

Midcoast Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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June

Sunday	June 5	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch—followed by grounds work
		12:30 p.m.	*Outing--Midcoast Friends Youth & Damariscotta UU, DRA parking lot
Saturday	June 11	12 noon	*Potluck Lunch, George & Mallory Waldman's, Vinalhaven
Sunday	June 12	Rise of Meeting	*Special meeting on building an addition to the meetinghouse
		10:30 a.m.	*Weed Memorial Lecture--worship, lunch, lecture, Beacon Hill Friends House, Boston
Sunday	June 19	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business

July

Sunday	July 3	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch—followed by grounds work
Sunday	July 10	12 noon	*Potluck Lunch, Suzy & Bill Hallett's, Nobleboro
Sunday	July 17	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 held 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 (Pending)--Monthly Meeting for Business--May 15, 2011

Co-clerk David Cadbury opened the session with moments of silence. Seventeen Friends were present. Minutes of the previous month's meeting were approved with one addition: "...submitted descriptions are a part of the draft handbook."

OLD BUSINESS

The Statistical Report for 2010 was approved.

New Handbook Committee – Pat Spock distributed 4 copies of a draft. George Waldman, Nancy Booth and Carmen Lavertu volunteered to review it. An insert listing current officers and committee members will be included in the final handbook.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Bill Spock reported that Deb Haviland and Martin Imm have agreed to serve as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively. Friends approved \$40,000 being transferred from the checking account to the NEYM (New England Yearly Meeting) Pooled Fund. Martin Imm reported he has analyzed past giving patterns and the prospect for meeting this year's budget looks good. He also noted that contributions may need to increase 5% next year. The 2011-2012 Budget was approved with the addition of an additional line-item, Handbook/Directory, \$300.

Peace Center – Brewster Grace reported that a fourth event of the Peace Center's series is expected in June or July. The community will be invited to attend. Friends discussed possible responses to the Japanese earthquake, specifically, the rebuilding effort for the Mito Meeting House. The cost of rebuilding is estimated at \$1 million. Brewster Grace will write up information on how to contribute to the rebuilding effort for the Newsletter, Vassalboro Quarter, and Maine Council of Churches. Checks can be made out to Midcoast Monthly Meeting, designating "Mito Meeting House reconstruction."

Meetinghouse & Grounds – George Waldman reported the committee is discussing the timing and extent of parking-lot repair and resurfacing.

Ad Hoc Committee for Coastal Kids Preschool – George Waldman reported. Guy Marsden will negotiate a new rental contract with Coastal Kids, extending their occupancy through June 2012, with the understanding they could leave sooner.

A special meeting to discuss the possibility of building an addition to the meetinghouse was scheduled for June 12, following meeting for worship.

First Day School – Karen Cadbury reported the committee is still looking to hire a childcare teacher for summer Sundays.

NEW BUSINESS

Dishwasher - Mallory Waldman reported the Hospitality Committee supports the idea of purchasing a new dishwasher. The Hospitality Committee is researching the topic and will report their findings and recommendations.

Safe Deposit Box – Deb Haviland and Suzy Hallett will have access to the Meeting safe deposit box.

The meeting will continue to subscribe to the Friends Journal. The Library Committee's budget, will be increased accordingly.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting – Carmen Lavertu reported the meeting laid down all of its committees, for lack of volunteers. Plans for Fall Gathering are moving forward.

A scholarship fund has been established for the Ramallah School in honor of the School's founder Sybil Jones.

No further business coming before the Meeting, it was adjourned, planning to meet next on Sunday, June 19, at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk Pro Tem, and David Cadbury, Co-clerk

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QUERIES

The Meeting Community--Do you love one another as becomes the followers of Christ? Do you share each other's joys and burdens? When conflicts arise, do you seek in mutual forgiveness and tenderness to resolve them speedily? Are you careful of the reputation of others? Do you seek beyond all differences of opinion and circumstance for unity in the divine life?

SPECIAL MEETING: The Meetinghouse

On Sunday, June 12, after worship, there will be an informal meeting to begin a discussion regarding expanding the meetinghouse. The original architectural plans include a new classroom and an enlarged kitchen. We encourage as many people as possible to attend this meeting.

In the Spirit of Convivial Gaiety--Summer Potluck Lunches

Ministry & Counsel has planned three potluck picnic lunches this summer. The first will be hosted by the Waldmans on Vinalhaven Island on Saturday, June 11 (rain date June 18). RSVP to mallorw@aol.com or call 233-1482 for ferry schedules and further transportation details.

The second potluck lunch will be hosted by the Halletts at their cabin on Duck Puddle Pond in Nobleboro on Sunday, July 10. (No rain date. The picnic will be held in their home if there is rain.) Please RSVP coasters@tidewater.net or call 563-6084.

The third potluck picnic lunch will be hosted by the Graces in Rockland on Sunday, August 14 (no rain date). Please RSVP to bgrace@midcoast.com or call 594-8082.

Alternative Worship Venues

Belfast-Area Friends Meeting moved to its summer home for weekly Meeting for Worship as of Sunday, May 15. All are invited to join them at 10 a.m. each Sunday through September at this lovely 1822 Friends Meeting House, now Harvest Home Grange. From Belfast, take Rte. 7 into the heart of Brooks. Then, continue on Rte. 7 just about a 1/2 mile past Rte. 139. The Meeting House/Grange is on your left, just past the early Friends Cemetery. Any questions about directions, call 930-3518.

The Megunticook Worship Group returns to its traditional summer venue--the Children's Chapel in Rockport--beginning Sunday, June 5. Quakers have been worshipping there on summer Sundays for over twenty years, and unprogrammed meeting is every Sunday June through September from 9 to 10 a.m. Overlooking Penobscot Bay, the Children's Chapel is a very special place for worship, but it is quite rustic: it is not handicapped-accessible, it has no restroom facilities, and because it is an open-air facility, worshipers should dress for the weather. For directions, see the calendar at Midcoast Friends' website: www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org.

Beacon Hill Friends House--2011 Weed Memorial Lecture FREEDOM FRIENDS CHURCH AND THE RE-MIXING OF QUAKERISM



Peggy Senger Parsons will add to an ongoing convergent Quaker conversation, speaking from her experience as the pastor of Freedom Friends Church. Topics may include: post-modern and open source theology, participatory culture, consumer-producers, a 21st century relationship with orthodoxy, embodied communities, a new way to look at our history and what has been labeled as schisms.

Peggy Senger Parsons is a motorcycling Quaker preacher, teacher, counselor and freelance provocateur of grace. Pastor of Freedom Friends Church in Salem, Oregon, she has a deep passion for interpreting Quakerism to non-Quakers in the 21st century. She has done three tours of duty as a peacemaker in Central Africa. She has written or co-written four books on traveling ministry and post-modern theology.

The Weed Memorial lecture is held in memory of Ernest and Esther Weed, longtime Directors of The Beacon Hill Friends House and advocates of Quaker educational programs.

Sunday, June 12--Worship at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 p.m., Lecture at 1 p.m.
The Beacon Hill Friends House is a Quaker center and Quaker community in downtown Boston.
www.bhfh.org
6 Chestnut St, Boston, MA 02108



AN OUTING FOR ALL WITH MIDCOAST FRIENDS YOUTH

On Sunday, June 5, Midcoast Meeting youth will join members of the Midcoast Unitarian Universalists Fellowship of Damariscotta for a hike at the DRA. We shall gather at 12:30 in the DRA parking lot. All are welcome!

SEEKING FRIENDLY SINGERS!

At NEYM Sessions

The Fire & the Hammer The Spiritual Quest of George Fox
text by George Fox — music by Tony Biggin — lyrics by Alec Davison

An extraordinary choral piece created and performed by members of the Leaveners, the British Quaker arts fellowship, the concert version of *The Fire & the Hammer* consists of dramatic readings of key portions of George Fox's *Journal* interspersed with songs based on these same passages. It chronicles George Fox's own personal spiritual journey from seeker to a central figure in the nascent Religious Society of Friends.

NEYM is seeking Friends who would like to take part in a chorus--and especially an excellent tenor to sing the part of George Fox--to perform this piece for our annual sessions this August. The plan is to distribute the score to the chorus in plenty of time to learn the parts. Choral participants need to be able to read parts choral music but do not need to be expert singers. There will be two full days of mandatory rehearsals, either the weekend before annual sessions (July 29-31) or just prior to New England YM sessions (perhaps beginning Thursday evening, August 5). The exact dates of rehearsals will be determined after polling participants. The full performance will take place at Bryant U. on Tuesday evening, August 9, with a earlier possible additional brief excerpted performance at the Great Meetinghouse in Newport, Rhode Island, on Friday, August 6.

John Sheldon, a choral leader and active member of the Leaveners, is offering to come to the U.S. to teach and lead the group in this performance without compensation. John led a wonderful weekend choral workshop for New England Friends in November 2006 using the British Friends songbook, *Sing in the Spirit*, which he edited. He has also led choral workshops using these songs at FGC summer gatherings. NEYM Sessions Planning Committee has invited us to perform this piece in part because it is a wonderful work, musically and spiritually. On the occasion of our 350th anniversary, this performance will also provide us with the opportunity as a YM community to share a vivid glimpse into the experience of first generation Friends, the same generation that founded New England Yearly Meeting in 1661. If you are interested in taking part or know of someone in your meeting who might like to take part, please email Peter Blood-Patterson of Mt. Toby Meeting at peter@quakersong.org or call 413-256-8596.

Are you longing for more quiet opportunities to worship and share with other Friends? Would you enjoy taking part in a radically unprogrammed retreat with Friends from a variety of theological backgrounds for a few days? Have you ever heard of Quaker Spring?

Quaker Spring

Experiencing the Inward Christ Together

through

BIBLE STUDY, WORSHIP, QUIET TIME, EVENING EXPLORATIONS & FELLOWSHIP

June 17-22, 2011, The Meeting School in Rindge NH

Welcoming to Friends of all branches

Children's program and child care available by advance request. Participants pay what they can afford with suggested donations of \$25-50/day for adults.

For details, go to:

www.quakerspring.org

New England YM - Ann Armstrong, Peter Blood-Patterson, Jim Lyons & Susan Zeichner / New York YM - Janet Hough

Baltimore YM - Becca Haines Rosenberg & Deborah Haines / Ohio YM - Susan Bailey & Susan Smith Great Plains YM - Micah Bales / Canada YM - Gordon Thompson / Philadelphia YM - Andrew Esser-Haines

- in cooperation with Friends Center, Barnesville, Ohio -



FUM Triennial Registration is Open!

Romans 12:2, "Do not conform any longer to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—God's good, pleasing and perfect will."

Come to the FUM Triennials at Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio, July 27-31, and be a witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in Transforming Lives!

For details, visit http://www.fum.org/about/Triennial_index.htm.

Mark Your Calendar for Next Summer:



FGC Gathering Comes to New England in 2012

The Friends General Conference Gathering will be here in New England in 2012. From July 1 to 7, more than a thousand Quakers will come together on the campus of the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2 [KJV]

ADVICES

The Meeting Community--Let us live in love as members of a Christian community. Let us be ready to give and receive help, to rejoice together in the blessings of life and to sympathize with each other in its trials.

Let us maintain unity: let us avoid tale-bearing and detraction, acknowledge differences and seek to settle conflicts promptly in a manner free from resentment and all forms of inward violence; let us visit one another, making sure that those who are alone are drawn into the wider family of Friends. Thus, we may know one another as fellow workers in the things that endure.

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