



STAR ARTS NEWS

March 2023

A Note the Minister of the Week

Introducing Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

Hi, I am Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn. I attended my first conference on Star in the summer of 1978 when I attended Liberal Religious Youth week (LRY, now known as Youth Empowerment and Spirituality), the youth program of the time. I continued attending conferences as a youth and young adult, my last time on the island was as minister for the Young Adult Conference in 1999. My boyfriend at the time joined me for that conference in 1999 and took the opportunity to propose as we watched stars from the lawn. I am excited that my husband of 23 years, Ken, will be returning to the island with me for the first time since we were engaged! We are coming back!

I am a lifelong UU raised in Central New Jersey, was ordained by the Washington Crossing and Princeton congregations in 1992 after completing seminary at Earlham School of Religion a Quaker theological school. I have since served congregations in Ohio, CT, NJ, PA and now Massachusetts. I have been a small and mid-size church minister as well as minister for religious education and for pastoral care. My undergraduate degree was in visual art.

Currently, I am a full-time hospice chaplain and quarter time assistant minister in Springfield, Ma. In 2019 my husband and I relocated to a small cabin in Western Massachusetts and are finding and creating more opportunities for creativity and joy. We are thrilled to join the Star Arts community this year.

-Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn



The top of the Stone Chapel where we will have morning chapel. Photo by Jeff Spoor 2006.

2023 Star Island Raffle

Win Free Room and Board



All you have to do is register for a conference by March 15th and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win free room and board for that week. All those who previously registered are already entered into the raffle!

The deadline is March 15th!

To Register for Arts Go Here! (<https://starisland.org/program/arts/>)

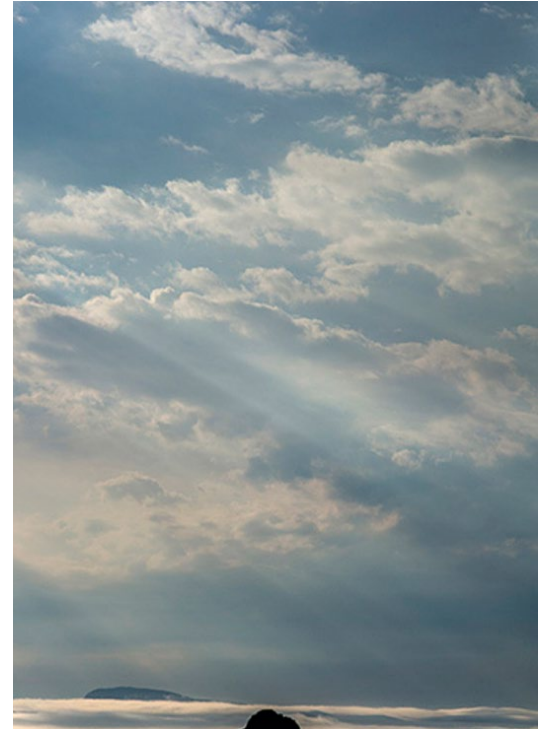
Star Arts Retreat 2023
Sunday June 18th to Sunday June 25th

Featured Workshop Leader: Parrish Dobson

Photography: Going to the Limits of Your Longing

Photography is a marvelous way to slow down, to notice what you are noticing. It is at its core a record of your open-hearted responses to the world. But what if you let yourself “be taken” by one subject, a subject that grabs you, that you long to understand better. This workshop will be about following a “longing,” letting yourself investigate the visual possibilities and meanings of a single subject. We will review the fundamentals of composition and light. We will look at the work of lots of photographers who have followed their curiosities and passions. There will be fun exercises to get you going. And there will be lots of class time to look at the photographs you have made and want help editing or are making during this week. Beginners and more seasoned photographers are most welcome. Please bring a camera (a good cell phone is fine), a laptop or iPad, and a jump drive.

To read more about Parrish: <https://stararts.org/photography/>



Pulpit Rock Sun Rays. Photo from Parrish Dobson's collection of the Maine Coast.

Other Workshops June 2023 are on our website <https://stararts.org>

- Movement: Burlesque with Joe Williams
- Theater: Briny Chamber Theatre with Robin Fawcett
- Visual Arts: Drawing & Painting with Soft Pastels with Wendy Soliday
- Writing: Memoir Writing with Tom Daley

Mixed Bag

Wake-Up Singers

We need a Wake-Up Singer Leader to recruit Early Morning Singers to help Shoalers wake-up Monday – Saturday. Singers will meet on the Front Porch at 7:00 am to review the morning's musical selection, discuss the weather, recommended clothing for the day and review the breakfast menu. The group will traverse the island, stopping in strategic spots to awaken the sleeping Shoalers. Song sheets will be provided.

If you are interested please contact Barbara O'Brien (bobrien978@gmail.com)

Cancellation Policy Reminder

Star Island and Conferences offer a full refund of program fee and deposit up to 4 weeks prior to the start of the conference, after which time, both the program fee and deposit become non-refundable. There is a process for exceptions in the case of extenuating circumstances.

You can read more here: <https://starisland.org/faq-category/important-info/#cancellation-policy>

Single vs. Shared Rates

Rates for a Standard Shared is \$1,169, rates for a Standard Single is \$1,590. If you would like to change from a Standard Single to a Shared, please contact the registrars! (stararts.registrar@gmail.com)

Deadline for Next Newsletter!

The Deadline for the next Newsletter will be April 1st!

If you would like to include pictures, art, poetry and/or news please submit items to: stararts.registrar@gmail.com (Mary Ann Young and Anne Nowselski)

(Questions about Star Arts you can email us or call us at 781.520.3786)

