

# *The Daily Miracle*

## **Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

### **Wednesday, Eighth Month Fifteen, 2012**

#### **Wednesday'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 3)
9:45-10:45	Plenary IV: for business
11:00-12:00	Worship
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Intergenerational Activity (Children's Program)
1:30-3:00	Transformative Quakers (Tent)
	OR
1:30-3:00	PM Worship Sharing (see pg 3)
3:15-4:45	Plenary V: Let Our Light Shine
5:00-5:30	Free Time
	OR
5:00-5:30	Open Committee (see pg 2)
5:30- 6:30	Dinner
6:45- 8:15	Interest Groups (2 <sup>nd</sup> session, see pg 3)
8:30-10:00	12-Step, Affinity Groups, Open Time

Transformative Quakers continues every day at 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Plenary tent.

**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, Suffragist (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**

Lost: missing red flashlight. Has black buttons, black grip and uses no batteries. Winds up to charge. If found, see Anthony Chang.

#### **Ride Board**

Please remember to consult the ride board and offer your empty seats to friends in need of transportation.

**The 12 step meeting** at 8:30 PM has been moved to the "Life Lab". (See dorm detail map)

**The Racial Justice Subcommittee** is sponsoring 2 affinity groups, one for people who identify as People of Color and one for Allies of People of Color. The People of Color group will meet at Sequoia Gardens, at 8:30 PM; the Allies group met Tuesday night at Sequoia Lounge, but may move to another location during this week. You can come once or each night this week, as way opens.

**To submit content** for the Daily Miracle, you can email [secretariat@pacificyearlymeeting.org](mailto:secretariat@pacificyearlymeeting.org) **BEFORE 8 PM** daily.

**To contact the Representative Support Subcommittee**, their email is [repcomsupport@pacificyearlymeeting.org](mailto:repcomsupport@pacificyearlymeeting.org)

This is a slight misnomer, as we support Representatives all year long, not just at RepCom. We might adjust this email in the future to better describe us, but for now this one works.

### **Affinity Group**

Theological Diversity in our Monthly Meetings  
A get together for folks who are interested in exploring where our own theological outlooks come from, and how well the various theologies in our Meetings mix. 8:30 PM today, Museum

**Consider a post-election trip** to FCNL's Quaker Public Policy Institute & Lobby Day, November 15-16. Information sheet in Maple at the FCNL table. Learn more and register online at [fcnl.org/QPPI](http://fcnl.org/QPPI).

**Near the Friends in Unity table in Maple,** pick up FCNL's "How Friends can take action on climate change during this election season" and "Rekindling the Moral Call on the Climate Crisis during this Election Season: Background Document and Talking Points."

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

**Advices & Queries** If you want a copy of just the Advices and Queries, come to the Discipline Committee open meeting today 5-5:30 Cypress Living Room. We will have copies of the booklet for \$1 in preparation for our interest group tomorrow. Or see Carolyn Stephenson or Eric Moon for copies.

**Worship Group Forming at San Quentin Prison.** Friends are needed to help start a worship group at San Quentin Prison. Minimum commitment would be one afternoon or evening each month, including travel time. Which days and time slots will be determined by prison needs and Friends' availability. For more information, please contact Catya de Neergaard of Berkeley Meeting, (510) 525-5779, [cadeneergaard@gmail.com](mailto:cadeneergaard@gmail.com)

### **Calaveras Big Trees Cluster Gathering**

Delta Friends Meeting will host a cluster gathering for Meetings in our area – Davis, Sacramento, Grass Valley, Fresno, and Reno – on Sunday, October 7. A day of worship, good food, intergenerational activities in a beautiful forest setting. Share notice of this opportunity for Friends' community with others in your Meeting, and be looking for additional details from Judy Bunting, Delta Meeting clerk.

**Friends are reminded to bus their dishes promptly** once through eating. You can then return to your table to continue your absorbing conversation, while the Walker Creek kitchen staff can get on with the dishwashing.

**Morning Worship Sharing Group #6** has moved from Willow Lounge to the far north end of Maple (Registration Room) beyond the exhibits.

**Visiting Hawaii?** Honolulu Friends Meeting has lodging for visitors at our meetinghouse. Fees are modest (\$20-\$30/night) and include breakfast with Friends. We have dorm rooms (\$20), a guest room with shared bath (\$25), or our "Book Nook," a separate room with own bath and entrance (\$30). There is a 2-week maximum stay, and we hope you'll join us for worship on Sundays at the meetinghouse. The setting is a lovely old home in beautiful Manoa Valley, close to the university and accessible by bus. For reservations call (808) 988-2714 or email [quakers@hawaiiquaker.org](mailto:quakers@hawaiiquaker.org).

**Registration Hours** for today will be 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. If you need assistance outside of those times, see Sarah Tyrrell or Joyce Samati.

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

Youth Program Supervisory – Fireside Site – Quail  
Discipline – Cypress Living Room  
Unity With Nature – Pine Living Room  
Latin American Concerns – Eucalyptus Living Room

## Today's Interest Groups

**The Ballot Initiative to Abolish the Death Penalty in California** (Prop 34) in Sequoia Garden. Sponsored by Berkeley Friends Meeting, Led by Miriam Berg and others from FCLCA, ACLU, and Death Penalty Focus.

**Fossil Fuel Addiction: What Is Our Ideal and Sustainable Future?** in Salmon Sponsored by Unity with Nature, Led by Muriel Strand.

**Friendly Persuasion Today** in Sequoia Lounge. Sponsored by Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting, Led by Susan Strong.

**A New Face and New Direction for AFSC** in Tent Alcove. Sponsored by AFSC, Led by Shan Cretin and Sonia Tuma.

**Meeting for Healing** in Fireside. Sponsored by M&O, Led by John Calvi.

**Chat Boxes, The Testimonies** in Buckeye. Sponsored by Junior Yearly Meeting, Led by Brendan Fagan, Rose Mackenzie, Thomas Rios, Emma Castanedo, Augie Brinker, Clare Griese, Tess Solenberger.

## Worship Sharing

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were still three worship sharing leader packets on the table at the back of the tent. If you are attending the a.m. drop-in groups D2 or D3 (meeting in the tent) or the p.m. a regular group 17 or drop-in group D2, please pick up a packet and select a leader.

**Calling all Crafty Quakers** Whether you are a novice knitter or a dyed-in-the-wool spinner, whether your handwork-of-choice is beading or batik, come to the patio in front of the Dining Hall during the "free" time before dinner today (5 to 5:30 PM). Bring your current project, meet others who like to do stuff with their hands, and hang out. You might make some new friends and you'll be right where you want to be when the dinner line opens.

## 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 – Maple far north end  
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

## Friends of the Golden Rule

In 1958 Quaker Albert Bigelow and crew sailed the ketch *Golden Rule* towards the nuclear test zone in the Pacific. The men were tried and imprisoned in Honolulu (as the boat's mission was accomplished by the Reynolds family boat *Phoenix*), but the publicity around the protests speed the nuclear test ban treaty. In 2010, the *Golden Rule* was raised from the waters of Humboldt Bay, and now of Veterans for Peace project is restoring the boat with the intent of selling it again in the cause of peace. Gail Eastwood, of Humboldt meeting, has been closely involved with the Golden Rule project, and is interested in meeting Friends who might like to be connected with the project and the boat's initial voyaging down and up the West Coast. If you'd like to know more about the project, the boat, and its story – or if you have information to share about the boat and/or the

men who sailed it – you can find Gail during the affinity group time this evening; or contact her at Eastwood@asis.com or at 707-923-9109. Visit [vfpgoldenruleproject.org](http://vfpgoldenruleproject.org) for pictures, history, and restoration progress to date.

**Wanted: A Few Good Folk**

There are several opportunities to serve your yearly meeting. Nominating Committee still has vacancies for an Arrangements clerk and members of the following committees: Finance, Junior Yearly Meeting, Latin American Concerns, Peace and Social Order, Religious Education for Children, and Unity with Nature Committee. If you are interested in learning about any of these positions, please speak with any member of the Nominating Committee: David Barrows, Carl Anderson, Stephen Matchett, Henriette Groot, Tom Farley, or Maggie Hutchinson.

**Affinity Group: Quaker Techies Doing Good Work** Sarah Tyrrell would like to organize a get-together of Quaker Techies to talk about how our technical interests and skills interface with our Quaker values, particularly around career and job choices. What options are there, that are not connected with defense contracting, big banks, etc.? I am planning this for Thursday night, location to be announced.

THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's  
lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the  
great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still  
water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am  
free.

- Wendell Berry