

*Ebb and Flow*

*Reversing Falls  
Sanctuary  
Newsletter*

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## REVERSING FALLS SANCTUARY



### Water is Life

Folks at Reversing Falls Sanctuary were active in a variety of ways and places in support of the “Water is Life” vigil at Standing Rock. Likewise, RFS has supported and participated in the ceremonies for the Healing of the Wounds of Turtle Island in which the affirmation that “water is life” has been so central.

Meanwhile, our own life together has been limited by the lack of water in the



sanctuary. A few months ago, we were given a challenge grant of \$10,000 toward the bringing of water into the sanctuary and for the construction of a modern bathroom in the building. This month we have met the challenge, and we have drilled a well. Many thanks to David and Daksha and their team members Ralph, Bec and Lynnsey for taking the initiatives and making the contacts to get this done. The next step is installing a deep well hand pump on the wellhead so that water can be

accessed by neighbors during long power outages.

We anticipate a meeting soon with the District Committee on Building and Location to review and approve plans for our next steps in the process of making the building more useful to RFS and the public. We are grateful to each of you who have contributed financially to the effort to bring the gift of water to our many programs and activities. It will make so much more possible. Thank you.

When toilet facilities are an outhouse and there is no means of washing up, that does not say welcome to everyone. Even so, we have been complimented on the cleanliness and the condition of our outhouse by more than a few visitors over the years. For that we owe thanks to the women of RFS, especially to Anne Ferrara. May the welcome below soon beckon those as well who are not fond of outhouses.



*Whoever you are, you are welcome here.  
Wherever you come from, you are welcome here.  
Protestant or Catholic, you are welcome here,  
Buddhist, Jew or Muslim, you are welcome here  
From whatever religious tradition you come, you are welcome here,  
And if you come from no religious tradition at all, you are welcome here.  
If you are a believer, you are welcome here.  
If you are not a believer, you are welcome here.*

*Whatever your sexual orientation or gender expression, you are welcome here.  
Whatever your age or ability, you are welcome here.  
If you come here often, you are welcome here.  
If you have not been here for a long time, you are welcome here.  
If you have never been here before, you are welcome here.  
We open our hearts to you, and ask only that you  
open your hearts to each other.*

The Huffington Post reports that the Supreme Court of the United States has refused to block the Children's Trust Lawsuit which charges the government with denying future generations the pursuit of life, liberty and property — to say nothing of happiness.

## Coming Events

Sat. 8/11 at 7 p.m. RFS co-sponsors Pulitzer Prize winner Author/Activist Chris Hedges talking about his latest book, *America, the Farewell Tour*, at the Bagaduce Music Lending Library, 49 South St., Blue Hill.

Mon. 8/13 at 7 p.m. Ellacappella benefit concert at Reversing Falls Sanctuary. Please come support our neighbors who sing in this remarkable group and help us raise funds toward bringing water into the sanctuary.

Sun. 8/19 at 4 p.m. Kara Janes will hold an informational meeting at Reversing Falls Sanctuary about the program, *At Home*.

Tue. 8/21 at 7 p.m. Rob Shetterly will be in conversation with Cecile Richards at Emlen Hall at the Bay School in Blue Hill.

Wed. 8/22 at 4 p. m. Board of Directors meets

Sun. 8/26, at 4 p.m. A Sound Healing Workshop with Todd Glacy at Reversing Falls Sanctuary. This workshop will be meditative in nature. On his website Dana Sawyer says this about Glacy: “Todd has a special gift that combine his passion for sound and spirituality into a mystical pathway that he adeptly shares with others . . .”

Tue. 8/28 at 7 p.m. Curtis Brand benefit concert at Reversing Falls Sanctuary. Curtis has done much to encourage area musicians. This will be his first performance at Reversing Falls Sanctuary. Let’s encourage him.

Sun. 9/9, 4 p.m. Women’s Circle

7 p.m. Climate Awareness Event with climate scientist Michael MacCracken at Reversing Falls Sanctuary.

Sun 9/23 at 4 p.m. Rob McCall will kick off a five-week series, Kaleidoscoping Christianity, with his lecture entitled “An Obscure Lecture on Natural Theology.”

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