



Vine and

Fig Tree

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid. – Micah 4:3-4

Spring 2006

Next Meeting

**Sunday, March 26
2:00 p.m.
Hopedale Unitarian
Parish**

Friends of Adin Ballou honors the life and legacy of Rev. Adin Ballou (1803–1890). Best known as the founder of the utopian community at Hopedale, Massachusetts, Ballou was a minister and theologian, a tireless reformer, and a leading nineteenth-century theorist of non-violent resistance to evil.

The goals of Friends of Adin Ballou are to research, study, and publicize the words and deeds of Adin Ballou and the Hopedale Community, and to find ways to keep the legacy alive in the modern world.

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Peace Activist Scott Schaeffer-Duffy to Present Images of War and Peace

Friends of Adin Ballou present a slide show by Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, co-director of a Catholic Worker house in Worcester, on Sunday, March 26 at 2pm at the Hopedale Unitarian Parish, 65 Hopedale Street.

Schaeffer-Duffy will show images of war zones including Darfur, Sudan, Bosnia, Israel, Palestine, Nicaragua, India, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Contrasting the horrors of war are images of non-violent action as a force for peace.



Scott Schaeffer-Duffy |

Schaeffer-Duffy says, “This is a frank presentation which explodes the myths surrounding war and non-violent action. It includes first-hand accounts of

inspiring bravery from women, men, and even children in some of the most dangerous and difficult situations in history. It is my belief that nonviolence which is creatively, compassionately, consistently, and courageously applied is always successful. Come challenge me with your questions. I love a diverse audience and welcome the feedback of veterans in particular.”

Quilt Auction to Benefit Friends of Adin Ballou

Submit your bid for this original quilt made by Elaine Malloy of Hopedale

Friends of Adin Ballou are sponsoring an auction for this one-of-a-kind quilt, designed and made by founding member Elaine Malloy.



The pattern is called "Jacob's Ladder," also known as "Stepping Stones," "Trail of the Covered Wagon," and "Underground Railroad." All of these names suggest a difficult journey and the hope of a safe haven at journey's end. Elaine made the quilt to honor the faith and courage of all who have undertaken such journeys – especially those who escaped from slavery and those, like the members of the Hopedale Community, who helped them.

The person who submits the highest bid (minimum \$100) received by Adin Ballou's birthday – April 23, 2006 – will be allowed to purchase the quilt. All proceeds will benefit Friends of Adin Ballou, funding our publications and educational programs. Send your bid to editor@adinballou.org.

The quilt measures 71 x 83 inches.



New on www.adinballou.org

Items added to our web site since the last newsletter:

- ❖ Autobiography of Adin Ballou – chapters 5 and 6





Friends of Adin Ballou gathered on the shores of Hopedale Pond in June, 2005 to celebrate Juneteenth - the 140th anniversary of the emancipation of the last American slaves in 1865.



Adin Ballou Inspires Young Prophets

The life and legacy of Adin Ballou were the subject of a presentation and discussion at a recent session of the Unitarian Universalist Association's "Young Adult Prophets Project." The Prophets Project is an effort to inspire and empower college-age young people to social justice activism, in part by exploring and reflecting on the stories of prophetic leaders of the past. The students – some of whom came from as far away as California and Canada to participate in the conference – were exploring the variety of ways people have responded to injustice in their government or society: violent resistance, nonviolent resistance, civil disobedience, the establishment of alternative societies, etc.

Friends of Adin Ballou members Peter and Lynn Hughes led a discussion of Adin Ballou's experiences in the antislavery, peace, and social justice movements of the nineteenth century, and the continuing influence of his work as a theorist of nonviolent action. At the end of the session, one young woman reflected on the way Ballou's ideas have lived on – through his influence on Tolstoy, Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. – although his name has been largely forgotten. She mused, "You don't always know who you're influencing in your activism. You may have influence beyond what you can know, or even hope."

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