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SAVE THE DATE

**10/24/2022**

**UN DAY**

**Monday, October 24, 2022**

Celebrate UN Day, and hear our guest speaker:

***Mary Herman "What if Women Ran the World?"***

More details to follow

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Event Details

**7:00 PM- 8:30 PM**

St Paul's Community Room, Brunswick and Virtual

Coffee, tea and cookies offered



**Sad News.**

Our dearly beloved Al has moved onwards.

Alfred Moring Niese, Jr. died on Monday, August 15, 2022. He was born in New York City on September 12, 1937, son of Alfred Moring Niese and Anne Brown Niese. Al was a graduate of Princeton High School and Rutgers University, where he sang in the Rutgers Glee Club. He received a degree in sacred theology from General Theological Seminary and a combined master's degree in sacred theology and pastoral counseling from New York Theological Seminary and the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health.

Following seminary, Al served as a canon at Trinity Cathedral in Newark, New Jersey. He then was rector of Church of the Atonement in Fair Lawn, assistant rector at Christ Church in Short Hills, and rector of St. John on the Mountain in Bernardsville.

He retired to Woolwich, Maine and served as a supply priest at the Church of Our Father in Hulls Cove, St. Augustine's in Dover Foxcroft, St. David's in Kennebunk, St. Andrew's in Winthrop and other Episcopal churches, including St. Paul's in Brunswick where he was a member.

In Brunswick, Al was a board member for the Hospice Volunteers as well as the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program which he chaired for three years. He was also a board member for the United Nations Association of Maine.

He is survived by Bronda, his wife of 56 years, his daughter Jennifer, son-in-law Bill Hetzel and granddaughters Molly and Sarah; by his son Kirk, daughter-in-law Michaela Goldfine, and grandchildren Cecily and Soren; his brother Michael Niese, sister-in-law MaryAnne, and nieces Michele Niese Mrak, Cathy Pradie Connick, Christine Dufford, and Elizabeth Dufford. Al's sister, Charlotte Niese Dufford, predeceased him.

Al's interests included raising tippler pigeons, sailing, cycling, and playing and collecting antique reed organs. During the pandemic, he wrote a children's book, Soren's Story, a parable about bullying and the importance of forgiveness.

Passionate about social justice and civil rights, Al attended Martin Luther King, Jr.'s March on Washington in 1963 and organized transportation to the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March for people traveling from Newark, NJ. In recent years, Al organized two evenings of readings and music - at Trinity Episcopal Church in Portland and at the Bowdoin College Chapel - showcasing God's Trombones by James Weldon Johnson. Al was proud to serve on the committee which formalized the first annual statewide holiday honoring Johnson, the 20th century attorney, diplomat, civil rights activist, and lyricist of "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Al was a good husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was an immeasurably kind, generous, and grateful human being with a phenomenal sense of humor who never missed an opportunity to offer praise and encouragement to others. A prolific writer with a passion for the English language, Al drew lessons from the injustices in our world, and in his letters to the editor, he highlighted our

collective obligation to be better stewards of this planet. By chance, Frederick Buechner, a theologian he often quoted, died on the very same day as Al.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the United Nations Association of Maine, "Maine Model U.N. Conference (MEMUNC) scholarship fund" for high school students, P.O. Box 262 - Brunswick, Maine 04011. A memorial service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick is yet to be scheduled.

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Join us at the Common Ground Fair in the political and social booth!

The Common Ground Country Fair will be in-person at MOFGA's Common Ground Education Center in Unity, Maine on September 23, 24, and 25, 2022. MOFGA's annual celebration of rural living features 1000+ exhibitors and speakers, and emphasizes vibrant communities, sustainable living and local economies, while highlighting organic agriculture. [Learn more here.](#)

Advance tickets are on sale from August 1 – September 21. [Tickets available here.](#)

Ticket prices:

Adults (18-64) – \$15 August 1-September 21; \$20 September 22-25

Elders (65+) – \$12 August 1-September 21; \$15 September 22-25

Youth 13-17 – \$12 August 1-September 21; \$15 September 22-25

Children 12 and under – free admission daily. Tickets must be reserved even for free tickets.

Persons with disabilities – free admission daily for you and an attending person.

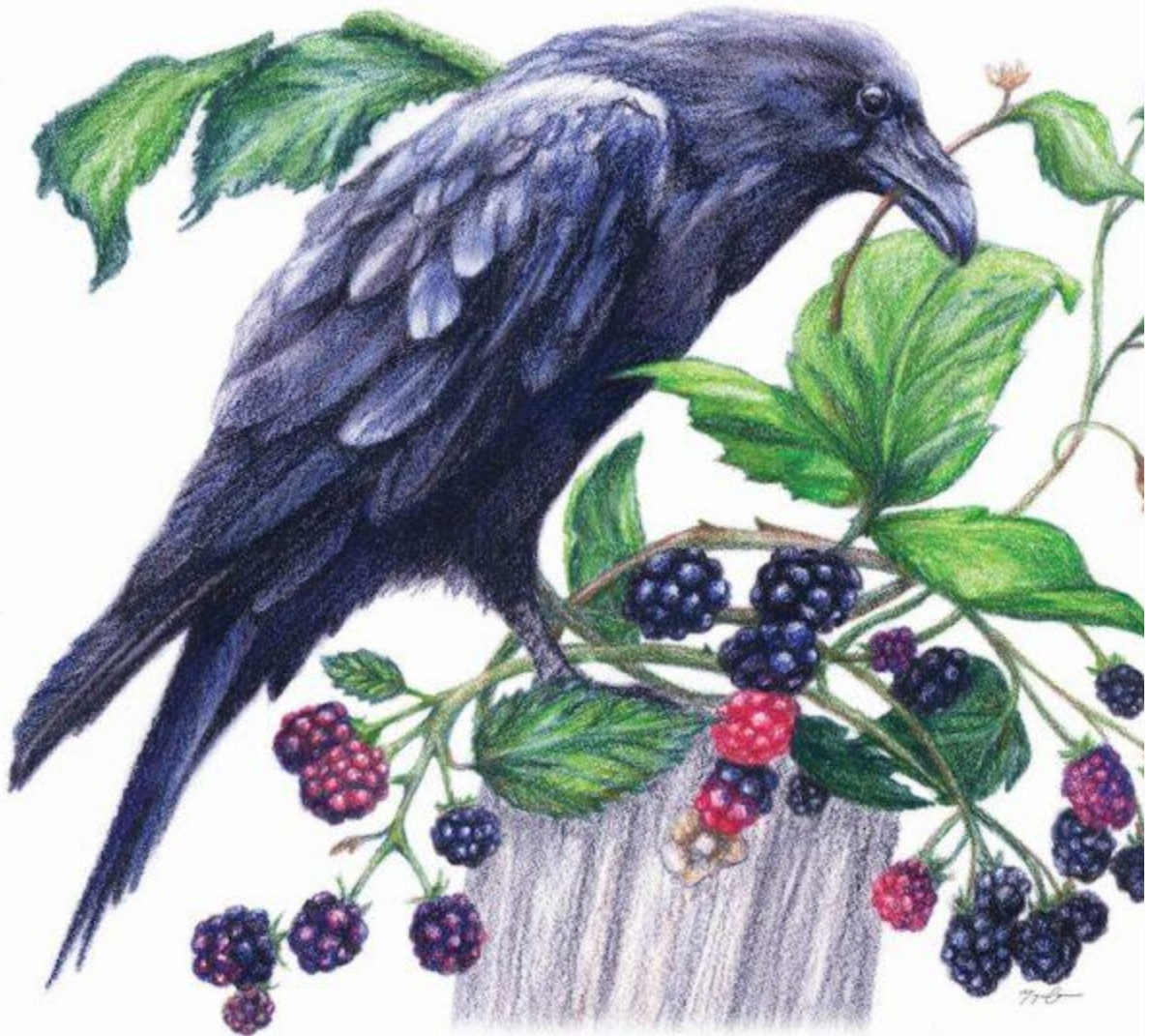
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Volunteers make the Common Ground Country Fair possible. Experience the fair

by volunteering! [More information here.](#)



# COMMON GROUND COUNTRY FAIR



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CELEBRATE RURAL LIVING WITH MOFG

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SEPTEMBER 23, 24 & 25, 202  
UNITY, MAINE

GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association



Regional authorities in Egypt, the host country of the 2022 UN climate conference (COP27), are ramping up initiatives designed to improve the country's environmental credentials, and speed up its transition to a low carbon economy. The event will begin on 4 November, in the Egyptian resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh.