

# Groveland Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

## April 2024 Newsletter

### Sunday Services

#### **April 7, 10:00 a.m. Hybrid (In-person at Mano a Mano, or on Zoom) Photography as an art for personal enrichment and community outreach**

**Presenter:** Beth Dow

**Moderator:** Lois Hamilton



Beth Dow is an artist and educator based in Minneapolis. She researches ways we shape and experience our environment, with a special interest in how we use photography. In her work, she has looked at formal English gardens, fake ruins, digital artifacts, and astrophotography. These are unified in a focus on perception, experience, and sensory processing. She pushes the edges of technology and perception while using the handmade processes of early photography.

Beth has received too many awards to list. Her work was recently featured in Perception Error, a two-gallery solo museum exhibition at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Dow's photographs have been reviewed in many publications from The New Yorker to the Minneapolis Star Tribune. She received a BA in studio art from St. Olaf College and an MFA in photography from the University of Minnesota.

#### **April 14, 10:00 a.m. Online service – Zoom from home only Introduction To Housing Co-ops (Montreal)--YouTube video**

**Presenter:** Paige Saunders

**Moderator:** Larry Herbison



Our YouTube presenter describes his work as "creating an arsenal of reform out of Montreal" and that his videos "are made to popularize feasible technocratic solutions and dump a bucket of reality on the fire of partisan politics." With the housing affordability crisis lapping onto the shores of every desirable city in the world, it was only a matter of time before it arrived in Montreal. But unlike other places, we may have a weapon: a large movement centered in Montreal has been seeing a huge resurgence in Housing Cooperatives. Do we have a

solution to both the housing crisis and a better city in one, or are we doomed to become the next Toronto?

#### **April 21, 10:00 a.m. Hybrid (In-person at Mano a Mano, or on Zoom) Poetry reading by Nia To Go There: Wondering, or "matwân cî" in the Cree language**

**Moderator:** Leticia Smith

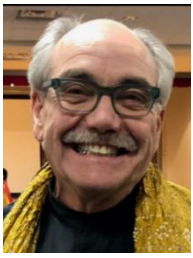


Presenting from her home in Billings, Montana, Nia To Go There will share with us some of her poetry. The title in Cree translates into English as "wondering" which is one of her favorite pastimes. She wonders about WHO we are as human beings. She wonders about so many fanciful and serious things that she even imagined a moose conversing with a train whistle! Her style is lyrical with meanderings into humor, a bit of sarcasm, and her understanding of who she is as an Indigenous woman, and sojourner.

Nia enjoys adventure. She is exploring what it means to be fully human—a daunting task. She recognizes that what gives meaning to this existence is a profound and heightened awareness of connection that tells us how to stay grounded and aware of the webbed relationships with all things. Her poetry reflects her adventures to the "far side." She is fully confident that it is not so far away after all.

**April 28, 10:00 a.m. Hybrid service (In-person at Mano a Mano, or on Zoom)  
What I will be doing and where I will live in the next 10 years**

**Moderator:** John Christensen



On one Sunday of each month, we feature at our service a group discussion on a chosen topic. Our moderator will lead us to speak about planning our future, how we cultivate our strengths and overcome our weaknesses, where we want to live and why, and any concerns we might have about those plans. Everyone is encouraged to think about how the topic relates to their lives and those they care about prior to the service.

**Looking Ahead**

**May 5, 10:00 a.m. Hybrid (In-person at Mano a Mano, or on Zoom)  
Storytelling for empathy and community building**

**Presenter:** Laura Packer

**Moderator:** Leticia Smith



It seems like it's getting harder to connect with people who have differing views from ours, so how can we build empathy and understanding across differences? Join storyteller Laura Packer for a lively discussion of how storytelling is a powerful tool to create empathy, change minds, convey meaning, and build a more compassionate society.

Laura Packer has over 30 years of storytelling experience in performing, teaching, community building, and more. She has won many awards for her work and is the author of the award-winning "From Audience to Zeal: The ABCs of Finding, Crafting, and Telling a Great Story." Laura believes that storytelling is a path to meaningful change and a more compassionate world.

**Book Group – April 20, 6:30p.m. on Zoom**

The Groveland book discussion group meets monthly on the third Wednesday evening, year-round. We tell each other about the books we are currently reading. Link at [grovelanduu.org](http://grovelanduu.org)

**Pat Walker Memorial Service April 5-8 – Eternal Reefs Topsail Island NC, April 5-8**

If you would like to see the live streaming of the Memorial Service for Pat Walker, former member of Groveland Fellowship and husband of one of our founders, Lynne Biddle Walker, please click on this link or copy and paste to see the schedule for Pat's Memorial.

[\(1642\) Eternal Reefs Topsail Island NC - April 5-8 2024 - YouTube](#)

There are 3 listings: one for the casting (Friday), one for the viewing (Sunday) and one for the deployment/dedication (Monday). The viewing has military honors being presented at 11am Central. Deployment is around 10-11 am Central. If link doesn't work, start typing in the information in blue above.

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**Groveland meeting address:**

Most meetings are held at Mano a Mano 925 W Pierce Butler Route, at Milton St., St Paul, 55104  
Services begin at 10a.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month is usually on Zoom only and not held at Mano a Mano

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