

# PRISM

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

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Information  
Sharing  
Monthly*

## JUNE 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am King Ferry Food
2 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley	3 7:30pm Meditation Group – Nelson's	4 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee - Buxenbaum  Birthday: Virginia Hanson	5 Birthdays: Ann Burch Anne Dalton Jack Charles	6 Birthday: David Weiss	7 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	8 Anniversary: Ron & Trudy  Birthday: Ishi Buffam
9 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11am Coffee Hour	10	11 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel - Bradley/Weld	12 7pm Anne Frank Tree Dedication  Birthday: Andreas Richter	13 7pm Mid-week Worship – Sammond	14 Flag Day	15 9am Genoa Food Pantry
16 Father's Day 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business  Anniversary: Rebecca Schillenback Micheal & Walter	17 Birthdays: Bruce Berggren-Thomas George Hebben	18 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture – Claire's	19	20 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	21 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group  Birthdays: Delia Hallett Tess Nelson	22 Birthday: Bill Mullarney
23 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	24	25	26 Deadline for PRISM submissions  7:30am Outreach - Richter's	27 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's  Birthday: Claire Benton	28 Anniversary: Paul & Jane	29 7pm Merrifield Concert - Hungrytown  Anniversary: Brenda Rose & Bill
30 Meeting for Worship - Children's Day  Birthday: Aden Weiss						

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com)

## **POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR MAY 19, 2013**

The meeting opened with a period of worship at 11:52 a.m.

Attending: Bruce Berggren-Thomas, Ruth Bradley, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Howard Nelson, Suzanne O'Hara, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Christopher Sammond, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

The Finance Committee met last week and proposes revising the 2013 Budget being as close as possible to the budget approved in March but more realistic. The committee realized that data had been misinterpreted by more than \$5,000; it was money thought to be available in 2012, but for two years the Meeting has not been paying bills in years they were due. This will bring us current on our bills at the end of the fiscal year. A total \$46,175 was the original budget; it is now proposed at \$42,875. The planned increase for this year had been set at about 16 percent; that would now be about 7.5 percent. The additional approximately \$1,500 will come from unrestricted savings. The addition of \$1,000 in scholarship funding will be taken from Searing Fund. Reductions include \$500 to New York Yearly Meeting, to \$6,000; smaller amounts from building maintenance, Outreach/Religious Education, and miscellaneous. Also discussed was the committees wish to meet in October or November of this year to develop the next year's budget rather than the following March. The meeting approved the revised budget.

Ministry and Counsel recommends recognizing the Brooktendale Worship Group as an Indulged Meeting under the care of the Monthly Meeting, as requested in a letter by Rebecca Schillenback. It now meets on the first Sunday monthly at 4:45 p.m. at the Caroline Center Church. The Monthly Meeting agreed, and formed an oversight committee, including Larry Buffam and Ruth Bradley. It was suggested there be some sort of official connection with the Ithaca Monthly Meeting; the conclusion was to approve the Indulged Meeting, then form the oversight committee, and then explore a connection with the Ithaca meeting.

Howard announced a new feature in Prism that would present extracts from Quaker literature about our worship practice. The feature will be selected by representatives of Ministry and Counsel and Outreach committees. The new section will be called "Did you ever wonder?"

Susan Wolf, of the New York Yearly Meeting Indian Affairs Committee, tells us the committee plans a three-day walk and paddle event on behalf of the Onondaga Nation from Ithaca to SHARE Farm. The Poplar Ridge area will likely be the second stop, on Thursday, June 6. They would arrive at Long Point State Park. We agree to host the event; we will ask the group to supply a Port-A-Potty. It's unclear yet how many will be in the group and whether they want us to feed them or eat with them. A few representatives of the meeting will accompany the group at our Meeting House. It is part of a Native American initiative, the 400th anniversary of first treaty signed between Haudenosaunee and Europeans.

The meeting closed with silence at 1:20 p.m.



## **CHILDREN'S DAY WORSHIP AND PICNIC**

June 30 - All Welcome! Children will stay upstairs for our annual Children's Day service, where children are especially recognized and each household receives a potted flower.

A potluck picnic follows at the farm of Jay Ar dai and Suzanne O'Hara, 1193 Stewarts Corners Road, Genoa. Beverages, grilled hotdogs or veggie burgers will be available there, so bring salads, side dishes, desserts, etc., to fill up the table.

A picnic basket with your own plates and utensils helps cleanup and reduces waste - a Poplar Ridge pot-luck tradition!

## DID YOU EVER WONDER?

As a newcomer to a Quaker Meeting, many words seem to have new and different meanings. Some of the language becomes clear with time, hearing them repeatedly used in context. Some terminology may be quite challenging to decipher.

### *Center Down*

A process by which we still or direct our conscious thought and open our minds in order that we may hear God speak directly to us. (Faith and Practice, NYYM 1998 page 143)

A meeting for worship cannot become a “gathered meeting” in an instant. It requires of each worshiper a period of “centering down,” a time of shutting out all outside interference and giving oneself over to the spirit that moves in the silence. How long should it take to center down? Five minutes? Ten or more? It depends in part on how skillful the worshiper has become, and in part on the state of mind brought into the meeting. I think we must all confess there have been days when the whole hour was not sufficient. (One Explorer’s glossary of Quaker Terms, by Warren Sylvester Smith FGC 1985)

In George Fox’s journal is a description of the process (1653) although he does not name it as centering down.

*“...for the first step to peace is to stand still in the light (which discovers things contrary to it) for power and strength to stand against that nature which the light discovers. Here grace grows, here’s God alone glorified and exalted, and the unknown truth, unknown to the world made manifest...”*



## NYYM HISTORY

*“Early Friends emerged in the chaos of Reformation England in the 1640s. They found in each other a common yearning to return to what they felt was the essence of the early Christian church, which they felt had been lost in the institutionalizing of the faith. They modeled reclaiming an active role in directly seeking and following the guidance of the Inner Teacher, for themselves and for their community. Unlike secret sects of the time, Children of the Light, as they called themselves, met openly, and willingly bore the consequences. Their experience of the Bible as a source of divine guidance and not the source got them jailed, beaten, and hanged.*

*Very quickly, Quakers started coming to the British colonies: 1654 on Long Island, 1656 in New England, the mid-1670s in New Jersey. The Flushing meetinghouse, built in 1694, is the oldest house of worship in New York state, and the second oldest in the United States.*

*Manasquan Meeting in New Jersey built their meetinghouse in 1730, and the Rahway Plainfield meetinghouse was built in 1788. The meetings themselves predate the buildings. The New York Yearly Meeting was established by the [New England Yearly Meeting](#) in 1695; it has met each year since 1696.” -*

<http://www.nyym.org/?q=history>

For more history, see our [Faith and Practice](#) and *The Quakers in America* by Thomas Hamm, available at the [Friends General Conference bookstore](#).

## 2013 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The annual committee reports are available at <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/2013Committees.html> in PDF format as they are completed. There is also a paper copy of the original reports in the meetinghouse library. Please contact the PRISM if you would like to receive a printed copy of the reports. The Library (book inventory) and Peace & Social Action reports that have been added since the May PRISM.

## THE ANNE FRANK TREE – SOUTHERN CAYUGA CSD

*“During World War II, Anne Frank, a Jewish teenager hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam, kept a diary for two years before being exposed. This diary was published by her father, the only*

family survivor, after Anne's death at the age of 15 from Typhus in a concentration camp. During those years of concealment, one of the few things that Anne could see from the window was a large horse chestnut tree. The tree survived until 2010 when fungus and a wind storm brought it down.

In October 2009, the Anne Frank Center announced that it was giving 11 saplings cut from this tree to sites in the US that represented social justice and freedom. Some of the places selected include obvious choices such as the World Trade Center site and Central High School, home of the Little Rock 9, but on the surface Southern Cayuga may seem a strange choice: a little rural school with seemingly no claim to fame. In fact, with the exception of Central High School, Southern Cayuga is the only school district on this prestigious list.” - extracted from the web at [http://southern.ny.schoolwebpages.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=3434&&cms\\_mode=view](http://southern.ny.schoolwebpages.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=3434&&cms_mode=view)

On June 1-12 there will be a social justice art display featuring items may by SCCS students on display in the lobby of Emily Howland Elementary School. On June 12 at 7pm there will be the tree dedication ceremony featuring keynote speaker Marion Blumenthal Lazan. For more information visit the web page.



## 2013 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS CORRECTIONS

We apologize that the following committees were either incorrectly printed or left off the committee assignments sheet included in the May PRISM. Please update your records.

### Statisticians

Ann Burch  
Karen Simkin

### Telephone Tree/Directory

Mary Lou Charles  
David Connelly  
Sally Otis  
Jane Simkin

### Trustees

Larry Buffam  
Dill Otis  
Linda Simkin

## MERRIFIELD CONCERT

Hungrytown traditional folk duo will be performing at Merrifield (2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, 13147 ) on Saturday, June 29th at 8:00pm.

*“When not performing, this duo is known as Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson and you will need to go a long way to find a more talented and likeable couple. Their music mixes the snow of their home in Vermont, the dew on the grass of a cool summer morning in the Appalachians, the hard-scrabble grittiness and pluck of common folk the world over together with the melancholy of lost loves, broken hearts, and shattered dreams, distilling it into an intoxicating, hauntingly seductive blend that you always want more of. Ken and Rebecca’s multi-instrumental artistry’s range and depth is impressive, running from a shy lover’s soft, gentle caress to a hardened, bitter fist shaking against an evil fate, to a wry, ironic, self-mocking sense of humor. Their voices, each a thing of wonder in its own right, when combined completely bowl you over and by turn lift you to dizzy heights of joy and dash you to aching sadness. If you enjoy folk music with substance and style, your appetite for Hungrytown will never be satisfied.” - Mark Pendleton - Las Cruces (NM) Sun-News*

\$10 collected at the door. Please contact Craig Kuluk at [craigkukuluk@gmail.com](mailto:craigkukuluk@gmail.com) for info and reservations.

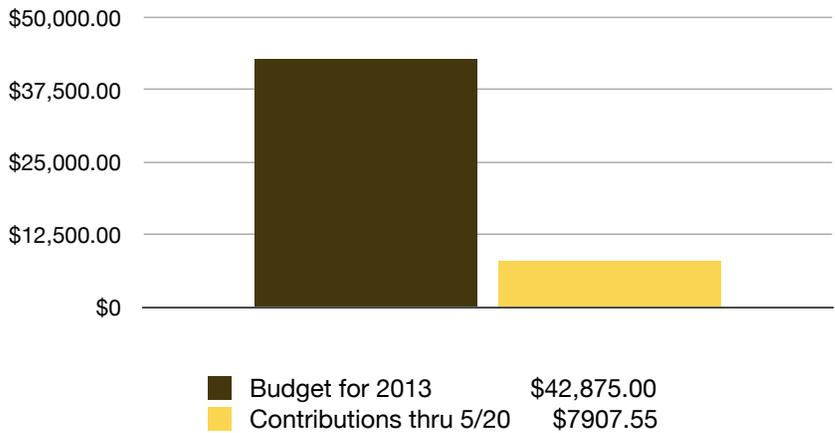
# Approved Revised Budget 2013

Category	2013 Operating Fund Budget	2012 yearly amount	\$ change from 2012	Funding from other sources	Notes
Pastor salary/housing/ pension	\$24,500.00	\$22,000.00	\$2,500.00		
<b>NYYM</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	From General Fund
<b>Fuel Oil</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	\$3,500.00	\$100.00		
<b>Pastor's reimbursable expenses</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	\$3,500.00	\$0.00		
<b>Building Maintenance</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>	\$650.00	\$200.00		
<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	From Searing Fund
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	\$675.00	\$75.00		
<b>Misc.</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	\$600.00	\$100.00		
<b>Distributions to State &amp; Local org's</b>	<b>\$640.00</b>	\$640.00	\$0.00		
<b>Distributions to Quaker org's</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	\$550.00	\$0.00		
<b>Regional Meeting</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	\$500.00	\$0.00		
<b>Conferences</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	\$500.00	\$0.00		
<b>Electric</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>	\$460.00	\$0.00		
<b>Outreach/Religious Edu.</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	\$300.00	\$0.00		
<b>Prism</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>	\$350.00	\$0.00		
<b>Distributions to Peace &amp; International org's</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>	\$310.00	\$0.00		
<b>Snow Plowing</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	\$300.00	\$0.00		
<b>Motto Calendars</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	\$100.00	\$25.00		
<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	\$100.00	\$0.00		
<b>Camp Gregory camper's</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	\$100.00	\$0.00		
<b>Social/Housekeeping</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	\$70.00	\$0.00		
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	\$0.00	\$50.00		
<b>Music</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	\$40.00	\$0.00		
<b>Peace &amp; Social Action</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	\$40.00	\$0.00		
<b>Ministry &amp; Council</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	\$40.00	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,875.00</b>	\$39,825.00	\$3,050.00	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$45,375.00</b>
	funded by Donations		7.66%		Total donations + other sources



**PR Operating Budget vs Contributions**

<b>Budget for 2013</b>	<b>\$42,875.00</b>	
<b>Contributions YTD</b>	<b>\$7,907.55</b>	<b>18.44%</b>



**POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Larry Buffam  
 Assistant Clerk – Anne Dalton  
 Treasurer – Jeff Layton  
 Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney  
 Pastor - Ruth Bradley  
 Recording Clerk – David Connelly  
 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. The meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY 13139.

See <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/> for more information, updated calendar information or copies of previous newsletters. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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