOAA scientists

Conference Programming Fee: \$100/person (deep sea fishing, whale watching, lobstering extra). Make the check out to "ISHRA."

Registrar: Amy Cook, cook-amy@comcast.net, (603) 440-8010, 78 Bedford St., #5, Manchester, NH 03101

INNERPEACE HEALING ARTS ~ WED 6/27 TO SAT 6/30

Nourishing the Practitioner

For Therapists, Counselors, Healthcare Professionals & Yoga Teachers

www.innerpeacehealingarts.com

Renew your light in a self-care retreat. Learn and experience nourishing practices for living with a radiant heart — practices that you can share with your clients, patients, classes, friends, and loved ones. Experience Yoga Nidra (the practice of deep relaxation), Wise Earth Ayurveda warm oil treatments, and Thai body work. Our program will also include gentle yoga for inner peace, meditation and time for self-reflection and fun on the beautiful island. Renew and strengthen your body, mind and soul with love and healing energy.

18 ceu, contact hours Yoga Alliance for registered yoga teachers. Social work and other ceu's may be available.

Susan Stibler, MSW, is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher, Certified Ayurvedic Yoga Therapist, and a Wise Earth Ayurveda Practitioner. She has trained in Yoga Nidra with Dr. Marc Halpern. Susan is the founder of Innerpeace Healing Arts in Dover, N.H, offering counseling, yoga therapy and other holistic therapies.

Registration: www.innerpeacehealingarts.com



ALL STAR I FAMILY CONFERENCE
SAT 6/30 TO SAT 7/7

Making Sense of Our Media Matrix: Understanding Our 21st Century Media Culture

www.allstarone.org

Bring your family to All Star I for a week of great kids' activities and interesting adult lectures, conversations and fun. Our speaker will explore the relationship between our 21st century media culture and the human brain, look at the hot (and often controversial) new trends shaping our communications culture.

Guest Speakers: Dr. Rob Williams

Minister: Rev. Nancy Wood

Conference Programming Fee: \$95/adults (18+) and \$75/child (up to \$365/family). Make the check out to "All Star I."

Registrar: Scott and Annie Stewart, email: awstewart1@verizon.net, (703) 780-8775, 8400 Blakiston Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308. Visit our website to register. Mail check to Annie and Scott by March 10.

Financial Aid: All Star 1 has a generous financial aid program. Please download the application for financial aid from www.allstarone.org and mail it to the Registrar. All applications are confidential.

ALL-STAR II FAMILY CONFERENCE
SAT 7/7 TO SAT 7/14

Transitions: Building Resilience in Changing Times

www.allstar2.org

We are facing unprecedented changes in our environment, resources, and financial systems. How do we prepare for these uncertain times? Sustainability expert Philip Ackerman-Leist, director of Green Mountain College's Farm and Food Project and author of Up Tunket Road will shares his personal experience of stepping "off the grid" to forge a homestead and farm — and will explore the ways people and communities are transitioning to meet the challenges of a changing world.

Minister: TBA

Conference Programming Fee: \$100/adult (18+) and \$85/child (up to \$370/family). Make the check out to "All Star II."

Registrar: Ron Cordes, registrar@allstar2.org, (781) 275-6181, 3 Jeffrey Circle, Bedford, MA 01730

Financial Aid: Available through the The Ginny Levine Shoalership Fund. Visit our website or contact Mary Ellen Mellen, (802) 795-0033, financial.aid@allstar2.org. All inquiries/awards are kept confidential.

If you are new to Star Island and would like to try out a family conference or haven't attended All Star in a while, a limited number of half-week sessions are available. Please contact the registrar for details.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE :
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE ~ SAT 7/14 TO SAT 7/21

Nurturing Relevance — Back to Basics

www.starreweek.com

Join us as we model multigenerational UU community in the peaceful setting of Star Island. Inspirational worship, adult and youth programs guide our week of discovery as we grow and relax together. Workshops on topics like children and trauma, race and ethnicity, systems theory, administering OWL and social media.

Guest Speakers: Rev. Laurel Koepf, Broadway UCC; Rev. Julie Taylor, UU Trauma Response Ministry; Rev. Martha Niebanck, First Parish in Brookline; Janice Marie Johnson, UUA Office of Racial and Ethnic Concerns; Peter Bowden, UU Growth Blog, UU Small Group Ministry Network; Kristen deFur, Teen Dating Violence Prevention, City of NY Mayor's Office; Matt Meyer, Percussion Artist and Educator.

Minister: Rev. Hope Johnson, UU Congregation of Central Nassau, Garden City, NY

Conference Programming Fee: \$175/person 6yrs+, \$100/child under 6. Special rates for families with more than two people (see website for details). Make check out to "Star LRE Week."

Registrar: Jane Clay, 5 Rogers Street, Plymouth, NH 03264, registrar@starreweek.com.

Financial Aid: If financial aid is not available to you from Star Island, visit the LRE website to apply for conference aid. Registration fees must be paid in full to apply. If this prohibits you from being able to apply, please contact the registrar.

LGBTQ FAMILY AND FRIENDS CONFERENCE
SUN 7/15 TO SAT 7/21

Transitions and Transformations

www.starisland.org/lgbtq

As LGBTQ individuals and families, we've faced challenging transitions and experienced life-altering transformations. Celebrate those transformations in a safe, fun space where all can give voice to that which longs to be free. Come to Star where we can enjoy rare beauty, engage in relaxing, creative and educational activities and be known for our authentic selves.

Guest Speaker: Michele Angello, PhD., www.micheleangello.com

Minister: Rev. Nate Walker, www.natewalker.org

Conference Programming Fee: \$100/adult, \$60/child 6-17, free/child under 6. Make check out to "Star Island Corporation" memo "LGBTQ Conference."

Registrar: Mike Bray, mbray@starisland.com, 30 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

NH SOCIETY OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS
SAT 7/28 – SAT 8/4

Digital Photography Workshop

www.nhspa.org

Peter Randall, a longtime Shoaler and founder of the New Hampshire Society of Photographic Artists, instructs this workshop, now in its sixth year. This program is an opportunity to improve your photographs, add to your portfolio and work with other photographers in a supportive program. With digital photography, we review work daily. Daily assignments and critiques will help participants sharpen their creative vision to make better photographs. Participants must have some experience with photography and be familiar with their digital cameras. The week concludes with an exhibit.

Conference Programming Fee: \$225/person. Make the check out to "Peter E. Randall."

Registrar: Peter Randall, petererandall@gmail.com, (603) 502-6968, 377 Goodwin Road, Eliot, ME 03903.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE ~ SAT 7/21 TO SAT 7/28

The Arab Spring and Beyond

www.internationalaffairsconference.org

Uprisings in the Arab world have captured our attention. Internationally recognized speakers address how and why the revolutions happened, what political changes might result and what impact the U.S. has on unfolding events. Morning theme talks are followed by lively Q&A. In the afternoons explore the island, take an art workshop with Julia Morgan-Leamon (see “An Artist Paints the Egyptian Revolution” at www.time.com), enjoy a yoga class or relax on the hotel porch overlooking the harbor. Intergenerational evening activities and timely topic talks. Well-regarded youth program with thematic tie-in.

Guest Speakers: Hisham Melhem, Washington Bureau Chief of Al-Arabiya; Jon Alterman, Director & Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic & International Studies; Michele Dunne, Director, Atlantic Council, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East.

Minister: Rev. Parisa Parsa, First Church, Milton, MA.

Conference Programming Fee: \$200/adult (18+), \$175/youth (ages 18 mos. to 17 years). Make check out to “International Affairs Conference.”

Register: Visit the website or contact Kathy Elefterakis, (781) 326-6082.

Financial Aid: Limited scholarships available. Applications sent with acceptance. Aid also available through Star Island.



STAR GATHERING I FAMILY CONFERENCE

SAT 7/28 TO SAT 8/4

www.starisucc.com

Embodied Spirituality: The Anatomy of Resilience

Resilience is not just “bouncing back” — it can also be an ongoing cultivation of particular qualities within everyday life. In this program, we will draw upon and integrate a variety of perspectives and practices to cultivate resilience. Bring a playful, curious and adventurous spirit to this exploration!

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Lawrence Peers, Senior Consultant, The Alban Institute, Herndon, VA

Worship theme: Embodied in Faith

How can a faith tradition centered on the Incarnation of God so often be skittish about the wonderful gifts of our bodies? What holistic lessons are there to learn about being faithfully embodied from both Scripture and the rich beauty of Star Island? Come explore embodying faith in worship, exercise and contemplative prayer.

Minister: The Rev. Tadd Allman-Morton, Westhampton Congregational UCC, Westhampton, MA

Conference Co-Chairs: Scott and Kat Miller, Laura Ermini, Tom Ermini.

STAR GATHERING II FAMILY CONFERENCE

SAT 8/4 TO SAT 8/11

Beginnings: Exploring the Book of Genesis

www.starisucc.com

The Book of Genesis is a masterpiece of literature, and a foundation of faith for Jews and Christians. Some of its central characters also occupy positions of great importance for Muslims. We will strive to become familiar with the major structure of the book, and to delve more deeply into specific themes. It is hoped that participants read through Genesis prior to our first session, as each class will involve discussions that reference material throughout the book.

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Edward Horstmann, Senior Pastor, Immanuel Congregational Church Hartford, CT

Ministers: The Rev. Nathan Eddy and The Rev. Clare Dowding, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, England

Conference Co-Chairs: Peggie Morris and Gail Goodell

Registration for Star Gathering Conferences

Conference Programming Fee: \$110/person, \$85/child entering 8th grade and lower. Make the check out to “Star Island UCC.”

Register for any conference prior to June 1, 2012 and be eligible to win \$400 off your bill. See www.starisucc.com for details.

Star Gathering I Registrar: Keri Mattaliano, sg1_reg@yahoo.com, (860) 462-2533, 611 Kings Hwy West, Southport, CT 06890.

Star Gathering II Registrar: Mary-Lu Esposito, sg2registrar@yahoo.com, (603) 899-6815, 9 Converseville Rd., Rindge, NH 03461

Financial Aid: Contact the conference registrar for information and an application form, due May 25.

STAR GATHERING I YOUTH CONFERENCE SAT 7/28 TO SAT 8/4

STAR GATHERING II YOUTH CONFERENCE SAT 8/4 TO SAT 8/11

Music and Faith

www.starisucc.com

What does your choice in music say about you and your faith? Share and experience your faith in a community of explorers, in a place that fosters exploration and expanded horizons. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

This conference is open to youth entering grades 9 through 13 (high school grads).



CLERGY CONFERENCE ~ SAT 8/4 TO FRI 8/10

Faith, Justice and Incarnation

Calling all clergy – UCC, UU, and ecumenical colleagues! If you have a passion for justice, if you hear the moral and ethical call to “be the change you wish to see,” if you are stuck trying to lead your congregation to think outside of the walls or just want to combine a week of learning with other clergy colleagues in a beautiful setting, this conference is for you!

The conference is co-sponsored by the Pastoral Excellence Program and the Mission and Justice Commission of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ in partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Guest Speakers: Rev. Bill Schulz, President, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC); Martha Thompson; Patricia Jones; Brock Leach; Rev. John Gibbons and Rev. Kelly Burd, UUSC staff and affiliates.

Minister: Rev. Bert Marshall, New England Regional Director for Church World Service

Conference Programming Fee: \$100. Make the check out to “MACUCC, memo: Star Island Clergy Conference”

Registrar: Rev. Theresa Stirling, 12001 E Shea Blvd. Scottsdale AZ 85259, (480) 256-9414, theresastirling@gmail.com

Financial Aid: Assistance may be available for clergy with UUA standing. For information, contact Rev. Ms. Jory Agate, jagate@uua.org, (617) 948-6453. For clergy who have been ordained for 10 years or less with standing in the UCC, please contact Sue Dickerman, dickermans@macucc.org, (508) 875-5233.

Conference Overnight Guests and Personal Retreats

There are two ways to come to Star Island for overnight stays apart from registering for a full conference. "Conference overnight guests" register with conference leaders for a segment of a conference so they may take part in its activities (i.e., workshops, discussions and children's programming). "Personal Retreats" are less-structured vacations of one night to a week or more where guests set their own schedule of activities and generally do not attend conference sponsored events. If you are new to Star Island, these options offer you a way to spend a few nights on the island. If you are already attending a conference, these options offer you opportunities to come back. For information, please visit www.starisland.org.

Per Person Room and Board Rates

★ Includes room, all meals and ferry transportation ★

Adult (18+ years)	Triple	Double	Single	Motel Double	Motel Single
7-night conferences	\$772	\$815	\$1040	\$981	\$1420
6-night conferences	\$675	\$713	\$908	\$857	\$1237
Yearly Adults Conference 6-night	\$611	\$651	\$821	\$775	\$1117
Yearly Adults Conference 3-night	\$405	\$431	\$540	\$512	\$729
History 3-night.	\$349	\$368	\$462	\$439	\$622
ISHRA June 4-night	\$445	\$470	\$595	\$563	\$805
Innerpeace Healing Arts June 2-night	\$284	\$300	\$374	\$185	\$247
Granite State, Writers in the Round, Yoga, Photo Retreat	\$348	\$370	\$460	\$438	\$620
Pelican Reunion 3-night, Laity 3-night	\$366	\$388	\$478	\$456	\$638
Pelican Reunion 2-night, Laity 2-night	\$308	\$319	\$400	\$380	\$534
Star Island Literary Festival 5-night	\$511	\$540	\$685	\$648	\$929
Women's Retreat 2-night, Innerpeace Sept. 2-night, ISHRA Sept., ISA, Star Island Harmony, Star Hampshire Dance	\$260	\$275	\$340	\$303	\$455
Midweek I & II, Writelines, Women's Retreat 4-night, Innerpeace Sept. 4-night, Bridge	\$435	\$463	\$580	\$550	\$785

Youth rates are determined by age on the first day of the conference, regardless of room type.

Youth	Under 6	6-11 Yrs	12-17Yrs
7-night conferences	\$0	\$495	\$660
6-night conferences	\$0	\$430	\$575
ISHRA June 4-night	\$0	\$287	\$385
History 3-night.	\$0	\$225	\$301
YAC 6-night.	\$0	\$393	\$526
YAC 4-night.	\$0	\$274	\$352
Pelican Reunion 3-night, Laity 3-night	\$0	\$240	\$321
Pelican Reunion 2-night, Laity 2-night	\$0	\$208	\$263

Room and Board and Other Charges

We accept Visa and MasterCard for room and board bill payment in addition to cash, personal checks, money orders and travelers' checks. **We ask that those who are able to pay their bills via cash or check to please do so to defray our costs.** Credit cards are not accepted at the snack bar, so don't forget to bring some cash to the island! There is a \$50 service charge for returned checks. Room and board deposits are refundable up to four weeks before the conference. For cancellations less than 2 weeks before the conference, you will be charged the entire room and board bill. All families with one or more children under eight are charged \$46/family (\$20/family for conferences four nights or fewer) for evening child monitoring services.

10/10 Bring a Friend!

Do you know someone who might like Star Island? This is the summer to introduce a friend to your conference or another conference. If you bring a newcomer to Star Island for a conference, they will get a 10% discount — and so will you! In fact, you can receive as much as 50% off your room and board (for bringing five newcomers for a conference). See www.starisland.org/bringafriend for details.

Accessibility and Special Accommodations

The main lobby, dining room and pathways to several cottages and decks are wheelchair accessible. A specially equipped restroom, including a shower stall, is adjacent to the lobby. Overnight accommodations are available for mobility-impaired individuals. A golf cart is available to transport guests in need of assistance from the dock to the hotel. Some meeting rooms and the majority of sleeping quarters can only be reached by walking up at least one flight of stairs or ambulating over a rocky path. If you have accessibility concerns, we suggest that you check with the conference registrar to see if our facilities will accommodate your personal needs.

Medical Information

Star Island is a small island in a remote location with access only by boat. Although there is a first aid station on the island, it is equipped for only basic emergency and first aid treatment and may not be staffed at all times. In addition, the travel time to an off-island medical facility is a minimum of an hour and may be much longer depending upon weather and sea conditions. Star Island Corporation strongly recommends not participating in a conference if you suffer from any medical condition which might reasonably require emergency medical response including but not limited to heart conditions, the last trimester of pregnancy, severe allergic reactions, illnesses which require ongoing medical treatment or monitoring and other similar conditions. Additionally, if you have had or expect to have had recent surgery, neurological problems resulting in impaired mobility, mental health issues requiring use of medications or other similar conditions, or if you use or expect to use specialized medications, medical equipment, portable oxygen or other similar items, the Star Island Corporation strongly recommends consulting your physician to ensure that Star Island is a suitable environment for you to visit. Guests on Star Island are responsible for their own medical condition while on the island, including monitoring of health conditions and making sure that they have adequate medication to address any possible medical issues which may arise. If personal assistance is needed, please bring your own care attendant as Star does not have assisted living facility capabilities. There are inherent risks in traveling to and staying on Star Island which cannot be eliminated, such as exposure to elements on a remote island including but not limited to inclement weather, wildlife and unmonitored terrain; the potential for others participating in conference programs to act in a negligent manner that may cause or contribute to injury, harm or death; and lack of access to a medical facility without extensive travel by boat and motor vehicle.



Registration for Life on a Star Conferences

Conference Programming Fee: \$100/adult, \$75/child

– Register by March 10th and pay at 2011 rates of \$90/adult and \$70/child. Make the check out to “LOAS.”

Registrar: Shelley Lauer Bader, LOASregistrar@gmail.com, 649 Park Ave., Huntington, NY 11743

Financial Aid: Partial scholarships are available. For an application, please contact the registrar.

Early registration is crucial to our planning; registering by March 10 is extremely helpful.

LIFE ON A STAR FAMILY CONFERENCE I
SAT 8/11 TO SAT 8/18

The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul: Exploring the rich, living heritage of American UUism

www.lifeonastar.org

Join us for an intellectually engaging and spiritually fulfilling week on Star celebrating 50 years of LOAS I conferences with a variety of Star traditions and workshops for all!

Featured Speaker: Megan Marshall, scholar and award-winning author of *The Peabody Sisters: Three Women who Ignited American Romanticism*, will draw connections between Unitarianism’s founding era of reform-minded spirituality and our own, and will speak about her biography, *The Passion of Margaret Fuller*, coming in 2013.

Minister: Rev. Dr. Michael Tino, UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester, NY, president of UU Allies for Racial Equity, member of the UUA Board of Trustees.

Conference chairs: Marion Halberg and Michael Hardiman.



LIFE ON A STAR FAMILY CONFERENCE II
SAT 8/18 TO SAT 8/25

The Quest for Wholeness in Critical Times

www.lifeonastar.org

Stefano Carta, internationally recognized Italian Jungian scholar, will discuss his views of the fundamental tenets of Jungian psychology, focusing on its approach to the particular “nature” of “human nature,” a personal reflection on feeling, meaning, beauty and God by a religious non-believer. These discussions will be illustrated by myth and story telling, music and film, images and alchemical and clinical examples.

Featured Speaker: Stefano Carta, Italian Jungian scholar

Minister: We’re delighted to have joining us again the Rev. Libby Smith, a lifelong Unitarian and minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Lower Bucks, PA.

Please join us for a week of stimulating conversation, relaxation, fun, friendship, music and retreat.

Conference chairs: Tanya Van Order and Beat Barblan.

ROAD SCHOLAR I (FORMERLY
ELDERHOSTEL) ~ SAT 8/25 TO FRI 8/31
ROAD SCHOLAR II ~ MON 9/3 TO SUN 9/9
www.roadscholar.org

Road Scholar will continue to be what Elderhostel was, a program created for and attractive to older, primarily retired adults. The programs are for adults to learn, grow, explore and relax in a unique island setting. To register, call Road Scholar headquarters at (877) 426-8056.

Watercolor Painting on a Historic Ocean Island (#11879)

Enjoy painting where Childe Hassam created over 100 canvases. Focus on shoreline landscapes, the lighthouse, stone buildings and ocean seascapes on the historic Isles of Shoals. Create your own mix of class instruction, painting on location and daily critique to suit your interests. Beginners through advanced painters are welcome.

Digital Photography on a Historic Ocean Island (#15432)

Explore, study and photograph the beautiful Isles of Shoals. Each day includes instruction, critique, historical studies, free time for exploring, composing and taking photographs and the mutual support of other photographers. Emphasis will be on composition, visual language and learning how to see. Beginning and experienced photographers are welcome.

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HISTORIC STAR ~ SAT 8/25 TO TUES 8/28 OR SAT 9/1

Mystery & Mayhem on the Isles of Shoals and Beyond

www.starisland.org/historicstar

Investigate the lore and legends of the Isles of Shoals and the nearby seacoast. Determine the truth behind stories of pirates, treasure, ghosts and murder just 10 miles off the coasts of Maine and New Hampshire. Learn of the isolated village of Gosport on Star Island and the seemingly peculiar behavior of its residents. Immerse yourself in scandals of bygone eras.

Guest Speakers: Isles of Shoals & Seacoast Historians

Minister: Rev. Rosemarie Smurzynski

Conference Programming Fee: Full conference: \$100/adult, \$60/child 6-17, free/under 6; 3-night session: \$65/adult, \$40/6-17yrs., free/under 6. Make check out to "Star Island Corporation," memo: Historic Star Conference.

Registrar: Patricia Coleman, HistoricStarRegistrar@gmail.com, (603) 436-7816, 61 Tidewater Farm Rd, Greenland, NH 03840.

MEDITATION WEEK ~ SAT 8/25 TO SAT 9/1

Meditation & Simplicity

www.StarMeditation.org

Join us for a week devoted to "practicing presence," through formal silent group meditation, solitary nature contemplation, mindful socializing and savoring little moments throughout the day. Evening chapel services will explore facets of our "meditation and simplicity" theme. This retreat is suitable for beginning to advanced meditators from many traditions and faith backgrounds.

Conference Programming Fee: \$90/person. Make check out to "Studio Zero, Inc."

Minister and Registrar: Rev. David Scheuneman, Dave@StudioZero.org, (702) 530-ZERO, c/o Star Island Corporation, 30 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Financial Aid: See our website.



PELICAN HOMECOMING REUNION

FRI 8/31 OR SAT 9/1 TO MON 9/3

Pelican Homecoming Reunion

www.pelicansarepelicans.com

Pelican Reunion Homecoming welcomes you to relive and create new memories on Star Island over Labor Day Weekend. Join Pelicans of every generation in a conference that offers just the right mix of scheduled activities and time to say to your friends, "Ah yes, I remember it well," as you gaze out at Gosport Harbor. There will be intergenerational activities like Chapel services, Lobster Dinner and much more. Children – and parents – will enjoy the excellent Pelicans-in-Training (PIT) program. Don't let another year go by without reconnecting with friends who shared Star as their home for the summer!

Conference Programming Fee: \$15 postmarked before July 1/\$30 after. Make check out to "Pelican Reunion Conference."

Registrar: Matthew Baya, 184 Southworth Street, Williamstown, MA 01267 413-884-1111, registrar@pelicansarepelicans.org

Financial Aid: Contact Nathan Soule for details at financialaid@pelicansarepelicans.org.

Children's PIT Crew Program: Includes supervised daytime activities, shared social hour coverage, evening babysitters. Contact Melanie Elliot, PIT Coordinator at PIT@pelicansarepelicans.org.

CONFERENCE OF THE LAITY ~ FRI 8/31 OR SAT 9/1 TO MON 9/3

Take a Load Off, or Do You Have an App for Sabbath?

This Labor Day will be fun! Reflect on the contemporary relevance of Sabbath through discussion, exercises for body, mind and spirit and fun activities. The secular wisdom of the “slow” movement and “take back your time” will enhance faith-based explorations, and there’ll be time for contemplation, recreation or porch sitting.

Workshop leader Maren C. Tirabassi is an ordained United Church of Christ pastor, the author of 17 books. She travels throughout the country facilitating workshops on creative worship, youth ministry, elder care and liturgical writing.

Conference Programming Fee: \$20/15 and older, \$10/11-14, \$5/Under 11. Make check out to “Weekend Conference of the Laity.”

Registrar: Barbara Smith-Delahunt, 2012laityevent@gmail.com, (603) 623-4366, 226 Fox Hollow Way, Manchester, NH 03104.

Financial Aid: Scholarship applications may be requested with registration before July 1.



STAR ISLAND LITERARY FESTIVAL
SUN 8/26 TO FRI 8/31

Literally: An Island

www.starisland.org/litfest

Share the experience of literature with Anita Shreve, Katherine Towler, Corwin Ericson, and other guests. The Star Island Literary Festival is home to creativity, imagination and the art of writing. Join us as this island experience grows into a burgeoning festival with authors, educators and those simply interested in good writing.

Guest Speakers: Anita Shreve, author of *The Weight of Water*; Katherine Towler, author of the *Snow Island* trilogy; Corwin Ericson, author of *Swell*

Conference Programming Fee: \$200. Make the check out to “Star Island,” memo: Literary Festival.

Registrar: Mike Bray, mbray@starisland.org, (603) 430-6272, 30 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03820.

GRANITE STATE COLLEGE
MON 9/3 TO THU 9/6

Introduction to Oceanography (SCI 520) or Life Story (SOSC 644)

www.granite.edu

Take a learning retreat! Granite State College of the University System of New Hampshire will host two courses on Star in an accelerated format. Courses are open to all, whether they are part of a degree program or personal enrichment.

One preparatory class session in Rochester, NH is required on 8/25 prior to residency on Star Island. For more information or to register, call (603) 332.8335 or visit www.granite.edu.

MIDWEEK I ~ MON 9/3 TO FRI 9/7

Retreat

Our adult retreat appeals to folks who want a break from their busy lives during the transition from summer to fall. Nothing is required except orientation, but our minister of the week gives thought-provoking talks every morning, and there are evening candlelight layled services, along with lots of music, reading, dozing, rock-walking, tennis, great food, sun and wind and friendly camaraderie.

Minister: Rev. Mary Giles Edes

Conference Programming Fee: \$35/person. Make check out to "Midweek I."

Registrar: Sarah Hooker, sarah.hooker@myfairpoint.net, 45 Uncles Way, Marshfield, VT 05658.

MIDWEEK II ~ MON 9/10 TO FRI 9/14

Star, Star, Star Without Frills

If you are enamored with Star, ours is the conference. We will only disturb your love affair with meals and two daily chapels. This is an excellent opportunity for a retreat with friends. There are many places where you can enjoy privacy on the island at this time of the year.

Minister: Rev. Telos Whitfield

Conference Programming Fee: \$25/person. Make the check out to "Midweek II."

Registrar: Howard Bennett, howbenn@gmail.com, (267) 980-6518, 11508 Ann's Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974.

INNERPEACE HEALING ARTS ~ WED 9/5 OR FRI 9/7 TO SUN 9/9

Nourishing The Goddess

www.innerpeacehealingarts.com

Experience inner peace while you nurture, renew and celebrate spirit with gentle yoga, meditation, Yoga Nidra (the practice of deep relaxation), and "Art from the Heart" (healing self expression through the visual arts). The full retreat will also include Wise Earth Ayurveda warm oil therapies. Enter into the wonder of island, sea, stars and sunsets. Live in beauty on our island haven and fill your soul with joy as you heal, nourish, and transform your life. Learn techniques to live in harmony with nature, self and others. Experience the majesty, wisdom, power, love and joy of your own true goddess nature as you embrace the spirit of the island.

Susan Stibler is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Registered Yoga Teacher, Wise Earth Ayurveda Instructor and the proprietor of Innerpeace Healing Arts in Dover, NH. Cada Driscoll is a NH Certified Arts Educator, and Wise Earth Ayurveda Instructor.

Registration: www.innerpeacehealingarts.com



WRITELINES ~ MON 9/3 TO FRI 9/7
Creative Writing Workshop

www.writelines.net

Come to the island during the quiet time of year. In a small group environment, the workshop leader will provide prompts from which the group will write. Participants who desire will read their work aloud. Positive comments only. Star Island and the workshop leader have a way of tapping into your creativity. This workshop is suitable for writers of all genres and skill levels.

Registration: For further information and pricing, visit www.writelines.net, or contact Dale at dale@writelines.net, (407) 803-8840. If you would like to e-mail participants from previous workshops, e-mail Dale for references. This group has the possibility of adding a second workshop if enrollment warrants it.

NH SOCIETY OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS

THU 9/6 TO SUN 9/9

Photographer's Retreat

www.nhspa.org

This four-day retreat, now in its 15th year, is an opportunity to take photographs on Star Island and share these and other photographs you may bring with you with other film and digital photographers. A special guest photographer will offer an evening program and a workshop. Photographers of all levels of experience are welcome.

Conference Programming Fee: \$85/person. Make the check out to "NHSPA."

Registrar: Joe Mazzaglia, mazzaglia1@aol.com, (603) 436-9875, One Mill St. #121, Dover, NH 03820.



WRITERS IN THE ROUND: SONGWRITERS AND POETS RETREAT ~ THU 9/6 TO SUN 9/9

Creative Collaboration

www.witrhome.org/retreat

Writers in the Round is a four-day retreat for songwriters and poets whose spirit is supportive, creative and collaborative. It is a time for stretching boundaries, playing with new forms and ideas, learning from one another and breathing fresh salt air. We welcome all levels of artistry. WITR offers daily classes, unstructured time for composition and sharing, small group workshops and nightly song and poetry swaps. Past retreats drew writers from all over New England and as far away as Wisconsin. Instructors are supportive of risk-taking for writers wanting to expand their repertoire, as well as encouraging for emerging artists. Past participants have noted that the experience was remarkable for sparking creativity and providing a safe, yet stimulating learning environment.

Registration: See conference website.



ISLES OF SHOALS HISTORICAL AND RESEARCH
ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE
FRI 9/7 TO SUN 9/9

New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them

www.ishra.org

Beautiful and historic lighthouses along the New England coast each have their own stories to tell. Learn about the lights, the people who kept them and today's efforts to preserve these treasures. Enjoy a casual week-end of activities including social events, nature strolls and a candlelit service in Gosport Chapel.

Guest Speaker: Jeremy D'Entremont, American Lighthouse Foundation historian

Conference Programming Fee: \$60/person. Make the check out to "ISHRA."

Registrar: Rose Schlegel, rmschlegel@comcast.net, (978) 462-6945, 29 Pine Hill Road, Newburyport, MA 01950.

ISLES OF SHOALS ASSOCIATION, UU ~ FRI 9/7 TO SUN 9/9

Occupy Star Island

www.shoals.org

The Isles of Shoals Unitarian Universalists conference offers you a chance to "Occupy Star Island." But, not to worry. There will be no pepper spray, no riot police and no rubber bullets, just great stories from the past, hopes for the future and of course "knitting needles for freedom" on the porch. Come join us, unplug, rewind and take over.

Conference Programming Fee: \$15 for ISA members; \$25 for non-members (includes 1 year ISA membership).

Registrar: Dick LeSchack, arleschack@gmail.com, (781) 275-1026, 8 Carlisle Road, Bedford, MA 01730.

STAR BRIDGE ~ MON 9/10 TO FRI 9/14

It's In the Cards

www.starisland.org/bridge

As we move closer to Star Island, we know that the cards packed in our luggage will arrive for the right reason: play. Join Star Bridge as we endeavor each day in casual and formal bridge games. Find friends and new faces sitting at the table with you, and delight in the scenery when games conclude. The conference will provide instruction to new card players, or those interested in honing their skills. Cards will be provided, and a small tournament will conclude our island stay.

Conference Programming Fee: \$40. Make the check out to "Star Island," memo: Bridge.

Registrar: Mike Bray, mbray@starisland.org, (603) 430-6272, 30 Middle Street, Portsmouth, NH 03820.

STAR WOMEN ~ WED 9/12 OR FRI 9/14 TO SUN 9/16

Women's Retreat

A casual retreat with a mind/body/spirit focus. Minimal structure fosters an environment which encourages individuality, spontaneity and creativity while respecting solitude and silence. Activities have included knitting, basket-making and other handcrafts, sharing poetry, movement activities and self-exploration. We create community through conversation—sharing stories, experience and wisdom in workshops, while dining, walking on the rocks or pulling up a rocker on the porch. It's all about you, whether you come on your own or with a friend.

Conference Programming Fee: Full \$75/person, weekend \$50/person. Make the check out to "Star Women."

Registrar: Leslie Melfi, lesliesews@yahoo.com, P.O. Box 907, Rye, NH 03870.



STAR ISLAND YOGA RETREAT ~ THU 9/13 TO SUN 9/16

Yoga Retreat

www.rasamaya.com

Join yogis of all levels, practice with some of New England's finest teachers and follow your heart on our tenth anniversary yoga retreat. "Star Island is the perfect place to deepen your yoga practice and leave the hustle and bustle of the world behind. Go inward and at the same time meet a wonderful community of yogis!"

Conference Programming Fee: \$175/person. Make the check out to "Rasamaya LLC."

Registrar: Carrie Tyler, carrie@rasamaya.com, 1 Washington Street, Suite 1020, Dover, NH 03820.

Financial Aid: Limited scholarships are available. Please email the registrar to inquire.

STAR HAMPSHIRE DANCE ~ FRI 9/14 TO SUN 9/16
20th Traditional Music and Dance Weekend

star.nhcountrydance.com

Our small, friendly music and dance weekend focuses on contra dancing, and also includes square, English country and couple dances. There is time to relax and explore the beautiful, historic island, including joining yoga or singing conferences, rocking on the porch or attending a chapel service. The talented caller, Lisa Greenleaf, will work with equally talented musicians.

Conference Programming Fee: \$80/person. Make check out to "Star Hampshire." Registration begins 4/1.

Registrar: Chrissy Fowler, ktaadn_me@hotmail.com (207) 338-0979, 93 Kaler Road, Belfast, ME 04915



STAR ISLAND HARMONY ~ FRI 9/14 TO SUN 9/16
**Sacred & Secular Choral Singing for
Church, Hospice and Community Choruses**

www.amidonmusic.com/StarIslandHarmony

A weekend of mostly a cappella 4-part harmony singing; of arrangements of folk songs, hymns, spirituals, gospel, seasonal songs, shape note songs and songs written by folks steeped in the oral tradition; for directors and singers in church, hospice and community choruses, and for those who simply love to sing. Singing led by Mary Cay Brass, Kathy Bullock and John Harrison.

Conference Programming Fee: \$95/person. Make check out to "Peter Amidon."

Registrar: Peter Amidon, amidonpeter@gmail.com,
(802) 257-1006, 20 Willow St., Brattleboro, VT 05301

Financial Aid: Contact Peter Amidon



Financial Aid

If paying at the full rate would preclude you and your family from attending a conference, please inform your conference registrar. Many conferences have established scholarship programs to help in cases of hardship. If you are able, donations to conference scholarship funds are greatly appreciated. Star Island Corporation also has a financial aid program and has set aside a total of \$20,000 to support this effort. This confidential program is available to individuals and families that are registered for a conference and have not received a conference scholarship. Applications and information are available at www.starisland.org.



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