

The Spiritual Connection

The Portland Spiritualist Church monthly newsletter

October 2011



It's that time of year again. The days are getting shorter and the nights are cooler. We've been enjoying the fruits, and flowers, of our labor from summer gardening and saving a little bit of our crop for later consumption in freezers and canning jars. It's time for apple picking, going to the fair and taking walks in the woods. The leaves are beginning to change color so before too long we'll be enjoying Mother Nature's annual display of beautiful golden yellows, reds and rusts decorating the landscape. It's the last hurrah before the trees begin to shed their leaves and prepare to rest over the winter in preparation for next year. I for one feel blessed to be living in New England so that I am able to enjoy this most beautiful of seasons and hope that you are ready to enjoy this time of year with those you hold most dear.

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.

~Elizabeth Lawrence~

We currently meet for services, classes and events at the Mission Possible Teen Center Building church in Westbrook (755 Main St) where we invite you to visit and learn about Spiritualism.

Sunday Services

6:30pm to 8pm

Our services consist of three parts:

- October 2: Ken Sanborn
- October 9: Rev Graham Connolly, NST, CH, CM, M
- October 16: Cathy Sabine, LM, CH
- October 23: Chris Owen, LM, CH, CM
- October 30: To Be Announced – check website

Friday Night Development Classes

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Classes are by donation unless otherwise noted

- October 7: Meditation and Mediumship – Lance Cyr
- October 14: Physical Phenomena - Trance: What is it? – Rev Graham Connolly, NST, CH, CM, M
- October 21: To Be Announced – check website
- October 28: Gallery readings –Rev Beth Carter, CH, CM & Mike Carter
7:00 – 9:30PM. \$10 – We cannot guarantee everyone will receive a reading, particularly if attendance is high.

*** Gift certificates are available ***

Legend: CH – Commissioned Healer CM – Certified Medium
LM – Licentiate Minister MPI – Morris Pratt Institute Student
M – NSAC Missionary NST – National Spiritualist Teacher
Rev – Reverend

*Life is not always fair. Sometimes you get a splinter even sliding down a rainbow.
~Terri Guillemets~*

Mediums on the Move

October 1: Rev Beth Carter, CH, CM & Mike Carter - Mediums on Mediums
Day & evening discussion group, First Spiritualist Church of Onset, MA

October 2: Rev Beth Carter, CH, CM serves First Spiritualist Church, Onset and
will conduct private readings.

October 3–7: Delegates from Portland to the NSAC Convention

October 4: Rev Graham Connolly, NST, CH, CM, M serves as medium at NSAC
Convention

October 5: Rev Beth Carter, CH, CM serves as medium for Service at the NSAC
Convention

October 23: Rev Graham Connolly, NST, CH, CM, M & Sue Jalbert, CH serve
Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life, Lewiston, ME

Upcoming Events

October 15: Mediums Day, Portland Spiritualist Church, 10am-3pm ~ 15 minute
reading for \$15; auric photographs, gems, jewelry and hands on healing

October 22: Mediums Day, Harrison D Barrett Church, Bangor, 10am-3pm

October 29: Mediums Day, Augusta Spiritualist Church, 10am -3pm

November 5: Holiday Craft Fair, Portland Spiritualist Church

What do you think?

The question for October is “What paranormal experiences have you had?” We
look forward to hearing from anyone willing to share their experiences. You’ll find
forms on the information table in the Church sanctuary near the “What do you
think?” box or email your response to lrpc@portlandspiritualistchurch.org. Your
input is important and you may remain anonymous if you like.

*Eating, loving, singing and digesting are, in truth, the four acts of the comic opera
known as life, and they pass like bubbles of a bottle of champagne. Whoever lets
them break without having enjoyed them is a complete fool.*

~Gioacchino Rossini~

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The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be October 9th, 2011 at 4:30 pm.
All PSC members are welcome to attend and have their voice heard.

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We are all on this earth together learning and teaching together in many different ways.

Different Ways of Navigating

We're All in the Same Boat

We're all in the same boat. We just have different paddles, and perhaps we find ourselves on different rivers. We all live in human bodies. These are the vehicles in which we move through our world. We are all made of flesh, blood, and bone, with brains, hearts, and lungs to power us. Our paddles—the tools we use to move through the world—vary, as do the bodies of water—the environments—in which we find ourselves.

Some of us use our high IQs to get where we want to go. Some of use our smiles, others use kindness, a gift with language, or athletic ability. Some of these qualities we were born with and others are skills we have learned. Considering this metaphor in light of your own life can be very enlightening. What tools are you using to get from point A to point B in your life? Chances are, you and the people you know have used many different tools in various combinations throughout your lives to get where you needed to go. Just as with oars or paddles, a balanced approach is best. If you rely too much on one thing, like beauty, to open doors, you fail to be well-rounded and you may eventually lose your equilibrium. And if you lose that one quality, you have no paddle at all. This is inspiration to develop multiple tools to navigate your world.

Some of us may be moving along paths that are like rushing rivers; others may be on a large, still lake. We have all felt, at one time or another, tossed about on a stormy ocean. Through all this, we are never really alone, even though it might seem that way. There is inspiration all around us in the form of other people making their way through the world, in the very same boat. Remember to look around you for role models, companionship, and encouragement.

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"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it."

~George Halas~