

# PRISM

*The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge*

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## AUGUST 2014

| Sun  | Mon                               | Tue   | Wed                                  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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|  |                                   |   |                                      |  | 1<br>6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group  | 2<br>9am King Ferry Food Pantry                |
| 3<br>10am Meeting for Worship - Song & Silence   | 4<br>7:30pm Meditation @ Nelson's | 5<br>7:30pm Peace & Social Action @ Buxenbaum's   | 6                                    | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10<br>10am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller   | 11                                | 12<br>7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'           | 13                                   | 14<br>7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's         | 15<br>6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group | 16<br>9am Genoa Food Pantry                    |
| 17<br>10am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Schillenback<br><br>11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of | 18                                | 19<br>7:15am Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Claire's | 20                                   | 21   | 22   | 23<br>7pm Merrifield Concert - John Byrne Band |
| 24<br>10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)<br><br>1pm Merrifield Drum Circle                                  | 25                                | 26<br>7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group        | 27<br>Deadline for PRISM submissions | 28<br>7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas's | 29<br>6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group | 30   |
| 31<br>10am Meeting for Worship - Multigenerational   |                                   |   |                                      |  |  |  |

**Birthdays :** 1<sup>st</sup> Eric Devin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethan MacCormick; 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Hanson; 12<sup>th</sup> Mark Frank, John Brennan; 15<sup>th</sup> Marlee Harris; 24<sup>th</sup> Tony Rejman; 27<sup>th</sup> Thea Rose Rejman; 31<sup>st</sup> Caroline Burch, Karen Menges, Mark Vorreuter, Maryl Mendillo

**Anniversaries:** 7<sup>th</sup> Tess Nelson and Perry Gorgen; 12<sup>th</sup> Maryl Mendillo and Mark Vorreuter; 15<sup>th</sup> Helen and George Hebben; 16<sup>th</sup> Sarah Richardson and Aaron Green; 25<sup>th</sup> Gregory and Janet Otis; 31<sup>st</sup> Sarah Nelson and David Weiss

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

**We are pleased that our pastor Ruth Bradley will be enjoying a sabbatical during the months of June, July, and August. If you have need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Anne Dalton (315-364-8676).**

**POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES JULY 20, 2014.**

Persons attending:

Bill Tyler, Ann Burch, Anne Dalton, Hannah Richter, Jeff Layton, Andy Simkin, Dill Otis, Karen Brennan, Mary Lou Charles, Bess Simkin, Sally Otis

Mary Lou showed a hand-drawn map of the property on Poplar Ridge Road that once was the site of the first Quaker meetinghouse in this area. A cemetery still remains. The map, apparently made in the 1890s, was donated by Eleanor Cleveland, who felt that its proper place was at the only surviving Friends meeting in the area. Mary Lou has had it mounted on foam board, and Dill has agreed to build a frame. It was decided that the map should be mounted on the wall to the right of the window by the back stairs. The painting there at present is to be moved to a vacant space on the perpendicular wall nearby. Archival glass will be used to protect the map, and the meeting has offered to reimburse Mary Lou for the cost of the glass. Mary Lou will add a suitable caption.

Sally Otis gave a report from the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, focused on membership matters. Elizabeth Brice has asked to be removed from membership. Evan Mcgonagle and Robin Heinekamp (through his parents) have asked for full membership. These new memberships were approved.

Jeff Layton gave an update on our insurance policy. As approved at the previous meeting, our policy has been amended to raise the coverage on the building to \$250,000, and to change it to a "replacement cost" policy. Liability limits have been increased to \$1,000,000, and the deductible has been raised to \$5,000. Our premium will increase by \$285 annually. Friends considered it advisable to update the policy before commencement of the upcoming roof work.

There was some discussion of the upcoming work on the roof. Dill and Andy noted that we have a contract in place, and Jeff reported that the initial payment of \$15,000 to the contractor has been made. Jeff reported that the building fund does not yet have sufficient funds to cover the remainder of the cost; about \$10,000 more will be needed, from members and/or support from the NY Yearly Meeting. Friends decided that a brief update should be included in the August Prism, which Dill Otis will write, with a subsequent report to be circulated once work has commenced. We do not yet have a date from the contractor. The roof will be gray in color. There was some discussion about the color of the gutters and downspouts, which will likely be white.

Hannah Richter requested permission to use tables and chairs from the Meetinghouse for a Richter family reunion on August 16. This request was approved.

Anne Dalton outlined plans for next Sunday's Meeting for Discernment to consider pastoral arrangements following Ruth Bradley's upcoming retirement. Following the rise of Meeting for Worship that day, there will be lunch provided by members of the Ministry and Counsel committee, downstairs. Recyclable dishes will be used so that no time is needed for dishwashing. Attenders will return upstairs following lunch. Jim Frisch will give an introduction to the Meeting for Discernment, which is to focus on two queries. Anne Dalton will close the meeting by initiating handshakes, and will thank participants and note that thoughts expressed in the meeting will guide the Committee for Ministry and Counsel in its August 12 meeting. If that meeting results in recommendations, those recommendations could then be considered in the Meeting for Business scheduled for August 17.

Friends discussed options for providing childcare during the Meeting for Discernment. In order to gain full participation in the meeting, Friends will seek to arrange for two outside people to supervise childcare in the basement. Various options were discussed, to be followed up by Andy, Anne, and Sally. Payment from meeting funds was approved for the childcare providers.

## MEETING HOUSE ROOF UPDATE

Joe Signor plans to begin work on Monday July 28th. on a project that will replace the roof of the Meeting House. The roof fund currently has \$5,650 after having paid Joe a deposit of \$15,000. We therefore need to raise an additional \$10,000 to meet the total cost of the bill. Dill Otis, Building Committee clerk

### DID YOU EVER WONDER?

Did you ever wonder whom to ask about our Meeting, or Quakers in general?

Questions such as:

- “How do people decide to speak in worship?”
- “Are there ground rules?”
- “What social justice causes is this Meeting involved in?”

Beginning this September we will announce a “*Friend on the Spot*” who will be available to answer a specific question each week as well as other questions you may have.

After worship, the clerk will state the question for the week as well as who will be ‘*Friend on the Spot*’.

Please feel free to ask anyone at Meeting you want about Quakers or our Meeting as well.

If you have a question you have been wondering about or would like to be the designated person to answer questions, please contact the clerk, Anne Dalton.

*The produce of the earth is a gift from our gracious creator to the inhabitants, and to impoverish the earth to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age.*

John Woolman (1720-1772)



### MARGUERITE NEDROW TURNING 96 ON AUGUST 10TH

Dill and I visited Marguerite Nedrow at the Cayuga County Nursing Home (now called The Commons on County House Road) on the 20th of July. Marguerite is unable to leave her bed easily. The Hoya lift is used to move her. We found her in good spirits, with her beautiful smile. She enjoys watching the birds visit the bird feeder outside her window. She mentioned that she will be celebrating her 96th birthday on August 10th.

I thought that it would be nice to send her a "card shower" so if you think about it send her a card to Marguerite Nedrow, The Commons , Room 5, 7451 County House Road, Auburn, New York 13021

Marguerite and her husband began coming to our Friends Meeting after their Church of the Brethern in King Ferry closed. Harold worked together in Ithaca in GLF with Orlo Stewart. Orlo was our pastor then. He invited them to come to Meeting and try it out. They were steady attenders worshipping with us until they were no longer able to attend. Harold has passed away.

Stop by and say hello if you are in the vicinity. Sally Otis

### WHEAT HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Genoa Historical Association invites you to the Annual Wheat Harvest Festival, taking place on the grounds of the museum and historical association in King Ferry, NY. Bring your entire

family for a day of summer fun!

7am Pancake Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church on route 90.

Grounds open 10am

Parade starts 11am. Bring a non-perishable food item (no glass) to the parade to support our local food pantries!

Day features:

- Chicken BBQ (sponsored by the King Ferry Fire Dept.), hot dogs, veggie burgers and hamburgers (sponsored by the Aurora Rotary) and much more.
- Craft tents and local vendors.
- NYS Draft Horse Club and harvesting of wheat right on site!
- Live music from local bands
- Traditional cake wheel
- NEW THIS YEAR - bounce house for kids!

## **MESSAGE FROM ROLAND MICKLEM**

Dear Friends....

Many thanx for the good word. I'd like to think of my action more as a vigil and an entreaty than a protest. I have no desire to challenge or threaten anyone who has the authority to bring about the changes we seek, but to speak to their humanity with love and respect, while unmoving in our determination to bring an end to the destruction of that over which God has designated us as stewards.

Again, many thanx...I will keep you as informed as I am able to so do. – Roland

Editor's note: Learn more about Roland's fast for the mountains by visiting his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fastforthemountains>

## **SUMMER EVENTS AT HAZARD LIBRARY**

Annual Hazard Library Book Sale is August 2<sup>nd</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> at the Poplar Ridge Fire House on Rte. 34B.

Special Tuesday morning programs, "Summer on the Porch", during August at 10 am on the Library Porch. Activities include science experiments as well as reading to service dog Daisy!

On Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 3-4pm Meet & Greet Carolyn Mackler, a popular teen author, at the Library. We will be giving away a signed copy of her latest book Tangled.

All the activities are FREE to attend. All are invited to join the summer fun!!!

Of course, the Library will be open regular hours for patrons to borrow books and DVDs as well as use the high speed Internet and WiFi.

Questions? Visit the website

<http://www.hazardlibrary.org/> or call Hazard Library at 315-364-7975



## **EVENTS AT MERRIFIELD**

We will be hosting the John Byrne Band ([www.johnbyrneband.com](http://www.johnbyrneband.com)), a Celtic folk group based in Philadelphia on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. John Byrne is a Dublin native who mixes the best of U.S. folk with the traditions of Ireland to form a wonderful acoustic experience of intertwining melodies. \$15 will be collected at the door.

Drum circle at 1pm on Sunday the 24th. Drums provided, if needed—all levels of experience.

Merrifield is at 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center 13147. For more information or directions, contact Craig Kukuk ([craigkukuk@gmail.com](mailto:craigkukuk@gmail.com)).



## **DONATING TO NYYM**

Dear Friend,

We are happy to announce that we now have an automatic withdrawal option “live” on the New York Yearly Meeting website. The Development Committee invites you to join Friends in making a donation to the annual fund by using this simple vehicle. It’s easy! You can go directly to [our online donation page](#) (or you can go to the [general donation page](#) for some other donation options). On the online donation page, you can elect to make a one-time donation or recurring donations on a monthly or quarterly basis - your choice. You can make these donations from either your credit card or checking account. Please give generously!

As you know, New York Yearly Meeting nurtures and coordinates an array of vibrant, spirit-led ministries within New York, northern New Jersey and western Connecticut. Examples include bringing resources and spiritual growth to our monthly meetings, the Young Adult Field Secretary’s crucial support of young adult Friends, and a yearly meeting increasingly in step with the digital age and ready to serve as a collective voice on such issues as hydro-fracking, the death penalty, and the rights of indigenous people.

The NYYM operating budget supports this work, both directly and indirectly, and we need to strengthen our financial foundation if we want this work to grow and flourish. Our goal for this year’s annual fund is \$40,000. We have raised \$20,000 thus far

Please give as generously as you can, so that the growing edges of this yearly meeting and its Spirit-led work and continue to expand in depth and reach. We welcome any amount, no matter how large or small.

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

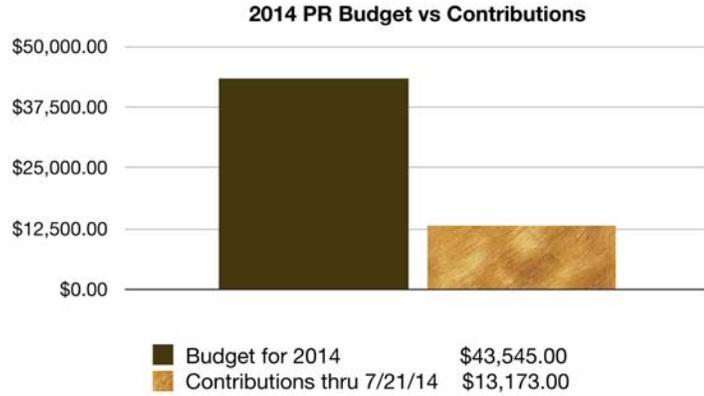
## **AUBURN FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL**

Celebrate history at the annual event founded by the City of Auburn and organized by the Downtown Auburn BID. Events include:

- Little Founders Fun Run: 8:30 - 11AM
- Fire & Iron BBQ for BURNS Benefit & Motorcycle Ride: 10AM – 7PM (live entertainment will be provided by Johnny Bender)
- Finger Lakes Region Antique Automobile Association History on Wheels: 11AM – 4PM
- Kick-off with DJ Jane Stebbins of Goodtime Charlie's Mobile Entertainment: 11AM
- Star Spangled Banner,” by Stephanie DeVito & St. Alphonsus Children’s Canticle Choir: 11AM
- Infrared Radiation Orchestra: 11:15AM – 1PM
- Last Train Out: 1 – 3PM
- Norm Riley & Barbershop Group: Noon
- Finger Lakes Radio Group Live Remote & Money Machine: 11AM – 4PM
- Family Fun: 11AM – 4PM The family fun tent will offer 2 Moon Walks, a rock climbing wall, a Velcro jump and obstacle course, plus BluePrint II will offer face painting. Cayuga County Sheriff’s Department will host their Safe Child Program (11AM – 3PM) inside the Genesee Mall.
- Abner & Auburn Doubledays: 11AM – 1PM
- Captain Jack: 11AM – 4PM
- Regional Artist Booths: 11AM – 4PM
- Theodore Medad Pomeroy Anvil Monument Unveiling: 1PM
- Let’s Move at the Seward House Museum: 1 – 3PM

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Founders-Day-Festival-in-Auburn-NY/389719663728> for more information.

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| <b>Budget for 2014</b>   | \$43,545.00 |        |
| <b>Contributions YTD</b> | \$13,173.00 | 30.25% |



### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

|   |                                       |
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| Clerk – Anne Dalton                                     | Pastor - Ruth Bradley                 |
| Assistant Clerk – Larry Buffam                          | Recording Clerk – David Connelly      |
| Treasurer – Jeff Layton                                 | Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Sally Otis |
| 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. 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/poplaridgefriendsny>.

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