



# Camp Etna Spirit

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*A newsletter of Camp Etna, Maine: A spiritualist community founded in 1876.*

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## The Temple is Back in Business

While we had thought we would need to hold church services at the Etna Town Hall this summer, we are now able to hold services again in the temple. Many thanks to Mary, Don, Joyce, June, Brenda, Alan and Bob who helped to make this possible by painting the floor and replacing old insulation that had gotten wet. There is still more to do for the temple, but we are now "back in business" on the campground which is great news.

## Register for Camp Programs Today!

Come and join us! A reminder that if you are coming for Labor Day Weekend we need you to register ahead of time so that we can plan housing.

**Message Circles:** August Th & Fri nights 7:30 \$10

**Introduction to Spiritualism Class:**

8/15-16, 8/24-25, 8/29-30, 6 classes \$60.

### August

8/12 10-4 The Power of Healing

8/19 10-3 Healing Arts Festival & Mediums Day

Coordinators: Jackie O'Brien & Evelyn

Serval/Nancy DuBois (on the day)

8/26 10-3 Shamanism: A Spiritual Tool

### September

#### Labor Day Retreat

Coordinators: Mary DiGiovanni and Joyce Powers

9/1 7:30 Mediumship Demonstration

9/2 9-12 Exploring the Journey of the Soul

9/2 1-4 Creating Sacred Space

9/2 7:30 Table Tipping

9/3 10:30 Church Service and Brunch

9/3 1-4 Crystals & Sound

9/3 6:00 Cookout and Campfire

9/4 10:00 Closing Meditation Walk (free)

#### 9/16 Camp clean-up and Strategic Planning

*Camp has cottages for sale!*

Check out [www.CampEtna.com](http://www.CampEtna.com) for more details

## Camp Programs Great Success

The opening weekend of camp was a great success over the Fourth of July weekend. The weekend opened with a message circle on Saturday night with camp mediums providing messages. Some of the new mediumship students also provided messages.

The Sunday service in the temple had a great energy to it. Lara Simpson and Kari Heistad provided music and singing as the organ had not yet been tuned for the summer. The version they did with flute and voice was very moving.

The workshops gave participants an opportunity to have fun, to learn new skills and to create wonderful creations such as dream catchers and fairy houses.



Dancing to Women with Wings music

Other camp programs this summer have included a well received table tipping demonstration that was lead by Bob, an insightful workshop on animal communication with Janet Kennedy and a terrific workshop with Kathleen Hoffman titled Spirit Flame. The group was amazed at the images that spirit transposed onto our cards including a group image that we did for the camp overall.

## Check Out the Pond!

Don has been working hard to make the pond more accessible to folks at camp. Last year he built a dock that reached out into the pond, giving us better access (and a place to sunbathe!) and this year he has created a float. It was a popular place over July 4th weekend. Many thanks to Don for all of his work for making it easier to enjoy the water!



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## Cottages Being Renovated

The sounds of saws and hammers have been heard on camp as cottages are renovated and given new life. Debbie Armstrong and her entire family have been hard at work on the cottage on Sunset Circle. Thus far they have ripped off the entire roof of the porch and they are tackling the porch floor.

Kari Heistad has been working hard at Higher Ground where she has been enlisting the help of visiting friends and family. Even Graeme, a Scottish friend visiting from Ireland, was pressed into service helping to put up pine on the second floor walls.

June Alexandra and her husband Jeffrey spent a long weekend cleaning out their new cottage and dealing with the vagaries of an old plumbing system, but the cottage is looking better every day.

Thank you also to Bob and Alan who are keeping many of the camp cottages up and running during the summer season. We couldn't do it without you!

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## Come and Volunteer!

Camp is looking for volunteers to help with the programs this summer. Have a few hours? Please contact the program coordinators. Have a few hours during the week? There are always tasks such as helping to clean up the campgrounds, maintenance on the camp buildings and things like that. If you have time, please give Brenda Leighton a call at: 207-269-2094.



Armoire \$100



Glass Book Shelf \$50



Bureau \$25

## Antiques for Sale

When the Lawrence cottage was donated back to camp, it had several antiques in it that the board has decided to sell. These antiques are being offered to Camp Etna members and Friends first, before being offered to the general public. Several have already been sold, raising \$250 for camp.

Please respond by Sept. 14 if you are interested in purchasing any of these items by contacting Brenda Leighton, Camp Etna Secretary at: 207-269-2094.

These photographs are also up on the Camp Etna website under the members page.

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## First Mediums Day A Success

Mediums from Maine and Boston joined forces for camp on July 15 when they provided over 30 readings for members of the public who came to camp for a private reading. Make sure you promote upcoming mediums days that will be held on August 5 and 19.

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## Guest Cottage Huge Success

The new guest cottage has been put to good use in the past 6 weeks. During the July 4th retreat, it became a focal point as people gathered there to socialize. Many people have been seen enjoying the nature scene sitting on the screened in porch where you can often hear the screech owls and loons.