



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

August 2008

Sunday	Aug 3	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "Inspiration In Spite of Everything"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
Monday	Aug 4	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Aug 10	10:00 a.m.	Conversation led by Frank Jacquez on "Parables, Myths and Short Stories"
		11:00 a.m.	Singer and songwriter Sandra Lane performs for us
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	Aug 11	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Aug 17	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" continues a series on "No Excuses: Existentialism and the Meaning of Life" led by Naren Jackson and David Tripp
		11:00 a.m.	Lester Robbins speaks on "Paul and Revelation"
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	Aug 18	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Aug 24	10:00 a.m.	Conversation led by John and Clara Blair on "Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist Teacher"
		11:00 a.m.	John Blair speaks on "The Heart of Unitarian Universalist Belief"
Monday	Aug 25	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Aug 31	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday discussion on Unitarian Universalism
		11:00 a.m.	Program: To Be Announced
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck - all are invited
Monday	Sep 1	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	Sep 7	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks on "Core Values"
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath

Nursery provided at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.

AUUC Mission Statement -- Our mission is to provide a nourishing environment:

- In which liberal religious thought and spiritual growth are encouraged; where doubt is welcome and free choice is the rule
- In which we will be motivated to contribute to the betterment of all life
- In which we will teach and promote all of the other Unitarian Universalist values, embodied in the Seven Principles

***Pledging:** It costs in excess of \$55 per pledging unit per month to sustain the Arlington UU Church. Please give what you can. If you choose to make your contribution using the collection basket, use a special envelope or indicate "Pledge" on your check. Thank you for your support.*

Meet Richard Schultes

Richard Evans Schultes, 1915-2001, a lifelong member of Kings Chapel (UU) Boston, is considered the father of modern ethnobotany, the study of how plants are used by native cultures. He was also the leading authority on peyote, *ayahuasca* and other hallucinogenic plants. Schultes has been called the last of the great plant explorers. In the 1940s and 1950s he navigated the Amazon tributaries in an aluminum canoe, living with local Indians and documenting their use of more than 2,000 medicinal plants, gathering some 24,000 specimens. Of these, 120 species now bear his name, as does 2.2 million acres of rain forest protected by Colombia. Schultes was among the first to chart the growing threat to Amazon ecocultures. The hallmark of his work was his sympathy and sensitivity to the ways of life he encountered. He happily chewed coca powder with tribesmen, treating the often fearsome-looking people he met with disarming courtesy. He never carried a firearm. "I do not believe in hostile Indians," he said. "All that is required to bring out their gentlemanliness is reciprocal gentlemanliness." Born in Boston, Schultes became fascinated with South America when, during a confining illness he had at six, his parents read to him from *Notes of a Botanist on the Amazon and the Andes* (1908) by English naturalist Richard Spruce. At Harvard Schultes majored in botany, making the peyote cactus his dissertation subject. He spent a month in 1936 with the Kiowa Indians of Oklahoma, who used the sacred cactus ceremonially to commune with their ancestors. Schultes also partook of the hallucinogen, remarking later "it would have been unpardonable rudeness to refuse." For his doctorate Schultes studied *teonanácatl*, the sacred mushroom of the Indians of Oaxaca, and *ololiuqui*, whose psychoactive seeds have properties similar to LSD. In 1941, Schultes traveled to the Amazon to investigate the source of curare, which, as well as being poison, had also been used in hospitals since the 1930s as a muscle relaxant. He discovered different types



of curare called for up to 15 ingredients, and in time helped identify more than 70 species that produced the drug. During WWII Schultes searched the Amazon for rubber sources to replace Japanese-occupied Malayan plantations. He taught Indians how to tap latex, becoming an expert on the genus *Hevea*. When peace returned, he once more took to his canoe, living for a dozen years in the rain forest. Sometimes surviving for days on tinned condensed milk, he fended off bouts of malaria and beri-beri, once paddling 40 days, ill, to reach help. On his travels he collected thousands of samples, many of them regularly used by shamans to treat illness successfully. Some of these plants now carry Schultes' name, including *Pauroma schultesii*, a bark used to treat ulcers, and *Hiraea schultesii*, used to cure conjunctivitis. Schultes maintained that, contrary to popular opinion, the Indians were eager to share their medical secrets. But, he warned in 1994, "The Indian people and their knowledge are disappearing even faster than the plants themselves." He returned to Harvard in 1953, eventually becoming professor of biology and director of the botanical museum. His rather quirky sense of humor sometimes led him to demonstrate his skill with a six-foot blowpipe in lectures. Schultes published nine books, including *Plants of the Gods* (1979), written with Albert Hofmann, who synthesized LSD.



Schultes' many awards included the Gold Medal of the Linnaean Society and the Gold Medal of the World Wildlife Fund.

Based on www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/schultes.html

Memorial Pond Rededication

The memorial pond behind the church has been cleaned and restored through the intensely hard work over many months of member Daniel Melendez. Tentative plans are being made to hold a rededication of the pond in October after the weather has cooled.

Cell phones should be turned off during the service.

Food in the Sanctuary: So we can all enjoy a snack and fellowship afterwards, please do not bring food into the sanctuary during services and forums.

Facilities Use Policy: Permission must be obtained prior to use from the church board or, at minimum, the church president. The fee is \$15 per hour unless another rate or free use is agreed upon by the AUUC Board prior to use. Copies of the policy are available upon request.

Support Group: For our members who are trying to get their lives straightened out or to search for just plain stress relief, we have organized a support group that meets at the church every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact John Reed, our dedicated problem-solver.

Side Porch Counseling: Arlington UU Church is sponsoring counseling services each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a moderate fee, Dr. John Reed, LPC, provides counseling for personal problems, stress management and relaxation. Call 817-460-6481 for more information or an appointment. Or just drop by.

New Members Welcome: Membership in the Arlington UU Church is open to everyone 12 or older who is in sympathy with our purpose and principles. If you wish to join us, you need only sign a membership form in the presence of an officer of the Church. Active (voting) members must additionally make a financial contribution of record during the year prior to, and be on the roster at least 60 days prior to, any congregational business meeting at which they wish to vote.

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