

Midcoast Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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March

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| Sunday | March 3 | Rise of Meeting | Potluck Lunch |
| Tuesdays | in March | Mornings | “Quaker Month” at the Ecumenical Food Pantry |
| Saturday | March 16 | | NEYM Permanent Board Meeting Smithfield, Rhode Island |
| Sunday | March 17 | Rise of Meeting | Meeting for Business |
| Friday | March 22 | 5:30 p.m. Supper 7 p.m. Concert | *Durham Friends Meeting |
| Saturday | March 23 | | *NEYM Mid-Year Gathering Portland Friends Meeting |

April

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| Sunday | April 7 | Rise of Meeting | Potluck Lunch |
| Sunday | April 21 | Rise of Meeting | Meeting for Business |

For New, Revised, and Updated Calendar Items, please see our online calendar at:
<http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/calendar.htm>

*Look inside for more information regarding these items.

~Calendar events are held at the meetinghouse, unless otherwise noted.~

Sunday Meeting for Worship is at the meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta, 10:00 a.m.
Meetinghouse phone: 207-563-3757.

Directions: Take US Route 1 to Damariscotta and turn onto Belvedere Rd. (left if coming from the south, right if coming from the north—Miles Home Health Care building on the corner). The meetinghouse is the second building on the right, .2 mile from the corner.

Moving? Changing your e-mail address? Don't forget to let us know. Please remember that when you receive the newsletter by e-mail, you save the Meeting money and you lighten our workload. To receive the newsletter by e-mail, kindly send Diane Kirkman at diane_kirkman@hotmail.com a request. Thanks!

For newsletters, important links, & a current calendar, visit our website:
www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org

MINUTES—MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

There was no business meeting in February.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, March 17, at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch. All past minutes are available at www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org and the meetinghouse bulletin board.

Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth & Reconciliation Commission

The Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Indian Nation, and State of Maine have signed a mandate to implement a Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). This TRC represents a historic agreement to uncover and acknowledge the truth about what happened to Wabanaki children and families involved with the Maine child-welfare system, to create opportunities to heal and learn from the truth, and to collaborate to operate the best child-welfare system possible for Wabanaki children and families.

The five Commissioners charged to undertake this work was sworn in during a public Seating of the Commission Ceremony on Tues., February 12, in Hermon.

For more information about the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth & Reconciliation Commission, visit www.mainetribaltrc.org.

Registration for the NEYM Mid-Year Gathering is now full.

We are joyful that there has been such an enthusiastic response to this Gathering. It's particularly exciting to see that some three-quarters of our registrants are from Northern New England, and a number have never attended an NEYM Annual Sessions. We also feel sadness that not all who wish to come are able to. If you were unable to register, we invite you to join the Waitlist, and while we anticipate being able to invite only a few additional Friends, adding your name will help us gauge interest for future events.

[Click here to join the list.](#)

—Portland Friends Meeting

For further details about the Gathering, please visit: <http://neym.org/mid-year/> or see page 4 of Midcoast February newsletter page 4.

QUERIES

Social Responsibility—Do you respect the worth of every human being as a child of God? Do you uphold the right of all persons to justice and human dignity? Do you endeavor to create political, social, and economic institutions which will sustain and enrich the life of all? Do you fulfill all civic obligations which are not contrary to divine leadings? Do you give spiritual and material support to those who suffer for conscience's sake?

JOHN LACY of New Harbor, Maine, died on February 17 while receiving cancer treatment in Florida. He was accompanied by his son John Eben. In June of 2012, he and his son relocated to Wilson, North Carolina, to live near his youngest daughter following the death of his wife of 55 years, Alice Blades Lacy, in May 2012.

John was born in Redbank, New Jersey, in 1921. He had two daughters and one son with his first wife, whom he lost to illness when his children were very young. He met and married Alice in 1958 in Washington, D.C., where he had gone to work as an attorney for the federal government. With the addition of Alice's daughter, Anne, his new family consisted of four children.

John and Alice lived in Midcoast Maine for a quarter century. They settled in Bath until they designed and built their dream home on the Pemaquid cliffs in New Harbor in 1993.

John received his B.A. degree from Harvard University. In 1948 he went on to earn his law degree from the University of Virginia, following a tour with the Navy as a pilot in World War II. The couple left Washington, D.C., to live in Cocoa Beach, Florida, when John was promoted to Chief Counsel at Cape Kennedy for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. In 1969 he was awarded the Superior Achievement Award by the John F. Kennedy Space Center for his "contribution to the team that successfully accomplished the preparation and launch of the Apollo Saturn Space Vehicles enabling the United States to achieve the first Apollo manned lunar landing." A Florida newspaper headlined an article calling him the "Perry Mason" of Cape Kennedy.

In 1980 John and Alice both retired from their professional careers and 'went to sea.' Following a lifelong love of sailing, they qualified to captain their own 41-foot ketch, the *Outrageous*. For four years they lived on and sailed the *Outrageous* in the Caribbean, often providing charter tours.

After sailing the Caribbean, John became the business manager for Alice Lacy, LTD. His wife designed and sold miniatures, which provided them with the opportunity to travel the world attending trade shows and visiting their manufacturer. When he finally really retired he found that he loved sculpture. His children will forever be able to enjoy his wonderful creations from his work with live models.

John is survived by his brother, Burritt Samuel Lacy, age 93. He recently lost his older sister, Katherine Tuttle, age 95. In addition he had another brother, Benjamin Lacy, and sister, Barbara Smith, who passed away many years ago. All of his family spent their lives frequently visiting his parents and each other in the Adirondacks in Keene, New York, where his father left property in trust for generations of Lacys to enjoy for many years to come.

Devoted to the spiritual practice of the Friends community, John was for many years active in and supportive of Midcoast Friends Meeting, where Alice was a member.

John was a devoted husband and father and will be missed terribly by his remaining children, Anne Luzzatto of New York, Nina Robin Lacy of North Carolina, and John Eben Lacy of Bangkok, Thailand, his brother, extended family and so many that knew him as a gentle soul and faithful friend. A daughter, Mary Jill Lacy is deceased. His family also includes five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the many care givers who helped him take care of his wife over the last several years. We also thank those who cared and provided treatment and comfort for John over the last several months. He was just recently diagnosed with leukemia. He fought hard against the cancer until it finally took him peacefully on Sunday, February 17, 2013.

A memorial is being planned for a future date. He will be laid to rest, beside his wife, in Redbank, New Jersey, next to siblings and his parents, Burritt Samuel Lacy, Sr., and Kate Bradley Lacy.

[Ed. Note: Based on obituary submitted to newspapers in Maine and North Carolina.]

PEACE CENTER STEERING COMM. 2/13 MINUTES

PRESENT: Andy Burt, George Chappell, Brewster Grace, Carmen Lavertu, Jim Matlack, Sue Rockwood

CONA: Carmen Lavertu reported that CONA (Citizens Organized for New Alternatives) has been laid down. CONA is/was a peace and social-concerns group centered in Damariscotta. CONA has previously joined with Midcoast Meeting in staging events. Doris Balant has the e-mail distribution list for CONA which can still be utilized to circulate notices.

COASTAL SENIOR COLLEGE: Carmen and Sue Rockwood have been taking part in a seminar through the Senior College focused on the book *Living Beyond War*. A continuing discussion group under Senior College auspices is now proposed to be held every other week in the meetinghouse under the title "Challenges of Change." Winslow Meyer is the likely convener. Carmen and Sue expect to be regular participants. Rather than have to pay a fee for each separate date when the seminar will meet at the meetinghouse, it was suggested that the Peace Center and Midcoast Meeting support this endeavor as co-sponsors. This would result in a waiver of the rental fees. The Steering Committee approved this proposal. It will be forwarded to the Meeting for Business on February 17 for final approval.

A short discussion ensued on whether the meetinghouse should be equipped with WiFi reception, which would enhance various presentations in the meeting room. Brewster Grace will research this issue. Guy Marsden will be consulted.

MAY 14 SEMINAR ON FOOD AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

Brewster Grace reported on the extensive preparations for this one-day seminar to be co-sponsored by and held at the Camden Congregational Church [see right column this page]. The Camden Conference has also joined as a co-sponsor since this event serves as an introduction to the issues which will be central to the February 2014 conference. The schedule and budget for the May 4 event were shared. A number of proposed speakers have already accepted. A short discussion followed about whether a lunch should be offered as part of the day's program. In the end it was suggested that a "simple" lunch be included consistent with the theme of the day highlighting concerns over global and local food availability. The resulting fee for the seminar might then be set at \$30. Martin Imm has volunteered to assist with the registration process. Brewster Grace and Andy Burt were encouraged to move ahead on all aspects of the May 4 seminar.

FILM SERIES The proposed film series on Climate Change will be postponed at least until summer. Brewster can work to obtain relevant films (on disc) while Carmen, Sue, George, and Rachel McGinness will likely help with promotion and outreach when the time comes.

Upcoming Peace Center Program

The Peace Center along with the First Congregational Church of Camden and the Camden Conference will convene a seminar on "Food and Climate Change, International Challenges and Maine Responses" at the Congregational Church on May 4, 2013. It will be the first Camden Conference community event series leading up to the February 2014 Conference on "The Global Politics of Food and Water."

The seminar will focus on how climate change may affect global food supplies and security around the world and here in Maine. Global warming poses enormous risks to global food production and security. The major impacts of increased greenhouse gas emissions—droughts, floods, rising temperatures, and unpredictable growing seasons—are now devastating many regions of the world. Maine is already affected by ocean acidification and plant infestations as temperatures rise. The seminar speakers will address how global farming and fishing efforts can be modified to adapt to climate change and how we can use farming to mitigate the impacts of climate change. It will then consider the relevance of these global activities to farming and fishing in Maine. Agriculture now accounts for about 30 percent of total worldwide greenhouse gas emissions through the production of fertilizer, the use of energy to produce and transport food, and deforestation for crops and grazing. But agriculture also contributes to mitigating climate change by sequestering CO₂ from the atmosphere, especially through organic farming and forest and land conservation, in both of which Maine sets an exceptional example.

Speakers for the May 4 seminar include: Molly Anderson, Moderator, Partridge Chair in Food and Sustainable Agriculture Systems, College of the Atlantic; Seth Shames, EcoAgriculture Partners, Washington; Doreen Stabinsky, Professor of Global Environment Politics, College of the Atlantic; Chellie Pingree, (invited) U.S. House of Representative; Julia Olmstead, University of Wisconsin, Agricultural Resource Center, Falls River; Timothy Griffin, Associate Professor and Director of the Agriculture, Food and Environment Program, Tufts University; John Jemison, Cooperative Extension, University of Maine; Robin Alden, Penobscot East Resource Center, Stonington.

The program and registration form will soon be available on the Peace Center page on the Meeting's website: www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org or from Brewster Grace, bgrace@midcoast.com or at 594-8082.

Update of the Work of NEYM Permanent Board

Legacy Gift process--We are in the midst of discerning what to do with the proceeds of the sale of the New England Friends Home. As we discern, we ask: what are we called to as a Yearly Meeting? Where is the new life which is rising up in our midst, and how may we allow the money to follow those channels? We encourage Friends to take a broad and long perspective, and to engage deeply, and to season their discernment well.

Resources for this process are available at: <http://neym.org/legacy/>

Student -Aid Revisioning--After a time of paying slight attention to our student loans, we are bringing Light to this work of the Yearly Meeting. We are strengthening our stewardship of the loans that are outstanding, and considering how the Yearly Meeting might support students of any age, who might need financial aid for educational pursuits.

Budget Crunch--First, the bad news: Last year NEYM had a shortfall of \$58,000. This year we have a "stretch budget" in which we hope to raise \$38,000 more than last year. This means that we need to bring in \$96,000. more than we brought in last year in order to avoid going into reserves. The good news is that we are ahead of where we were last year, and we are beginning to talk about long term financial planning so that we have a sustainable plan for our operations that will not rely upon our limited reserves. Our budget goes to support our staff, and the services they and our committees provide the Yearly Meeting: the coordination and support to Monthly Meetings and committees, programs for our children, teens and young adults, and of course for our annual sessions. As meetings and individuals, we will need to increase our contributions to Yearly Meeting, or reevaluate our staffing for our programs. If your meeting is not clear about why giving to NEYM is a priority, please let us know, and we'd be glad to have a conversation with you about what Yearly Meeting means to monthly meetings.

Upcoming Meetings--Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16, at Smithfield, Rhode Island. You are most welcome to attend! We are looking for new meetings to visit, particularly meetings who would like to learn more about Yearly Meeting. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about what it is like to host a meeting of the Permanent Board.

Please be in touch if you would like to learn more about our work.

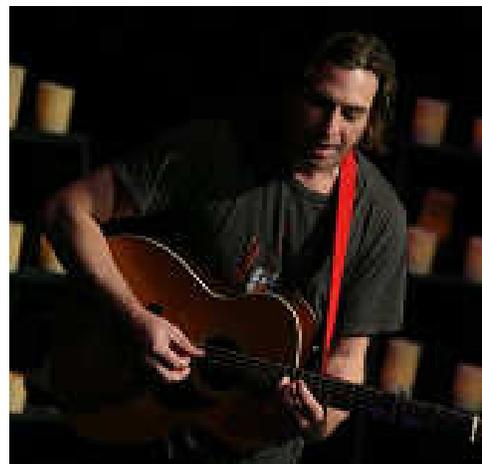
In Friendship,

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CONCERT--NIGHT BEFORE MID-YEAR GATHERING

Friday, March 22 ~ 7:00pm
Durham Friends Meeting presents
A Special Evening With
JOE CROOKSTON
A TRIBUTE TO BEE DOUGLAS!
An Intergenerational, Community Concert

Come early to share a simple meal at 5:30pm
Concert begins at 7:00pm
Tickets are \$ 12
VENUE: DURHAM FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
532 Quaker Meeting House Rd. Durham, ME 04222
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ADVICES

Social Responsibility—Friends are called, as followers of Christ, to help establish the Kingdom of God on earth. Let us strengthen a sense of kinship with everyone. Let that sense of kinship inspire us in our efforts to build a social order free of violence and oppression, in which no person's development is thwarted by poverty and the lack of health care, education, or freedom. Friends are advised to minister to those in need but also to seek to know the facts and the causes of social and economic ills and to work for the removal of those ills. Let us cherish every human being and encourage efforts to overcome all forms of prejudice.

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