

PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Monthly*

OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee - Buxenbaum's	2 7pm San Pedro Meeting @ Buffam	3	4 7pm Poetry Reading - Howard Nelson	5 10am King Ferry Food Pantry 7pm Merrifield Concert - Ian McFerron
6 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley	7 7:30pm Meditation Group - Nelson's	8 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel - Bradley/Weld's	9	10 7pm Mid-week Worship - Sammond's Birthday Chris Babcock	11 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	12
13 10am Meeting for Worship - Sigrid 11am Coffee Hour Birthdays Riley Dickinson Maassen & Laura Bradley Sullivan	14 Columbus Day Anniversary - Jay Ardai and Suzanne O'Hara Birthday Claire Howard	15 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture - Claire's	16	17 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group Birthday Karen Simkin	18 Movie Night - The Visitor @ Buxembaum Birthday Helen Hebben	19 9am Genoa Food Pantry
20 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business 1pm Drum Circle at Merrifield	21	22 Birthday Gabe Myers Hayes	23 Deadline for PRISM submissions Birthdays John Kuzma & Jane Simkin	24 7pm Mid-week Worship - Berggren-Thomas's Birthday Mathew Rejman	25 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	26 6pm Family Night Supper - Halloween Carnival
27 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	28 Birthdays Stephanie Nelson & Billy REjman	29	30	31 Halloween		

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship at 11:57 a.m. Attending were Ruth Anne Bradley, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Howard Nelson, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Jane Simkin, and Paul Simkin.

Dill Otis reported that for roof replacement the Building Committee has received so far just two estimates, one incomplete. The committee is requesting additional information from the one provider and reaching out for other bids.

Monthly Meeting accepted Brian Gregory into membership and his son Jack Benjamin into associate membership.

We received a report from Ministry and Council about a letter to be sent to people who are over 18 and on our rolls as associate members. It requests information about their wishes whether to continue here as a member, be transferred to another Monthly Meeting, or be removed from our rolls.

The meeting closed at about 1 p.m.
-- David Connelly, recording clerk.

A MESSAGE FROM MINISTRY & COUNSEL COMMITTEE

In recent months we have been setting aside time for afterthoughts at the end of meeting, separate from announcements. This has been a change in our worship format. Ministry & Counsel Committee is interested in knowing how people feel about it. Are there any desirable or undesirable effects involved in this change? Please communicate any thoughts you have to one of us (Howard Nelson, Karen Brennan, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Bess Simkin, Anne Dalton, Larry Buffam, Ruth Bradley) so that we can include them in our planning.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The October Family Night supper will be the traditional Halloween Carnival at the meetinghouse at 6pm. Wear a costume and join in the fun. There will be food and games. Proceeds go to UNICEF.

MOVIE NIGHT

Peace and Social Action will be showing the movie [The Visitor](#) on October 18th, 7pm at Trudy Buxenbaum's house. All are welcome to view the movie and join in the discussion that follows.

POETRY READING BY HOWARD NELSON

On October 4th at 7pm Howard Nelson will be reading some of his poetry as part of the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center Fall Poetry Series. The Series includes readings by published poets, writers groups, and open mic events as well as programs for poetry enthusiasts. Georgia Popoff, poet and published author, is the guest curator for the Poetry Series this year. Sponsored by the Frederick M. and Ora H. Everett Charitable Trust.

Howard has read his poetry at the Center each fall for the past ten years or so, and he always welcomes this chance to share the work he's done in the past year. He is the author of several collections of poetry, most recently *The Nap* by the Waterfall, and he is the editor of *Earth, My Likeness: Nature Poetry of Walt Whitman*.

Visit <http://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org> or call (315)255-1553 for more information about the Center or the poetry programs.



FRIENDS BIKE CLINIC

The bike clinic held in September was a great success. Everyone was kept busy and people are happy to have their bikes back on the road. Thanks go to Lawrence Clarkberg for all his hard work.

NOVEMBER SOUP & SHARING

Debbie Patrick will be sharing some of her knowledge of and experience with the migrant population in our midst at our next Soup and Sharing. This will be on November 3rd at the rise of meeting (about 11:30) in the meeting-house. Debbie has been reaching out to the migrant community of Southern Cayuga for several years and in multiple roles: Leader of the Cayuga County Migrant Coalition, running the King Ferry food pantry, involving Catholic and other faith communities of our area in offering hospitality and services to migrants who work for the Turek Farms, receptionist for the King Ferry Migrant Health Clinic, and more. Sponsored by the Peace and Social Action Committee.



STORY HOUR AT HAZARD LIBRARY

Story Hour will be restarting on October 1st at 9:30am for every Tuesday at 9:30am when SCCS is in session. All are welcome and no preregistration is necessary. Visit the library or <http://www.hazardlibrary.org/> for more information.

VISIT TO SAN PEDRO

Dear friends of San Pedro,
I propose a delegation to San Pedro, El Salvador, for this November. This would be a different time of the year than we have ever gone before as we have only gone in the spring and early summer. We could be there to celebrate the graduations of a couple of our scholarship students with the students and their families. We could be in San Pedro for part of the fall harvest season. We would travel for a week and would live with the people for three or

four days, meeting with various groups to discuss projects they are involved in with our support. We would hopefully have an opportunity to inspect progress on the latest project, fish ponds and gardens and food storage silos.

If you have any interest in this trip or know anyone who might, please inquire further with Larry Buffam. Whether you have been before or this would be your first trip to San Pedro, I would be glad if you would consider it and happy to talk to you about the details.

-- Larry Buffam

FLOOD RELIEF IN BOULDER COUNTY

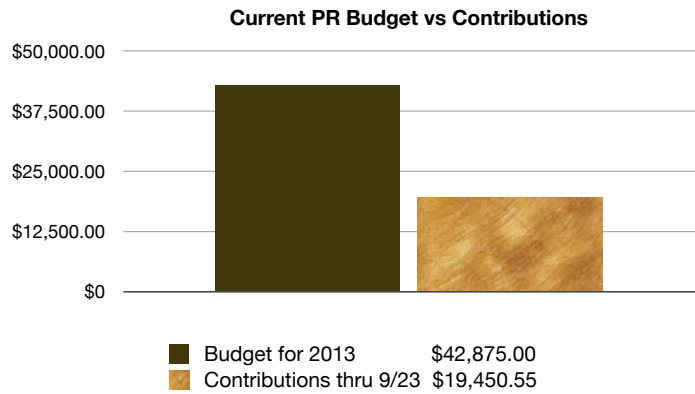
... for those who might not receive help from some usual sources of disaster assistance

As I thought about the floods in the area where I grew up, I realized that there were probably many impacted by the floods whose circumstances are similar to some of the workers on farms in our community. Therefore I wrote to an organization that helps non-English speakers in Boulder County learn English asking what resources are available that reach across language and documentation barriers following the recent floods. As a Red Cross volunteer I had noticed that resources are not always equally accessible to those who do not speak the dominant language.

The reply I received that another organization (www.ourcenter.org) is providing direct relief to Spanish speaking families. I encourage Poplar Ridge Friends who wish to help people impacted by the Boulder Flood to donate to this organization. I did this on line through their website. Red Cross also crosses language barriers to offer assistance and does not require documentation. However, by the stage that has now been reached in the Boulder County flood disaster, Red Cross might typically be beginning to pull back from offering direct assistance to families.

-- Jane Simkin

Budget for 2013	\$42,875.00	
Contributions YTD	\$19,450.55	45.37%



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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