

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Tuesday, Eighth Month Fourteen, 2012

Tuesday's Schedule

6:00-7:00	Outdoor Worship
7:00-8:30	Breakfast
8:00-9:30	Bible Study (Fireside Room) OR
8:00-9:30	AM Worship Sharing (see pg 4)
9:45-10:45	Plenary II: for business
11:00-12:00	Worship
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Intergenerational Activity (Walker Creek staff)
1:30-3:00	Transformative Quakers (Tent) OR
1:30-3:00	PM Worship Sharing (see pg 4)
3:15-4:45	Plenary III: Keynote Address by John Calvi
5:00-5:30	Free Time OR
5:00-5:30	Open Committee (see pg 4)
5:30- 6:30	Dinner
6:45- 8:15	Interest Groups (1 st session, see pg 4)
8:30-10:00	12-Step, Affinity Groups, Open Time

Friends Ask Questions (FAQ) "What is Transformative Quakers?"

The Transformative Quakers discussion describes a Friend who has had an impact both inside the Society of Friends and had an impact on their community. Each day their work is outlined with time for input and questions from those in attendance. Transformative Quakers begins today and continues every day at 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Plenary tent.

Tuesday: Robert Barclay (by Stratton Jaquette)

Wednesday: Brief history of the separations within American Quakerism with some emphasis on Joseph John Gurney and John Wilbur (by Brian Vura-Weis)

Thursday: Alice Paul, Suffragette (by Brian Vura-Weis)

Friday: African American Friends as covered by the book *Black Fire: African American Quakers* (by Brian Vura-Weis)

Lost and Found

Seeking one roaming blue manila folder. Last seen on the registration table in Maple, which had the plastic holders for name tags. I set it down to get a plastic holder, walked off to pick up something else, and, when I returned, it had wandered off. It has my name on the page of travel directions inside. Perhaps whoever inadvertently picked it up could connect with me at a meal today. Joan Rawles-Davis

Children's Program

Parents of children (ages 0-5, grades 1-7) who need child care earlier than 8:30 am should sign their children into the Muir room, or sign them in with their teacher in the Dining Hall. After 8:30, Elementary (grades 1-4) gather in the Life Lab, Middle school (grade 5-7) gather in Museum. Pick-up at Dining Hall Terrace at 11:50 -12 noon and 4:50-5:00 pm.

Children's Program is welcoming volunteers for all three age groups. If you are interested in

sharing a skill or just hanging out and getting to know the upcoming generations, please see Rhea Farley or talk to one of the teachers of the age group of your choice.

Book Signing Event for *Family Values*

The novel *Family Values* is written and published by a member of this yearly meeting under his penname Eric Newcastle. It features Quaker characters in a moving tale about two gay teenage boys, one of whom is brutally assaulted and left for dead. What led up to this event and how his family deals with the situation is told over generations. In tone, *Family Values* is much like Jessamyn West's *The Friendly Persuasion*, set in the 21st century. The novel demonstrates how the power of love and acceptance found in family can be transformative, as one family struggles to find grace in the face of adversity. Who is Eric Newcastle? Come find out at the Earthlight Bookstore between 5:00 and 6:00 PM today. Eric will only be here Monday and Tuesday.

Will you be clerking among Friends in the near future? If so, come learn more about your role as clerk in a workshop with Barbara Babin and Shayne Lightner at Quaker Center from August 31st to September 2nd.

The new Earthlight Bookstore is open 1:00 to 3:00 PM every day through Friday and 5:00 to 10:00 PM every evening through Thursday. We can handle consignment sales. Warning: we also accept MasterCard and Visa.

A portion of the store is available to come to your event, conference, or meeting. Check with Tom and Sandy Farley or Eric Sabelman. The store is in the Rachel Carson Room in the Museum Building. Volunteer cashiers are needed.

Unity With Nature is offering an intergenerational walk/hike today from 1:00 to 1:30 PM. JYMers who are planning on swimming should bring their swim gear. Everyone bring water and wear walking shoes. Bring a hat if you like. We will meet in front of

the Dining Hall at 12:45 PM, so try to eat early. Unity With Nature would like to suggest that we gather in a circle first. Why? Rather than trudging along with brains speeding forward, hither, and yon, we thought to center our group before starting off; not only acknowledging an intergenerational "other-ness", but also by naming an ancestor we wish to bring along with us on this trip. Let's see the world through our eyes, our ancestors' eyes, and our young ones' eyes. If you desire, you may also say where you are from...you are inescapably bringing your homeland with you. Renie Wong Lindley
Co-clerk, Unity With Nature

A Brief Survey of Meetings

Ramona Hussey would like to capture information about meetings within our yearly meeting. Do you have a few minutes to answer brief questions about the size and composition of your meeting? I'll try to catch people outside the Dining Hall. See me with my purple folder. Thank you. Ramona Hussey, Honolulu Friends Meeting

The hugely successful series, **Transformative Quakers**, will feature in its final session this week (at 3:15 PM on Friday) sharing around a new book, *Black Fire: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights*. Like all Transformative Quakers sessions, this will be a thoroughly participatory event, inviting contributions from all who are present. Our PYM bookstore has three copies of *Black Fire* for sale, and Brian Vura-Weis has two more. We invite you to purchase a copy, do a bit of reading in this exciting collection this week, and come prepared to share from your experience. From the Subcommittee on Racial Justice

What is "Friendly Persuasion" Today?

Many Friends of a certain age will recall the charming and Quaker-friendly 1956 Hollywood film *Friendly Persuasion*, starring Gary Cooper as the head of a Quaker family in Civil War-era Indiana, and Anthony Perkins, as a son old enough to enlist in the Union Army. As Confederate raiders bent on deadly violence

approach their own farm, father and son must decide how to respond. Of course, the word “persuasion” in the film’s title actually refers to an older meaning, i.e. “being of the Friend’s persuasion or belief.” But it also raises the possibility that the situation will persuade these two Friends to become fighting Quakers in self-defense.

Today, our situation locally and globally is equally dire. To address it, we Friends need to face something just as difficult, but very different from that hard Civil War choice. Our challenge is learning how to better persuade others that peaceful, just, and eco-friendly solutions work. To do this, we first need to answer three questions: how can we find common ground from which to communicate more accessibly, how might the process and the content be congruent with our own values, and how do we start? To find out more, please come to the “Friendly Persuasion Today” Interest Group, Wednesday, August 15th, from 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. It will be facilitated by Susan Strong of Strawberry Creek Meeting. Her new book *Move Our Message: How To Get America's Ear* will be in the PYM bookstore.

Renie Wong Lindley renie.lindley@yahoo.com needs a place to stay over Saturday night and to get a ride to Sonoma City Express bus stop early Sunday morning. (Oakland Airport for flight to Honolulu.)

LGBTQ Friends will gather to get to know one another today, 8:30 – 10:00 PM, in the Fireside Room. Friends of all ages are welcome.

PYM’s Hearing Assistance System

Would you like your own personal volume control in Plenary? Now you can—try out one of the headsets available near the clerk’s table. You’ll get crystal-clear sound, which you can adjust. It also works with “T-Coil” hearing aids. Please sit in the center section, rows 2-4, to get the best reception. Contact Jim Avera.

12-Step Meeting every evening, 8:30 pm Salmon.

Peace and Social Order Committee will meet 7:30 am today at breakfast in the Dining Hall.

Lifeguard at pond: there will be a lifeguard from 2-4 pm on today, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Children’s program and JYM will be there, and adult Friends are also welcome.

Singing. Each night, 9 pm, Muir. Bring song books and instruments.

350th Anniversary of Quakers in North America Chart, \$6, in craft area, Maple. 40 x 60 inch wall chart with surprising statistics and background for current “realignment taking place.”

Registration Hours

12-12:30 and 5-5:30 pm, Maple.

Friends Peace Teams Interest Group will meet today, 6:45 pm, Salmon. Come and hear how AVP and Friends have begun building community after war in many villages in the African Great Lakes region, parts of Indonesia, Central America, and Columbia. Trauma healing has been developed and has been brought to AVP in California.

Visit Friends House in Santa Rosa after PYM

While you are in the North Bay, why not pay a visit to Friends House in Santa Rosa? This Quaker-designed retirement community is having an open house next weekend (8/18-19) for all Pacific Yearly Meeting attendees. Join a supper under the big oak tree, stay overnight if you wish, and enjoy a breakfast in one of our apartments. Sunday morning singing will be followed by worship at 10 a.m. See Steve Birdleough to RSVP, or if you have questions.

Meeting Representatives to PYM are invited to meet with the Rep Support Subcommittee and your fellow Meeting Reps today during Open Committee time from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the Plenary Tent alcove (just inside the main door to the Plenary Tent). We look forward to seeing you. Rep Support Subcommittee

Ministry and Oversight Meeting on Background Checks and Insurance, Owl Lodge 8:30 p.m. tonight.

Today's Open Committee Schedule
5:00 – 5:30 PM

Finance – Fireside
Nominating – Salmon
Ministry & Oversight – Owl
Rep Support – Tent alcove

Epistle Committee members are: Steve Smith (Convenor), Cody Lowry, Patricia Portillo. Please contact them for your input.

Today's Interest Groups

Friends Peace Teams in Salmon. Sponsored by Peace & Social Order, Led by Gay Howard.

Food for Thought, Food for Body, Food for Spirit and Food for Earth in Sequoia Garden Sponsored by Unity with Nature, Led by Maia Wolff.

The joy of Racial Healing: Stretching ourselves without harming each other in Tent Alcove. Sponsored by M&O Racial Justice Subcommittee, Led by Laura Magnani, Alvaro Alvarado and Deborah Marks.

Iran: Promoting Diplomacy, Not War in Sequoia Lounge. Sponsored by FCNL, Led by Stephen McNeil.

Healing Trauma in Fireside. Sponsored by M&O, Led by John Calvi.

Undocumented Students in Maple. Sponsored by P&SO and Latin American Concerns, Led by Alvaro Alvarado and Patricia Portillo.

Need a Ride Home/Offer a Ride?

If you spared-the-air by ride-sharing to PYM, or if you have an extra seat in your car going home, please post a notice on the ride board at the entrance to the Dining Hall ASAP! If you need a ride, give your destination and preferred time of departure (plus any airline or other connection requirements) and if you are offering a ride, give your destination and preferred route. Check the board often to make a good match.

Ride Needed This Evening

Clare Griese is returning from the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, and needs a ride from the Airporter in Novato to Walker Creek between 7-8 p.m. tonight (Tuesday). If you would like to drive her, please contact Alyssa Nelson or Steve Birdlebough

Worship Sharing Locations

(Check your Badge for your assigned group)

- AM1 – Sequoia Garden (1 of 2)
- AM2 – Maple
- AM3 – Sequoia Lounge
- AM4 – Pine Living Room
- AM5 – Sequoia Middle
- AM6 – Willow Living Room
- AM7 – Cypress Living Room
- AM8 – Sequoia Garden (2 of 2)
- AM9 – Buckeye
- AM10 – Eucalyptus Living Room
- AM11 – Teachers Living Room
- AM12 – Eagle Dorm
- AM Drop-in 1 Tent
- AM Drop-in 2 Tent
- AM Drop-in Tent Alcove
- PM13 – Maple
- PM14 – Sequoia Garden
- PM15 – Sequoia Lounge
- PM16 – Fireside Room
- PM17 – Salmon
- PM18 – Pine Living Room
- PM19 - Eucalyptus Living Room
- PM20 - Cypress Living Room
- PM Drop-in 1 – Teachers Living Room
- PM Drop-in 2 Buckeye Lodge Living Room

Hugging

*Hugging is healthy
It helps the body's immune system
It keeps you healthier
It cures depression
It reduces stress
It induces sleep
It's invigorating
It's rejuvenating
It has no unpleasant side effects
And hugging is no less than a miracle drug*

*Hugging is all natural
It is organic
Naturally sweet
No pesticides
No preservatives
No artificial ingredients
And one hundred percent wholesome*

*Hugging is practically perfect
There are no moveable parts
No batteries to wear out
No periodic check-ups
Low energy consumption
High-energy yield
Inflation proof
Non-fattening
No monthly payments
No insurance requirements
Theft proof
Non-taxable
Non-polluting
And of course fully returnable*

Anonymous

Adult Young Friends AYF Schedule PYM 2012

time:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00-8:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:00-9:00		Bible Study or a.m. Worship Sharing	Bible Study or a.m. Worship Sharing	Bible Study or a.m. Worship Sharing	Bible Study or a.m. Worship Sharing	Plenary IX: for Business**
9:00-10:00						
10:00-11:00		9:45 Plenary II: For Business**	9:30 AYF Respectful Relations Talk	9:45 Plenary VI: For Business	9:45 Plenary VIII: For Business**	
11:00-12:00		Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
12:00-1:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:00-2:00	Registration/ Committee Mtgs	Intergen. Activity	Intergen. Activity	Intergen. Activity	Intergenerational Activity lead by JYM	
2:00-3:00		1:30-3:00p.m. Worship Sharing or Transformative Q.s	1:30-3:00p.m. Worship Sharing or Transformative Q.s	1:30-3:00p.m. Worship Sharing or Transformative Q.s		
3:00-4:00	3:15Newcomer Orientation	3:15 Plenary III: Keynote Address by John Calvi	3:15 Plenary V: Let Our Light Shine (world gathering prez)	3:15 Plenary VII: Meeting for Memorials	3:15 p.m. Worship Sharing or Transformative Q.s	
4:00-5:00	3:45JYM Parents Mtg 4:15Children Parents Mtg					
5:00-6:00		Dinner 5:30-6:30	Dinner 5:30-6:30	Dinner 5:30-6:30	Dinner 5:30-6:30	
6:00-7:00						
7:00-8:00	6:45-8:15 Plenary I: Roll Call and Intros	Massage and Respectful Touch with JYM or the undoc. Students interest group	Intergenerational Chat Boxes lead by JYM or Mtg. for Healing	Women's/Men's Groups and Respectful Relations with JYM	Family Night	
8:00-9:00						
9:00-10:00	AYF Meeting for Worship for Business	AYF Sunset Worship and Evening Hike	AYM Meeting for Worship for Business with speed dating		Dance	
10-11						