



September & October Platforms
Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture
53 Prospect Park West at 2nd St.

OPENING PLATFORM

Spiritual Sustainability: Back to Nature, Back to Ethics
with Martha Gallahue
Sunday, September 13, 11am

“Spiritual sustainability” is a new way of thinking about environmentally sustainable living for those determined to live in ethical community. It asks that we restore our connection to nature through values that consider the earth, through personal mindfulness and through interdependence in everyday living. Martha Gallahue, a BSEC member who is a clergy leader with the American Ethical Union’s National Service Conference based at the UN, will highlight those good practices already in place at BSEC and advocate for a more conscious pursuit of this tendency. She will describe positive outcomes when the community as a whole adopts the practice of earth values manifesting in action.

As the Ethical Movement’s main representative at the United Nations, Gallahue was a founding member of the Earth Values Caucus, participated in the World Conference of Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, SA, and is in the core group of the Working Task Force who are preparing for the Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change in December 2009 (www.nationalserviceaeu.org).

Children’s Assembly Peace Festival & Open House
with Children’s Sunday Assembly director Audrey Kindred
Sunday, September 21, 11am

In honor of the United Nations’ International Peace Day, the Children’s Sunday Assembly opens its year envisioning peace -- from the playground to the world-stage – and gives voice to the UN's Declaration of Human Rights. Newcomers especially welcome to explore the CSA’s upcoming year 's programming, Followed by 12:30 Pot-Luck Picnic and Games.

The Quest for Home
With Rev. Osagyefo Sekou
Sunday, September 27, 11am

Two million people fled Iraq during the war and another 2.5 million were displaced internally. Hurricane Katrina uprooted a half million people and government action left thousands feeling permanently displaced. How are these refugees engaged in a quest for home? Rev. Sekou is a 2009 Brooklyn Ethical Fellow.

**The Health Care Crisis Has a Solution
With Health Care for All NY
Sunday, October 4, 11am**

Politics seems to be getting in the way of a solution to a health care crisis that leaves millions uninsured or underinsured, doctors resentful, and insured Americans fearful of losing what they have. But there is a way out. A representative from the coalition Health Care for All will discuss where we are and where we can go.

**Colloquy & Field Trip
with Martha Gallahue
Sunday, October 11, 11am**

Martha Gallahue, an ethical culture leader, will lead a colloquy at the Brooklyn Society, while interested BSEC members will car pool to the Ethical Humanist Society of LI for a special platform on "Ethical Identity" with its Leader Emeritus Arthur Dobrin, author of *Spelling God with Two Os* and other books

**Autumn Writers: Sharing Words and Spirit
with Rev. Nettie Paisley and the Writers Group
Sunday, October 18, 11am**

Brooklyn Ethical's own writers group shares its work in this special platform plus the words of favorite writers born in October. Congregants also will have a chance to create bios of each other in small groups, contributing to a who's who of the membership.

**The Ethics of Hope
with Rev. Osagyefo Sekou
Sunday, October 25, 11am**

Hope was the driving force of Barack Obama's presidential campaign. How do we take the quest for hope beyond the campaign moment and create an ethics of hope that leads to a spirituality of justice? Rev. Sekou is the 2009 Brooklyn Ethical Fellow.

Sunday Platforms are a long-standing tradition within Ethical Culture to bring light and heat to matters of ethical concern in a congregational setting. Every Sunday, Platforms examine major ethical issues and explore the personal and social aspects of living an ethical life. For updated information, please visit www.bsec.org.