

November 2016

Dear Friends,

With the cacophony of this election year swirling around us, perhaps we can find solace in picturing a serene spot, surrounded by trees, where people can come together to share reflective conversation, a musical performance, or moments of silence. With your help, this is what Michigan Friends Center offers.

This year the Center hosted or sponsored an exciting variety of programs:

- The Gemini performed at the annual fundraiser, Winterfest!
- Richard Tucker led an exploration of nature poetry.
- Pam Hoffer shared a workshop on fairy doors, developing children's connections with nature.
- A Council of All Beings program focused on developing adult connections to the natural world.
- John Gourlay led two conversations about the work of Erica Chenoweth on successful non-violent movements.
- Linda Diane Feldt led the annual nature walk to identify native and invasive species.
- With Transition Town Chelsea, we co-hosted a fall film series about eco-habitats.
- With the Chelsea Library, we co-sponsored a restorative justice event and a book discussion of Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*.
- We held a six-session course entitled *Hungry for Change: Food, Ethics, and Sustainability*, designed by the Northwest Earth Institute.
- Carol Blotter led four seasonal days of meditation (with proceeds benefiting the Center).

The Center also continues to provide a gathering place for the local and extended Friends community. We hosted the Friends Lake annual meeting and two gatherings of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting. The Chelsea worship group continues to meet at the Center on most second Sundays of the month.

We need your help to keep Michigan Friends Center operating on a daily basis and into the future. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today.

Another way to support MFC is by serving on the Board. We are a small but dedicated group, who share the honor of shepherding the Center. If you feel called to support the Center in this way, please let us know.

With gratitude,

John Williams
Board Clerk

Heather McRae-Woolf
Development Committee

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