

PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
Sharing
Monthly*

AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Birthday - Eric Devin	2 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group Birthdays - Ethan MacCormick	3 10am King Ferry Food Pantry Wheat Harvest Festival
4 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley Birthday - Virginia Hanson	5 7:30pm Meditation Group @Nelson's	6 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @Buxenbaum's	7 Anniversary - Tess Nelson and Perry Gorgen	8 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's	9	10
11 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 7pm Merrifield Concert Mark Lemaire and Twilight	12 Birthdays - Mark Frank, John Brennan Anniversary - Maryl Mendillo and Mark Vorreuter	13 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Bradley/Weld's	14	15 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group Birthday - Marlee Harris Anniversary - Helen and George Hebben	16 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Anniversary - Sarah Richardson and Aaron Green	17 9am Genoa Food Pantry
18 10am Meeting for Worship - Jim Frisch Monthly Meeting for Business	19	20 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @Claire's	21	22 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's	23	24 Birthday - Tony Rejman
25 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed) Anniversary - Gregory and Janet Otis	26	27 Birthday - Thea Rose Rejman	28 Deadline for PRISM submissions	29	30 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	31 Birthdays - Caroline Burch, Karen Menges, Mark Vorreuter, Maryl Mendillo Anniversary - Sarah Nelson and David Weiss

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR JULY 21, 2013

The meeting convened in silence after the rise of meeting for worship.

Persons present were: Jim Frisch, Bill Tyler, Jeff Layton, Hannah Richter, Ann Dalton, Jane Simkin, Jay Ardai, Andy Simkin, Paul Simkin, and Larry Buffam, clerk.

The minutes from the June meeting for business were read for information.

Hannah requested that persons bringing food for the reception after the memorial service for Irene Main, which will be on Saturday July 27 at one pm, let her know what items they will bring.

Andy Simkin reported that Friends who run the bike clinic at the Ithaca Meeting would like to have a bike clinic at Poplar Ridge after the rise of Meeting for Worship on September 15. Approved.

Friends have been gathering information on methods and costs for replacing the Meeting House roof. Final recommendations will be requested from the Building Committee.

Meeting closed in silence.

Respectfully Submitted,
William Tyler, Acting Recording Clerk



FRIENDS BIKE CLINIC

The Meeting will host a Friends Bike Clinic session on Sept. 15, 2013, from 11:30 to 2:00, in the parking area behind the meetinghouse. The Friends Bike Clinic is an initiative of the Ithaca Friends Meeting, aiming to promote bicycling as an eco-friendly and healthy alternative to cars. Volunteers visiting from Ithaca will perform tune-ups and minor repairs, including hands-on tips on how to keep your bike in good condition. If you have a bike that needs fixing, please bring it in. No appointment needed. Contact Andy Simkin with any questions. More background is available on the Internet at <http://friendsbikeclinic.org>.



WESTMINSTER MANOR YARD SALE

Westminster Manor will hold a Yard Sale Saturday, August 17. We are looking for unwanted items to sell for the benefit of residents. Please contact me if you have any treasures. What you don't want someone else is looking for. Stephanie Nelson

HAZARD LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The library will be holding the annual book sale on August 3rd-10th this year at the Poplar Ridge Firehouse, 2423 Route 34B, Poplar Ridge, NY. This is always a fun event. There are treasures for everyone and it helps to support the library. August 10th 9am-4pm is \$3/bag day.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Thanks to all helped with the 2013 Children's Day. Everyone had a wonderful time Thank you to Anne Dalton for sharing her photographs.

MERRIFIELD CONCERT SERIES

You can learn more by stopping in to the library, by calling 315-364-7975 or by checking the web at [http://www.hazardlibrary.org/hazard-library-2013-book-sale/Merrifield Concert](http://www.hazardlibrary.org/hazard-library-2013-book-sale/Merrifield%20Concert)

Mark Lemaire and Twilight will be performing on August 11th at 7pm for the Merrifield Concert Series. The concerts are held at Merrifield, 2345 Center Rd. Scipio, NY 13147. For information contact A.T. Miller or Craig Kukuk (craigkukuk@gmail.com).



WHEAT HARVEST FESTIVAL

On August 3rd the Genoa Historical Association invites you to the Annual Wheat Harvest Festival, taking place right on the grounds of the museum and historical association in King Ferry, NY. Bring your entire family for a day of summer fun! Visit facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/575925729108254/?ref=22> for more information.

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.

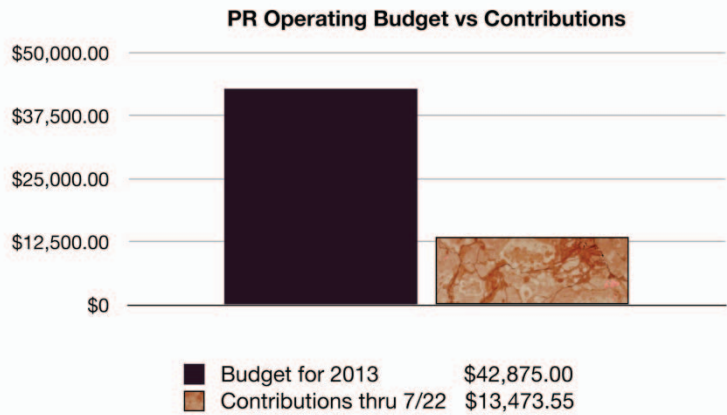
INWARD LIGHT - *"This refers to the power and inspiration of God or Christ coming inwardly to us to show us our true motivations, guide us, lead us, and give us strength to act on this guidance--thus bringing us into unity with the Spirit. This concept differs from "conscience," which is a developed awareness of the merits or faults of our conduct, intentions, or character and the sense of obligation to do right. The "Inward Light" is also called the "Light Within," the "Christ Within, the "Light of Christ," the "Holy Spirit," and "The Seed." Often, the term is written "Inner Light," implying that the light comes from each of us, but that is not part of early Friends' concept."* New York Yearly Meeting, Website 2013

"... Friends' beliefs...resembles a spectrogram when the light of the sun is passed through a prism: a continuous band of light passing from the invisible ultra-violet through the full range of visible color to the invisible infra-red, crossed a number of defined bands which show the presence of certain elements. Not a bad analogy, perhaps, if we recognize that our inquiry is directed at the light of truth refracted through the membership of the Society." Geoffrey Hubbard, Quaker by Convincement, 1974

Inner Light, Inward Light, Christ Within

This is the central concept of Quakerism. Friends may differ on almost any other issue, but they are united in their belief in the presence of an inward source of inspiration and strength. The Inner Light is more than conscience. The surrounding culture influences conscience. The Inner Light is that of God within. But is it to be received as a gift from God, or is it a part of human nature? This fundamental question still separates the more spiritually minded Friends from their more humanistic counterparts. Some would say that this Inward Light resides in all living things. Some would say, with Teilhard de Chardin, that it is in every particle of matter or energy in the universe! By whatever name Friends refer to it, they know by experience that it is a potential force for good in every human being, and Fox has enjoined us to walk cheerfully through the world answering it. The constant presence of the Inner Light assures us of a continuing revelation and a contemporary religion that cannot become obsolete with changing times and the advance of secular knowledge. One Explorer's Glossary of Quaker Terms, William Sylvester Smith, FGC, 1989

Budget for 2013	\$42,875.00	
Contributions YTD	\$13,473.55	31.43%



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

Clerk – Larry Buffam	Pastor - Ruth Bradley
Assistant Clerk – Anne Dalton	Recording Clerk – David Connelly
Treasurer – Jeff Layton	Ministry & Counsel Clerk - Howard Nelson
Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney	

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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