

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Thursday, Eighth Month Sixteenth, 2012

Thursday's Schedule

6:00-7:00	Outdoor Worship (Camp Fire)
7:00-8:30	Breakfast
8:00-9:30	Bible Study (Fireside Room) OR
8:00-9:30	AM Worship Sharing
9:45-10:45	Plenary VI: for business
11:00-12:00	Worship
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Intergenerational Activity (Young Friends/John Calvi)
1:30-3:00	Transformative Quakers (Tent) OR
1:30-3:00	PM Worship Sharing
3:15-5:00	Plenary VII: Meeting For Memorials
5:00-5:30	Free Time
5:30- 6:30	Dinner
6:45- 8:15	Interest Groups (3rd session)
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.

Today: 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)

Ride Board

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

To submit content for the Daily Miracle, you can email secretariat@pacificyearlymeeting.org **BEFORE 8 PM** daily.

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

Affinity Group

People living with chemical injuries and/or sensitivity or related health issues, who would like to make contact, please talk with Constance McKnight — or meet tonight at 8:30 pm in front of Maple.

Today's Interest Groups

The Guatemalan Scholarship Program

(Progres) in Sequoia Garden. Sponsored by Latin American Concerns, Led by Miguel Angel Costop

New Face and New Directions Coming for Western Friend

in Bobcat
Sponsored by Western Friend, Led by Sandy Farley and Kathy Hyzy.

Unity with Nature and Quaker Mysticism

in Tent Alcove. Sponsored by Unity with Nature, Led by Eric Sabelman.

QUIT (Quaker Initiative to End Torture)

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

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

A Quaker Witness for Justice in Maple.
Sponsored by FCLCA, Led by Laurel Gord, Jim Lindburg and Kris Lev-Twombly.

The Queries and the Advices in Muir.
Sponsored by Discipline Committee. Led by Carolyn Stephenson, Eric Moon and Stratton Jaquette.

Affinity Group: Quaker Techies Doing Good Work Sarah Tyrrell has organized 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.? Today, 8:30 p.m. in Museum.

The Bookstore now has copies available of 2012 CPQM Directory, 2012 SCQM Directory and PYM's Faith and Practice (published 2001), all for \$5 each.

For all incoming PYM officers, Committee Clerks, and Nominating Committee members who wish to pick up their SCQM 2012 Directory that PYM provides for them, please contact Don Bean. All others can purchase in the bookstore. Pre-orders that go to each MM or WG in SCQM can also see Don Bean to pick up their order.

Book News Fresh from the printer, first edition, *Nature's Patchwork Quilt: understanding habitats*, by Mary Miché from Dawn Publications \$8.95. Mary will be happy to sign copies you purchase. We think it a beautiful book. Authors are invited to a Signing Party from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm this evening at the Bookstore in the Rachel Carson Room.

Book News Part 2 There are numerous authors among us. It's staggering! Here's what we have in inventory by PYM or PYM connected Friends
Cooking With Sandy, Sandy Farley
Earthcare for Children, Sandy Farley, Tom Farley, and Diana Egly

EarthLight; Spiritual Wisdom for an Ecological Age, Edited by Cindy Spring and Anthony Manousos
Enlivened by the Mystery; Quakers and God, Edited by Kathy Huzy
Family Values, Eric Newcastle
First Light, Flight from Fear, Alicia Adams
Healing Heart; Families [includes a story by Tom Farley]
In Father's Lap, by Tom Farley
Jonestown Survivor, an Insider's Look by Laura Johnson Kohl
Letters from Lillian by Elizabeth Boardman
Move Our Message, How to get America's Ear, by Susan Strong
On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott
Quakers and the Interfaith Movement, by Anthony Manousos
Relics of America, by Anthony Manousos
Staying True; Musings of an Odd Duck Quaker
Lesbian Approaching Death by Lynn Waddington
Where Should I Stand? A field guide for Monthly Meeting Clerks, by Elizabeth Boardman

Audio/video
Animal Crackers CD by Mary Miché
Can We All Be Friends; a boundary crossing conversation with Quakers from the same city but very different worlds, DVD Betsy Blake, & Coleman Watts
Earthy Tunes CD by Mary Miché
Holly Daze CD by Mary Miché
Nature Nuts CD by Mary Miché
Peace it Together CD by Mary Miché
Words Go Questing CD by Tom and Sandy Farley with Eric Sabelman
Words to the Wise CD by Tom and Sandy Farley with Eric Sabelman

Affinity Groups Locations – 8:30 pm
Friends of Color – Eucalyptus Living Room
Allies of Friends of Color – Sequoia Lodge
Occupy Movement – Sequoia Garden
LGBTQ – Bobcat
Singing – Muir (9 PM)
12 Step Group – Life Lab
Quaker Techies Doing Good Work – Museum

Latin American Concerns Let's do lunch today! Your chance to talk with Friends from – or who have recently traveled to – Latin America. We'll be at tables inside the Dining Hall, over on side farthest from plenary tent. – Dottie Vura-Weis

A Quaker Witness for Justice: Prison Truths.

Sponsor: Friends Committee on Legislation of California. This interest group will feature three participants with an inside knowledge of California's prisons. FCLCA Board Member Norman Skonovd was a whistle-blower with the Department of Corrections, exposing abuses in the "behavioral modification units." FCLCA staff member Dale Richter has a son serving prison time. Laura Magnani of the AFSC was a negotiator for prisoners during the 2010 prison hunger strike. Join us for a discussion of what you can do to correct California's correctional system. Time: today, 6:45, Maple Room

Friends from Multiracial Families are invited to the FFMF table at dinner on tonight, on the south side of the Dining Hall for a relaxed time of fellowship and solidarity. Carl Magruder

Nevadans, Hawaiians, and Californians: Send a message (for free) to your Senators urging diplomacy, not war, with Iran. Address and sign two blue postcards at the FCNL table in Maple or at the back of the Plenary Tent. Leave at the table and they will be delivered. A little more work, but equally worthwhile: contact your Representative to sign on the Barbara Lee's bill (H.R. 4173) calling for diplomacy with Iran.

Calling all knitters! AFSC's West Region San Francisco office is still collecting knitted and crocheted items (see <http://www.afghansforAfghans.org> for details of items) which we have been sending - for ten years now- to all parts of Afghanistan and the refugee camps in Pakistan.

AFSC's San Francisco West office still looking for volunteers for its GI Rights Hotline and "Full Picture" truth-in-recruiting efforts:

contact AFSC's Sandra Schwartz at SSchwartz@afsc.org for details.

The YPC Committee is sponsoring an intergenerational worship sharing group today from 1:30 – 3 PM in Owl, on the theme of spiritual growth and mentorship.

GUATEMALA Meet Miguel Costop, Director of the Friends Scholarship Program, and learn how rural, poor Mayans are receiving educational opportunities in order to assist and develop their communities. 2012 is the 4th year of the Community Service projects that have benefited hundreds of people beyond the prospects for our students. Next year will be the program's 40th anniversary. Miguel will be here all week and present an Interest Group tonight at 6:45pm.

There is a unique opportunity to go to Guatemala December 3-11, 2012 with 15 other North Americans paired with 15 scholarship students. You will stay in a lovely convent, teach English in the morning (curriculum provided) and explore Antigua in the afternoon. Most who have participated found it such a rich and rewarding experience that they keep coming back. Craft sale to support scholarships is in Maple. There is a larger selection this year from women's cooperatives featuring hand-woven textiles and natural dyes. The sale of crafts is an important source of income for scholarships. Great gifts are available at good prices to provide opportunities to great students.

Sick of all the bad news? Pick up a free copy of "Positive News" in the dining hall. Consider subscribing to this hopeful publication.

The Food for Thought, Food for Body, Food for Spirit, Food for Earth Interest group discussed a wide range of topics yesterday & we discovered the web of food looks like a spiders web ready to catch a meal. Many friends shared memories of food, memories of grandmothers, fathers, mothers & grandfathers making us food or teaching us how to make food. Instead of trying to answer "how are we going to feed the world?" we were challenged to ask "how can we

create conditions that enable every community to feed itself?" Gardening, local food, the joy of eating what we grow, feeling connected with the food which sustains us. We scratched the surface of this massive topic. We developed relationships, connections, an ecology among friends. Unity with Nature, Maia Wolff

FINANCE OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be an open Finance Committee meeting at lunch today southeast corner of Dining Hall (inside double doors to the right).

Friends International Center in Ramallah: table in Maple. Information, framed prints and booklets from Ramallah Friends Meeting, Ramallah Friends School and International Center. Learn about and support Quaker work in Palestine.

The Future of Book Sales at PYM

With the closure of the AFSC bookstore in Los Angeles, there is no retail Quaker bookstore on the West Coast. But print-on-paper books (as well as other media) continue to be in demand by Friends and like-minded folk. Earthlight stands ready to take on the distribution of books at Quaker gatherings, and also at non-Quaker events where hands-on sale of publications on concerns carried by Friends may be welcome. Earthlight Magazine was established by Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Unity with Nature not long after the 1986 Yearly Meeting session. Becoming an independent non-profit corporation in 2002, EarthLight published a quarterly magazine of spiritual ecology until 2005. This year we are exploring a model for EarthLight's future role in distributing books at Yearly Meeting. We are stocking children's books, which at Quarterly Meetings has been a project of the PYM Religious Education for Children Committee, and books of general interest from FGC and other sources. Without your help, this venture is unlikely to succeed. The EarthLight community needs to grow to carry out this new mission, and you are invited to become part of it. We need volunteers to help in ordering, warehousing, delivery and sale of books, in serving on the EarthLight board,

and in providing financial support for book purchases and operations.
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Interest Group: The Queries and the Advices Discipline Committee will present a short history of how the Queries and the Advices developed, and then open for your discussion some of the questions that have been brought to us. What is the purpose of the Queries? To whom are we accountable as we answer? What form do you see as more effective, singular or plural? I/we or you? (For example: "How does truth prosper among us/among you?") What queries are most meaningful to you? How does your Meeting use the Queries?

From Arrangements Clerks

1. The Quiet Room has been moved from Bobcat to Salmon dorm.
2. The kitchen staff have noted that Friends seem to be putting more food on their plates than they can eat, and a lot is ending up in the composting receptacle. They encourage us to consider taking the least if where not sure, and coming back for seconds.
3. If you have an urgent/emergency need during the night, Brian and Dottie are in the big yellow and white canvas tent at the far end of the Blue Jay campgrounds (along the main road across from Eagle dorm).
4. Brian is coordinating projectors for interest groups.
5. Dottie is handling room assignments for affinity groups.
6. Friends are encouraged to visit the displays in Maple for information on Quaker organizations and concerns, as well as craft sales which support PYM related projects
7. Thank you all for your graciousness with us and the Walker Creek Ranch staff.
Brian & Dottie Vura-Weis

Feinstein Postcards: During his keynote address, John Calvi requested us to sign and send postcards to California Senator Diane Feinstein, urging her as chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee to release its exhaustive report on the CIA “detention and interrogation practices.” 105 postcards have been signed so far and are on their way to Senator Feinstein. Several hundred more cards have been picked up by Friends for distribution back home. Thank you Friends! Please pick up more postcards on the QUIT (Quaker Initiative to End Torture) table in Maple to take back to your meeting and other community groups opposed to torture. This is a good time to pressure Feinstein to do the right thing—before the election! If you have questions or want to help with outreach, see Susan Smith. Small donations for postage and printing are welcome. The can is on the QUIT table in Maple. Thanks!

Pacific Yearly Meeting is considering a minute brought forth by Peace and Social Order Committee in support of California’s Proposition 34.

Proposed minute from Peace & Social Order Committee, co-sponsored by the Racial Justice Subcommittee of M&O:

“Pacific Yearly Meeting endorses and encourages California voters to support proposition 34.”

A number of California monthly meetings have passed their own minutes to become endorsing congregations listed on the SAFE California web site.

The following minute was approved by Strawberry Creek at its business meeting for the seventh month of 2012 after being considered by Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee.

“Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting supports the passage of the Savings, Accountability, and Full Enforcement for California Act, also known as the SAFE California Act, that will appear on the California general election ballot on the sixth day of the eleventh month, 2012. The SAFE California Act will amend our state

constitution to end the death penalty. Friends are in unity in our opposition to capital punishment. However, we are not comfortable with the extent to which the SAFE California Act’s campaign promotes life without the possibility of parole. Life in prison without the chance of parole is a very harsh sentence. It denies the possibility that the Spirit might make future changes in a person, such that release might become possible. While we may wish for better ways to address the failures of our current criminal justice system, we understand that this proposition, as currently written, is the best, if not the only, opportunity we have to end the death penalty in California. We recognize that what we do in California will have a powerful effect on the nationwide movement against capital punishment. Defeat of the SAFE California Act would, in effect, confirm the death penalty as a part of California law.

Therefore, we direct our clerk to complete and submit a statement of endorsement on behalf of Strawberry Creek Meeting to SAFE California, 237 Kearny Street, #334, San Francisco, CA 94108. This endorsement gives SAFE California permission to use Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting’s name throughout the campaign, including a listing on the campaign website, www.safecalifornia.org.

Tom Yamaguchi, clerk of Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting.”

You are invited to continue in the spirit of today’s Memorial Meeting by coming to the bookstore afterwards during the Free Time slot. Margaret Sorrel will offer a short introduction to *Staying True: Musings of an odd-duck Quaker Lesbian Approaching Death* by Lynn Waddington (clerk of Redwood Forest before her move northward in 1993). The just published book has been described as a "spiritual memoir for the 21st century." 5:15 PM in the PYM bookstore.

Do you regret missing the LGBTQ gathering on Tuesday? Did you have so much fun being there, you'd like to see us all again? You have another chance! 8:30 PM tonight in Bobcat

(note this is a new venue.) Remember that Q. Queer? Questioning? JYM and AYF especially welcome.

Ride & hospitality in the San Francisco area?

Ramona Hussey of Honolulu Friends Meeting would love to spend Saturday night with someone and then attend Meeting for Worship on Sunday morning. She added a day on each side of her trip to PYM in hopes of visiting other Meetings. She needs to catch the shuttle to the SFO to be there by 1:30 p.m. Sunday (for a 3 PM flight)

Morning worship/sharing group #6 is again on the move. For the rest of the week, it will meet in Salmon from 8 AM to 9:30 AM. Other times Salmon is used as the "Quiet Room".

"Friends & War Taxes"

Join us (David & Jan Hartsough, Elizabeth Boardman, & Steve Leeds) for a discussion on war tax resistance. Bring your questions, concerns, share with us the work you're doing, and how we can corporately engage PYM Friends. We'll meet at dinner today, in the outer area of the Dining Hall, just inside the front door to the right.

Woolman/Sierra Friends Center. There will be a table designated at dinner tonight for the Woolman semester & Sierra Friends Center. We will gather in the West alcove (left as you enter the Dining Hall). Woolman students, interns, board members (past, present & future) are all welcome!

Unity with Nature will show the film *Designing a Great Neighborhood* in Pine at 8:30pm. This film is about a model co-housing project, where future residents participate in the design of their own neighborhood. Directed by Davis Wann, released 2005.

**Pacific Yearly Meeting
Proposed 2012-13 Budget**

	2012-13 Proposed
INCOME	
4100 — Miscellaneous Contributions to PYM	2,000
4101 — Contributions from Member Meetings	118,482
4102 -- Miscellaneous Income	
4104 — Return on Invested Capital	700
4105 — Transfer from (to) Unrestricted Reserve	17,000
4106 - Transfer from (to) YPC Reserve	4,000
TOTAL INCOME	142,182

EXPENSE

GENERAL EXPENSES

5202 — Clerk's Travel & Discretionary R2713	500
5203 — Expenses of the Officers	750
5204 — Website Hosting	250
5206 — Young Friends PYM Attendance Assistance	2,000
5208 — Travel-Repcom - Mar. & Ann. Sess.	9,000
5209 — Young Friends Officers' Expense	100
5210 — Audit Account R2723	500
5212 — Latin America Concerns Outreach R2749	250
5213 — PYM Attendance Assistance Fund (M&O)	7,000
5214 — Holding Corporation Expenses	5
5215 — Western Friend	12,000
5216 — Misc. Operating Expenses	200
SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	32,555

COMMITTEE EXPENSES

5221 — Ad Hoc Committees	50
5222 — Children's Program	300
5224 — Discipline	1,500
5225 — Finance	1,000
5227 — Junior Yearly Meeting	800
5228 — Ministry & Oversight	4,950
5229 — Nominating	3,000
5230 — Peace & Social Order	300
5231 — Religious Education for Children	500
5232 — Secretariat	25
5233 — Sites	600
5235 — Unity with Nature	2,000
5237 — Committee Supplemental Exp. R2714	500
5238 — Latin American Concerns	200
SUBTOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES	15,725

	2012-13
SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS	<u>Proposed</u>
5251 — FCNL	1,000
5252 — FCL-CA	500
5254 — FWCC	1,500
5255 — Quaker United Nations Office NY	500
5256 — William Penn House, Washington	200
5260 — AFSC (LA & SF)	2,500
5261 — Friends House Moscow	1,000
5263 — Right Sharing of World Resources	800
5264 — Friends General Conference	500
5266 — Quaker Earthcare Witness	500
SUBTOTAL SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGS.	<u>9,000</u>
 CONFERENCE TRAVEL/PYM DELEGATES	
5271 — Western Friend Board R2748 (3)	1,500
5275 — AFSC (5)	1,200
5277 — FCNL (6) & William Penn House (1)	4,000
5278 — FGC Central Committee R2744 (1)	1,000
5279 — FWCC, Section of the Amer. R2743 (5)	2,500
5283 — Evangelical Friends Church Southwest (1)	150
5286 — Quaker Earthcare Witness (2)	2,500
5287 — FWCC World Gathering R2747 (4)	2,000
5288 — Young Friends Travel R2742	500
5289 — Friends Peace Team Board (1)	1,000
SUBTOTAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL/PYM DEL.	<u>16,350</u>
 YOUTH PROGRAM	
6105 — Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory	1,000
6110 — Personnel Costs	56,377
6140 — Insurance	650
6150 — Professional Development	700
6160 — Office	2,100
6190 — Administration & Travel	7,725
SUBTOTAL PROGRAMS	<u>68,552</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u><u>142,182</u></u>
 Per member assessment:	
California & Nevada:	\$89
Guatemala and Hawaii:	\$39
Mexico City:	\$15
 If YPC continues for only 6 mos, then CA & NV per member assmt:	\$52