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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 7:30pm Peace & Social Action @ Phoenix Building	3	4	5 5pm Seeking an Earth Restored: An evening for environmental awareness	6 9am King Ferry Food Pantry 7pm Identifying Nelson/ Buscando A Roberto
7 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 7pm Eagles of Cayuga Lake	8 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	9 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	10	11 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's	12 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	13
14 10am Meeting for Worship – Ruth Bradley 11am Coffee Hour	15 7:30am San Pedro Sister Community meeting @ Buxenbaum's	16 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	17	18	19	20 9am Genoa Food Pantry 7pm Merrifield Concert – Danika Holmes
21 People's Climate March 10am Meeting for Worship – Tony Gaenslen 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business 3pm Photo Workshop With Glenn Gaston	22	23 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	24 Deadline for PRISM submissions 7:30pm Outreach Meeting	25 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Berggren-Thomas'	26 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship	27 2pm Family Night - Fall Harvest Festival at Merrifield
28 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	29	30				

Birthdays : 3rd Priscilla Berggren-Thomas; 9th George Clarkson, Edward Hayes; 15th Dorothy Lonsky; 18th Peter Charles , Aeriana McMannis; 19th Sarah Richardson; 26th Bill Sims; 28th Paul Simkin

Anniversaries : 14th Mary Lou & Jack Charles; 18th Jackie Dickinson & Ed Maassen

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

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES AUGUST 17TH, 2014

The Aug. 17, 2014 Poplar Ridge Friends Monthly Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:45 a.m. and read the minutes from the July meeting.

Attending is David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Jeff Layton, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Bess Simkin, Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, Paul Simkin, Kate Serrine, and Bill Tyler,

Dill updated us on the roof project. It is nearly completed and the job looks good, in Dill's judgment. The Building Committee has added to the project replacement of roofing over shed and entry, since they were funded privately and anonymously. For the overall project, there remains about \$8,000 in funding needed. We hope to pay the contractor in full by spring. We are applying to New York Yearly Meeting for funds for assistance.

At one rainstorm there was leakage north of the chimney, which stained a patch above the vestibule. The contractor has agreed to cover any damage, but we will be handling repairs ourselves.

Sally Otis reported for Ministry and Council Committee that the committee talked about the Meeting For Discernment on July 27. "We feel we heard the importance of community expressed," she said, and included a desire for spoken message, silence and music, and to "maintain our friendliness for all who entered." We discussed the future: there was some excitement because some members have offered to give monthly messages, but the committee is not yet ready to put their names forward. That would tentatively be for an interim year while we decide how to proceed. "There is a sense that a way is opening for the future of our meeting," she said.

We know the talents Ruth has and they are unique; we may not be able to replace all of them. For instance, how to arrange for visiting hospitalized and homebound people. Some members are visiting case-by-case now. Ruth returns after a sabbatical soon and will continue as pastor for three months, a valuable time for us to discover such needs. She has said she has

already contacted local clergy to help us with people who may need professional help while she is on sabbatical.

There was a concern that Ministry and Council fully engage the Monthly Meeting in our search for our new pastoral leadership.

We agreed that an honorarium should be offered to people who present messages to us. There was a question whether Monthly Meeting has discontinued that earlier practice. Ministry and Council will consider what amount the honorarium should be.

Jeff gave a brief Funding Committee report. We have cash for a little under 35 percent of our budget, short about \$28,000, and we are about two-thirds into the fiscal year.

Kate Serrine visited and told us she is beginning a worship group in Odessa, near Watkins Glen, and is seeks our meeting's support.

Submitted by David Connelly, Record Clerk.



ONLINE RESOURCES AT NYYM

The New York Year Meeting offers free reference information on a wide variety of topics. Resources include Advancement/Outreach, Centering, Clerking & Recording, Aging Concerns, Marriage, Leadership, Money & Finances, Music, Science and many, many more.

Visit <http://www.nyy.org/?q=Resources> to explore the wide range of topics available.

DID YOU EVER WONDER?

Did you ever wonder about Bayard Rustin?

Bayard Rustin, Quaker activist and chief organizer for the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, lived such a life of inspiration. Last fall, Rustin posthumously received the Presidential Medal of Freedom honoring his life and work for equality and dignity for all people.

Rustin is best known for being the organizer of the March on Washington, but he also shaped the nonviolent philosophy of the movement. In 1956, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr invited Rustin to come to Montgomery, Alabama to help organize the emergent bus boycott. King's home had been bombed in February of that year, and in response, King applied for a concealed carry permit in Alabama. The state was reluctant to grant such permits to African Americans: King was deemed "unsuitable" and the permit was denied, so instead he kept guns at his home.

When Rustin arrived at King's home, he was disturbed that he was greeted at the door by armed watchmen. When Rustin visited King with journalist Bill Worthy, Worthy almost sat on a pistol. Rustin said, "Watch out, Bill, there's a gun on the chair." Rustin helped King realize that nonviolence was a way of life, not merely a tactic, and persuaded him to learn about and adopt the principles of Gandhian nonviolent direct action.

Rustin lived with remarkable integrity-he never hid the fact that he was gay, he never bowed to judgments others made about his sexuality. He said, "My activism did not spring from my being gay, or, for that matter, from my being black. Rather, it is rooted fundamentally in my Quaker upbringing and the values that were instilled in me by my grandparents who reared me. Those values are based on the concept of a single human family and the belief that all members of that family are equal."

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"So let your lives preach, let your light shine..."
George Fox

SEEKING AN EARTH RESTORED: AN EVENING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

On Friday, Sept. 5, 5:00-8:00 PM at the Phoenix Building (2 south street) in Auburn, there will be a special program on environmental matters, sponsored by the Peace and Social Action Committee. The program will feature exhibits by various groups and individuals, including Heritage Harvesters, the Owasco and Cayuga Lake Associations, Fingerlakes Woolen Mill, the Halco Energy-Efficiency company, Integrated Pest Management (non-chemical pest control) Maryl Mendillo on Fracking, and literature from the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Light refreshments, including organic popcorn and Fair-Trade coffee, will be available. As part of Auburn's First Friday series, the evening also offers an opportunity to visit other downtown attractions. Please come and show your support; it will be a good opportunity to learn and interact. It will be an Open-House format, so visitors are welcome to drop in any time between 5:00 and 8:00 PM. For more information contact Andy Simkin (simkinat@msn.com).



POEMS FROM HOWARD NELSON

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting member Howard Nelson has completed a new book of poems. Howard has shared his poetry with the community for many years and it is always a pleasure to hear his readings. His new book is *All the Earthly Lovers-- Selected & New Poems*. The book is available at Downtown Books & Coffee in Auburn, or at foothillspublishing.com.

COME TO THE HISTORIC PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH!!

In September, world leaders are coming to New York City for a UN summit on the climate crisis. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is urging governments to support an ambitious global agreement to dramatically reduce global warming pollution.

On September 21st, the People's Climate March will give testimony to the many thousands of us who are not willing to sit idly by while our ecosystem rapidly unravels. This is an opportunity for us to bear witness, to join the largest climate march in history, to march together as Friends. Friends are gathering from across the Yearly Meeting and across the country to join in this historic march. Come, be a part of it.

There will be a bus leaving from Ithaca meetinghouse at rise of Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting's Fall Gathering, at about 4:00 PM, and going that night to 15th Street Meeting. The cost is \$25 per person, round-trip. Those that can camp out in the meetinghouse, sleeping on cushions from the benches, are welcome to do so. Those that cannot will be matched up with Friends offering limited hospitality in the area.

We will gather the morning before the march to worship at 15th Street Meeting, and then go to join the Quaker contingent near Central Park (exact location to be announced). I'm told that First Nations Peoples and religious organizations will be at the front of the march. The bus will take Friends back to Ithaca MM after the march, arriving around 8:00-9:00 pm Sunday.

With our future on the line and the whole world watching, we'll take a stand to demand that world leaders, and particularly our own, take action to address climate change. See you there!

To register, go online and enter this link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OJAyj4f1FOPtCtKQ1TB9aDjmPqmEaGh37ItF8uSnpUo/viewform>

All who register will also need to go to this website to let NYC Quaker organizers know of your needs for hospitality:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PeoplesClimateMarchNYQuakers>

Alternately, you can go to the NYYM.org website (<http://www.nyyym.org>), and just click on the links, which are on the home page.

The cost of the bus trip is being offset by a generous grant from NYYM's Witness Activity Fund.

Christopher Sammond



FAMILY NIGHT

The September Family Night will be on Saturday, September 27th the Fall Festival at Merrifield, 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center 13147. Fun for all ages starts around 2pm and includes pumpkin carving, a harvest waltz, parade, pot-luck dinner, bonfire, music, seasonal ritual, family and friends! Bring a folding outdoor chair, a dish to pass, flashlight, drum, and the right clothes for that afternoon to evening transition! We welcome open mic talent. For more information or directions contact A.T. or Craig (atmiller@cornell.edu, 315-364-8532).

HAZARD LIBRARY STORY HOUR

The 2014-2015 Story Hour at the Hazard Library, 2487 Route 34B, Poplar Ridge, NY. Starts on September 9th and continues until the end of the school year. Story Hour will be held at the library every Tuesday at 9:30am when SCCS is in Session. All are welcome. Call the library for more information, 315-364-7975.

IDENTIFYING NELSON / BUSCANDO A ROBERTO

Nelson deWitt will be showing his documentary, Identifying Nelson / Buscando a Roberto on September 6th at 7:00 PM at the Morgan Opera House in Aurora, NY. It is a "documentary about how "finding what connects us can change your world."

In 1997, Nelson deWitt, a 16-year-old adoptee from Boston, Massachusetts, discovered that he had been identified as one Roberto Coto, an infant who disappeared in 1982 after a deadly government raid on three guerrilla safe houses in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

The raid rescued a kidnapped businessman and also resulted in the disappearance of a dozen Salvadoran revolutionaries, including Roberto's biological mother, Ana Milagro Escobar. Today, a generation after one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Cold War, the wounds of the Civil War in El Salvador are still open and the truth about them has been obscured.

Nelson/Roberto has determined that sharing his search for the truth about his story is his way of making a difference. At the heart of Nelson/Roberto's search is the simple belief that finding what makes us all alike—or connected—can change the world.

In addition to Nelson deWitt presenting his film, his mother Margaret Ward, wife of Wells College President, Tom deWitt, will be sharing some thoughts from her book *Missing Mila, Finding Family* on the same subject.

The presentations are free although donations will be accepted to further Nelson's research. For questions or additional information contact: Marie Dentes at (847) 946-5923

KINDNESS

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again" - Stephen Grellet

"A little kindness from person to person is better than a vast love for all humankind."

– **RICHARD DEHMEL**

MERRIFIELD CONCERT

The Merrifield Concerts continue on Saturday, September 20th with Danika Holmes (www.danikaholmes.com) at 7pm. She is a passionate singer/songwriter with inspiring messages and a heartfelt presence from the Iowa side of the Mississippi river. She spent four years on a Ph.D. before heading to Nashville and hitting the road as a touring musician. Come for a great musical evening and bring friends—\$15 at the door. Merrifield is at 2345 Center Road, Scipio Center 13147. For more information or directions contact A.T. or Craig (atmiller@cornell.edu, 315-364-8532).



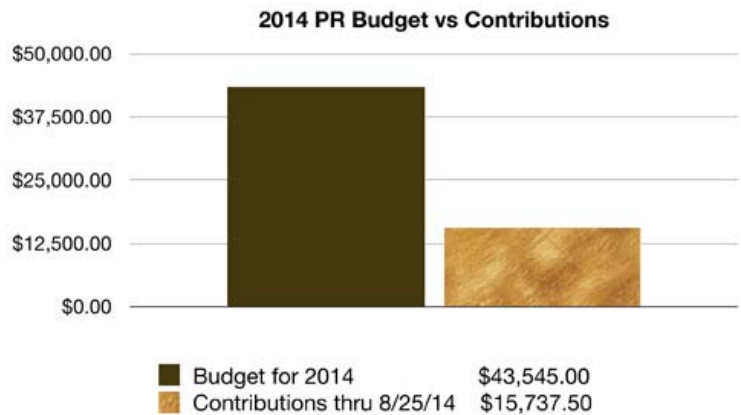
EVENTS AT HOWLAND STONE STORE MUSEUM

Eagles of Cayuga Lake will be presented on September 7th at 7:00 pm in the Howland Stone Store Museum in Sherwood. Enjoy wonderful photos and hear an informative program about the comeback of the American Bald Eagle along Cayuga Lake. Presenter Glenn Gaston is a professional photographer from Union Springs who specializes in photographing birds.

Glenn will also be presenting a photo workshop on Sept. 21 from 3-5 pm at Frontenac Park in Union Springs. Contact the museum at 315-364-5587 for further information or for reservations to attend this workshop. It's open to all—just bring your camera.

For more information on the museum visit <http://www.howlandstonestore.org/>. Events are free.

Budget for 2014	\$43,545.00	
Contributions YTD	\$15,737.50	36.14%
Budget Deficit for 2014	\$27,807.50	



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

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/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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