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 recycle + renew + restore
 a reality!

Spring 2006

Dear friends,

Thank you for your interest in the **1+1 = one** site-specific environmental art installations. We are now planning for the biennial **1+1 = one** event to open July 29 and continue through August 13, 2006.

This year's event will focus upon issues of recycling, renewal, and restoration, in the widest sense of these words. Thus our title is **1+1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore.**

LaPrairie Farm will again host the event, providing space and services for the installations without charge and also underwriting some of the expenses. We need your help to broaden support and participation.

Please consider joining a working committee and/or making a financial contribution to support the direct costs of **1+1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore.**

The Unity Foundation of LaPorte County has established the LaPrairie Environment and Art Fund to which you may make (tax-deductible) donations.

Please join the LaPrairie Circle of Friends as we work once again to create **1+1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore**, a memorable cultural experience integrating art, agriculture, and environment.

Thank you for your interest and support,

Clifford Peterson

P.S. Please complete the form on the right and return it together with your (tax-deductible) contribution to the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, Inc., P.O. Box 527, Michigan City, IN 46361.

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Please help us make **1+1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore** a reality from July 29 to August 13, 2006, by joining the LaPrairie Circle of Friends.

Thank you!

- Join the LaPrairie Circle of Friends:
 ___\$25 ___\$50
 ___\$100 ___\$200 Other: \$_____
- Sponsor a **1+1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore** artist or site:
 ___Artist(s) @ \$250 ea. = \$_____
 ___Site(s) @ \$500 ea. = \$_____
- Underwrite **1+1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore**:
 ___\$1,000 ___\$3,000 ___\$5,000 Other: \$_____
- Receive the **1+1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore** newsletter:
 ___ e-mail ___ postal service
- I am interested in joining a working committee. Please contact me.

Name _____

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OVERVIEW

1 + 1 = one

site-specific
environmental installations 2001 to 2006



1 + 1 = one is a unique regional art event in which pairs of artists collaboratively create outdoor installations. These environmental works respond to a particular outdoor place, stimulate the senses, and inspire thought and dialogue.

The event began when visitors to Andrea Peterson's papermaking/printing and Jon Hook's wood-fired pottery art studios exclaimed at the beauty of the surrounding gardens and natural meadows. In response, Hook Pottery Paper initiated the first *1 + 1 = one* event in 2001 on their 11-acre farm north of LaPorte.

After much discussion, Jon and Andrea decided to share their happy fortune of place by inviting five pairs of artists to create site-specific installation art on the land by their studios, thus stimulating collaborations and new directions. They chose artists, both established and

emerging, who ordinarily would not create outdoor installations, hoping to see the influence both of the natural environment and of collaborative interaction in the finished pieces.

The 2001 show was a great success, and Hook Pottery Paper repeated the show in 2002, both times with ten artists creating five installations. Looking beyond 2002, the founders decided to make *1 + 1 = one* a biennial event.

A chance meeting with Clifford Peterson of near-by LaPrairie Farm led to a new site that would facilitate expansion of the event in 2004. The nearly 400-acre farm offered an array of landscapes that range from open fields to shaded pathways, from grassy hillsides to wooded groves, from antique buildings to naturalized ponds.

Given the new site and the active support of the Lubeznik Art Center in Michigan City, Andrea

Peterson led a curatorial team that invited 20 artists from Indiana and four other Midwestern states to create ten sites around the LaPrairie farmstead or along a half-mile pathway from the 1854 farmhouse to the northern fields and woods.

The artists created a stunning group of works that included cascading waters projected as sound and light inside an empty grain bin; a hand-dyed ribbon of silk and mulberry paper "leaves" woven into a wire fence; a place among the pines for listening to stories and music while viewing the landscape through picture frames; shiny appliances reflecting earth, air, fire, and water along a gully path; a brick and sunflower labyrinth; and the transformation of the farm brush pile into a village of nests and igloos.

The 2004 *1 + 1 = one* attracted both city sophisticates who might

not normally venture to the country in search of culture, as well as many locals who rarely if ever would visit a museum or gallery. The show ran two and a half weeks, covering three weekends in July and August, and attracted press coverage and about three hundred visitors, primarily from LaPorte and its adjoining counties as well as metropolitan Chicago.

Storytelling for all ages and a concert in the pines created the atmosphere of a summer arts festival in an idyllic location, the type of experience for which people travel great distances. People would return time and time again to see the *1 + 1 = one* installations in literally a new light, to walk the blossoming labyrinth, and to hear the stories and music.

Visitors enjoyed a low-key, noncommercial atmosphere in which they could make a personal connection between the natural and agricultural settings and the various works of collaborative installation art. *1 + 1 = one* in the summer of 2004 was a celebration of creativity, environment, and community.

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July 29-August 13, 2006 • LaPrairie Museum and Park • 2215 E 350 N, LaPorte, Indiana



Planning is now underway for the summer of 2006, and organizers are seeking not only artist participants but also people of good will and energy who would like to help make the 2006 event another success. Please join us now to create *1 + 1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore* by giving of your time, talent, or resources.

Join a *1 + 1 = one 2006: recycle + renew + restore* working committee:
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