

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Thursday, July 16, 2015

Thursday's Schedule

6:00-7:00 Outdoor Worship
7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:00-8:40 Worship
8:45-10:15 Meeting for Business II
10:15-10:45 free time
10:45-12:15 Bible Study (in Fireside) or
AM Worship Sharing

12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Listening Session in
preparation for Meeting for
Business
3:15-5:30 Meeting for Memorials
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:45-8:15 Transformative Quakers or
PM Worship Sharing
8:30-10:00 Affinity Groups/Open Time

Transformative Quakers

Transformative Quakers meet this week
Tuesday through Friday in Plenary room.
Tuesday: Albert Smith Bigelow
Wednesday: John and Alice Way
Thursday: Marjorie Sykes
Friday: Heberto Sein

Thursday, 6:45 pm: Marjorie Sykes
(1905-1995), a notable Quaker who

lived and worked as an educator in India
and was a friend and colleague of Tagore
and Gandhi. Presented by Mary Miche,
member of Redwood Forest Meeting and
a teacher and song writer.

The Transformative Friend presentation about
Heberto Sein will take place on Friday at 4:00
pm.

Bible Study

PYM Bible study is open to all who are
interested and is "come as you are." This means
you need not be an expert or have a prescribed
set of beliefs about scripture. You need only be
willing to have a respectful and spirit-led
experience of the text with fellow Friends.
Please bring a Bible if you have one. We meet
daily at 10:45 in Fireside. Don't be shy, come
find out more. Looking forward to seeing you
there – Stephen Matchett

Lunch hour

Lunch for general PYM attendees begins at
12:30. The Children's Program gets there early.
Please wait until 12:30 to let the children have a
chance get their lunch first.

Quick Survey

Our Meeting's Outreach Committee is
considering inviting Quaker Quest to Honolulu,

and we'd like to hear from other Meetings who have either hosted a Quaker Quest or decided not to. We have a brief survey about your Meeting's experience. Please see Ramona Hussey or Debbie Kimball to answer a few questions about Quaker Quest. We will also be sitting outside after lunch and dinner with our mini questionnaires.

Honolulu Friends Meeting Invites Visitors

Our Meeting is even more isolated than most, located on an island in the middle of the Pacific. Luckily, we have lodging for traveling Friends at our Meetinghouse, and we welcome visitors. If you are planning travel to Hawaii, we hope you'll consider staying at the Meetinghouse. More information is available at www.hawaiiquaker.org. Aloha from Honolulu Friends.

Concerns about timing of next Annual Session

We have received several questions regarding the reasons for setting the Yearly Meeting Session dates for next year, which are June 17 to 22, 2016. This experiment represents both a shift in the days the session is held – to Friday through Wednesday – and the time of the summer that the session is held. The shift in days was made to allow people whose schedule doesn't allow attendance for a full work week to attend at least part of the session. The shift in time was based on the availability of Walker Creek Ranch and the desire to not conflict with the Friends General Conference Gathering. We have learned that this schedule overlaps with the Sierra Friends Center summer family work camp week and regret this conflict. Members of Ministry and Oversight will be available to discuss Friends' concerns from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Ministry and Oversight Committee room in Bobcat today, Thursday.

PYM and the Quaker World

Pacific Yearly Meeting names representatives, delegates, and observers to various Quaker

organizations: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); Evangelical Friends Church Southwest; Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCa); Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL); Quaker Earthcare Witness; Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee; Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors; Friends United Meeting (FUM); FWCC Section of the Americas; Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico; William Penn House Board.

The nominating committee is sponsoring an interest group Friday, at 1:30 (in Maple), to provide opportunity for representatives, delegates, and observers to report to yearly meeting. If you are a rep, delegate or observer come and share your experiences and reactions. For those who are not representatives, delegates, or observes, the interest group is an opportunity to learn more about the wider Quaker world. Enjoyable and informative!

Are You the One...?

Yes, you!
Are you 18 or older?
Are you computer-literate?
Do enjoy being correct?
Do you like working at home or in trendy wi fi hotspots?
Do you have ~20 hours to donate to Yearly Meeting business between April 1 and June 13, 2017?
Do you think Don Bean is a nice guy?
If so, please consider volunteering for a three-year term as the Statistical Co-Clerk with Don. Learn more by reading the job description on the PYM Website, and/or asking Don probing questions.
It's informative, fun, and you will be an Officer of Pacific Yearly Meeting! That could make your resume "pop." – Lee Knutsen

Invitation to learn about The Woolman Semester School

Watch “Student Voices in Diversity”, a short video, Thursday 8:30PM in Tent

Visit Woolman table (in Maple) to view and pick-up materials, including:

- 237 acres of God (article in May/June 2015 Western Friend) by Thistle West (a.k.a. Hannah Mackinney, Woolman Semester Fall 2014)
- Woolman Semester and Camp Woolman informational flyers
- Letter introducing new Head of School Gray Horwitz
- Information about serving on the College Park Friends Educational Association
- Thank You! for donations that transform lives and the world
- List of Scholarship Funds that support student’s financial needs for tuition
- Woolman Peace and Justice Blend (South American Fair Trade Organic coffee)
- Invitation to invest in the future; I will match recurring monthly giving all year
- Sign up for Woolman iWitness e-newsletter to stay connected

Please feel free to talk with me (Cindy Evans Trueblood) or with other board members at PYM, Muriel Strand, Beth McCleary, Sarah Tyrrell, and Delcy Steffy.

Others with connections to Woolman at PYM include:

Woolman Semester alumni: Elena Anderson, Nora Cooke, Mark Lichterman and Carl Sigmond, Woolman’s Operations Manager
Parents of WS Alumni: Marcia Anderson, Amy* and Chamba Cooke, Lisa Hubbell, Melissa Lovett-Adair, Bob* and Kathy* Runyan, Joyce Samati *former staff also

Guatemala Crafts

Beautiful crafts for sale in Maple to benefit the Friends Scholarship Program. There are handwoven bamboo scarves and shawls with natural dyes for women's cooperatives, shirts,

blouses, aprons, jackets, purses and much more. Lots of great gift ideas. Come shop and at the same time support scholarships for poor, rural, indigenous students who are attending university and technical schools in Guatemala. Harriet Lewis.

Secretariat

Thank you for your patience on Tuesday night with our production problems with the Wednesday Miracle. Our copy machine conked out in the afternoon, and it didn’t get fixed until Wednesday morning. We were able to find a copy shop in Petaluma that was open until 11:00 pm. The problem was that we needed to email the Miracle to them by 9:00 pm. Even then, they couldn’t promise our copies would be ready when Raph drove over to pick them up before closing time. Due to that rush, some items did not make it into the issue on time, and there was no time for serious proofreading. As you can see, the copies did make it back to Walker Creek for morning distribution. Thanks also to everyone who came by the Secretariat office to offer sympathy and moral support.

Two Proposals from Unity with Nature

On Thursday, Unity with Nature Committee [UwN] will be making two proposals to plenary. One is to consider joining “Facing the Challenge of Climate Change: A shared statement by Quaker groups” developed by QEW, QUNO, and FCNL. At least six of PYM's monthly meeting have already signed on. Copies of this can be found on PYM's website under Annual Session 2015, Unity with Nature and will be available on the Unity with Nature table in Maple.

The second proposal is a minute advocating divestment of fossil fuel energy stocks as a strategy for slowing climate change. We are aware of at least two PYM monthly meetings, Strawberry Creek and Sacramento, who have come to Unity on a divestment statement or minute. PYM has no fossil fuel energy stocks directly or indirectly - Unity with Nature will be

asking for a statement of unity to the effect that “PYM has no investments in fossil fuel companies and will not be making any investments in fossil fuel companies in the foreseeable future. We urge other Quaker groups to consider doing the same, taking, if necessary, up to five years to do so. We further suggest individuals consider divesting their own portfolios of fossil fuels.” Search 'Divestment' on PYM's website for more Quaker documents on this subject.

We also commend to your reading on PYM's website under the 2015 annual session, “Recommendations for all Friends from the QEW Sustainability: Faith and Action Working Group,” the fruits of the labor by many friends to vision the next steps toward a sustainable future. The interest group, “Greening the Meeting, Greening our Lives: Discerning and Living our Earthcare Testimony”, Saturday 8 AM will present and discuss this document outlining concrete steps we can take now.

Change of venue for film

“Pray the Devil Back to Hell” (about the women of Liberia who overcome violence with prayer) will be shown at the Plenary Tent on Thursday night at 8:30 pm (after Transformative Friends).

Peace and Social Order Interest groups

Saturday, 8 am. Stopping Lethal Drone Warfare: Two years ago PYM approved a minute calling for Friends to oppose militarized drone warfare. This workshop will provide an update and action suggestions for implementing that minute based on the Princeton Theological Seminary lethal drone warfare conference held at the end of January with 150 interfaith participants, including around 10 Friends. Presented by AFSC's Stephen McNeil.

Saturday, 8:00 am. Friends Peace Teams. This is a Spirit-led organization working around the world to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict to create programs for peacebuilding, healing and reconciliation.

Respect our common space

Please do not use the common space (table, shelf, hooks) in the Bathhouse to store your personal toiletries, towels, tec. Please take all your belongings with you when you leave.

Also, do you really, really need to enter the main tent when worship sharing is happening?

Care for one another

Please remember our charge to be tender with one another and to help one another throughout the week. Please treat others as you would like to be treated, and let's be especially nice to newcomers.

Checkout Instructions from the Registrars and Arrangements

As some of you are leaving us already, please be mindful of the following:

1. Please be sure to **return** your plastic name tag holder to the boxes in the dining hall, Plenary tent, or at the table in Maple. You may keep the paper name tag, but the holders can be re-used next year and are pricey!
2. If you rented **linens** -- put the sheets, towel, and washcloth into the pillow case and leave everything **on your bed**. Please do not bring them back to Maple. The Walker Creek Ranch staff will thank you.

Ride needed

I need a ride to Davis or to an Amtrak station Friday afternoon or evening – Marilee Eusebio

Family Night

Look for the clip board at the back of the tent to sign up for Family Night. Our theme is Love and Justice; Quaker-centered Presentations. Acts are limited to 3 minutes and only 1 item, such as one song, one poem, one short story, etc. Groups are encouraged. We may not be able to accommodate more than 20 acts. We'll start promptly at 6:45 pm. Questions: see Linda Rowell.

Yearly Meeting Structure



Under the big top

Are you interested in examining the structure of the yearly meeting organization? Please talk with Joe Magruder or Bronwen about joining our Experimentation and Implementation Subcommittee.

PYM Visiting Friend

The Visiting Friend Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight Committee is please to announce that Roena Oesting has been selected as PYM's Visiting Friend. Roena's year of service will begin at the conclusion of this annual session. Roena is prepared to engage your meeting on a variety of topics. If you are interested in having Roena visit your Meeting or are if you are interested in serving on the Visiting Friends Subcommittee, please contact Leslie Zondervan-Droz.

Help for Nancy Nelson

Please watch for Nancy Nelson who needs a pusher for her wheelchair during the day. There is a signup for after meals on the west wall of the dining room.

Affinity Groups and free time (8:30-10:00pm)

Twelve Step – Garden Room, north end of Sequoia (every evening)

Singing and strummin' Jim Anderson et al. – Maple Room (every evening)

Friends of color affinity group and Friends of European descent meeting together– Fireside Room (previously in Eucalyptus)

Poetry – Sequoia living room, south end of Sequoia (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Radical Hospitality (Friends working in solidarity with homeless) – Madrone Room

THANK YOU ALL!

Films on peace/justice themes – Plenary Tent (note new place!)

Friends with disabilities – lounge in Teachers Lodge

Disability Issues. In Teachers Lodge Lounge. At 8:30

We invite all people with a disability to attend this group, including the elderly with mobility issues and people with temporary disabilities. Most likely we will touch on Access and Community.

This group has been arranged by John Pixley and Julia Bazar

Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples: Roots of Injustice Seeds of Change

Paula Palmer's workshop on Wednesday for a group of 60 Friends provided an experience of Native Peoples' history in this country.

Another opportunity to participate in this workshop is **Saturday from 8am to 9:30am in the FIRESIDE ROOM**. There are still openings. **See the sign up sheet in the back of the tent Thursday and Friday.**

For Wednesday's workshop THANKS go to :
European: Steve Birdlebaugh, Redwood Forest MM

Historian: Bob Runyan, Santa Cruz MM

Native American: Laura Magnani, Strawberry Creek MM

Narrator: Ann Boone, Redwood Forest MM

Research on Coastal Miwok: Paul Harris

Setup help: Bob Runyan, Diego Navarro, Deborah Marks, Dean Olson

Paula's Elder/Spiritual Companion: Diego Navarro

Logistical Assistance and Snake identification: Eric Moon, Berkeley MM

Request conveyance: Rick Alterr