

The Daily Miracle

WELCOME TO Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Friday July 12, 2019

Friday Schedule

2:00-5:00	Check-in/Registration - <i>Plenary Tent</i> Snacks in the <i>Patio till 4:30</i>
3:15-4:00	Meeting for Parents of Children in Children's Program – <i>Discovery Center</i>
4:00-4:45	JYM (teen) Parents Meeting - <i>Buckeye</i>
4:45-5:30	Monthly Meetings' Reps Meeting - <i>Fireside</i>
5:30-6:30	Dinner - <i>Dining Hall</i>
6:45-8:15	Opening Plenary - <i>Plenary Tent</i>
8:30-10:00	Check-in/Registration - <i>Plenary Tent</i> Social time - <i>Carson Lounge</i> Singing - <i>Fireside</i> Affinity Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12-Step - <i>Garden Room</i>• Friends of Color - <i>Quail</i>• Mystical Experience - <i>Cypress Lounge</i>• Singing - <i>Fireside</i>• Spiritual and Good Order Isolated - <i>Pine Lounge</i>• YAFs - <i>Muir</i>

Opening Plenary

6:45-8:15

The opening plenary is a joyful kickoff for our time together and not to be missed. The Clerk and others will share the vision for the gathering. Roll call of Meetings and Worship Groups is always a wonderful re-affirmation of our connection. And of course, important (often late-breaking) announcements will prepare us for the program ahead.

Affinity Groups

Starting Friday 8:30-10:00 unless otherwise noted

There is a long tradition in Pacific Yearly Meeting of convening affinity groups around a common concern or a common identity. These groups create safe spaces for sharing. There is no sign-up for these: just show up.

If you are **convening** a new affinity group, **sign up for a space** on the room charts outside the dining hall and be sure to **submit a description** of the group to the Daily Miracle. The following groups were known at the time this Daily Miracle went to press:

12 Step

Garden Room – rotating facilitation

There will be a 12 Step group every night in the Garden Room. Members of all 12 step groups are welcome. Those who attend will facilitate the meeting and determine the chair for the following evening.

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Friends of Color

Quail on Friday at 8:30, different times and locations on other days – Zae Illo

Friends of Color formed an affinity group thanks to Vanessa Julye's ministry with Pacific Yearly Meeting.

It is often the case that there is only one Friend of Color at a monthly meeting or worship group. This affinity group is the place to share worship, build community and discuss the joys and concerns of our faith walk.

In April 2019, Friends of Color held their first regional retreat - led by Vanessa Julye - at Ben Lomond which resulted in the publication of an epistle in the current edition of the Western Friend. The epistle will be shared - in part - in forthcoming editions of the Daily Miracle.

Be aware that the annual session schedule reflects meeting times for Friends of Color which are different from the late-evening "affinity group" block of time.

Questions? Comments? Contact Zae Illo (zaeillo@outlook.com, (628) 400-9177)

Mystical Experience

Cypress Lounge – Don McCormick

Friday night, and perhaps continuing depending on interest, there will be an affinity group for people who have had mystical experiences or who are interested in them. The meeting will mostly consist of people sharing their experiences. Faith and Practice says that mystical experience has “always been at the heart of the Quaker experience.” Most people who have mystical experiences don’t talk about them with anyone, including their spouses. Since mystical experience is so central to Quakerism, it is important that we have opportunities to share our experiences or hear and learn from others’ experiences.

Singing

Fireside – Jim Anderson

Group singing, mostly out of Rise Up Singing and Rise Again. Bring your instruments and voices, songbooks will be provided. All (and we do mean all) skill levels welcome.

Spiritual & Good Order Isolated

Pine Lounge – Paul Harris

Do you have a deep spiritual practice and feel isolated in your Meeting? And/or do you hold “good order” close to your heart and feel isolated in your Meeting? Then come and be gathered Friday & Saturday 8:30pm-10pm in Pine Lounge.

This is not a place to air criticisms of your Meeting, do that with your Meeting. This is a place to share your spiritual journey and love of 'good order'.

YAFs (Young Adult Friends)

Muir – Contact person TBD.

The Young Adult Friends will be hanging out together in the evenings.

White Friends Confronting Racism

Bobcat – Laura Magnani

Starts Saturday (no meeting Friday). Further description forthcoming.

Being a Quaker Philanthropist: The Messy Ethics of Giving

Sunday only, in Pine Lounge – Joe Morris

We will discuss the topic on which Quakers are shyest: the personal and ethical bases of our monetary contributions. Using the testimonies of Simplicity and Equality, we will consider how our giving can serve the most good.

Places

Information Booth

The information booth is set up on the patio outside the dining hall. Here you will find answers for many of your questions about where to find things, what's going on, different activities during Annual Session ... and, of course, a friendly smile.

Carson Lounge

Stop by Carson Lounge after Opening Plenary tonight for conversation.

Quiet Room - Quail

Beginning on Saturday morning, Quail will be available for those seeking quiet time. You will find Quiet Room materials here, including State of the Meeting reports, memorial minutes, a copy of the Advance Materials and inspirational texts.

Bookstore & Guatemala Craft Sales - Maple

The Earthlight Bookstore and Guatemala Craft Sales are setting up in Maple. Stop by during the week to peruse and purchase.

Organization Displays - Maple

Did you bring a display, print information or other items to share about an organization?

Please set up your display on the marked tables in Maple.

Secretariat – Jack Rabbit

Come to the Secretariat to find office supplies in a pinch, or to use the printer/scanner/copier for PYM-related jobs, or to make in-person submissions for the Daily Miracle. But it's also the workplace for assembling the Daily Miracle, not a general hangout unless you are a volunteer helper.

Services

In case of medical emergency:

During the day, go to the information booth on the patio outside the dining hall; if no one is there to assist you, go to the Walker Creek office.

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm, go to the information booth

After 10:00 pm, find Bronwen in Teacher's Lodge, Room #3

Maintenance issues?

During the day, go to the information booth

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WiFi

The WiFi network is: wcair

Password: 4theKids (case sensitive)

The information booth has a map with the locations and ranges of the WiFi hubs around Walker Creek Ranch.

Online Information

Most of the documents and information you have on paper can also be found electronically on the PYM 2019 Annual Session webpage: <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/annual-session-minutes-reports/2019-annual-session>.

The Daily Miracle

Submissions to The Daily Miracle can be made either on a paper form in the plenary tent or by email (preferred). Instructions are at <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/daily-miracle>.

*Please note that The Daily Miracle is a **public document** downloadable by anyone on the web. Therefore **do not submit for publication any personal information that you do not wish to be publicly accessible.***

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Hearing Enhancement

If you find it difficult to hear during plenary sessions or Meeting for Worship in the big tent, there are some headsets available beside the stage, and the sound system can support up to 4 Bluetooth devices.

Questions? See Gary Wolff at the sound table in the big tent.

Golf Cart

Would you like some assistance moving luggage from a vehicle to your lodging? Would you like to see the Walker Creek campus without having to walk a long way? Look for Bronwen in the big tent or come to the information booth to ask for a ride.

Look for an announcement in tomorrow's Daily Miracle about using the golf cart during the week.

Meals

This year there will be two lines at the buffet at every meal - one with a vegetarian entree and one with a meat entree. Allergens will be listed on a white board at the back of the dining room. Special diet requests not available on the buffet will be filled in the kitchen - this is only for Friends who indicated their needs at registration. Questions? See Jan Turner, who will be wearing her signature flowered head-dress during meals and flowered leis during non-meal times.

Opportunities

Snacks

On Friday there will be a light snack on the patio in front of the Dining Hall between 2:00 and 4:30. Tea can be obtained in the dining room during that time.

Volunteering at Annual Session

A great way to meet people and help out at the same time is to volunteer for a task. Stop by the

information booth to find out where you can help out today and every day during Annual Session. There's something for everyone!

Worship/Sharing

Sign-up cards will be distributed Friday at the beginning of the check-in/registration line and collected at the end. If you are late, there will be cards and a place to turn them in at the back of the tent after Opening Plenary and also at the Information Booth on the patio.

Group assignments will be made Friday night and posted before breakfast Saturday morning. There will be two alphabetical lists posted on the outside of the windows of the Dining Hall for you to find your assignment. There will also be lists by group number showing location, participants and facilitator. Members of the Logistics Committee (Julie Harlow, Claudia Kirkpatrick and Kylin Navarro-Burger) will be by the lists to answer questions.

A packet containing instructions for the facilitator, guidelines for Worship Sharing, evaluation forms and the Queries can be found at each of the group locations.

If there are 2 drop-in groups, they will be located near Maple, within eye-sight of each other so they can split or combine depending on the numbers who show up.

Leave messages or questions at the Information Booth. — Julie Harlow

Meeting for Memorials List – A Request

Please review the following list of names to be remembered Sunday at Meeting for Memorials and see or email Valerie Nuttman (vnuttman@gmail.com) by Saturday at 6pm with any additions or corrections.

Elaine Amoruso (Berkeley)
Jed Appelman (Strawberry Creek)
Harry Bailey (Grass Valley)
John Boles (Redwood Forest)
Ann Brodzky-Williams (San Francisco)
Yvonne Courtayne Brown (La Jolla)

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Peter Bunting (Delta)
 Miriam Bruff Covington (Santa Monica)
 Marjorie Cox (Honolulu)
 Alice Dean-Daniel (Big Island)
 Dorothy Duncan (Redwood Forest)
 Charles "Chuck" Freidel (Inland Valley)
 Curtis Haugeborg (Sacramento)
 Ralene Hearn (Appleseed)
 Ann Henry (San Jose)
 Burton Housman (La Jolla)
 Guy Johnson (San Francisco)
 Joyce Kraus (Berkeley)
 Elizabeth "Beth" Borton Sanger Lovett (Visalia)
 Lois Roberta MacDonald (Palo Alto)
 John Mackinney (Berkeley)
 May Lou Moses (Palo Alto)
 Nancy Nelson (Central Coast)
 Larry Pettit (San Francisco)
 Delbert Reynolds (Grass Valley)
 Peter Rothaug (San Francisco)
 Ann Herbert Scott (Redwood Forest)
 James "Jim" Gill Updegraff III (Sacramento)
 Walter George Wilson (Monterey Peninsula)

Beyond Annual Session

Welcome the New Quaker Center Co-directors

Ben Lomond Quaker Center is delighted to announce that Susan Wilson and Bob Fisher, from Plainfield Meeting in Vermont, will be starting their work as the incoming Co-directors of Quaker Center at the end of August! They will overlap with the current Co-directors, Kathy and Bob Runyan, through September 1, 2019. You can find out more about Susan Wilson and Bob Fisher at <http://www.quakercenter.org/about-us/staff/>.

Quaker Center's board will be hosting a potluck gathering **on Saturday afternoon, August 3rd**, from 2PM to 5PM, to say **farewell to Kathy and Bob Runyan**. More details will be available on our website soon.

Memorial for Mary Lou Moses

Mary Lou Moses and her husband Lincoln were much loved and very active for many decades at Palo Alto Meeting and with other Quaker organizations including AFSC. We will be remembering Mary Lou in a memorial meeting for worship on **Saturday, July 27, 2019**, at 2:00 p.m. at the Palo Alto Meeting House, 957 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, CA.

Breathe Deeply

Does the heart have a narrow door?

Does the heart have a narrow door?
 Will it allow in just one more
 of every beast and flower and bird
 and every song it has ever heard?

Just one more child, just one more flower,
 one more relinquishing of power
 to that sane and sacred foolishness
 of living by inclusiveness?

Does the heart have a supple, elastic latch
 that makes it easy to dispatch
 all pettiness and bigotry
 and opens it to what makes us free?

...
 You who can heal all wounds and hate
 make my heart open, free, and great.

—Carol Bialock in **Coral Castles**

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