

PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Monthly*

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley	2 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's <i>Labor Day</i>	3 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's <i>Birthdays - Priscilla Berggren- Thomas</i>	4 7pm San Pedro Sister Community meeting @ Buffam's	5	6	7 10am King Ferry Food Pantry
8 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11am Coffee Hour	9 <i>Birthdays - George Clarkson, Edward Hayes</i>	10 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Bradley/Weld's	11	12 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's	13 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	14 <i>Anniversaries - Mary Lou & Jack Charles</i>
15 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 10:30am Friends Bike Clinic 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business <i>Birthdays - Dorothy Lonsky</i>	16	17 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Claire's	18 <i>Birthdays - Peter Charles , Aeriana McMannis</i> <i>Anniversaries - Jackie Dickinson & Ed Maassen</i>	19 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group <i>Birthdays - Sarah Richardson</i>	20	21 9am Genoa Food Pantry 7pm Merrifield Concert - Christopher Mark Jones
22 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	23	24	25 Deadline for PRISM submissions	26 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's <i>Birthdays - Bill Sims</i>	27 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	28 4pm Family Night @ Merrifield Fall Festival <i>Birthdays - Paul Simkin</i>
29 10am Meeting for Worship – multigenerational 11:30am Young Adult Friends and Family Brunch	30					

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact pr.prism@gmail.com

**POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY
MEETING FOR BUSINESS
MINUTES FOR AUGUST, 2013**

No meeting held for August 2013.

**YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS &
FAMILY BRUNCH**

Young adult singles, couples and parents of young children are invited to attend a brunch at the Poplar Ridge Friends Meetinghouse on Sunday September 29th after the multigenerational meeting for worship (about 11:30am.) Join us for a chance to talk with other Young Adult Friends (YAFs) and to enjoy some good Quaker cooking! For more information contact Anne Dalton 315-364-8676 (annedalton@me.com), Rebecca Schillenback 607-539-7803 or Ruth Bradley 315-497-2254.

FAMILY NIGHT @ MERRIFIELD

September Family Night will be at the Merrifield Fall Festival (2345 Center Road, Scipio Center, NY). The festival starts at 4pm and includes pot-luck dinner, music, a harvest waltz, pumpkin carving, bonfire, sing-a-long, parade (this year's theme is "the forest"). Bring a costume or something to carry for the parade; there will be items for those who don't bring them. The evening goes until "late". Feel free to bring friends and family along with all Friends. One might also bring an outdoor chair, a flashlight, jacket or sweater, dish to pass.



EPISTLE NYYM 2013

To Friends Everywhere:

Our plenary speaker, Whatwehni:neh (Freida J. Jacques), Clanmother of the Turtle Clan of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee, opened with a prayer of thanksgiving. With her we say:

Together with one mind, we give thanks, love and respect to mother earth;

Together with one mind, we give thanks, love and respect to the waters;

Together with one mind, we give thanks, love and respect to the berries;

Together with one mind, we give thanks, love and respect to the medicine plants;

Together with one mind, we give thanks, love and respect to all the animals;

Together with one mind, we give thanks, love and respect to the sun;

Together with one mind, we give thanks, love and respect to the moon;

Together with one mind, we give thanks, love and respect to the stars and all of creation;

We have been challenged by Truth: To renew and invigorate the Two Row Wampum Treaty – the original agreement the Haudenosaunee people made with the European settlers to live along side each other, in peace with one another and with the earth;

To respond to a vision of the Doctrine of Discovery as an ungodly and violent deception in need of repudiation by the Roman Catholic Church, its source, and by the courts, and witnessed a dramatic apology in the name of Jesus Christ to indigenous peoples everywhere;

To see spiritual renewal as born, not of top-down restructuring, but of opening ourselves to personal transformation, supporting one another in ever deepening faithfulness; following the Light each of us has been given;

To break from lives dependant on the burning of hydrocarbons and from all related investment;

To change the language we use to talk about Quakerism. To stop speaking as if we are dying and to start speaking of the living passion that transforms the world. We acknowledged that for too long alcohol and drugs have been used at our summer sessions. We have begun serious conversations throughout the community, speaking truth and listening with love; this shall continue.

We heard from young adults that as children they were deprived of the opportunity to experience what is most vital and precious in our faith. We experienced deep worship and came together as a multigenerational body. The challenges we face are daunting, but our faith is strong, and we are covered by divine grace. We ask for your prayers as we take up the urgent work before us.

New York Yearly Meeting
Jeffrey L. Hitchcock, Clerk

DID YOU EVER WONDER?

Keeping Faith: Answering That of God in All Creation

I am clear we are called to go deeper with our practice. We have inherited the means to reach what Bill Taber, long time teacher at Pendle Hill and author of several seminal Pendle Hill pamphlets, described as “the technology of deeper levels of consciousness.” Much of this practice of early Friends had been lost. In the past twenty years or so, some of that has been rediscovered and reclaimed. It is a practice whereby in individual discernment and corporate worship, we hear God’s voice, and know God’s will for us, for the better use of our lives, and the benefit of humankind. This is an audacious claim, and yet one that most of us can say, “we know experimentally.” We know this, we have experienced it in ourselves and in our fellow Friends.

Too often we act out the form of this precious reality without taking the plunge and entering into its substance. We need, individually and as a body, to grow deeper in this practice. We need to grow in our capacity to center down. We need to better distinguish between the word of the Divine, spoken in our hearts, and our own interesting thoughts, as we rise to speak in worship. We need to more universally know how to recognize a gathered meeting, and the spiritual reality that God is somehow more powerfully present in that meeting than in others, that this is not just a “nice feeling” or a “good experience,” but THE EXPERINECE that we, seeking God, are earnestly hoping to be graced by. We need to be more adept at recognizing the leadings of the Divine, in ourselves and others. We need to share all this with each other. We need to teach it to our children. We need to share it, boldly, and not apologetically, with newcomers. As we do all this, we will grow and we will thrive. We are each of us called to transformation. We are each of us called into the Refiner’s fire. Do we dare answer this call?

Fruits From My Sabbatical, Report of the General Secretary, Christopher Sammond

**New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions
2013 — July 21–27, Silver Bay, NY**

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>.

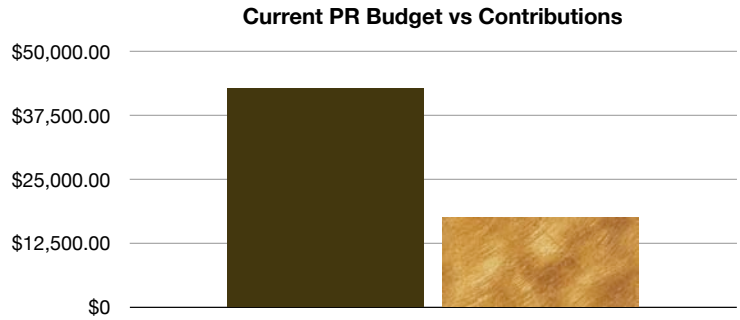


SCARVES FROM BOLIVIA AND SUPPORT OF BOLIVIAN QUAKER EDUCATION

BQEF (Bolivian Quaker Education Fund) has as its signature project stipends for Bolivian Quaker university students. These modest scholarships allow the students to pursue studies toward professional and technical degrees without having to work on the side. The organization has expanded to include other projects such as a student residence for middle school and high school students who would otherwise have to spend up to 3 hours per day traveling to the nearest school, and internships for Bolivian Quaker teachers to teach for a year in Quaker schools in the U.S. Ruben Hilari visited Poplar Ridge when he was an intern at Oakwood School. Helen Hebben and Jane Simkin who are on the board of BQEF would be happy to answer questions. Newsletters are at the back of the meetinghouse.

Helen Hebben has purchased lovely woolen scarves made by a cooperative in Bolivia and is selling them as a fundraiser for BQEF. Some Friends may have seen one of these scarves when Sally Otis wears it in the winter. For more about the scarves contact Helen, Sally, or Jane (315-364-8244 or simkinjp@baldcom.net)

■ Budget for 2013 \$42,875.00
■ Contributions thru 8/19 \$17,446.05



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

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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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