

PRISM

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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30p Peace & Social Action Committee – Buxenbaum's	2	3	4 7:30p Movie Night - Economics of Happiness – Buxenbaum's	5 Work Party At Sammond Home @ Sammond Home 10a King Ferry Food Pantry Camp Gregory White Elephant Sale @ SCCS High School
6 10a Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11:30a Membership Session	7 7:30p Meditation Group	8 7:30p Ministry & Counsel – Nelson's	9	10 7p Mid-week Worship – Sammond's	11 6:15p The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	12
13 10a Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11a Coffee Hour	14	15 7:15p Women's Spiritual Nurture - Claire's	16	17 7:30p Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	18	19 9a Genoa Food Pantry 5:30p Family Night Supper - Jonathan Ferrari
20 10a Meeting for Worship - Linda Schwab Monthly Meeting for Buisiness at the rise of meetin	21	22	23 Deadline for PRISM submissions	24	25 6:15p The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	26
27 10a Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	28 7:30p Youth Committee Meeting	29 Birthday: Graham Hanson	30			

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**POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY
MEETING FOR BUSINESS
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16,
2011**

Persons present: Howard Nelson, Linda Simkin, Bill Tyler, Dee Nance, Larry Buffam, Jeff Layton, Stephanie Nelson, Ann Dalton, Hannah Richter, Laura Buffam, and Sally Otis
Meeting opened in silence at 11:50 am.

The minutes of September 25 and September 18 were read for information.

Clerk, Larry Buffam, began a review of the advice in New York Yearly Meeting's "Faith and Practice" on the nature and etiquette of Meeting for Business, which is formally called "Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business".

"The Poplar Ridge Players" requested permission to use the meetinghouse for rehearsals of "The Shepherds Play" at six every Sunday evening beginning October 30 and for the performance at seven pm on Saturday December 17. Approved.

The Religious Education Committee reported that they are pleased to have several new willing adults to be with our children during Meeting for Worship. Meeting expressed appreciation to Charlie Weld for assuming the major responsibility for childcare during the last ten years. The Religious Education Committee also reported that Rebecca Shcillenback has agreed to plan the fifth Sunday family worship services in five Sunday months, at least until spring. This will allow Ruth Bradley to give the message for the other three programmed meetings in five Sunday months.

Howard Nelson reported for Ministry and Counsel that at its last meeting the Committee recommended that Monthly Meeting consider preparing a minute on "Marriage Equality". The Meeting asked M&C to write a draft for the next monthly meeting for business.

It was requested that directional signs be posted on our driveways for safety with the entrance on the east drive and the exit on the west drive.

This was approved and referred to the Building Committee for implementation.

Poplar Ridge's post office will be closing and the mail sent to Aurora. Our new address will be PO Box 146, Aurora, New York 13026. (Note added by recording Clerk: This is the address for the treasurer to whom donations may be sent. Our treasurer kindly volunteered to sort and forward mail as needed.)

Paul Simkin raised a concern about the conflict between Meeting for Business and the social time after Meeting for worship. We agreed that our intent will be to start Business Meeting at 11:45 am to allow ample time for socializing after the rise of meeting for Worship.

The treasurer, Dee Nance, reports that our financial situation has improved.

Respectfully Submitted
William Tyler, Recording Clerk



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Our Family Night supper program on Saturday, November 19 will feature a video by Jonathan Ferrari, who in 2002, as part of a second Master's degree program in architecture and with a Rotary-sponsored ambassadorial scholarship in Cape Town, South Africa, organized and led a house renovation and addition project, using recycled scrap materials as much as possible. A dish-to-share supper begins at 5:30 P.M., with the program to follow. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday, November 4th 7:30pm at the Buxenbaum's house we will be viewing the movie **Economics of Happiness**. This documentary concerns the worldwide movement for economic localization. All are welcome



THOREAU COMING TO AUBURN

On Monday, November 7, 7:30, Henry David Thoreau will be speaking at Auburn Public Theater, in the person of Richard Smith, Thoreau re-enactor from Concord, Mass. This is a unique opportunity to experience the author of *Walden* and "Civil Disobedience" much as he would have looked and sounded in a 19th century lecture hall, and also to engage him in Q&A. Tickets are \$10, available at the door.

PRISM CALENDAR

The updated PRISM calendar is available online at <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/Calendar.html>. If you would like to receive a link that will allow you to include the PRISM events in your own electronic calendar send a request to pr.prism@gmail.com. We can send you the url to include in your ical, google or other electronic calendar.

POPLAR RIDGE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

Persons present: Ann Dalton, Maria Bachich, Ann Burch, Linda Simkin, Jeffrey Layton, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, and Larry Buffam, Clerk

The Meeting Began with silence.

The clerk gave a brief explanation of the situation regarding Christopher Sammond's transfer of membership to Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting and asked for acceptance of the transfer. Friends gladly accepted Christopher into full membership.

The meeting closed with silenced.

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Buffam

INFORMAL SESSION ON MEMBERSHIP

There will be an informal session on membership on November 6, 2011 after the rise of service in the library at the Meeting House. The program shall last about one hour. Bring a snack or sandwich. Coffee and cookies will be provided

Information presented shall include:

- Quaker literature
- The wider Quaker fellowship
- Three speakers shall tell their story as to why they chose to join the Poplar Ridge Meeting
- The process of becoming a member

There shall be time for questions and answers.

All interested people are welcome

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SAN PEDRO SISTER COMMUNITY PROJECT

A group of interested friends in southern Cayuga County, including many Friends but ecumenical and not directly affiliated with the meeting, initiated this project in January 2004. Several of us had long-term interest in Central America and El Salvador, and a few of us had taken an educational, consciousness raising trip to El Salvador a year earlier. We decided that we would make a commitment to a long-term involvement with a specific community in El Salvador. We then enlisted a recommended Salvadoran NGO (FUNDAHMER) with experience facilitating sister community relationships in finding a match community for us, and then facilitating the resulting project.

FUNDAHMER offered several potential partner communities and our group settled on San Pedro. We choose them due to the rural farming nature of the community which we thought best matched ourselves.

The Cayuga county group wrote a mission statement as follows: "It is a cooperative effort to foster friendship across national boundaries, and raise consciousness about cultural differences and global inequality. Our connection is strengthened through various forms of contact, including economic support, correspondence and visits, which allow for mutual sharing of our stories and hopes. Through this process we hope to foster a long-lasting relationship and through mutual decision making, to assist San Pedro in a way that creates sustainability and economic well-being."

Since the first visit in March 2005, we have made at least one visit every year. Over 40 people have visited over the seven years. The delegations focus on accompanying the villagers in their daily life. While we are there we sleep in hammocks in our hosts' houses, we eat meals of fresh tortillas, beans and rice prepared by our hosts, we walk around the village visiting with community members at their homes, the school and the church, and we meet with the village committees responsible for the various projects.

We are warmly welcomed by many people. Most of us have had a great and fun time visiting!

The projects that we have been involved with supporting in San Pedro (in the order that they were initiated) include a nutrition program that provides lunches for preschoolers and elderly a few days a week; a micro-credit program for the farmers to purchase fertilizers and pesticides/herbicides each year; a program to purchase at a fair price and market here as many of the women's handmade purses and hammocks as we can; and a scholarship program for middle school, high school and potentially university students. In 2012, for the first time, the delegation will include nurses under the supervision of Dr. Patty Mattingly of Keuka College. They will be assessing the possibility of repeat visits for some type of medical support to the community.

We welcome everyone to get involved however they may like. We are happy to include anyone who wants to travel with us to San Pedro on one of the delegations. We know you will learn a lot and have some fun, and perhaps you will join those of us who are hooked and make repeated visits because we love it! Also, we raise funds for our projects through donations, through the profits from selling fair trade coffee and chocolate, and through an annual benefit dinner. Finally, we would ask you to keep in mind the availability of purses and hammocks for gifts or for yourself. Handmade and a good value!



CAMP GREGORY WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Support Camp Casper Gregory and find some treasures by stopping by the White Elephant Sale at the Scipioville Church Craft Fair at the SCCS high school between 10am and 3pm on Saturday November 5th.

Volunteers are needed from 8am until 3pm. Help is especially needed from 8 to 11 and then again for clean up around 2:30.

Please consider contributing good items to sell, not junk. Examples of things not accepted are TV's, computers or most any electronic item, clothing, or large items that people cannot carry easily.

This is usually a \$700-800 fundraiser. CG needs the money!! Please check with Trudy Buxenbaum to schedule your time or if you have any questions.

WORK PARTY AT SAMMOND HOME

Dear Friends,
Due to injuries to my wrists, I have not been able to do physical labor for the last eight months. Consequently, I have not gotten the large pile of logs in front of my house cut and split. Barbara and I will be hosting a chainsaw and wood splitting party on November 5th, hearty lunch and dinner provided. Friends from around the Yearly Meeting are coming to help out. If you would like to come be a part of this, it would be great to have your presence here, too. If you are thinking of coming, let me know, so we know how much food to prepare.
Christopher Sammond, 607-753-0444

FIRST FRIDAY POETRY READINGS

Friday, November 4, 5:30-7:30pm at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, Auburn, NY

Members of the Night Writers, a regional writers group, will read selections of their poetry. The Night Writers are five writers from the Auburn area who write fiction, including novels and short stories, as well as essays and poetry. Four of the group members have had their poems selected

for published anthologies and two of them, Beth Patton and Heidi Nightengale, have had chapbooks of their poetry published within the past year. The other group members are Maureen McCarthy and Judith Trice, who are both published poets, and Susan Eoannou, who is at work on her second novel. There is no charge for this event. Contact the Art Center or visit <http://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org> for more information.

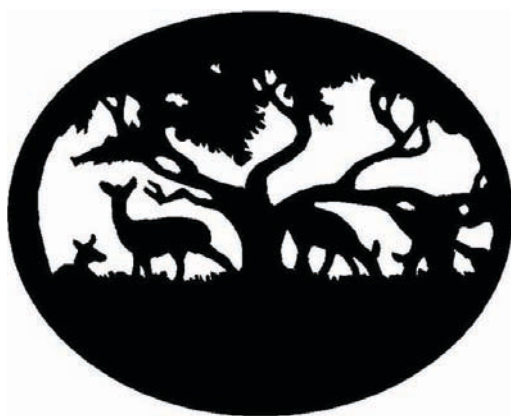


THE SHEPHERD'S PLAY

Please mark your December calendar! The Shepherd's Play will be on December 17th at 7:00 pm in the Friends Meeting House. This musical rendition of the Christmas story has become an annual tradition in our community. You won't want to miss it!

NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 24TH

Midweek worship will not meet on the fourth Thursday in November, that being Thanksgiving. We may meet earlier in the week, date to be determined. Contact Christopher Sammond for more information 607-753-0444



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk - Larry Buffam

Pastor - Ruth Bradley

Recording Clerk - Bill Tyler

Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Treasurer - Dee Nance

Ministry & Counsel Clerk - Howard Nelson

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday is a youth centered service. There is Nursery during meeting.

To contribute items for PRISM contact us at pr.prism@gmail.com or

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