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## First Baptist Church Celebrates 200th Anniversary

A bright blue sky and warm weather graced the kick-off September 19th of our year-long celebration of First Baptist's 200th anniversary.

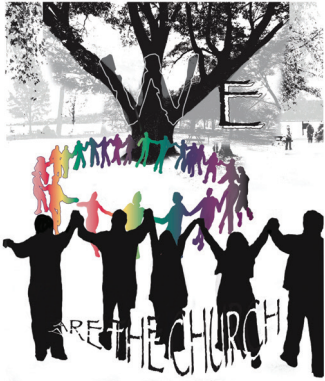
A creative worship service blended elements of the old with the new. Reminders of 19th century services such as having a foresinging of hymns by a leader where a leader would sing a sentence of the hymn and then the congregation would repeat it were included. A dramatic reading of the history of First Baptist were offered by Lil and Rich Barron. Moderator Margie Latham and Pastor Debbie Reynolds continued the theme of First Baptist history in their messages. Music Director Christopher Morgon Loy played a medley of old hymns during the offertory. Before the service concluded Vice-moderator Andrea Mooney read proclamations of the anniversary from State Senator Tom O'Mara and U.S.



*Dressed in 19th century garb, Lil and Rich Barron offered a dramatic reading of the history of FBC.* Photo by Bill Abeles

Congressman Tom Reed.

The service was followed by a wonderful reception outside in DeWitt Park organized by Anne Farrell and her hospitality team.



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*Spectacular sunflow bouquet from Barb Fry's garden*



*Communion table candles by Bette Ritrona, Barb Fry's sister.*



*After worship in Sept 19th, folks gathered outside for a reception. The new anniversary banner hangs above the door.*



Standing water August 22nd at Taughannock State Park.

**First Baptist Church in Ithaca is a nurturing and inclusive community. Guided by Jesus' Teachings, we strive for Social & Ecological Justice; and embrace the Baptist tradition of Bible, Soul, Church and Religious Freedoms.**

## From Your Pastor Debbie Bennett Reynolds

Dear Friends,

What a great day we had on Sunday the 19th as we kicked off our celebration of our 200th anniversary! Everything came together for a wonderful day of worship and community celebration. I want to say thanks to all who worked on this. I know I will miss some folks if I try to name names because it was a great community effort. So, to everyone, for all you did - for the banner, the reception, the historical display, the dramatic reading from our church history, "foresinging" the hymns and a wonderful old hymn medley, and so many more details - thank you!



Reverend Debbie Bennett Reynolds

It is powerful to reflect on 200 years of worship and witness and to draw faith and inspiration from our spiritual ancestors in this community of faith, justice, and freedom. We plan to continue to celebrate and reflect on our history over the course of this program year. We also really plan to update our written history with the events of the last 50 years. Please share photos and stories! Andrea Mooney has agreed to be the one who receives these so send them to her at [ajm31@cornell.edu](mailto:ajm31@cornell.edu). We also are planning for some times to share stories with each other and want to create a visual timeline to prompt our memories.

As we move forward into this fall, we continue to face significant uncertainties related to COVID. There have been real emotional and psychological effects on all of us from this summer feeling we were coming back into much more normal and then having the rise of the Delta variant throw us back into much more uncertainty! With all that is going on in our country and our world, there is a lot of anxiety and anger around us. We have to continue to encourage and support each other through these challenging times!

As we plan for our life together as a church, we are called to continuing adaptability and creativity! We are using hybrid worship, of course, and working to find the best ways to do that. (Feedback and suggestions are always appreciated!) But, our hybrid mode of gathering and continuing COVID concerns make it harder to know how to plan for adult education times. Some of us coming in-person aren't sure we should stay for a second hour in the same space, but that creates challenges for our normal Sunday morning adult education times. We have discussed offering adult education at another time all on Zoom or in hybrid mode. So, we're going to have to get input from everyone as we go forward and experiment to see what works best. If you're someone who would like to help us get input or think creatively about ways to do adult education and other programs, please let me know!

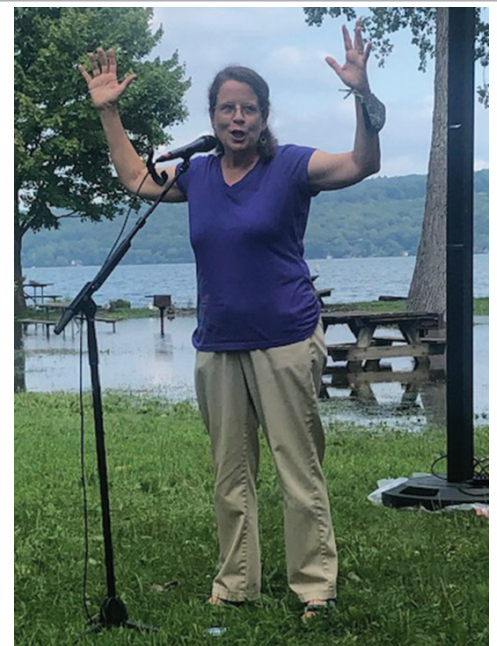
I am so grateful to be a part of this church family in this time! I hear from some pastors of grumbling and conflict in their congregations. I am so thankful that we are a loving, caring, supportive community. Together - in the midst of difficult times - we continue to grow in our faith and in our love for God and for each other!

Peace and blessings to you,

Debbie

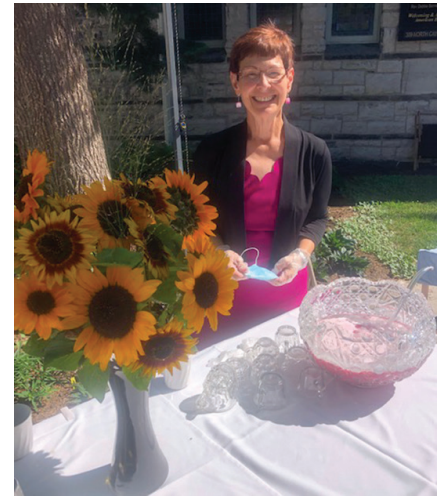


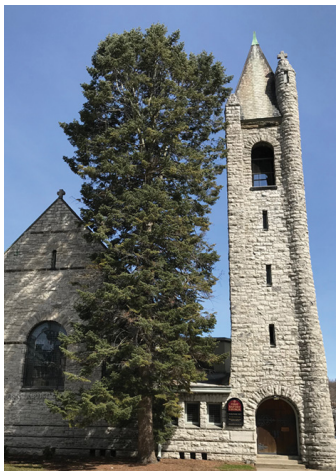
Children and youth joining in a song with motions at the outdoor service on August 22nd..





September 19th 200th Anniversary Reception *by Bill Abeles and Tony Lister*





### In Memoriam: Bishop John Shelby Spong

*Excerpt: New York Times obit*  
John Shelby Spong, a charismatic, maverick Episcopal bishop died on Sept. 12 at his home in Richmond, Va. He was 90 years old.

Bishop Spong had served as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark from 1976 to 2000 where he urged his followers to accept women and L.G.B.T.Q. clergy. He was one of the first American bishops to ordain a woman into the clergy, in 1977, and the first to ordain an openly gay man, in 1989. Nine months later he was censured by his colleagues, but he continued to ordain gay and lesbian priests — at least 35 by the time he retired in 2000. The church eventually followed his lead, and in 1996 ruled that homosexuality was not counter to its principles. In 2015 the church recognized same-sex marriage.

Through more than 25 books, speaking schedules that often numbered 200 events a year and regular talk show appearances, Bishop Spong urged his church to reconcile with modernity. He taught that the Gospels should be considered artistic interpretations of Jesus' life, not literal accounts of it, and called on Christians to reject ideas, like original sin, that could not be explained by science. While those positions drew intense support, they also drew equally intense criticism from the church's traditionalist wing.

"My sense is if the Episcopal Church can't stand challenge within its own ranks, then it is not a church I would want to be a member of anyway," he told *The New York Times* in 1989.

## First Baptist Church Neighbors at DeWitt Park *by Judy Kennison*

*(Excerpted from a grant proposal to restore the stained glass windows.)*

After the 1821 harvest season 23 people founded First Baptist Church in Danby, New York. In 1826, they moved their church to Ithaca where, in 1831, the first First Baptist Church building was erected on the east side of DeWitt Park, the oldest and most prominent open space in Ithaca at that time. A young Ezra Cornell worked as one of the carpenters. DeWitt Park now serves as a center for religious, political and cultural activities and as a restful urban green space.

### Presbyterian Church

On the northwest corner of the park stands the First Presbyterian Church, a massive stone structure with double apses in the Romanesque style built in 1900. It was designed by J. Cleveland Cady, architect of the Old Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, and is the third Presbyterian Church on the site. Within the park is a monument just south of the Presbyterian Church honoring the Oregon Mission of 1834 bearing the inscription which begins, "The Oregon Mission sent out by First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca in 1834 in response to search of Nez Perce Indians for white man's book from Heaven..."

### Old Court House

The Old Court House stands at the northeast corner of the park between the Presbyterian Church and the First Baptist Church. Designed by John F. Maurice and completed in 1854, it manifests the simple, restrained lines of the early Gothic Revival style. This is the second court house, replacing an earlier Greek revival building, and was itself replaced in function by the present court house constructed in 1932. Land for the structure was given by Simeon DeWitt—the deed for it is the first one recorded in Tompkins County. The Old Court House now contains county offices and the DeWitt Historical Society Museum.

### First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church, on the east side of the park, was designed by William Henry Miller and built in 1890. It is a massive rusticated Romanesque-style stone structure marked by heavy exterior wood doors with iron hinges and a tall chime tower with battered and rounded southwest corner. The interior's wood ceiling is like an inverted ship's hull, resembling the vault of the nearby Episcopal Church. The window lunettes contain female allegorical figures in Renaissance style. These and other interesting features remain, although the church was redecorated in the 1930s, and its interior renovated in the 1970s.

### Boardman House

The Boardman House at 120 East Buffalo Street. also borders the east side of the park. This Italianate structure was built in 1867 for George McChain, a well-known printer and publisher in Ithaca. Later it was occupied by Douglas Boardman, first dean of the Cornell Law School and a prominent citizen of Ithaca.

The house is built of red brick with brown painted trim. Its roof is supported by brackets and Baroque detailing marks other points of the facades. The main entrance is framed with rope moldings, and the side entrance facing the park is sheltered by a small porch.

### William Fisher House

On its west side North Cayuga Street borders DeWitt Park. Across the street stands the William-Fisher House, at 306 North Cayuga Street. This elegant turn-of-the-century house of brick and wood was built by Clinton L. Vivian, a local architect. An apsidal form second story bay and graceful curvilinear front porch are prominent elements of the façade. Details are neo-Colonial. The focal point of the interior is the staircase opposite the main entrance. The space extends three stories to an oval skylight of marbleized translucent pale pink and blue glass. The main rooms of the first floor—dining room, music room, and library—are each accorded a different stylistic treatment. The dining room has cherry paneling and woodwork in the Georgian manner; the music room is in the French Louis XVI style; and the library focuses on a Jacobean fireplace, with oak woodwork, built-in bookshelves and window seats. Restored by Dr. Lyman Fisher and the house is used for various offices.

### Halsey House

At 308 North Cayuga Street is the Halsey House, The house was built in the 1820's by Jeremiah Beebe, who came to Ithaca from New York and became prominent in business and civic affairs. He employed Ezra Cornell for several years (until the financial panic of 1837) as millwright and manager of his grist mill. Beebe was also one of the builders of the Clinton House Hotel which is still standing near the DeWitt Park district. The Halsey House is white with green shutters and has smaller wings on each side set back from the main block. The south wing has two large ceiling-to-floor windows and a shallow porch bordered by ornate iron grillwork. The main entrance is arched with a fanlight above the door. In 1850 Beebe sold the house to William Halsey and it remained in the hands of the Halsey family until recently.

### Temple Beth-El

Nearby on the corner of East Court and North Tioga streets is Temple Beth-El. Built in 1926 by architect Eli Goldstein, it is essentially a polygonal structure with a red tile roof atop the central dome, referring to the Byzantine style in plan, materials, and detailing. An addition was made to the west in 1968 by the local firm of Levatich and Miller but is in the same material (brick) as the original building and conforms in scale as well. Lunettes above the entrances have tile mosaics depicting symbols of the Jewish faith.

## “Imagine — ABC-USA Biennial Summit 2021” by Shella Chace

I recently attended virtually the ABCUSA Summit as the delegate from FBC Ithaca. This is my third Biennial Summit. I attended in Kansas City in 2015, Portland in 2017, and this year from my living room. In 2015 there were about 2,000 people registered. In 2017 it was about 900. Registration for this event was about 300.

The theme of the event was *Imagine*, and the evening worship services were *Imagine Unity*, *Imagine Healing*, and *Imagine Hope*.

**On Thursday June 24** I attended the Welcoming Session, a presentation by the AB Women’s Caucus, and Worship/Communion, more out of curiosity than specific interest. Because many of us experienced women specific groups in our home churches growing up, I was curious to see if that model still fits. My conclusion was that, aside from our wonderful Women’s Retreat, the model doesn’t fit who we are. Across the many groups, committees, and ministry teams at FBC, women and men seem to be equally engaged.

With *Imagine Unity* as its theme, the evening worship service was simply wonderful! We celebrated coming together as an American Baptist family, as the Body of Christ with diverse worship and music from across the country, including Puerto Rico, moments of prayer and response, and a celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Communion was led by Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods (Interim General Secretary), Karen Podsiadly (ABCUSA President), and Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri (Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development).

**Friday June 25** I attended a workshop entitled The Problem with Normal--“Healing requires a recognized injury, pain, hurt. It also requires a safe space and competent loving care. But how can healing take place when the basis of our reality is designed to deny the existence of the injury?” We explored how our understanding of “normal” has been carefully designed to preserve an oppressive hierarchy, and how that oppression prevents healing. The presenter was Rev. Douglas Avilesbernal.

Friday afternoon was the business session, with delegates voting on the following items.

- Rules of Procedure 2021

- Minutes of the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit
- Board of General Ministries Election Slate (including At-Large Directors and President, Vice President and Budget Review Officer; originally posted in January 2021)

The “rules of procedure” item was a simple statement that additions/changes to ABCUSA meeting agendas must be presented in writing and approved before the meeting. All items passed.

**Saturday June 26 Workshop--The Foolishness of God** presented by Rev. Mark Thompson. “The imaginative work of God often seems foolish to even the most committed disciple. We sing about God’s reckless love, so let us now look at God’s Holy work that we may often think is foolish. This “foolish” work accomplishes God’s purposes and invites us to grow in faith and deepen our discipleship.” In this workshop, we looked at some of the principles of God’s imaginative work so that we may not miss the invitation to thrive in times of uncertainty.

**Conversations:** I took part in a lively conversation about how congregations met the challenges of meeting needs in the time of COVID. We went into breakout rooms so that there were never more than 10 people interacting. In my group, there were several ways congregations handled Sunday worship, from taped services on YouTube and Facebook to live Zoom sessions. All said they would be maintaining a hybrid version as the situation continues to change.

### **Evening Worship: *Imagine Hope***

“We are a people of hope and a Body of Christ who celebrates what God can do through us and in our midst.” In our closing worship we imagined hope through the children and youth leading portions of our worship, through a virtual choir inviting us into a time of praise, and through a prayer of thanksgiving for the imaginative hope that we feel. Our preacher for this worship service was the Rev. Dr. Brianna Parker.

We ended with the announcement of our 2023 Biennial Mission Summit to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



The AWAB Board and Staff met separately Sept. 19-21 at the Berkeley School of Theology for its annual retreat.



From Elizabeth Pia-Miller from her Facebook page

First Baptist Church is having our 200th anniversary celebration today!!!! 10am! All are welcome (of course). On a personal note, this is close to my "church anniversary"—I started attending First Baptist 20 years ago and have been through so much with this church family—marriage, becoming a parent, the end of my marriage, so many happy and sad and in between times with this amazing, welcoming group of people. Through stretches of time that I actually wasn't so sure I had much religious faith, I stuck with the community and always when I least expected it encountered God again.



Sept 5th. bouquet by Barb Fry



200th Anniversary banner above the West door created by Andrea Staffeld.

## Moderator's Musings by Margie Latham

Today we begin our official celebration of the founding of our church in 1821, 200 years ago. I've been trying to get my mind around the notion of 200 years. One way for me to do that is to think of my own ancestors. For instance, my mother's mother was born in 1898, and her mother, my great-grandmother was born in 1871. I was blessed to know my grandmother who lived to be 93 years old. My mother can tell me stories about my great-grandmother because my mother knew her. At this point, however, my family's oral history becomes less clear. My mother knows that my great-great-grandmother died when my great-grandmother was 9 years old. Through genealogy research, we've determined that my great-great grandmother died in 1881 at age 33, which means she was born in 1848. The point of this exercise in family history is to show that I have to go back five or six generations in my family to get to the year 1821, the year our church was born.

What do we know about our church family story? How many generations back can our current collective memory take us? Among our current membership I know of one person who remembers the pastorate of Rev William Hicks, who served our church from 1949 to 1956. A few among us may remember Rev. Christian Jensen, who served from 1957 to 1966. More of us will remember the years when Rev. David Evans was our pastor. Still more of us will remember the years when Rev. Wendy Fambro and then Rev. Rich Rose served our church. Now we are creating new stories with our pastor Rev. Debbie Bennett Reynolds.

How can we learn more about the first fifty or first one-hundred years of our church's story? Is it even important to know about those years? I think it is important to know what we can about those early years. Scholars who study congregations and congregational life have discovered that the foundational stories of a church family will continue to express themselves throughout the church's life. Thankfully there are some written records about our church family archived at Cornell and at the American Baptist Historical Society. We have histories about Ithaca and New York, and we have histories about Baptists and about religion in the United States. We also have a brief history of our church on the church's website at <https://first-baptistithaca.org/about/history/>. I encourage you to read it if you haven't already.

The opening sentence tells us that our church was founded after the harvest season of 1821 by 23 people in Danby, New York. There is more to this story, much more. In a history of our church written by Rev Hermon Titus in 1877, he tells us that "[i]n the annals of the Spencer Baptist Church, it is recorded that in the year 1821, just subsequent to

the "harvest revival" of that year, twenty-seven members were granted letters for the purpose of forming a church in Danby." As it turns out, our church came into existence during a period in U.S. religious history known as the "Second Great Awakening," a religious revival which attracted new members principally to Baptist and Methodist churches.

How do we want to narrate our church's history? What aspects of our history do we want to describe? What aspects of our history would we prefer to leave out?

This past spring the Ithaca campus of Cornell University acknowledged that its buildings and grounds are located on the traditional homelands of the Gayagoho:no (Guy-yo-KO- no) or the Cayuga Nation. The Cayuga Nation are members of an alliance of six sovereign nations known as the Haudenosaunee (Hoe-dee-no-SHOW-nee) Confederacy. The presence of the Gayagoho:no people, past and present, on these lands and waters predates the establishment of Ithaca, New York State, and the USA. Would our church family be willing to acknowledge this aspect of our history?

What, if anything, can we learn about our early church members' stance toward slavery and Black persons. In 1821, slavery was still legal in New York State. Slavery was not abolished in New York until July 4, 1827. Were any of our early church members slaveholders? Were they abolitionists? Did any of our church members fight for the Union during the Civil War? In the 1877 history written by Reverend Titus, he mentions a pastorate held by Calvin Philleo from 1833 to 1834. According to Rev Titus, "Mr. Philleo was one of the earliest abolitionists and of the most radical order."

This past Thursday evening I discovered an article in Wikipedia about New York Central College, which was active from 1849 to 1860. This college was founded by anti-slavery Baptists, with the express purpose to be open to all people, whatever their race or gender. It was located in McGraw, NY. Were there any connections between the Baptists in McGraw and the Baptists in Ithaca during the early years of our church?

During the coming year, as we celebrate the past, present and future of this church family, I'm hoping to dig a bit more into the early years of our church's history. If any of you would like to help with this project, please let me know. I'm certain there is a lot of interesting information to discover.



Margie Latham

## How to Slow the Effects of Climate Change — What Can One Do?

By Margie Lister Muenzer from the Washington State First Light Farm and Learning Center Fall Newsletter

Fall is in the air, we can feel it. Pumpkins are appearing on front porches, birds are beginning their migration, children have started school, football stadiums are full, all while the Delta variant keeps us in limbo. Just when we thought we were through the worst, climate change brought us fires difficult to contain, scorching temperatures, devastating rains and powerful hurricanes around the country. We were reminded that beyond the pandemic, climate change is still our biggest challenge. But the on going pandemic also taught us that we have resiliency, and the ability to adapt. Many of us slowed down, reconnected with the natural world, and spent time with our families, friends and neighbors.

In order to slow the effects of climate change, we will need to put these new skills and abilities to a bigger test. But what can one person do? Kathleen Dean Moore of the Council on the Uncertain Human Future suggests that we can stop being one person. We can join others who are also working in many different ways to bring about change. She offers others the choice of continuing to panic by yourself or to find joy in working with others.

So, what is available to each of us? More every day! Find an action or a group that resonates with you. While a large group makes tackling huge actions like working to block a new natural gas pipeline much easier, smaller groups can make an impact too, such as helping to clean up a river, planting trees or starting a pollinator garden in a neighborhood. Learning about local, state and federal government issues, and sharing concerns with your representatives is much easier to do when guided by a group such as the Citizens' Climate Lobby (<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>), or different environmental groups.

Our new Covid-developed skills of adaptation can help us change our personal and group actions more readily. To have a chance at lowering greenhouse gas emissions, there will have to be changes. We have supersized not only our food portions, but our energy portions. The typical energy-consuming choices most Americans follow

would, if followed by everyone worldwide, take up the resources of five Planet Earths. This is according to the Global Footprint Network, which calculates each country's ecological footprint. Our current path is not sustainable! What changes can you and your families and communities take on to dial back energy usage—changes in transportation, in shopping patterns, household energy consumption, food choices?



*Amanda Ufford captured on her camera this Monarch butterfly enjoying the FBC Pollinator Garden*

Besides joining with others, we can continue to spend more time in the natural world not only to remind ourselves of what we are working to save, but also help us balance our minds, bodies and spirits. The book, "The Nature Fix" by Florence Williams shares scientific information on the healing properties of nature. Forest Bathing (immersing oneself in the multi-sensory experience of being in a forest) is now commonly practiced in Japan and South Korea, and is being prescribed there by health workers to treat mental and physical health issues. There is evidence now for what we have known all along - being out in nature is good for us! Ask a farmer!

There is certainly a lot to be hopeful about. Indigenous knowledge of the natural world and our relationship with all other living things is now readily accessible to us. "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer is a great book to learn about our interdependence. Ecosystem Restoration Camps have sprung up (Learn more at: <https://ecosystemrestorationcamps.org/foundation/>).



**AIDS Ride for Life:** On September 12, the First Baptist Bicycle Team enjoyed perfect weather for their annual fundraiser ride around Cayuga Lake. From left to right, Mark Lawrence, Craig Riecke, Amy Chaffee, Bill Fry, Charlie Gerber, Carolyn Young, Barb Fry, Steve Hilsdorf, Tina Hilsdorf, and James Schultz (missing is Will Burbank) raised almost \$6,000 to support the Southern Tier AIDS Network.

Photo courtesy of Amy Chaffee



Please keep in your prayers:

- *Hugh Tucker*
- *John Gross*
- *Suzanne Kilgore*
- *Naomi Hollister*
- *Laurel Lawshae*
- *Pastor André Thera & family*
- *Ron Drummond*
- *Barbie Lister*
- *Cristian Pia-Miller*
- *The Phelan family*
- *Anthony Halman & family*

I do not owe my opponents my affection, warmth, or regard. But I do owe myself a chance to live in this world without the burden of hate.

VALARIE KAUR

Music...gives wings to the mind, a soul to the universe, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, a life to everything.

PLATO

The more we are steeped in gratefulness, the more it absorbs us until we start to radiate it from within.

TIM ROBERTS



Another beautiful sunflower arrangement by Barb Fry.

### The Visitor - Sept., 2021

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FBC youth gather in DeWitt Park following the September 19th 200th anniversary service with their youth leader Laura Ward.

Photo courtesy of Bill Abeles

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