Many describe a week on Star Island as going to summer camp with their family. And we completely agree. From mid-June through August, programs are generally family oriented with pertinent theme speakers and workshops for adults, and related youth activities coordinated by age groups. Community events, like chapel services and softball games, bring everyone together highlighting our multi-generational mix. In September, adults form community and focus on lifelong education in a more relaxed and reflective atmosphere.

*Star Island welcomes you to discover, delight and unwind with the community, experiences and spiritual renewal only found on this unique summer island.*

For over a century people have visited Star Island, and the other Isles of Shoals off New Hampshire’s coast, for a chance to renew spiritually, explore matters of consequence, and gain knowledge about the world as it might ideally be removed from the constraints of mainland life. Immerse yourself within one of our cherished “conferences” -- an historic term we call our traditional summer island gatherings.

On the following pages you will find the 2015 programs. A group of volunteers works hard to provide these opportunities. We hope you find time to visit Star Island this summer and participate in our community.

**Our Mission**

Our mission since 1915 is to hold and maintain Star Island and such other property as the Corporation may hold or acquire, as a center for religious, education, and kindred purposes consistent with the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ.

**Our Vision**

Our vision is to create on Star Island 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.
summer 2015 programs

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Register online @ StarIsland.org
Discounts: StarIsland.org/Discounts | Financial Aid: StarIsland.org/Financial-Aid
Today’s marketing isn’t about tech platforms or social media doodads — it’s about real relationships, real passion and real people. Our speaker will share lessons from her book, *The Passion Conversation: Understanding, Sparking and Sustaining Word of Mouth Marketing*, exploring how passion compels brands to inspire us to talk, share and connect.

**Theme Speaker:** Robbin Phillips, Co-Founder and President of brainsonfire.com

**Minister:** Rev. Nancy Wood

**Program Fee:** $95/adult (18+); $75/child with a family maximum of $365

**Scholarships:** Aid is offered on a completely confidential basis. Forms are available online. Questions should be directed to Ali Walton, Registrar at ali@waltongrantwriting.com. Please consider a donation to the Financial Assistance fund. You can write a check payable to All Star One, memo FA Fund and mail to Ann Etter, 820 Superior Drive, Northfield, MN 55057.

**Questions?** Email the chairs at suzcook65@gmail.com

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Join us for a family-friendly week focused on understanding a spiritual path. Mixed among intergenerational activities like arts and crafts, softball games, and talent shows, children and adults will find age appropriate groups to create long-lasting bonds of friendship. This year’s theme invites adults in recovery or not to explore the spiritual path and Christian Journey that many experience on a 12 step program.

**Theme Speaker:** Rev. Emily Heath, pastor, Congregational Church of Exeter, NH

**Minister:** Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Asst. Professor of Preaching and Worship at Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA

**Program Fee:** $115/adult, $90/child entering 8th grade or lower

**Financial Aid:** Contact the registrar at stargathering1reg@gmail.com

**Questions?** Email stargathering1reg@gmail.com
**AS2**

**All Star 2 Family Conference**

**LIFE STORIES: CREATIVE ADVENTURERS, ADVENTUROUS CREATORS**

**SAT 7/11 to SAT 7/18 • www.allstar2.org**

All Star II is a family-friendly creative week full of activities for adults and children including music, art, laughter and opportunities for quiet peaceful reflection. We welcome novelist Tim Weed who travels extensively as a featured expert for National Geographic Expeditions and teaches in the MFA writing program at Western Connecticut State University. Read more about Tim and his recently released debut novel, *Will Poole’s Island*, at www.timweed.net

**Theme Speaker:** Tim Weed, novelist and featured expert for National Geographic Expeditions

**Minister:** Rev. David Messner, UU Church of Savannah, GA

**Program Fee:** $100/adult (18+); $85/child ($370/family maximum)

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

**Questions:** Contact the Registrar, Ron Cordes at registrar@allstar2.org

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**SG2**

**Star Gathering 2 UCC Family Conference**

**RACE AND RELIGION**

**SAT 8/8 to SAT 8/15 • www.starisucc.com**

Through the use of six stories of American race relations, we will reflect on the history of race and religion. Throughout the sessions we examine nonviolence and violence, the critical contributions of people of faith, and how the experience of race both separates us and brings us together.

**Theme Speaker:** Warren Goldstein, Chair of Dept. of History at University of Hartford, CT

**Minister:** Rev. Donna Schaper, Sr. Minister at Judson Memorial Church, NYC

**Program Fee:** $115/adult; $90/child entering 8th grade or lower

**Financial Aid:** Contact the Registrar at stargathering2registrar@gmail.com

**Questions**? Email stargathering2registrar@gmail.com
This week we will explore the many ways – political, social, artistic, spiritual – that we interact with each other and our world. We will soothe, uplift, entertain, and replenish ourselves and each other as we share a week on this beautiful island. Come join us!

**Minister:** Ana Levy-Lyons, minister at the First Unitarian Congregation in Brooklyn, NY

**Program Fee:** $100/adult and $75/child

**Scholarships:** See lifeonastar.org for details

**Questions?** Email our registrar at patti@emmons.org

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**Mutli-Conference Discount**

Save 30% on room and board when attending New England Heritage or Star Island Experience Week after attending the full length of any 2015 summer program. Visit [StarIsland.org/Discounts](http://StarIsland.org/Discounts) for complete details.

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Mark Fernandes is a leading thinker on the topic of Values Based Leadership. Mark will share his company’s amazing journey and mission to ignite human potential. He will also share his thoughts on how VBL can apply to our own lives and help us experience self-renewal.

**Theme Speaker:** Mark Fernandes, Chief Leadership Officer, Luck Companies

**Ministers:** Rev. Alison Cornish, Senior Director of Programs for Partners for Sacred Places

**Program Fee:** $100/adult (18+), $75/child

**Scholarships:** See lifeonastar.org for details

**Questions?** Email the chairs, Jamie and Paul Jensen, at LOAS2Chairs@lifeonastar.org
Climate change is a critical concern, but do we understand it? Each new UN report paints a sobering picture of the science and risks. IA’s speakers and programming will address the science of climate change, its social, cultural, economic and political impacts, and what we can do individually and collectively.

**Theme Speakers:** Steven Hamburg, Chief Scientist, Environmental Defense Fund; Kate Sheppard, Sr. Reporter and Environmental and Energy Editor, Huffington Post; Keya Chatterjee, Exec. Director, Climate Action Network

**Minister:** Rev. Mara Dowdall, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, VT

**Program Fee:** $160/adult (18+); $120/youth (18 months through 17 years)

**Scholarships:** Visit internationalaffairsconference.org for more information

**Questions?** Email Kathy Elefterakis at kathy@internationalaffairsconference.org

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The goal of the 2015 IRAS conference is to borrow the techniques and challenges from within queer studies and queer theory, with the goal of unsettling — or “queering” — our own discipline(s). This might include ways to challenge the boundaries within and between religion and science, and/or between and within the academy, as well as the boundaries of the sacred and secular, of reason and faith.

**Theme Speakers:** Carol Wayne White, Karen Barad, Rabbi Fern Feldman, Catherine Keller, Laurel Schneider, Emilie Townes, Claudia Schippert, Whitney Bauman, Lisa Stenmark

**Minister:** Rev. Donna Schaper, Sr. Minister at Judson Memorial Church, NYC

**Program Fee:** $275/person for members; $300/person for non-members

**Scholarships:** Learn more at iras.org/fellowshipscholarships.html

**Questions?** Email wbauman@fiu.edu
LRE Week is designed to meet the professional and personal needs of those working in Unitarian Universalist Religious Education. We are religious educators, ministers and our families, promoting excellence in lifespan learning, transforming ourselves and the world to make a difference. Join us in modeling collaborative leadership in a multi-generational UU community.

**Theme Speakers:** Rev. Patricia Hart, UU Congregation in Charleston, SC; Cathy Seggel, First Unitarian Church of Providence, RI; Sandra Greenfield, Widener University in Chester, PA; Andrea Lerner, District Exec. for Metro New York; Pat Infante, Regional Consultant for Faith Development of Central East Regional Group; Carey McDonald, Dir. of Outreach with the UUA.

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

**Program Fee:** $180 for first 2 family members, $155 for the next member with a max of $625 per family. ($125 special price for children 6 and under).

**Scholarships:** Contact Registrar Jane Clay at jhclay@roadrunner.com

**Questions?** Email jhclay@roadrunner.com

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Reverend Fellows will guide us through a program that will help us find our own path to personal wellness — putting spirituality at the center. Wellness is more than just physical health, exercise, and nutrition. It also includes emotional health, stress management, environmental responsibility, and the most important dimension of well-being — healthy spirituality; all of which we will explore. This program is not a series of lectures. We will have fun, move, reflect on our personal journeys, share, and get to know each other better.

**Minister:** Rev. Robert Fellows, Pastor of Community Congregational Church, Greenland, NH

**Program Fee:** $30/adult (15+ years old), $20/youth

**Questions?** Email Barbara Smith Delahunt at 2015laityevent@gmail.com
Natural History Week

BEES AND POLLINATORS
SAT 6/27 or SAT 7/4 • www.nhcstar.org

What kinds of threats face honeybees and other pollinators of 75% of the world’s food crops? We’ll view the fascinating world of Peter Cowin’s bees, as well as Star Island’s own beehive, and explore issues of single crop pollination, parasites, pesticides, and loss of habitat.

Theme Speaker: Peter Cowin, “The Bee Whisperer” of Hampden, ME; President, Penobscot County Chapter of Maine State Beekeepers Association.

Minister: The Rev. Nancee Campbell

Program Fee: $125/adult (18+); $25/youth

Scholarships & Questions: Email Betty Olivolo at bettyolivolo@gmail.com for confidential scholarship assistance.

Former Pelican Discount

For our former staff, come back to Star Island and save up to 50% on room and board when attending the full length of any conference. Visit StarIsland.org/Discounts for complete details and deadlines.

Multi-Gen

Pelican Reunion

WHEN I WAS A PELICAN...
FRI 9/4 or SAT 9/5 to MON 9/7 • www.pelicansarepelicans.org

Do you remember the sometimes crazy ways things worked at Star Island when you were a Pelican and the fun you had working and living together? Renew your Pelican friendships, make new friendships with Pelicans from other years, and find out what it is like to be a Pelican today.

Minister of the Week(End): Rev. Susie Phoenix

Program Fee: $40/adult (18+), $20/youth by August 15; $80/adult and $40/youth thereafter.

Scholarships: Email financialaid@pelicansarepelicans.org

Questions? Email registrar@pelicansarepelicans.org for more information.
**YES**

_Youth Empowerment and Spirituality_

**CHANGING TIDES**

SAT 6/27 to SAT 7/4 • www.yesonstar.org

The YES Conference is an open, welcoming community for youth ages 15-22. We provide a safe space for spiritual growth and self-empowerment. It is a transformative week of adventure, thought-provoking workshops, and impromptu dance parties under the stars.

**Minister:** Rev. Dave Scheuneman, Studio Zero, Las Vegas, NV

**Program Fee:** $85/person

**Scholarships & Questions:** Contact Taylor Travers, Registrar, at registraroftheyes@gmail.com

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**SG1 youth**

Star Gathering 1 UCC Youth Conference

**SPIRITUALITY AND RECOVERY**

SAT 8/1 to SAT 8/8 • www.stariscucc.com

We invite you to take a step away from the noise of the mainland and join us on Star Island to reflect on what it means to be holy and what is sacred. We will covenant to live together in a respectful community as we plumb the depths of our understanding of ourselves and the Divine, however it makes itself known to us. This week is for those seeking to understand themselves and their world in a richer and deeper way.

**Program Leader:** David Clark, MDiv Candidate, ’17, Andover Newton Theological School

**Program Fee:** $115/youth

**Financial Aid:** Contact the registrar at stargathering1reg@gmail.com

**Questions?** Email David Clark at dclark@ants.edu

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**SG2 youth**

Star Gathering 2 UCC Youth Conference

**ADULTHOOD IN THE 21st CENTURY: STARS OR ISLANDS**

SAT 8/8 to SAT 8/15 • www.stariscucc.com

Star Island is committed to being a leader in environmental practice, and we are committed to assisting our youth in becoming transformational leaders of today and tomorrow through the healthy practice of vitality, sustainability, and accountability in every aspect of their lives. Practice for a week, experience for a lifetime!

**Program Leader:** Rev. Brian Gruhn, 2nd Church in Newton UCC, Newton, MA

**Program Fee:** $115/youth

**Financial Aid:** Contact the Registrar at stargathering2registrar@gmail.com

**Questions?** Email Rev. Brian Gruhn at brian.gruhn@gmail.com
For over four hundred years women have played an active, important, and often overlooked role in Shoalers work and community life. We will explore the lives of these women as a group and as individuals, looking at them in the context of their time in history and the impact they had in supporting and shaping life on the Isles of Shoals.

**Program Fee:** $100/person

**Questions?** Email Amy Cook, Registrar, at juneconference@ishra.org or Maryann Stacy, Conference Chair, at mstacy@townofogunquit.org

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Join us as we explore hidden Star Island: find the last of the season’s Scarlet Pimpernel, search for remnants of the past among the rocks on the beach, explore the Oceanic in a new way, and learn about future archaeological investigations on Star and architectural oddities of the hotel buildings.

**Theme Speakers:** Nathan Hamilton, Ph.D.; Robert Cook, MA, Architecture

**Program Fee:** $60/person

**Questions?** Email Maryann Stacy, Conference Chair at mstacy@townofogunquit.org

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**Historical Society Discount**

People new to Star Island and members of historical societies can save 30% on room and board when attending New England Heritage or either ISHRA program. Visit StarIsland.org/Discounts for complete details.
Step back in time and delve into the cuisine of New England’s past. Discover historic specialties and learn how the traditions of various settlers melded with the area’s available natural resources to produce dishes that defined both an age and a region.

Minister: Rev. Rosemarie Smurzynski

Program Fee: Full conference: $125/person (age 12+); 3-night session: $90/person (age 12+) Although there is no separate children’s programming, New England Heritage welcomes children of all ages under the supervision of their parents/guardians.

Questions? Email NewEnglandHeritage@comcast.net

conducted in partnership with the Portsmouth Athenaeum

A 1920’s bash on the high seas, featuring live music, lawn games, and a picnic. Join us for the day or spend the night on the island for an evening of dancing at the historic hotel. It’s a summer jaunt guaranteed to be the bee’s knees.

Program Fee: $48/person for day trip; $195+/person and up for overnight (includes boat, lodging and meals)

Questions? Contact Adam Irish at adam@oldasadam.com or (603) 661-9373.

Gatsby on the Isles

JAZZ AGE LAWN PARTY AND SOIREE ON STAR ISLAND

SAT 8/29 to SUN 8/30 • www.oldasadam.com/gatsby-on-the-isles
Star Arts is an adult conference offering morning workshops in visual arts, writing, dance, music, theater, and photography. Come expand on current talents, or take risks on new frontiers. Join a workshop, work on your own, or major in “porch sitting.” Do everything – or do nothing. All experience levels welcome.

**Workshop Leaders:** Jon Arterton, music; Laurie Brown, visual arts; Ron Cox, photography; Jeannie Martin, writing; Bragan Thomas, Theater

**Minster:** Rev. Kate Wilkinson, Unitarian Universalist Meeting House of Provincetown, MA

**Program Fee:** $110/person

**Scholarships:** Visit www.stararts.org for more information

**Questions?** Email chair@stararts.org or registrar@stararts.org

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For our second summer, cellist Theodore Mook once again brings some of his extraordinary friends to Star for another exquisite weekend of world-class chamber music. This year the repertoire will draw from the golden age of French Impressionism – Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, Erik Satie, Gabriel Faure and others – once again played in our candlelit 200 year-old stone chapel, the stately lobby of our 19th Century wooden hotel, and the hotel’s more intimate Pink Parlor.

**Musicians:** Paul Rosenbloom, piano; Theodore Mook, cello; Alexey Shabalin, violin; Rob Hayden, clarinet

**Program Fee:** $80/person

**Scholarships:** Visit www.stararts.org for more information

**Questions?** Contact the Registrar, Jill Brody, at registrar.chambermusic@gmail.com
### Room & Board Rates

These rates include lodging, meals, and ferry transportation.

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When choosing to register, please remember that Star Island is in a remote location and access can be limited even for emergency purposes. Learn more about Star Island, resources, and precautions you can take at StarIsland.org/Info/Important.

We promote a nurturing and caring community in which individuals are safe and respected. To that end, important and relevant policies may be found at StarIsland.org/Island-Policies.
About Our Rates

Our rates cover some of our total operating costs, which include things like generating electricity, creating drinking water, treating wastewater, and properly maintaining our historic buildings. The rest is covered by other sources such as charitable donations. Attending a summer program is about more than keeping the solar array collecting - it's about us helping one another to live our vision and create community.

Financial Aid

If paying the full rate would prevent you and your family from attending a program, please inform your registrar. Many programs have scholarships to help in cases of need. Star Island also has a confidential Financial Aid Program available to individuals and families already registered for a program and have not received a program scholarship. Learn more about your options at StarIsland.org/Financial-Aid.

Multi-Program Discount

Attend a second 7 night program between August 29 and September 5 and receive 30% off your room and board during this August/September week. Find complete details at StarIsland.org/Discounts.

Former Pelican Discount

Come back to Star Island as a guest and receive 50% off your room and board when attending the full length of any 2015 program. If you used this discount in 2014, receive 25% off. Registration deadlines and other restrictions apply. Visit StarIsland.org/Discounts for more information.

Medical Information

Star Island Corporation assumes no liability for accidents, illnesses, or their treatment. Our first aid station is equipped only for basic treatment in an emergency, and may not be staffed at all times. Star Island is a remote location with extremely limited capacity to respond to medical emergencies. Evacuation of individuals experiencing significant health issues ranges from one hour (in ideal conditions) to many hours. Star Island Corporation strongly recommends not participating in a conference if you experience any medical condition which might reasonably require emergency medical response. Due to operational costs, conferees who knowingly come to the island with any of the above conditions and then require emergency medical evacuation will be charged for the full conference.

Special Health Conditions

If someone has a condition that affects walking ability, the conference registrar must be informed in advance in order to assist in accommodations. Please supply information concerning any health condition which might affect participation in conference programs and/or which would help us to provide proper care in case of an emergency. Include names, specific medical conditions, allergies, continuing medication, electrical needs for medical equipment, etc.

Medications

The first aid station does not maintain an inventory of prescription medications. Everyone must bring enough of any needed medicine to cover the length of the stay. We recommend an extra four days worth as a precaution.

Minors

Any person under eighteen attending without a parent or legal guardian is required to submit a Minor Medical Release Form to the conference registrar before your application can be accepted. This form may be downloaded from www.starisland.org/conferences/info.
**Star Harmony**

**CHORAL HARMONY SINGING FOR CHOIR DIRECTORS, CHOIR SINGERS, & FOLKS WHO LOVE TO SING**

FRI 9/18 to SUN 9/20 • www.amidonmusic.com/workshops/star-island-harmony

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

**Singing Leaders:** Peter Amidon, Mary Alice Amidon, Mary Cay Brass  
**Program Fee:** $100/person.  
**Questions?** Contact Peter Amidon, Registrar, at amidonpeter@gmail.com

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**NH Society of Photographic Artists Retreat**

**PHOTOGRAPHY RETREAT**

THU 9/10 to SUN 9/13 • www.nhsra.org

This 4-day retreat, now in its 17th year, offers conferees a creative and learning get away with the camaraderie of film and digital photographers of all levels and will feature a workshop led by a special guest photographer who will also exhibit a presentation of their work. You will also have the opportunity to display your passion of this art form by sharing your photographs with the group for critiquing purposes.

**Program Fee:** $110/person, includes a one year individual membership to the New Hampshire Society of Photographic Artists

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**Writelines**

**CREATIVE WRITING RETREAT**

MON 9/7 to FRI 9/11 • www.writelines.net

Come to write, watch magnificent sunsets, write, relax, discuss the craft of writing, and write some more. Bring with you several pens, at least one blank journal or notebook, and a mind ready to explore parts of itself you didn’t even know were hidden there. The facilitator will take care of the rest. She creates a safe environment, carefully chosen prompts and fun excursions on the island.

**Workshop Leader:** Dale Slongwhite  
**Program Fee:** $299/person  
**Questions?** Email dale@writelines.net
Our small, friendly music and dance weekend features contra, but includes square, English country and couples dances. There is time to relax and explore the island, join yoga or singing conferences, rock on the porch, and attend our non-traditional chapel service. Waltzing before breakfast, a musicians’ workshop and music jams fill out the schedule. Our website has more details, including biographies of our talented staff.

Dance Caller: Tony Parkes
Musicians: George Wilson, fiddle, and Selma Kaplan, piano
Program Fee: $90/person
Questions? Email Chrissy Fowler at ktaadn_me@hotmail.com

Writers in the Round is a supportive, creative, and collaborative retreat for songwriters and poets of all levels of experience. It is a time for stretching boundaries, playing with new forms and ideas, learning from one another and breathing fresh salt air. WITR offers daily classes, unstructured time for composition and sharing, small group workshops and nightly song and poetry swaps.

Program Fee: $110/person
Watercolor Painting on a Historic Ocean Island (#11879RJ) - August & September
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 (#15432RJ) - August & September
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.

Experience Star on a Historic Ocean Island (#21155RJ) - June & August
Venture out to Star Island and join in a wide variety of activities, including meditation, engaging with your creative process, and delving into New England history. And if you need a rest after a botany walk, there is plenty of time to gaze out to sea while relaxing on the front porch.

Register online at www.roadscholar.org.

This intensive workshop is for artists who want to create a sustainable life making art. Issues of how and where to exhibit, documentation, creating a website, grant writing, residencies, developing a supportive community and time management will be thoroughly covered with breaks for nature walks, journaling, yoga and dark chocolate.

Program Fee: $295/person
Questions? Contact Kim Bernard at info@kimbernard.com
Renew your light in this self-care retreat. Learn practices that you can share with your clients, friends, and loved ones. Understand the symptoms, prevention, treatment, and ethical concerns of compassion fatigue, vicarious traumatization and burn out. You will experience effective, nourishing holistic practices that can reduce stress reaction, depression and anxiety. Included will be breath work, meditation, mindfulness and gentle yoga for inner peace, along with time for self-reflection, sharing and bliss on our beautiful island. Give yourself a gift of renewal, and strengthen your body, mind and soul with love and healing energy, so that you may live and work with a radiant heart.

18 CEUs (6 of these in Ethics) approved by NH NASW #2893

Registration: www.innerpeacehealingarts.com

Program Fee: $325/person

Celebrate your divine goddess spirit! Join us and experience inner peace, while you nurture and renew with gentle yoga, mantra, meditation, mindfulness, and Yoga Nidra (the practice of deep relaxation) and healing self-exploration through the arts. Participating in the full retreat will allow more time for quiet, rest, and self-reflection. Enter into the wonder of island, sea, stars and sunsets. Live in beauty and harmony with nature, self, and community on our island haven. Heal as you release physical, mental, and emotional stress. Nourish yourself, and fill your soul with joy in a journey that is both inward and expansive. Be supported in opening your heart, mind, and body to live with love and compassion for self and others. You might even transform your life. You are invited to experience the majesty, wisdom and power of beautiful Star Island and your own true goddess nature!

Program Fee: Full Retreat $150/person; Weekend Only $125/person
Join a community of kindred spirits for a week devoted to “practicing presence”, through formal silent group meditation, solitary nature contemplation, mindful discussion and savoring life-in-the-moment. This retreat gathers adults of all ages, beginning and advanced in experience, from many traditions and faith backgrounds.

Minister & Registrar: Rev. David Scheuneman, Studio Zero, Las Vegas, NV

Program Fee: $95/person

Questions? Contact Rev. David Scheuneman at dave@studiozero.org or (702) 530-ZERO

Religion & Spirituality

For a conference focused on religion and spirituality, check out these offerings:

- Lifespan Religious Education pg. 8
- Star Gathering UCC 1 pg. 4
- Laity Family Weekend pg. 8
- Institute on Religion in an Age of Science pg. 7
- Star Gathering UCC 2 pg. 5

Star Women

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

WED 9/16 or FRI 9/18 to SUN 9/20 • www.starwomen.weebly.com

A casual retreat with a mind/body/spirit focus that encourages individuality and creativity while respecting solitude. Past workshop offerings have included fiber arts, crafts, painting, poetry, basket weaving, wellness and movement. Strong bonds are developed with each other and Star Island. We will be joyfully celebrating our 20th anniversary this year!

Program Fee: Full Retreat $50/person; Weekend $25/person

Scholarships: Learn more at starwomen.weebly.com

Questions? Contact the chair, Martha McGovern, at martha@marthamcgovern.com
This retreat is designed to allow you to explore Transformative Mediation and the Isles of Shoals. You will have 14 hours of experiential learning in which to develop your transformative mediation skills. The remaining time is yours — to explore, to relax, recenter and rejuvenate.

Theme Speaker: Meredith Richardson, Esq., CPC, NH certified family mediator, Meredith Mediates
Program Fee: $500/person
Questions? Email Meredith Richardson at meredithmediates@aol.com
This yoga retreat is truly special. A team of teachers with different specialties means you can take up to six classes a day. But we also love time to do nothing, relax, rock on the porch and meditate. In the same day find challenges and community, silence and joyful noise. Newcomers to Star and to yoga are welcome!

**Program Fee:** $175/person

**Scholarships:** Email carrie@rasamaya.com for more information

**Questions?** Email tristan@rasamaya.com

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This transformational yoga teacher training with master teacher Carrie Tyler is ideal for aspiring teachers and dedicated students. This program is approved by the Yoga Alliance and is focused on providing you with all the tools you need to start your path as a confident, accomplished and thoughtful Vinyasa yoga teacher. A major part of this training focuses on drawing forth your personal strengths, creativity, knowledge and voice. By the time you graduate you will be fully prepared to teach classes in a multi-level format for all levels of skill from gentle to power.

**BONUS!**

**Includes the Shine Your Light Yoga Retreat**

**Tuition:** Before June 15: $3,200 shared, $3,700 single; After June 15: $3,700 shared, $4,100 single. Includes a $500 non-refundable deposit. Payment plans for tuition are available.

**Questions?** Please contact training@rasamaya.com.
Midweek 1
RETREAT
MON 9/7 to FRI 9/11

Escape to a place of salt spray and ocean breezes with spectacular sunrises, sunsets, starry nights and three meals a day. Where you can choose to be lazy — even the few scheduled activities are optional. Build new friendships, rekindle the old, kayak, sing, rest, relax and return home feeling refreshed!

Minister: Rev. Mary Giles Edes
Program Fee: $35/person
Questions? Contact Janna Levesque at janna1124@roadrunner.com

Midweek 2 & Quaker Retreat
STAR FOR STAR’S SAKE
MON 9/14 to FRI 9/18

We welcome kite flyers, rock sitters and writers seeking inspiration. First time Shoalers are welcome. Ours is the conference for lovers of Star. It is a great place to engage with the island with a minimum of planned activities. We have two short daily chapel services and a daily Quaker silent worship.

Minister: Rev. Telos Whitfield
Program Fee: $25/person
Questions? For Midweek 2, contact Howard Bennett at (267) 980-6518 or howbenn@gmail.com. For Quakers, contact Sarah Marter at (617) 335-5193 or savery08@comcast.net
Though fewer than 30 species of birds breed on Star Island, almost 250 species have been recorded. Most are migrants that use the island as a staging post each spring and fall. Two weekend conferences will focus on the identification and natural history of the many species that we encounter.

**Birding Leader**: Eric Masterson, author of *Birdwatching in New Hampshire.*  
**Program Fee**: $100/person  
**Questions?** Contact Eric Masterson at eric.masterson@myfairpoint.net

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**FB2S**  
**Fall Back to Star**  
**END OF SUMMER HOMECOMING**  
FRI 9/11 to SUN 9/13 • www.shoals.org

Come enjoy and share the island at this charming time of year. Explore the natural beauty, experience a moving candlelit chapel, and steep yourself in the quiet excitement of a cultural weekend.

**Program Fee**: $25/person (includes Isles of Shoals Assoc., UU membership); $10/person for current members  
**Questions?** Email Emily Cann at emily_cann@hotmail.com
We are an intentional community of creative adults, committed to fun, fellowship, and deepening our understanding of ourselves and each other. Join us as we share our talents and gifts through programming that showcases our crafts, music, recipes, and humor. This year we’ll be exploring the concept of gratitude as it relates to all aspects of our lives.

Minister: Rev. Leon Dunkley, UU Church of Silver Spring, MD

Program Fee: $100/person

Scholarships: Contact Mary Light, Registrar, at yac.registrar2015@gmail.com

Questions? Email Program Chair Ashley Collins at stanza913@gmail.com

Paranormal Reactions brings real paranormal adventures live to Star Island. Investigate some of the most active areas on the island. During the day enjoy our Reiki sessions, new high tech classes as you bring us the evidence. Work with our high tech equipment and enjoy night long investigations.

Guest Speaker: Staff of North East Paranormal Associates, Surprise Paranormal guests

Program Fee: $75/person

Questions? Email Maureen Raiche at paranormalreactions@gmail.com
The centerpiece of this program features a sail race that was first hosted in 1874 and carries the tradition of winning the Oceanic Cup, first won by the historic yacht “America.” Follow the race from the starting line on the M/V Thomas Laighton and come ashore in time for lunch with live entertainment and the best views of the finish line. The awards reception and dinner bring race crews and spectators together in the Oceanic Hotel dining room. Guests are treated to a brunch on Sunday. Overnight and race-day tickets available starting March 1 at StarIsland.org/Regatta.

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Chronological List of Conferences

- Spring Birding Weekend
  May 22 - 24
- Yearly Adults Conference
  June 15 or 17 to 21
- Paranormal Weekend
  June 17 to 20
- Star Arts
  June 20 to 27
- Meditation Week
  June 20 to 27
- Couple’s Retreat
  June 21 to 24
- Isles of Shoals Historic & Research Assoc. - June
  June 27 to July 1
- Natural History Week
  June 27 to July 4
- Youth Empowerment & Spirituality
  June 27 to July 4
- Road Scholar June
  June 27 to July 4
- All Star 1
  July 4 to 11
- All Star 2
  July 11 to 18
- Lifespan Religious Education
  July 18 to 25
- International Affairs
  July 25 to August 1
- Star Gathering 1 Family & Youth
  August 1 to 8
- Craniosacral Therapy Alliance
  August 1 to 5
- Star Gathering 2 Family & Youth
  August 8 to 15
- Institute on Religion in an Age of Science
  August 8 to 15
- Life on a Star 1
  August 15 to 22
- Life on a Star 2
  August 22 to 29
- Road Scholar August
  August 29 to September 4
- Star Island Experience
  August 29 to September 5
- Gatsby on the Isles
  August 29 to 30
- Transformative Mediation
  August 30 to September 2
- Pelican Reunion
  September 4 or 5 to 7
- Laity Family Weekend
  September 4 or 5 to 7
- Road Scholar September
  September 5 to 11
- Vinyasa Yoga Teacher Retreat
  September 5 to 20
- Creative and Professional Practice
  September 7 to 9 or 9 to 11
- Midweek 1
  September 7 to 11
- Writelines
  September 7 to 11
- Innerpeace Healing Arts: Nourishing the Goddess
  September 9 or 11 to 13
- NH Society of Photographic Artists Retreat
  September 10 to 13
- Writers in the Round
  September 10 to 13
- Fall Back to Star
  September 11 to 13
- Isles of Shoals Historic & Research Assoc. - Sept.
  September 11 to 13
- Chamber Music
  September 11 to 12 or 13
- Innerpeace Healing Arts: Nourishing the Practitioner
  September 14 to 17
- Midweek 2 & Quaker Retreat
  September 14 to 18
- Star Women
  September 16 or 18 to 20
- Yoga Retreat
  September 17 to 20
- Star Hampshire Dance
  September 18 to 20
- Star Harmony
  September 18 to 20
- Fall Birding Weekend
  September 25 to 27
- Gosport Regatta
  September 26 to 27

How to Register
1.) Visit StarIsland.org to register online.
2.) Visit StarIsland.org to print out a paper registration form to mail in.
3.) Call or email the Star Island office to send you a paper registration form.

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