

FRIENDS OF SAXONVILLE

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One Earth Collaborative by Rabbi Katy Z. Allen

Children clam-bered over rocks and canoed on the river.

Women made soap with jewelweed, good for removing poison ivy oils.

A group gathered to discuss how to be fully ready for winter, in mind, body, and spirit. Under the light of the moon, people walked across fields and along the river.

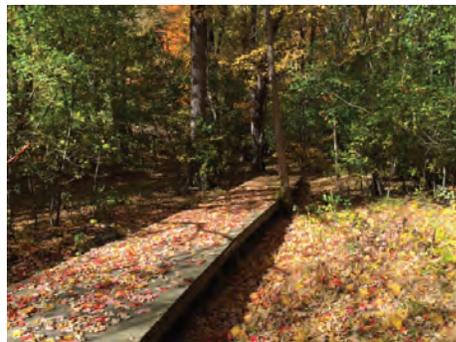
All of this – and more – is part of the One Earth Collaborative, the brainchild of Rabbi Katy Allen of Wayland, who seeks to extend her professional chaplaincy into the new area of “nature chaplaincy.” One Earth Collaborative is a recent addition to the programming at Open Spirit – A Place of Hope, Health, and Harmony, which is housed on the campus of Edwards Church and has been serving the community since 2011.

“It has been so exciting to see One Earth Collaborative blossom over the last few months,” said Rev. Dr. Debbie Clark, Interfaith Coordinator of Open Spirit. “We are so glad the Collaborative is connected with Open Spirit, as strengthening our spiritual connection with the earth is so crucial on so many levels. I love the programs – they are creative and inspiring, and with lots of opportunities to be outdoors!”

One Earth Collaborative seeks to foster community through our shared connection to the Earth and is dedicated to transforming our consciousness and our culture by acknowledging and strengthening our spiritual connection to the Universe and all it contains and allowing that connection to move us to action and to meaningful



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changes in our lives and in our communities.

One Earth Collaborative achieves its goals through

1) connecting people through conscious conversations, shared celebrations, interfaith learning, and advocacy for the Earth and its inhabitants, 2) nurturing our spiritual connection to the Earth and each other

through outdoor exploration and interaction, for ourselves and our children, and facilitating rituals, storytelling, and deep listening to strengthen us individually and communally, and 3) working together and sharing wisdom to help us learn to live more sustainably as individuals and as communities.

As befits its name, the One Earth Collaborative collaborates on programming with other organizations, including the Sudbury Valley Trustees, Common Street Spiritual Center in Natick, and Big Heart, Little Feet.

To learn more about the One Earth Collaborative, visit the website at www.oneearth.today or email info@oneearth.today.

For a list of upcoming One Earth Collaborative events, see backside.



Upcoming One Earth Collaborative events by Rabbi Katy Z. Allen

Twilight by the River **Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM** **Little Farms Road, Framingham**

Join Robert McArthur, Framingham Conservation Administrator, for a twilight walk along the Sudbury River on the Carol Getchell Nature Trail.

Maple Syrup at Home **Sunday, March 6, 2:00 PM** **Edwards Hall, Open Spirit** **39 Edwards Street, Framingham**

Join delightful and knowledgeable forager and homesteader Rachel Goclowski for an afternoon of maple syrup making and learning all about how to tap local maple trees.

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Sudbury River along the Carol Getchell Nature Trail © David Longden

Athenaeum Update – Show Your Support! by David Longden

The Athenaeum Hall is one step closer to being put back into service to the people of Framingham.

The architect has completed the engineering drawings for the restoration of the building, and the Town has an estimate of the construction costs for re-opening. The work needed for the Athenaeum is a significant part of the Town's plan for repairs to several town-owned buildings. There is a good chance that funds for the Athenaeum will be included in the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Budget, to be voted at next Spring's annual Town Meeting.

Once the reconstruction is completed, the building can be used again for veterans' meetings, town government meetings, performances, private functions and social events.

Since the cost will be significant, the Friends of Saxonville is working to raise money to supplement funds to be voted by Town Meeting. For this effort, we are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to serve on an Athenaeum fundraising committee. If you are interested in serving or want to help in some other way, please contact David Longden at (508) 877-7034 or david.longden@verizon.net. ❖

Vibes from the Village by Paula Longden

- Art House Grille, Saxonville's only sit-down restaurant with table service is now open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- On December 5, visit the Alternative Gift Fair at Edward's Church from 1–4 pm and the Holiday Marketplace at Framingham High School from 10 am–4 pm.
- Advanced Gems has moved to a new location in Pinefield Shopping Center next to Franklin Caterers.

Discover Saxonville 2016

Save the date – Saturday, May 14, 2016 when FOS will hold a Discover Saxonville event relating to an official opening of the Cochituate Rail Trail. Plans may include a guided walk along the trail, pointing out features and historic locations.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Paula Longden at (508) 877-7034 to help.

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