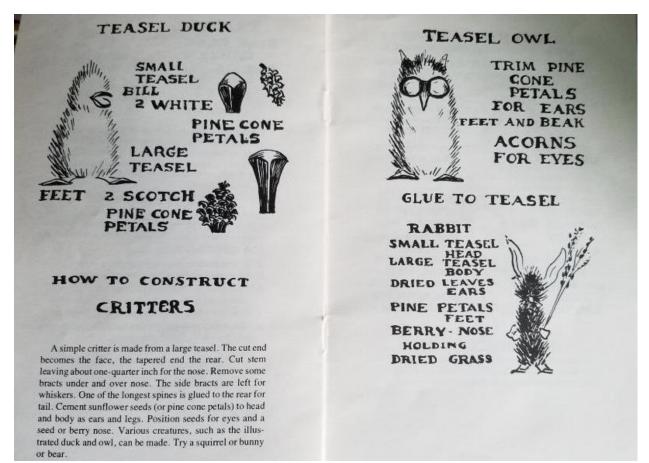
November Peace Talk!

Simple, peaceful activities anyone can do to honor Peace and our Peace Pole at Gwynedd Meeting

Theme: Celebrating Our Connections to the Earth During Autumn

Activity #1: Construct Critters

- 1. Collect items from the natural world including pine cones, dried tall grass, dry wildflowers, milkweed pods, sweetgum tree balls, acorns, teasels, etc.
- 2. Set yourself up in a place where you can create a bit of a mess. Have glue, scissors, paper, pipe cleaners nearby.
- 3. You can take a large object like a pine cone or teasel (from a marshy area) and decide how you want to make a critter (laying down or standing up).
- 4. Glue on other parts for legs, tail, feet, wings.
- 5. Clip clothespins or tie rubber bands to help with holding things in place while they dry.
- 6. Let dry on waxed paper. If you want to hang this critter, you may need wire or fish line.
- 7. Reflect on how you were able to use items from nature to make a creative art work. You used the earth's resources to make something of beauty, something that makes people smile and feel peaceful.



Activity #2: Make a Crustless Squash Pie

Ingredients:1 ½ cups COOKED acorn or butternut squash, or pumpkin (taste sweetest in the fall)½ cup honey½ tsp nutmeg2 eggs½ tsp salt1 tsp cinnamon1/8 tsp cloves¼ tsp ginger

Mix all ingredients by mashing together in a bowl, or placing in a blender together. Pour into a greased 9" pie pan or 8" square pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes, then change the temperature to 350 degrees for 35-40 more minutes.



Resources: Brandywine River Museum and its Annual Holiday Tree decorated with ornaments made entirely from natural plant material gathered from roadsides, fields and woods.

<u>Leaf Man</u> by Lois Ehlert <u>Fletcher and the Falling Leaves</u> by Julia Rawlinson <u>Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn</u> by Kenard Pak