

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CALLING ALL DRIVERS: Five years ago, **YCAN (Yarmouth Cares About Neighbors)** launched a program to provide transportation to those who no longer could drive but still needed a lift to get to a doctor's appointment, supermarket, hairdresser appointments, among other places. **YCAN's Rides Program** has grown dramatically each year, and now needs more drivers. We offer rides Monday—Friday and when and how often you drive is up to you! If interested, Jean Rafford, who has overseen the program for years, can fill you in. Phone: 329-7295 or email: jeanrafford@gmail.com.

THE ARTS

Please mark your calendars now for a staged reading of the play *Lost and Guided* on Fri. 6/22 at the **Portland Museum of Art**. Both events include an opening reception, the performance and a post-performance panel discussion. *Lost and Guided* tells the story of how the lives of four young Syrians are changed forever after anti-government protests transpire in the city of Daraa. Throughout the next six years, each of them is forced to undergo a unique and heroic journey, while the turmoil in their country erupts into a full-fledged civil war. From the Middle East to the streets of New Orleans, *Lost and Guided* is an original play based on interviews conducted with Syrian refugees. However, the story is universal to all people forced to leave home regardless of race, religion, political affiliations, sexual orientation, other oppressions and war dealing with themes of love, friendship, and the struggle for happiness. Tickets are available here: <https://www.portlandmuseum.org/events/lost-and-guided>

Two Summer Solstice Flute Concerts with Hawk Henries will take place on Friday, June 22, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm at the Old Meeting House on Hillside Street in Yarmouth and Saturday, June 23, 1:00—2:30 pm, at the UU Church of Brunswick on Middle Street. Hawk Henries, Native American flute player and maker, artist and storyteller, is a member of the Chaubunagungamaug Band on Nipmuck, a people indigenous to what is now Southern New England. Hawk has been composing music and making Eastern woodlands flutes using hand tools and fire for more than 26 years. He shares his gift of music and stories, playing a variety of native flutes and engaging audiences with his warm and contemplative presence. He has performed in kindergartens and universities; at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian; the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival; Harvard Medical School Graduation; with the London Mozart Players and more. These performances are for all ages. Open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$5—\$10. Organized by the **Midcoast Indigenous Awareness Group (MIAG)**.

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LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR NIGHT OF AUGUST 5 — One of **Village Harmony's** summer travel camps is performing a cappella world music the evening of AUGUST 5 (Sunday) at the First Universalist Church in Yarmouth. There are three adult leaders and 29 teen youth participating. These are talented young adults, wonderful to be around from my experience, and we are looking for overnight homestays in the area. The concert is at 7:30 PM, and singers would be picked up at the church at the end of the concert (around 9 PM? but it is worth it to come to the concert and hear them sing!), hosted for the night and breakfast, and returned to the church by 9:30 AM to travel to Belfast for their next performance. If you want to get a flavor of the singers and their music, visit: northernharmony.pair.com or search YouTube for "Village Harmony" to see many examples of the groups in concert. Also needed: casseroles/ salad/ dessert for the potluck before the concert. (You are welcome to join that as well!) Please contact me if you are interested in helping out with food or overnight stay, and how many you may be able to host. I will try to answer questions you may have, and I can provide you with more detailed information as needed. Many thanks in advance! — Joy Ahrens. To help, please call (207) 846-9572 or (207) 807-6899 or email: jahrens1@maine.rr.com

UUA—NEW ENGLAD REGION NEWS

OWL Facilitator trainings are scheduled for 2018—2019. Registration is open for the following dates:

- August 17—19 (grades 7—9, 10—12)
- September 7—9 (grades 7—9, 10—12)
- November 2—4 (grades K—1, 4—6)
- January 25—27 (grades 7—9, 10—12)
- February 1—3, (grades 7—9, 10—12)
- April 26—28 (grades 7—9, 10—12)

Visit <https://www.uua.org/new-england/workshops-webinars/owl-trainings> for more information.

The **Renaissance Module: Multicultural Religious Education** will be offered August 27—29 at the Walker Center in Auburndale, MA. These modules are designed for both lay and professional religious educators. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/renaissance-module-multicultural-religious-education-registration-45818983814> for more information.

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Save the Date: **The New England Regional Assembly** is planned for April 26-27, 2019 at the Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center in Westford, MA. More details will be available this fall.

Not attending GA this year? Many wonderful portions of GA will be live streamed online for everyone to view. You can also register to participate off-site for even more content. Learn more at: <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Allen Avenue UU Church, Portland, ME is seeking a **Director of Religious Education**. Vibrant mid-sized Unitarian Universalist church in Portland, Maine is looking for a 30 hours/per week Director of Religious Education starting August 15, 2018. Their ideal candidate will be passionate about creating community and growth for parents and families. A primary focus of the position will be training, support and recruitment of volunteer group leaders for our Sunday religious education program. For more information and to apply, please go to the information page on their website: <http://www.a2u2.org/director-of-religious-education-sought/>