



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope

October 2011

Sunday	Oct. 2	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang begins the series <i>Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalist Movement</i>
		11:00 a.m.	"The Flame Communion" - led by Daniel Melendez
Tuesday	Oct. 4	7:00 p.m.	Noetic Science Group: "The Native American View of Animals and Nature," speaker Linda Cameron
Wednesday	Oct. 5	7:00 p.m.	Pagan Open Forum
Sunday	Oct. 9	10:00 a.m.	Comparative religion: Islam, led by Nikki Ashcraft
		11:00 a.m.	[Safe Haven Collection] "Community Expression Worship: Our Community Expresses Our Inspiration Through Word, Voice, and Music," led by Keven Holt
		12:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets
Wednesday	Oct. 12	7:00 p.m.	AUUC Movie Night features <i>The Objective</i> (Bring snacks to share)
Sunday	Oct. 16	10:00 a.m.	The Sunday School Gang concludes the Teaching Company lecture series <i>The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Philip Roos, local psychologist, speaks
Wednesday	Oct. 19	7:00 p.m.	Pagan Open Forum
Sunday	Oct. 23	7:00 a.m.	Early Bird Special: Tai Chi and Qi Gong
		10:00 a.m.	Discussion of "The Spectrum of Consciousness and Expanding It" continues, led by Gregory Ellis
		11:00 a.m.	"State of the AUUC Community: A Time to Pause, Reflect, and Understand Our Growing Community," led by Keven Holt
Wednesday	Oct. 26	7:00 p.m.	Drum Circle
Sunday	Oct. 30	10:00 a.m.	Basics of UUism
		11:00 a.m.	Brother ChiSing, M.Div. Starr King UU School for the Ministry, ordained by ecumenical Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh, speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Monthly Potluck — all are invited
<p><i>Support Group led by John Reed Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Nursery Care available 11 a.m. to noon.</i></p>			

Noetic Science Group

The Noetic Science Group, dedicated to "nurturing the conversation between science and spiritual values," meets 7:00 p.m. at the church on the **First Tuesday** of each month. **October 4** will be "The Native American View of Animals and Nature," with speaker Linda Cameron. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information contact Sara Horsfall at shorsfall99@hotmail.com. Find a complete list of programs on the Noetic Science page on Meetup.com. Please visit noetic.org.

Sunday School for the Little Ones



Many windows, one light

Sandra Martin is providing Religious Education for our growing group of children. Nursery care is also available so members, friends or visitors with young children can take part in the adult service.

More Than One Place to See What's Happening at AUUC

Besides the calendar published in our monthly *Kaleidoscope* newsletter, which is a snapshot of planned coming events taken just before press time, all during the month you can visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/ArlingtonUU> and our Meetup pages at <http://www.meetup.com/unitarians-125/> for more information. We update these as details become available.

Adult Literacy Project

In an Arlington Public Library community outreach project, our volunteers work with clients one on one. For information about this activity, call Patsy Rosen at 817-860-9559.

Movie Night at the Church October 12

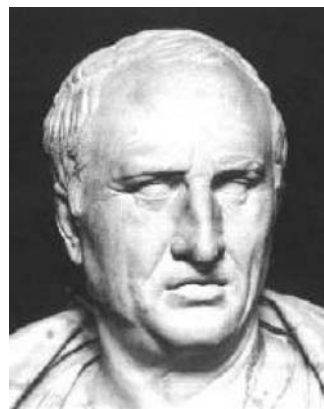
On Wednesday, **October 12**, at 7:00 p.m., we show *The Objective*, This 2008 science fiction horror flick follows a group of Special Ops Reservists on a mission in the harsh and hostile terrain of Afghanistan who find themselves lost in a Middle Eastern "Bermuda Triangle" of ancient evil. (Unrated, Violence and Language.) Bring whatever you like to munch and sip on.

New Curriculum for Sunday School Gang

In October the Sunday School Gang on first Sunday at 10:00 a.m., having wound up our extended review of Gordon Theisen's book *Staying Up Much Too Late*, will begin Teaching Company lectures *Emerson, Thoreau, and the Transcendentalist Movement* (UU American roots). Third Sunday at 10:00 a.m. this month will conclude *The Passions: Philosophy and the Intelligence of Human Emotions*. In November



we will begin *Practical Philosophy: The Greco-Roman Moralists* (part of the basis of Western Civilization, including such seminal thinkers as Cicero, Seneca, Epictetus, and Marcus Aurelius). Naren Jackson facilitates.



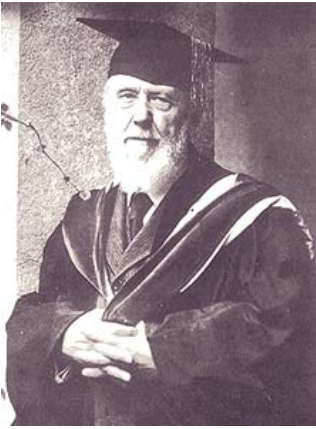
UU Wednesdays

We have regular Wednesday evening programming throughout the month. Pagan Open Forum meets first and third Wednesdays, Movie Night the second, Drum Circle the fourth Wednesday.

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

Meet Bernard Maybeck



"There is something bigger and more worthwhile than the things we see about us, the things we live by and strive for. There is an undiscovered beauty, a divine excellence, just beyond us. Let us stand on tiptoe, forgetting the nearer things and grasp what we may."

Bernard Ralph Maybeck (1862-1957), probably the most famous of the architects in the Arts and Crafts Movement in California and mentor for an entire generation of other California architects, actually was born and grew up in New York City in a family that encouraged him to draw and paint. He studied in New York and Paris, including work at the École des Beaux-Arts. Returning to the U.S. in 1886, he began his career with the then-new partnership of Carrère and Hastings, where he worked on projects such as Henry Flagler's Hotel Ponce de Leon in St. Augustine, FL, a lavish structure in a romantic Spanish Renaissance style. In 1890 he moved to California where he spent the balance of his life. He became an instructor at the University of California and also taught at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art in San Francisco. After a European tour he became Instructor in Architecture at the university, the first such position and one he held from 1898 until he resigned in 1903. In 1895 Maybeck designed a new mining building for the campus, then proposed a campus development plan. A donor sponsored an international competition to



Part of a dormitory at Principia College

select the best design, conditional on Maybeck judging them. One passage in the prospectus reads:

"The University is a city that is to be created—A City of Learning—in which there is to be no sordid or inharmonious feature. There are to be no definite limitations of cost, materials or style. All is to be left to the unfettered discretion of the designer. He is asked to record his conception of an ideal home for a university, assuming time and resources to be unlimited. He is to plan for centuries to come. There will doubtless be developments of science in the future that will impose new duties on the University, and require alterations in the detailed arrangement of its buildings, but it is believed to be possible to secure a comprehensive plan in harmony with the universal principles of architectural art."



First Christian Science Church Berkeley

Later Maybeck established his architectural office in San Francisco and began a practice that concentrated on the design of private homes, churches, and club buildings. Most of his over two hundred commissions demonstrate Maybeck's originality and his refusal to follow conventional ideas of how a building should appear. In urban planning Maybeck emphasized fitting development into the natural landscape as much as possible and preserving as much of the natural vegetation as possible. He influenced the development of his own neighborhood in Berkeley with recommendations for how houses should be fitted into the steep hillsides. Following a couple of never-completed efforts at urban design, his later experiences in large-scale planning were primarily for college campus

"I have never been an architect; I just like one line better than the other."



One of Maybeck's hillside houses in Berkeley

plans, first for Mills College in 1918 and then for Principia College. For Principia he prepared two designs, each with variations. In 1937 Maybeck became associate architect for the Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco. In 1951 the American Institute of Architects awarded him its Gold Medal. Among various surviving examples of the art of Bernard Maybeck are three dozen residences in the Berkeley hills. His simple shingled design of the Unitarian Church of Palo Alto has been celebrated for the mystical atmosphere which he achieved. When the Unitarian Church of Berkeley, of which he was a member, was forced to move, he not only recommended the large new site in Kensington but gave a generous gift to make its purchase possible. Most honored today among his achievements is the 1915 Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco. Created for the Panama-Pacific International

Exposition, its theme is a Roman ruin, mutilated and overgrown, in the mood of a Piranesi engraving. Although it was meant to give delight by its exterior beauty, its purpose was also to offer all visitors a stimulating experience within doors. With its exhibition hall to house the work of living artists (dominated by the Impressionists), its colonnade and its rotunda — plans for all of which had dazzled the Commissioners when the huge brown-paper sketch was put before them — it fulfilled the architect's dream: It was as beautiful reflected in the water as it was against the sky. And when the Palace was completed, its exceptional harmony gave it instant appeal to the public. Reconstructed completely in 1965 in durable materials and at great cost, with extensive further work done in 2009 to repair and reinforce it against earthquakes, it remains an iconic landmark of San Francisco.

Adapted from an article by M. H. White and Professor Charles Gilman Hyde, at

<http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians/maybeck.html>



Palace of Fine Arts San Francisco

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 16 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 or the Membership Chair. 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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