



THE COMMON LIGHT

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CAMPUS CENTER
URBANA, ILLINOIS

FALL 2009

CELEBRATING RABINDRANATH TAGORE

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), poet, dramatist, musician, philosopher, educational reformer and



humanist became the first non-European to receive the Nobel prize for literature in 1913 for his poem *Gitanjali*. A year earlier he gave a series of lectures in the Channing-Murray

Chapel. Each year the Tagore Center at Channing-Murray hosts a festival celebrating the achievements of Tagore and others working towards fulfillment of our shared hopes for intercultural understanding. Over the years, this festival has celebrated diverse aspects of the art, literature, music, and dance of the South Asian community with a special emphasis on cross-cultural exchange.

The connection between the Tagore family and Urbana Unitarians goes back to 1906 when Rabindranath Tagore sent his son Rathindranath and a friend, Santosh Majumdar, to Urbana to study agriculture. This marked the beginning of a unique relationship between the University of Illinois, the Urbana Unitarian Church (now the site of Channing-Murray Foundation), and the people of India as the two young men introduced Unitarians and others in Urbana-Champaign to the philosophy and poetry of Tagore. Members of the Unitarian Church, especially the minister the Rev. Albert Vail, were very helpful to "Rathi" and Santosh during their undergraduate years from 1906 to 1910. At that time the University of Illinois had a white, Protestant ethos, and the two young men appreciated the warm welcome and interest in their religion and culture afforded

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THE RED HERRING IS ROCKING

The Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant is off to a great start this fall with our new management team of Mike Schmitz and Laura Littell. Mike joins us from downtown Champaign's Luna and brings a bevy of mad cooking skills. His soup will restore your faith

in the universe. It's love for your belly and for your soul.

Also, the Red Herring Coffeehouse is gearing up to host some great shows for the Pygmalion Music Festival. Put your dancing shoes on and see page 9 for details!



Restaurant

Monday-Friday 11am-3pm

Coffeehouse

Friday & Saturday 8pm-1am
Sunday 7:30-11pm

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Kim Tomaszewski inspires campus ministry*
- *UUA President supports expanding campus ministry*
- *Social Justice programs focus on local action*
- *Sambar at Red Herring raises money for children in India*
- *Red Herring hosts Pygmalion Music Festival shows*
- *The Farmers' Table celebrates the bounty of local harvest*

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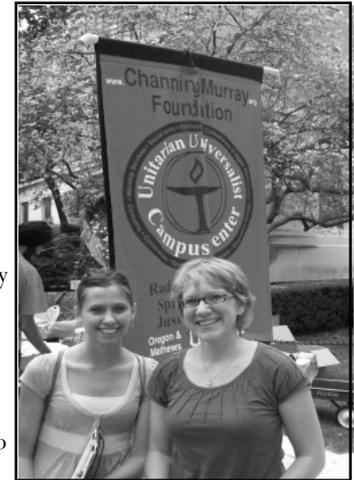
JANE ANDERSON INTERNSHIP UPDATE

This year's Jane Anderson Intern, Kimberly Tomaszewski arrived August 15th and hit the ground running! She was out front of our Quad Day table on August 23rd and helped us have our most successful Quad Day we can remember. We passed out "Free Drinks at the Red Herring" flyers and CMF brochures to 1250 students. Most significantly, 120 of them signed up to receive more information about our programs!

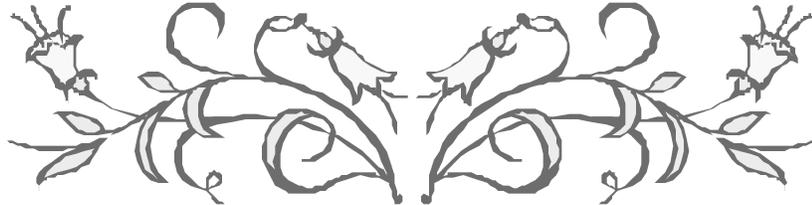
We are blessed to have the Rev. Rob Kirby, Campus Minister at Wesley Foundation as Kim's supervising minister. He brings many years of excellent experience to this important role in the educational experience of being a campus ministry intern.

Thank you to all of you who financially support the JAI and especially the lead commitment of the **Jane Anderson Family** who has committed to match the first \$60,000 donated to the JAI Trust. They have extended their offer to donations received this year. Please support this important component of Channing-Murray Foundation's ministry to the young adults locally and regionally with a generous donation that will be doubled by the Anderson family. Help support the Jane Anderson Internship at Channing-Murray by going to: channingmurray.org/donate.html.

2009/2010 Jane Anderson Internship Committee,
Kathleen Robbins, Claire Szoke, Nani Bomik, the Rev. Rosie Rimrodt & Doug Jones, chair



Liz Reynolds and Kimberly Tomaszewski
at U of I Quad Day August 2009



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These generous souls make the Channing-Murray world go 'round, and for that we are forever grateful. To join the Channing-Murray donor family, mail your tax-deductible donation to 1209 W Oregon, Urbana 61801, or donate online at www.channingmurray.org/donate.

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*Science and art may invent splendid modes of illuminating the apartments of the opulent:
but these are all poor and worthless compared with **the common light** which the sun sends
into all our windows, which pours freely, impartially over hill and valley, which
kindles daily the eastern and western sky...*

SUNDAY SERVICES AT CHANNING-MURRAY

At the chapel of the Channing-Murray Foundation, our Unitarian Universalist services draw from the beliefs, traditions and life experiences of all who attend, exploring the interdependent web of all religion. Our services are informal, participatory, and nonjudgmental. All are welcome! Services start at 1pm, followed by snacks and fair-trade coffee.

September 13 *Readings from the Common Bowl* - presented by Kim Tomaszewski

Etty Hillesum said, "Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, and to reflect it toward others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will be in our troubled world."

September 20 *Kim at the UU Church, 309 W Green St, U, 9:30am and 11:15am*

The Hebrew Bible is filled with magic, miracles and conversations with the Divine. What is the magic and miracle of Unitarian Universalism and what is the Divine calling us to do, today? We are a people connected to one another and to the people of our histories. One living tradition that we share is the importance of Spirit-filled speaking.

Kim is excited for the opportunity to speak at other Illinois congregations as part of her internship experience. For congregations that are looking for guest speakers, please contact Kim at minister@channingmurray.org.

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For more details, please visit our web site.

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NOTES FROM CAMPUS MINISTRY BY KIM TOMASZEWSKI

One of my favorite Biblical stories in the New Testament tells of Jesus' Transfiguration. The story goes that Jesus, John and Peter, traveled up a high mountain, where Jesus "was transfigured before them." Moments later Moses and Elijah, two deceased prophets, appear and begin speaking with Jesus. Peter, dumbfounded by what he is seeing, offers to build Jesus, Moses and Elijah a place of safety and rest. But, as if there wasn't enough shock and awe, God interrupts Peter declaring, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased." The disciples "fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone."

I often think to this story at moments of great change in my life; change that is anticipated, but also those transformations that we seem to have no control over. As I begin this new journey as Channing-Murray's campus ministry intern, excited and a bit fearful of the changes ahead, I imagine I am not alone as we each face a new academic year.

In this story Jesus goes through the greatest transformation – he is declared by God as a divine being, a child of the Great Spirit, supported by centuries of prophetic teachers. And yet, we have to wonder, what had Jesus done that so pleased God?

When facing change we must remember that we live, just as the ancient stories are told, in chapters, the past and present, and these are not separate from one another. Jesus does not just receive the affirmation of God. There is a story before this.

Only a few pages before Jesus' official transfiguration, Jesus is met by a sick woman who begs him to heal her. Instead of the all-loving, all-helping Jesus many of us uphold, in this story Jesus asks the woman why he would give his healing powers to a non-Jewish woman, "a dog"? The sick woman replies, "yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." All are part of God's love and mercy. This woman taught *Jesus* a lesson.

To transfigure is to transform because of the experiences one has had. Jesus opens himself to even the most challenging change, and for this, God is pleased.

May we each embrace the transformations that await us, remembering that we are not alone. There are prophets and guides all around us.



Kimberly Tomaszewski, our 2009/2010 Jane Anderson Intern, is bringing lots of fresh ideas to Channing-Murray!

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UUA PRESIDENT SUPPORTS EXPANDING CAMPUS MINISTRY

Peter Morales was elected UUA President at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly at the end of June. CMF Director of Outreach & Development Doug Jones and Channing-Murray Ambassador Dewey Jones spoke with Peter last April at the CMwD Assembly and at General Assembly 2009 had follow up conversations. Peter said that to grow the UUA movement, in addition to supporting congregations, the UUA needs to support efforts like Channing-Murray Foundation that serve the needs of UUs and seekers outside our congregations.

In August, Erik B. Kesting, UUA Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director included the following in the Youth and Young Adult News:

...I have been reflecting recently on newly elected UUA President Peter Morales' campaign slogan:

"We can be the religion for our time." I find it to be a bold and inspiring statement of faith in our potential—your potential, my potential, our potential. President Morales was clear, however, when he added, "We cannot seize the opportunity before us unless we are willing to make significant changes. We are not talking about minor adjustments. **We need to change our religious culture.** We need to become more welcoming, more relevant in the lives of our people, and more involved in the great moral issues of our time."

... **I invite you to reflect with me this summer on President Morales' challenge.** Specifically, when momentum starts to increase...this fall and everyone seems too busy to change, how will you and your congregation **make our movement more welcoming and more relevant to youth and young adults?** What will be the moral issues of their time and how can we support them in exploring those issues?

Erik Kesting and Nancy DiGiovanni, Bridging and Campus Ministry Associate, have organized a UU Campus Ministry Gathering: *Being More Visible: Changing More Lives* Sept. 23-25, 2009 in Madison, WI. Channing-Murray will be represented by Doug Jones and Kimberly Tomaszewski. Two of the most exciting topics are:

- ◆ Strategic and practical tactics and activities to deepen and strengthen our campus faith community
- ◆ Ideas and strategies for getting congregations on board to support campus ministry.

Lastly, a Grassroots effort (with UUA staff encouragement) is underway to create the **Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministries Association (UUCMA)**. Many Unitarian Universalist groups greatly benefit from independent organizations such as the UU Small Group Ministry Network, the UU Ministers Association (UUMA), and the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA). The creation of the UUCMA will assist our Campus Ministries participate in the work called for by President Morales so that working together... "We can be the religion for our time."



Doug Jones, Peter Morales & Dewey Jones at UUA General Assembly 2009



GRANTS RECEIVED FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

Channing Murray is grateful to the local Preservation and Conservation Association (PACA) and the Illinois Disciples Foundation (IDF) for grants received to support the work of the foundation. We received an \$1800 PACA grant for the restoration and repair of the front entry doors and the floor in the Chapel. The \$2000 grant from IDF will go to the Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant for needed repairs and new equipment to help improve efficiency.

CELEBRATING RABINDRANATH TAGORE

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them by the congregation of the Unitarian Church. When "Rathi" later returned for graduate study, his father the poet Rabindranath, visited Urbana and on Nov. 10, 1912 Tagore gave his first public address in the U.S. in our Chapel. The Tagore that the people of Urbana came to know was quite different from his subsequent public image. After his Nobel prize success, he was chiefly thought of as a "romantic poet and mystical prophet" in the United States and in Europe. To his friends in Urbana, Tagore became known as a spiritual and energetic thinker and reformer, and they responded positively to Tagore's call to build a world community based on humanity's universal longing for love, justice, and truth through greater cooperation between East and West. It is an approach to life that we honor today almost 100 years later!

See page 8 for details on this year's Tagore Festival.

FALL SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUMS

Members and friends of Unitarian-Universalism are frequently in the forefront of movements promoting peace and social justice, human rights, and the preservation of the earth's environment. All social justice events are free and open to the public. Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Chapel at Channing-Murray. Light refreshments served.

Our programs this fall focus on providing a starting place for taking action on a local level.

Wednesday, September 23

Film and Discussion: *Fresh*

Back by popular demand will be another showing of the award-winning documentary *Fresh*, the film which examines how forging healthier, sustainable alternatives to current mass-produced cheap food offers a practical vision of our food and our planet's future. *Fresh* empowers us to realize that our individual actions in fact do matter!

Channing Murray has promoted this lifestyle through the years with The Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant and this summer initiated The Farmers Table Project, offering fine dining on Saturday evenings with food purchased from the Urbana Farmers Market that morning.

Wednesday, October 21

Film and Discussion: *The Least of These*

Immigration justice is a topic on our agenda this year. Initiating this discussion will be the showing of the film, *The Least of These*. The documentary views immigration detention centers through the eyes of families detained at the Hutto facility in Texas. Illinois has three detention centers and there are several more close by in bordering states. A discussion will follow the film.

Wednesday, November 11

Film and Discussion: *Affluenza*

As the holiday season approaches, join us to watch the classic film, *Affluenza*, which explores the high social and environmental costs of materialism and overconsumption. Nancy Dietrich, Certified Educator in Personal Finance, will facilitate a participatory discussion on what causes us to get on the "work and spend" treadmill, and how to get off. Let's get together to discuss ways to enjoy life more while spending less!



WHERE THE MIND IS
WITHOUT FEAR AND
THE HEAD IS HELD
HIGH;

WHERE KNOWLEDGE IS
FREE;

WHERE THE WORLD
HAS NOT BEEN BROKEN
UP INTO FRAGMENTS
BY NARROW DOMESTIC
WALLS;

WHERE WORDS COME
OUT FROM THE DEPTH
OF TRUTH;

WHERE TIRELESS
STRIVING STRETCHES
ITS ARMS TOWARDS
PERFECTION;

WHERE THE CLEAR
STREAM OF REASON
HAS NOT LOST ITS
WAY INTO THE DREARY
DESERT SAND OF DEAD
HABIT;

WHERE THE MIND IS
LED FORWARD BY THEE
INTO EVER-WIDENING
THOUGHT AND
ACTION---

INTO THAT HEAVEN OF
FREEDOM, MY FATHER,
LET MY COUNTRY
AWAKE.

-RABINDRANATH
TAGORE

CLASS SCHEDULE

West African Dance

Sat, 12-1:30pm (*intro*)
 Sun, 6-7:30pm (*intermediate*)
 drop-ins welcome

Five Animals Kung Fu

M&F, 5:30-7pm
www.fiveanimalsclf.com

Salsa

Thursdays, 6-8pm
details TBA

C-U Tango

Mon & Thurs, 9-10pm
 Email info@cu-tango.com
 or go to cu-tango.com

Class schedules are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information go to www.channingmurray.org/calendar.html.

RED HERRING POETRY WORKSHOP

Channing-Murray's Red Herring Poetry Workshop—one of our longest running programs—is a poetry roundtable where poets can read and discuss their work. Bring ten copies of your poem to read and

critique. All styles and types of poetry are welcome. Poetry readings open to the public are held the second Monday of every month. Contact Steve Kapes at 217.328.3218 for details.

Red Herring Poets

Mondays at 7:30pm



FICTION WRITERS WORKSHOP

Receive feedback on your writing, lend a critical ear to the writings of others, and learn to publish your writing at the Red Herring Fiction Writers Workshop. Short stories, novels, and plays are read and critiqued.

Persons of all writing experience levels are welcome—our regulars range from novices to published authors. Contact Elaine Palencia at 217.356.3893 for details.

Fiction Writers

Tuesdays at 7:30pm



CAMPUS MINISTRY AT CHANNING-MURRAY

UU Young Adult Group**Wednesdays, 7-9pm**

Channing-Murray's Young Adult Group meets on Wednesday nights during the U of I Fall and Spring Semesters. We share a free vegetarian meal together at 7pm and discussion follows at 7:30pm. Facilitated by Channing-Murray Campus Ministry Intern Kim

Tomaszewski. Service projects, interfaith conversation and activism, social events and group worship will all be part of the upcoming academic year. All are welcome! For questions or comments, please contact minister@channingmurray.org.

Ministry Open Office Hours**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 2-4pm**

Kim is available for conversation, prayer, reflection and support from 2-4pm in the Front Tower of Channing-Murray, or you can join her for lunch in the Red Herring.

Queer Theology Class

details TBA

Kim Tomaszewski will be leading a class in Queer Theology this semester, hoping to begin in late September. The class will examine ancient scripture rationally and honestly to see what is really said about homosexuality and why! Exploration of language and sexuality as part of spirituality will also be given significant time.

Channing-Murray Sunday Services (*see page 3 for details*)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 16 - Sambar Dinner 6:00-8:30pm
- September 17-19 - Pygmalion Music Festival
- September 19 - Emoré Class 2-3:30pm; Farmers' Table Dinner 7pm*
- September 23 - Social Justice Forum: *Fresh* 7pm
- September 25-27 - Durga Puja, a traditional Hindu Festival
- September 30 - Sambar Dinner 6:00-8:30pm
- October 3 - Titanic Players 7pm (*upstairs*), Farmers' Table Dinner 7pm*
- October 9 - Tagore Festival (*see page 8 for details*)
- October 14 - Sambar Dinner 6:00-8:30pm
- October 17 - Diwali Cultural Event 6-9pm, Farmers' Table Dinner 7pm*
- October 21 - Social Justice Forum: *The Least of These* 7pm
- October 23 - The Comedy of Errors by What You Will Shakespeare 7pm
- October 24 - The Comedy of Errors 7pm, Farmers' Table Dinner 7pm*
- October 31 - Milonga 6pm
- November 4 - Sambar Dinner 6-8:30pm
- November 11 - Social Justice Forum: *Affluenza* 7pm
- November 14 - Farmers' Table Dinner 7pm*
- November 18 - Sambar Dinner 6-8:30pm
- November 21 - Milonga 6pm

* reservations required



Fresh celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are reinventing our food system.
September 23, 7pm

For more information regarding events at Channing-Murray, email office@channingmurray.org or check our online calendar at www.channingmurray.org/calendar.html. To receive regular reminders, contact our office to subscribe to the Weekly Common Light email.

ASHA'S SAMBAR: EATING FOR EDUCATION

Sambar is a popular campus event where one can not only enjoy delicious, inexpensive and authentic South Indian food, but also have the satisfaction of supporting a worthy cause. Sambar is run by the Urbana Champaign chapter of Asha for Education.

Asha is a non-profit world-wide student organization that raises money for projects related to education of underprivileged children in India.

Sambar is volunteer-run and takes place every other Wednesday in the Red Herring. See the Calendar of Events (*above*) for dates. The menu of all the upcoming Sambars can be found at asha-sambar.wordpress.com. We hope to see you there!



To be on our mailing list, please send a line to asha.uiuc@gmail.com. For more information about sambar or volunteering at sambar, please email itsrakeshk@gmail.com

Krishna Karma-Free Dinners

Come to the Red Herring on Mondays 5:30-7:30pm during the U of I Fall and Spring Semesters for a \$5 all-you-can-eat vegetarian feast.

The Urbana Krishnas have been providing this meal to the community for over two decades.

Volunteers are always welcome.

For more information and for a complete menu, email krishnacenteruiuc@hotmail.com.

RHYTHM & RAAG EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Channing-Murray's Rhythm and Raag Institute for Indian Performing Arts is busy organizing and conducting classes in Indian music and dance. We offer sitar, tabla, classical Odissi style dance, and vocal instruction. Our goals are to bring Indian music and dance to the Champaign-Urbana community through performances, workshops, and instruction. We work with local schools' world music programs to teach Indian classical music to the children in Champaign Unit 4 schools. Please visit channingmurray.org/RhythmRaag.html for more details.

Please note that there is a program at the Krannert Center for Performing Arts on September 24th at 7:30pm featuring some of our musical staff. The program is called *Celebrating Navaratri with Subrata and Friends*. Please get your tickets (\$5 for students and \$10 for general public) at the Krannert Center website (www.krannertcenter.com).



THIS IS MY DELIGHT,
THUS TO WAIT AND
WATCH AT THE
WAYSIDE WHERE
SHADOW CHASES
LIGHT AND THE RAIN
COMES IN THE WAKE
OF THE SUMMER.

MESSENGERS, WITH
TIDINGS FROM
UNKNOWN SKIES,
GREET ME AND SPEED
ALONG THE ROAD.
MY HEART IS GLAD
WITHIN, AND THE
BREATH OF THE
PASSING BREEZE IS
SWEET.

FROM DAWN TILL
DUSK I SIT HERE
BEFORE MY DOOR,
AND I KNOW THAT
OF A SUDDEN THE
HAPPY MOMENT WILL
ARRIVE WHEN I SHALL
SEE.

IN THE MEANWHILE
I SMILE AND I SING
ALL ALONE. IN THE
MEANWHILE THE AIR
IS FILLING WITH
THE PERFUME OF
PROMISE

-RABINDRANATH
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XXI ANNUAL TAGORE FESTIVAL

TAGORE AND HIS POLITICS

Friday, October 9th at Channing-Murray

All events except the dinner are free and open to the public

5:30pm - Reception

6:00pm - Invocation

6:15pm - Geeti Alekha (*narrative in songs based on Tagore's music*)

6:45pm - Catered Dinner (\$14 for adults, \$10 for children; reservations required)*

8:00pm - Keynote Speech:

Rebel Without an Army: The 'Individual' in Tagore's Politics

Presented by Brian Hatcher McFee, Professor of Religion and Department of Religion Chair, Illinois Wesleyan University

9:00pm - Rabindrasangeet: Performance by guest artist (*tba*)

**Please make dinner reservations with payment by September 30. The dinner is a Tagore Festival highlight and is often sold out. For dinner reservations, please contact office@channingmurray.org.*

Tagore Festival Website: <http://tagore.cba.uiuc.edu>



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CHANNING-MURRAY

Volunteer opportunities abound at Channing-Murray! Help sustain this campus landmark by contributing your skills and enthusiasm. It is only with your love that we will continue to grow.

Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant – Get a free lunch for 1 hour of work! Stop by between 11 and 3, or email restaurant@channingmurray.org.

Red Herring Coffeehouse – Work the counter or help run the Sunday night open stage! Email coffeehouse@channingmurray.org.

Other volunteer opportunities at Channing Murray include helping with yard work, building beautification, technology maintenance, mailings, event photography, and flyer design and posting. If you have special skills, such as carpentry, plumbing, photography, or graphic design skills or ANY OTHER special talents you would like to share with us, please email office@channingmurray.org or director@channingmurray.org.

DON'T ASK WHAT
THE WORLD
NEEDS. ASK WHAT
MAKES YOU COME
ALIVE, AND GO
DO IT. BECAUSE
WHAT THE
WORLD NEEDS IS
PEOPLE WHO
HAVE COME
ALIVE.

-HOWARD THURMAN

PYGMALION MUSIC FESTIVAL 2009 RED HERRING SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 17

- ◇ 6:00pm - Morgan Orion and the Constellations
- ◇ 7:00pm - My Dear Alan Andrews
- ◇ 8:00pm - Post Historic
- ◇ 9:00pm - Early Day Miners
- ◇ 10:00pm - World's First Flying Machine

Friday, September 18

- ◇ 6:30 - You & Yourn
- ◇ 7:15 - Hathaways
- ◇ 8:00 - Good Night and Good Morning
- ◇ 9:00 - Low
- ◇ 10:30 - Pet Lions
- ◇ 11:30 - Oceans
- ◇ 12:30 - Solid Gold

Saturday, September 19

- ◇ 10:00pm - On Again Off Again
- ◇ 11:00 - Now Now Every Children
- ◇ 12:00 - Drew Danburry
- ◇ 1:00am - Sunset Stallion





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FARMERS' TABLE DINNER CELEBRATES LOCAL FOOD

Last June Channing-Murray launched a new program called the Farmers' Table Project, which focuses on building community around local food. In addition to hosting a screening of the movie *Fresh* in mid-July, the Farmers' Table Project has been fulfilling its mission by presenting Farmers' Table Dinners every market Saturday. The dinners are volunteer-run and feature food purchased that morning at the Urbana Market at the Square.

In a review for Smile Politely, Tony Cherolis said, "Looking back at the meal, I have to admit that I didn't find

any off notes in the entire experience. The presentation, the amazing local food, the live music, the friendly volunteers, and the laid-back atmosphere of The Red Herring once again made this dinner more than worth the cost of admission."

The cost is \$20 per person for a three (sometimes four) course meal. Since all food is purchased that morning at the Farmers' Market, the event cannot handle walk-ins or late reservations. To make reservations please call Erin at 217.840.9388 or stop by the Tiny Greens booth at the Urbana Market at the Square. Dinners will continue for the duration of the market season.



Farmers' Table volunteers put their heads together to plan a menu featuring the food they found that morning at the Urbana Farmer's Market.

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THE FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS, AND
THE LAID-BACK ATMOSPHERE OF
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