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The Newsletter of Reversing Falls Sanctuary December, 2014

"Home for the holidays" has become a hackneyed phrase, a cliché in song and story. Yet going home or being home for the holidays continues to exert a strong pull for most, even for many whose memories of times past are not all that happy.

Advent, let it be acknowledged, is not celebrated in our black Friday and commercial Christmas culture, for which we may be thankful. But we might wish, for everyone, the hope, joy, love, and peace that Advent offers. Annie Poole's series of Advent paintings, paintings she offered as gifts to her children over the years of their childhoods, radiate hope, joy, love and peace, to be sure. But what is striking is the depth and the reach of her vision of home for the holy days of Advent.

Several of Annie's paintings feature the home she shares with family. Several include one or more of the children at work or play. But at least two features set them apart from the expectations we may have of holiday paintings in this season. Home is not only the warm and cheerful house, but the greater world of nature ~ the woods and fields, the Bagaduce and the Bay, as well as the creatures with whom the Pooles share the particular topography of Brooksville.

Those creatures tend to appear in the paintings in ways and places that surprise and delight. And though the paintings do not in any way replicate traditional Advent calendars or even directly engage the themes of Advent, nevertheless there is between the family and the animals, the home the Pooles have made and the home nature has provided for all living things, a mutual blessing, a conveying of Advent's hope, joy, love, and peace.

This Advent season we at Reversing Falls Sanctuary and the Peninsula community are blessed that Annie is willing to share these remarkable paintings with the us. An exhibition of the paintings opens this Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at The Gallery Within, Reversing Falls Sanctuary, 818 Bagaduce Rd., North Brooksville. The exhibit will be up all month and can be seen on the afternoons of the Advent Spiral and the Winter Solstice Celebration.



Advent Painting by Annie Poole

Coming Events

Fri., Dec. 6, 4 p.m. Community Sing with Carl Karush at Reversing Falls

Sun. Dec. 7, 2-4 p.m. Exhibit Opening, Annie Poole's Advent Paintings

The Gallery Within, Reversing Falls Sanctuary

3-5 p.m. Open House, Brooksville United Methodist Church,
Buck's Harbor

4 p.m. Women's Circle

7 p.m. Robert Shetterly unveils his painting of Alice Rothchild
in the "Americans Who Tell the Truth" series

Mon. Dec. 8, 7 -9 a.m. Community Coffee at Brooksville UMC, Buck's Harbor,
every Monday - provides a place to gather in the wake of the winter closure
of the Buck's Harbor Market

7 p.m. Artist/activist, an "American Who Tells the Truth"
Lily Yeh speaks at Emlen Hall, the Bay School

Tue. Dec 9, 9:30 a.m. Last workshop in Spiritual Pilgrimage Course

Fri., Dec. 12, 4 p.m. Community Sing with Carl Karush at Reversing Falls

Sat., Dec. 13, 4 p.m. Advent Spiral Walk at Reversing Falls Sanctuary ~
music with Anne & Lin Parker [Snow date 12/14]

Mon. Dec. 15, 7-9 a.m. Community Coffee at Brooksville UMC

Fri. Dec. 19, 4 p.m. Community Sing at Reversing Falls

Sat. Dec. 20, 3:30- 5:00 p.m. Winter Solstice Celebration at Reversing Falls

This longest night, shortest day will provide opportunity for
Release, Reflection, and Renewal. [Snow date 12/21]

Wed. Dec. 24, 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Brooksville United Methodist Church

Sun. Jan. 11, 4 p.m. Twelfth Night Celebration at Reversing Falls

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