

# THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION



**Portland Spiritualist Church** September 2019

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Portland Spiritualist Church is to promote the science, philosophy and religion of Modern Spiritualism and its nine principles.

As Spiritualists, we serve those seeking conformation of, and comfort in, the concepts of continuity of life and Natural Law.

Through Spirit communications, teaching, hands-on-healing, and public service we bring the light and wisdom of Infinite Intelligence to our community.

## FROM THE DESK

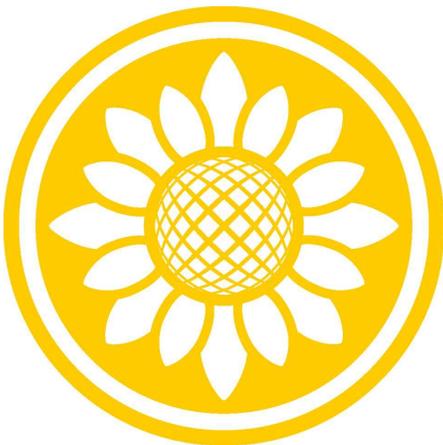
I'm sure that there are only a slight few in this readership who remember John Baumhoff. John was a short, stocky Army lifer, with a handlebar mustache, who was lucky enough to marry Mary Lou Lambert many years ago. John and Mary Lou served our church for many years and were one of the breed of Spiritualists who would come to serve your church when the speaker had cancelled. No questions asked. They attended every Medium's Day and any special event. National Convention wasn't an event unless John and Mary Lou were there.

When John would serve the platform, one of the points that he would always try to make is that "Spiritualism is a religion of conviction, not conversion".

What's meant by this phrase is that we as Spiritualists do not go out into the world to talk people into attending our Church or classes. We do not promise any prime seating in Heaven or promote great wealth and happiness if someone follows our spiritual path. I know that it sounds like a slap in the face of American salesmanship, but there you are.

Spiritualists make no promises about what a new seeker will find. We hope that they will find comfort in the fact of continuous life and interest in the knowledge of Natural Law. New attendees should leave aware that Natural Law, when conformed with, brings comfort, knowledge, happiness and wealth beyond the physical bounds of this Earth.

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*An Auxiliary of NSAC*

They should be aware that Spirit loved ones watch over them and bring guidance to them when necessary. We should show them that the Spirit communications and the mediumship of healing are not special powers imbued to a select few, but available to anyone who wishes to put in the time and effort. We'd like them to know that the entirety of our Religion is encapsulated in the nine statements that we call our Principles.

Yeah, I know, it sounds like a sales pitch to me too. But all this information isn't meant to be forced on anyone. It should be offered up when asked for. That's the beauty of "conviction not conversion". We're allowing new people to take the information that they want and digest it until they either find a new path or come back for more information. We allow the Spirit that comes through to confirm their doubts. We, like paint in a can, are only the medium. Infinite intelligence is the artist. Spiritualists don't talk people into feeling better after they've had a healing. We let them decide for themselves if a condition has been relieved and if Spiritualist healing is for them.

So, the next time you are aware of someone seeking a new path. Just let your light shine and let them ask. They will too. We're all beacons of light to those who are looking for the reality in their spirituality. Seekers will come to us. Not all will stay; and that's OK, but there will always be the few who want to know more. It's not a great way to run a business, but for our religion, I think it works just fine.

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## ***Classes, Services and Events***

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### **Sunday Services 10:30AM**

September 8th / Rose Osborn CM / Augusta  
Spiritualist Church

September 15th / Rev. Lorraine Radice /  
Church of Spiritual Growth NSAC

September 22nd / Christine Dube /

September 29th / Dr. Earl Lord /Dexter

October 6th / Rose Osborn / Augusta  
Spiritualist Church



### **Friday Classes 7:30PM**

September 6th / Mediumship Development /  
Rev. Beth Carter, CH, CM & Mike Carter

September 13th / Meditation and Mediumship  
/ Lance Cyr

September 20th / NO CLASS / Mediums Day  
Set Up

September 27th / Movie Night / Spiritually  
uplifting movie. Bring a snack!!

October 4th / Mediumship Development /  
Rev. Beth Carter, CH, CM & Mike Carter

*KEY: CM-Certified Medium / MPI-Morris Pratt Institute  
Student / Rev.- Reverend / NST- National Spiritualist  
Teacher / CH- Commissioned Healer / LM-Licentiate Minister  
/ M-Missionary*

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## ***A Few Things to Remember***

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**Time and Date Change:** Joao Bordallo's continuing class "Meditation in Motion" is going to have some time changes. There will be a class every other Sunday afternoon beginning Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The class will start at 1:30 PM and end at 3:00. For those of you who still like the Monday classes, there will be a class every Monday afternoon beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup>. This class will run from 4:00 PM to 5:15. There will be no class on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Medium's Day:** We'll be having our Fall Medium's Day on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM. You can receive a Spiritualist reading from our mediums at \$20 for 15 minutes. There will be vendors as well as a food table and Spiritualist hands on healing. Please join us.

**Membership Dues:** Please be aware that it was decided at our April membership meeting that as of January 2020, the membership dues will be going from \$20 to \$25. This is to help cover the cost of the new per capita charges from NSAC.

**Editor:** We are looking for an individual to be the editor of the "Spiritual Connection". The editor should be versed in Windows 10 and willing to seek out information for the newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Mike Carter.

**Submissions:** We're always looking for new material to put into the newsletter. If you have items that you think will be interesting in a newsletter, you can submit them to the new editor or for the time being to Mike at [retrac55@peoplepc.com](mailto:retrac55@peoplepc.com)

### **Board of the Portland Spiritualist Church**

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Our Pastor: Rev. Beth Carter CH,CM - (207) 797-2039

Next Board Meeting Date: August 21st @ 7:00 PM

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## Inspire



**“TIME YOU ENJOY WASTING IS NOT WASTED TIME.”**

Marthe Troly-Curtin

*Submitted by: Rev. Beth Carter*

“I always wondered why the makers leave housekeeping and cooking out of their tales. Isn't it why all the great wars and battles are fought – so that at the day's end a family may eat together in a peaceful house.”

Ursula K. Le Guin, **Voices**

*Submitted by Rev. Beth Carter*



New time and day for Joao's class. This class will be held every other Sunday. See Facebook for schedule and changes.

Don't forget that the class will be held every Monday afternoon from 4:00 PM to 5:15.

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A close-up photograph of several bright yellow sunflowers with dark brown centers, set against a dark background. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others still budding.

# Fall Mediums Day

Portland Spiritualist Church

September 21st / 10AM-3PM

17 Dunn St. / Westbrook, ME

15 Minute Spiritualist Readings - \$20

Vendors, Auric Photography, Food Table,  
Spiritualist Healings and more.

**Free Admission**

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## An Aesop Fable

### The Sick Stag

A Stag had fallen sick. He had just strength enough to gather some food and find a quiet clearing in the woods, where he lay down to wait until his strength should return. The Animals heard about the Stag's illness and came to ask after his health. Of course, they were all hungry, and helped themselves freely to the Stag's food; and as you would expect, the Stag soon starved to death.

*Good will is worth nothing unless it is accompanied by good acts.*