

# PRISM

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

*Poplar  
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Information  
Sharing  
Monthly*

## FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Take Your Child To the Library Day  10am King Ferry Food Pantry
2 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley  11am soup and sharing - Peace Tax Fund  Groundhog Day	3 7:30pm Meditation Group -@ Nelson's	4 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Simkin Cabin	5	6	7 7:30pm Movie Night - 5 Broken Cameras @ Meetinghouse	8
9 10am Meeting for Worship - Julie Lockhart  11am Coffee Hour	10	11 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Bradley/Weld's	12 7pm the San Pedro Sister Community meeting @ Buxenbaum's  Lincoln's Birthday	13 7pm Mid- week Worship @ Sammond's	14 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group  Valentine's Day	15 9am Genoa Food Pantry  7pm Merrifield Concert - Magic Show
16 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley  11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business	17 President's Day	18 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Claire's	19 Deadline for PRISM submissions	20 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	21	22 Washington's Birthday
23 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	24	25	26	27 7pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	28 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	

Birthdays: 4<sup>th</sup> Jacob Vorreuter; 8<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Nobben; 9<sup>th</sup> Miranda Buffam & Deanna Nance, 10<sup>th</sup> Steff McGonagle, 12<sup>th</sup> Nick Dosch, 16<sup>th</sup> Sarah Rejman, 17<sup>th</sup> Janet Shea, 20<sup>th</sup> Greg Frank

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 FOR JANUARY 2014**

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:50a.m. and approved the minutes from the last meeting, October 2013.

Attending: Ruth Anne Bradley, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Barry Kahn, Jeff Layton, Howard Nelson, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Andrew Simkin, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, and Bill Tyler.

Eddie Richter and Carly Pearson have changed their original plans to use the meetinghouse to be married in August. They will be married in Portland, Oregon.

Jack Charles has stepped off the Nominating Committee; Howard is volunteering to complete Jack's term. Linda Simkin had coincidentally been asked; Monthly Meeting will ask her to fill out Jack's term while Howard will serve on the committee for the sake of continuity.

The Monthly Meeting discussed whether nominations of the Nominating Committee should be publicized before the Annual Meeting. The Monthly Meeting is clear that publication is appropriate.

The Monthly Meeting 2014 annual budget was approved, based on the Finance Committee's proposed budget, with the following changes:

- \$20 will be added to the motto calendars to cover postage.
- The budget had decreased the amount allocated to the New York Yearly Meeting to \$5,000, from \$6,000. When some members expressed discomfort, the Monthly Meeting discussed it and restored the budget line to \$6,000.
- The Monthly Meeting separated the Outreach & Religious Education category, increasing the \$225 to \$250 and allocating \$125 to each.
- The budget includes no increase for the pastor's housing and salary. We will hold with that number keeping in mind needs to adjust for inflation in future years.

- Scholarships, budgeted \$1,000, will be dropped to zero; requested and approved scholarships will be drawn from one of the meeting's funds. Last year it came out of the Searing Fund.
- Also, Peace and Social Action was asked to reappraise donations to several agencies to which we donate \$50 to \$100 and report to Monthly Meeting.

The changes total \$45 increase to the proposed budget, for a total 2014 budget \$43,545.

The Monthly Meeting approved reserving for roof replacement \$7,000 from the Memorial Fund and \$3,000 from the Youth Fund. We approved a draft letter, with minor changes, to members, attenders and others concerned about our Meetinghouse to be mailed in May informing them of our need for up to \$20,000 and a brief notice of the project in Prism. Recent bids are from D&J, of Ovid, \$26,200, and Signor, of Genoa, \$31,500.

A marriage of Craig Kukuk and A.T. Miller took place in the Meetinghouse in Dec. 31, 2013.

Eighteen adult associate Monthly Meeting members were identified and mailed sixteen letters asking whether they wish to continue as full members. Of the six responses so far, four will continue as members: Bethea Brice, Llewellyn Foulke, Laura Sullivan, and Kevin Sullivan. Two wished to discontinue, Lucie Heinekamp Gill and Eve Moora Klamm.

The Monthly Meeting closed with silence about 2:35 p.m.



## MOVIE NIGHT – “5 BROKEN CAMERAS”

The Peace and Social Action committee is sponsoring the viewing of the movie “5 Broken Cameras” at the Meetinghouse on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Please join us for a viewing of the movie, snacks and discussion. All are welcome.

*“The first-ever Palestinian film to be nominated for best Documentary Feature by A.M.P.A.S®, the critically-acclaimed 5 BROKEN CAMERAS is a deeply personal, first-hand account of life and non-violent resistance in Bil’in, a West Bank village surrounded by Israeli settlements. Shot by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat, who bought his first camera in 2005 to record the birth of his youngest son, Gibreel, the film was co-directed by Burnat and Guy Davidi, an Israeli filmmaker. Structured in chapters around the destruction of each one of Burnat’s cameras, the filmmakers’ collaboration follows one family’s evolution over five years of village upheaval. As the years pass in front of the camera, we witness Gibreel grow from a newborn baby into a young boy who observes the world unfolding around him with the astute powers of perception that only children possess. Burnat watches from behind the lens as olive trees are bulldozed, protests intensify and lives are lost in this cinematic diary and unparalleled record of life in the West Bank.”*

<http://www.kinolorber.com/5brokencameras/>.



## FRIENDLY SUPPERS

All local friends and Friends should receive an invitation from a host family for supper near or on the weekend of February 22nd. . If you have not received an invitation by mid-February and would like to attend a potluck supper, please call Hannah Richter, 364-3531.

## HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?

### *Meeting for Business*

Probably the first thing to be considered about business meeting is that its full name is Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Business meetings are intended to be conducted in a similar worshipful spirit, a sense of the same expectation of the active presence of the Spirit and a seeking of some kernel of the truth with which Meeting for Worship is conducted every week. Deliberations and decisions about various items of business are intended to reflect this presence of the Spirit.

Everyone is welcome and valued at meetings for business just as at weekly meeting for worship. The Spirit may speak through anyone present, whether it is their first time or they have attended many times before.

On the importance of deep listening at Meeting for business: “..... a willingness to listen to what others have to say rather than to persuade them to one’s own point of view represents what is right and proper.” (Punshon, Encounter with Silence, p 98)

We come to meeting for business with agenda items hopefully well prepared and seasoned, but also in an open spirit ready to discern the best course forward, which may well be postponement as Friends wait on greater clarity. If decisions are made, they are made in unity rather than through voting. The difference between unity and consensus has been explained but is beyond the scope of this short article.

Friends’ business meeting has traditionally been the place for the raising of individual concerns or leadings. This is the place where they can be aired, considered, tested and responded to by the community. This can be a deepening experience for the individual and for the rest of the group.

For further information about business meetings:

Faith and Practice, NYYM, Pg. 87-92.

Encounter with Silence, John Punshon, pg 92-99.

Beyond Majority Rule: voteless decisions in the Religious Society of Friends Michael Sheeran

## ROOF FUND FOR MEETINGHOUSE

The Building Committee has recommended replacement of the Meetinghouse roof. The work could be done in 2014 if we generate sufficient funds. The estimated total cost is \$30,000-35,000. The Finance Committee has established a Roof Fund, with a current balance of \$12,600, consisting of one earmarked donation received in the amount of \$2,600, plus \$10,000 from other previously-donated money. Friends who wish to contribute may send a check designated "For Roof Fund", made out to Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting. The mailing address is PO Box 146, Aurora NY 13026.

## SOUP AND SHARING

On Feb 2nd Soup and Sharing, following the rise of meeting, will be held in the Meetinghouse. The topic is the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund (<http://www.peacetaxfund.org/>). Marilyn Ray, member of Ithaca Monthly Meeting and the regional Conscience and War Committee, will lead the presentation and discussion. All welcome!

## YOUNG FRIENDS TRIP TO DC Is there a politically engaged young person in your life?

Sponsor them to attend FCNL's [Spring Lobby Weekend](#) in Washington, DC! This four-day event - March 22 to March 25 - is an opportunity for young people to voice their concerns for peace, justice and integrity in government to our nation's leaders. [There are fellowships available](#) for this event, too.

The cost of attendance is low, but travel expenses can put the event out of the reach of some young people. For more information, visit [fcnl.org/events/slw/](http://fcnl.org/events/slw/) or contact Andrew Silva at [andrew@fcnl.org](mailto:andrew@fcnl.org) or [800-630-1130](tel:800-630-1130).

## LOBBY TO END THE ENDLESS WARS

[FCNL lobbyists think 2014 is a unique opportunity](#) to repeal the "blank check" authorization for the so-called global war on terror.

House members will be home in-district on the week of **President's Day, Feb. 17**. This is our chance to ask our representatives to repeal this lethal law!

FCNL is organizing lobby delegations in our state. Contact Katherine Philipson for more information: [katherine@fcnl.org](mailto:katherine@fcnl.org) or [800-630-1330](tel:800-630-1330), ext. 2533.



## FRIENDLY THOUGHTS

### *Meeting for Worship*

*I lug this great laundry basket to Meeting  
Filled with damp twisted bundles of problems,  
tasks, and commitments,  
And I shake them out one by one and peg them on  
the invisible line.  
Then the Light shines on them and the Spirit  
blows through them  
And at the hour's end I take them down.  
Most of them are smooth and aired and ready to  
put on again;  
A few are still a bit creased, but I can iron those  
later at home.*

Joyce Neill (1915-2011) South Belfast Meeting  
printed in The Friends Quarterly

*"Stand still in that which is pure, after ye see  
yourselves; and then mercy comes in. After  
thou seest thy thoughts, and the temptations, do  
not think, but submit; and then power comes.  
Stand still in that which shows and discovers;  
and then doth strength immediately come. And  
stand still in the Light, and submit to it, and the  
other will be hushed and gone and then content  
comes."*

George Fox 1652  
Quaker Faith and Practice 20.4  
Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of  
Friends (Quaker) in Britain

## **NYYM 2014 APPEAL**

Dear Friends,

As you know, your name is on the NYYM global email list, though you are not a member of any NYYM monthly meeting. Here is an opportunity to read the NYYM "Year in Review, 2013," which is available at <http://www.nyyym.org/sites/default/files/NYYM2013AnnualReport.pdf> where you can read about the vibrant Spirit-led ministry going on in New York Yearly Meeting.

You are also invited by the Development Committee to take part in supporting this vital work. Here is the link: <http://www.nyyym.org/?q=node/56> to donate online.

As you make last minute, year-end decisions as to where to allocate your charitable contributions, we hope that you consider NYYM's 2014 appeal. Please give as generously as you can so that the growing edges of this yearly meeting and its Spirit-led work can continue to flourish. However, we welcome any amount, no matter how small. (We really mean that!)

Contributions made on our website by midnight December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, will be tax deductible in the 2013 tax year.

In faith and gratitude, the NYYM Development Committee  
Peter Baily  
Tom Bonhag  
Linda Hill Brainard  
Joyce Ketterer  
Ray Rios  
Christopher Sammond

## **MERRIFIELD CONCERT SERIES**

"21st Century Magic" featuring Jim Warren from Ithaca (<http://www.warrenmagic.com/>) will be held at Merrifield on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm For over a decade Jim was a house magician at "The Magic Castle" in Hollywood, a members-only club where he performed for celebrities and other magicians. His children's shows stress anti-bullying themes. Come and support this entertainer who uses his talents to promote non-violence! There is a charge at the door of Adults \$15, Kids \$10. Contact A.T. Miller [atmiller@cornell.edu](mailto:atmiller@cornell.edu) for information.

## **MEETING FOR DISCERNMENT**

On Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am there will be a Meeting For Discernment at the Purchase Meeting in Purchase, NY. The queries for this meeting for Discernment are:

- Life is movement. What tools do we each have for finding our center and for linking it with others? What happens when we make that connection? What are the markers on our spiritual compass?
- How do we cope with pain when we find it in meeting? In our community? In the world? Is there a gift in the pain?

Registration deadline for childcare and home hospitality is February 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information on this event please contact Lucinda Antrim ([lucindaantrim@verizon.net](mailto:lucindaantrim@verizon.net), (914) 693-2083 or visit <http://www.nyyym.org/?q=MtgforDiscernment-2014-03-01>.



**FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**  
Visit the Hazard Library on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day." Special events happening at the library include: Music with Carol Fearon and her Banjo (10-11am), Stories and songs in sign language with Michele Westfall (11am-12pm) and visiting the service dogs (12pm-1pm). Bring pet food and products to donate to the SPCA. Contact the library (315/364-7975 ) for more information. (<http://www.hazardlibrary.org/hazard-library-take-your-child-to-the-library-day-2014/>)

## APPROVED 2014 OPERATING BUDGET

Category	yearly amount 2013	Actual paid in 2013	proposed for 2014	Comments
Pastor's Housing	\$9,500.00	\$9,501.36	\$9,500.00	
Pastor's salary	\$9,000.00	\$8,998.64	\$9,000.00	
Pastor's Retirement	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Pastor's reimbursable	\$3,500.00	\$3,111.70	\$3,500.00	
Building Maintenance	\$850.00	\$348.97	\$450.00	decrease of \$400
Fuel Oil	\$3,600.00	\$3,634.71	\$4000.00	Increase of \$400
Electric	\$460.00	\$508.72	\$600.00	Increase of \$140
Insurance	\$750.00	\$709.00	\$750.00	
Snow Plowing	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	
Conferences	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	decrease of \$250
Library	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not utilized; if needed take from Misc
Ministry & Counsel	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not utilized; if needed take from Misc
Misc.	\$700.00	\$241.90	\$400.00	decrease of 300
Motto Calendars	\$125.00	\$134.00	\$145.00	
Music	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not utilized; if needed take from Misc
Outreach	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	decrease of \$25
Peace & Social Action	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not utilized; if needed take from Misc
Postage	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not utilized; if needed take from Misc
Prism	\$350.00	\$282.55	\$300.00	decrease of \$50
Religious Edu.	\$150.00	\$167.85	\$125.00	decrease of \$25
Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	If needed take from Talcott
Social/Housekeeping	\$70.00	\$88.52	\$100.00	Increase of \$30
Am. Friends Service	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
AVP	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Bolivian Quaker Edu.	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Camp Gregory	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Camp Gregory camper's	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Not utilized; if needed take from Youth Fund
CCAIM	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Center on Conscience	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Christian Peacemakers	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
FCNL	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
FGC	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Friends World Com.	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Human Services Cayuga	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Non-Violent Peace Force	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
NYS Council of Ch's.	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
NYYM	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6000.00	
NYYM Sharing	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Regional Meeting	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
San Pedro	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
UNICEF	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
Vive, Inc.	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Wider Parish	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,375.00</b>	<b>\$42,977.92</b>	<b>\$43,545.00</b>	
<b>Donations thru 12/31/13</b>	<b>\$50,202.55</b>			
<b>% of yearly expenses</b>	<b>111%</b>			



Quaker  
Voluntary  
Service

Dear Friend,

We recognize that Friends today are being invited to rediscover and reclaim the living tradition of Quaker service for our time, offering new models built on enduring truths. Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) speaks into that need. Built on four core values: Community, Service, Transformation, and the Quaker Way, it is an experiment in faithfulness in the Friends' tradition. QVS presents an opportunity and a challenge to discover your gifts, while helping change the world.



QVS Volunteers work full time in local nonprofits, schools, and other social justice agencies that offer direct support to marginalized individuals and communities, and strive to transform unjust systems. For examples of the service site placement possibilities in our three cities (Philadelphia, Portland, OR and Atlanta) see [www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/current-placements/](http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/current-placements/).



Through simple, communal living, Volunteers learn to care for self and others. QVS Volunteers will share living space, meals, care for the home, and all aspects of day to day life. Volunteers receive housing, all utilities, health insurance, a transportation and grocery allowance and a small living stipend. You will be supported by and engage with local Quaker communities. You are not required to be a Quaker to participate in QVS, but you should come prepared to deeply engage in Quaker worship and practice, and be genuinely open to sharing your spiritual journey with others.

**Applications are due by March 15, 2014.**  
**For more information and to apply, please see:**  
[www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply](http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply)

As Quaker service did for previous generations of Friends, this year-long experience offers the opportunity to orient young adults to whole lives committed to service and justice, grounded and sustained by faith – lives that speak. Will you let your life speak?

Please help us spread the word about this opportunity by forwarding this email on to your networks!  
In Peace,

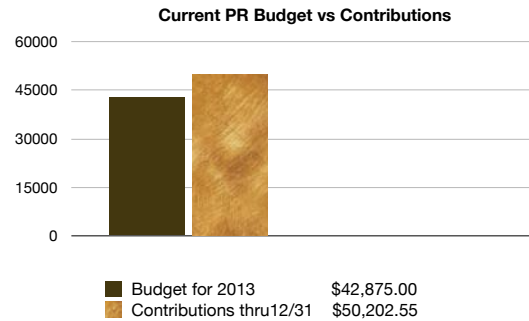
QVS Staff and Board

Treasure's note from Jeff Layton:

Many thanks to all of the generous contributors who made it possible to exceed our budget requirements for 2013!

As we begin 2014 It would be most helpful if quarterly contributors would consider donating monthly and annual contributors quarterly. Our cash flow for the Meeting would be immensely improved, and, we would most likely prevent another 4th quarter deficit as the Meeting experienced last October.

Budget for 2013	\$42,875.00	
Contributions YTD	\$50,202.55	117.09%



### 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. Nursery is available 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 or copies of previous newsletters. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

To change or correct a mailing label please contact Mary Lou Charles at 364-7391 or Scott Heinekamp at 364-7676. You can request PRISM electronically and save the Meeting the expense of postage by emailing [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com).

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