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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

**MAY 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	2 7:00pm Peace and Social Action @ Buxenbaum's	3 7:00pm Southern Cayuga Community Read	4	5 6:00pm Difference Makers' Night	6 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
7 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	8	9 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	10	11 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ sammond's	12 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	13
14 Mother's Day 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback  11:00am Coffee Hour	15	16 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	17 7:30pm Quaker Worship in Spanish	18	19	20 9:00am Genoa Food Pantry  9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry  7:00pm Merrifield Concert - Avi Wisnia
21 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Andy Simkin  11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of Meeting	22	23 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	24 Deadline for PRISM submissions  7:00pm Outreach Committee @ Dalton's	25 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Berggren- Thomas's	26 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	27
28 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

Birthdays: 1<sup>st</sup> Dikshing Lama; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Benjamin Gregory; 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte Jane Mumma; 7<sup>th</sup> Magdalena Wiedermann, Sophie Lucine Buffam, Elizabeth Brice; 8<sup>th</sup> Sullivan Malcolm Otis; 15<sup>th</sup> Evangeline (Lynn) Ray; 16<sup>th</sup> Mateo Labatut Pronto; 26<sup>th</sup> Leif Gunderson; 29<sup>th</sup> Miles David Weiss; 30<sup>th</sup> Carmen Reynolds, Jesse Otis; 31<sup>st</sup> Jackson Otis

Anniversaries: 28<sup>th</sup> David and Kathleen Connelly

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 MINUTES APRIL 23, 2017**

The Monthly Meeting and Annual Meeting opened with a period of worship about 11:35 a.m.; the minutes from the March 19, 2017 meeting were read.

Attending were Ruth Bradley, Larry Buffam, David Connelly, Anne Dalton, Jim Frisch, Barry Kahn, Jeff Layton, A.T. Miller, Cathy Mullarney, Suzanne O'Hara, Dill Otis, Sally Otis, Hannah Richter, Jane Simkin, Karen Simkin, Paul Simkin, and Charlie Weld.

This is our Annual Meeting. We heard the following reports. They and the other committee annual reports will be attached electronically and again be collected in a binder in the Meeting's Library. Suzanne O'Hara asked that all reports be submitted to the Recording Clerk, David Connelly, who will forward them to her.

- From Financial Committee by Jeff Layton. He offered two reports: the financial report and a report on expenses and contributions year-to-date.
- Karen Simkin reporting for Statisticians said we have 93 total members, 77 regular and 16 associate (11 youth). We realized that Alfred Jamison who died in North Carolina May 27, 2016 is still listed as a member, so membership will be updated.
- For the Building and Grounds Committee, Larry Buffam submitted its report. It will be updated to include mention of the ad hoc committee's creation and development of the Meditation Garden this year. The Meeting expressed its appreciation for the considerable Building Committee work during the last twelve months.
- The Clerk read the Library Committee's annual report submitted by Stephanie Nelson.
- Ministry & Counsel's report was read by Dill Otis. It will be amended.
- For the Nominating Committee: Its report was submitted by Ruth. Additionally, Sally mentioned that a new Treasurer will be needed.

Jeff will service for more year and we need someone to be trained starting in October.

- Sally reported that the Nominating Committee is seeking representatives to attend Yearly Meetings, which meets three times a year, and a New York Yearly Meeting's Meeting for Discernment. Those Yearly Meeting's reports are included on its website.
- New also is a Gardens Committee separate from Building and Grounds Committee.
- We approved the appointment of two new members of the Nominating Committee, Anne Dalton and Craig Kukuk. if he is willing to sever, for the term ending in 2020.
- We approved the appointments listed on the list of Nominations.
- The Outreach Committee report was read by Anne Dalton.
- Andy read the Peace and Social Action Committee report as prepared by Trudy Buxenbaum.
- Suzanne read the PRISM Committee report written by Mary Lou Charles.
- Religious Education/Youth committee report will be submitted after Youth Day in June.
- The Social Committee report was read and submitted by Cathy Mullarney.
- Sally Otis reporting for the Telephone Tree/Directory saying that Laura Buffam is updating the Directory, and the Telephone Tree will be updated as well.

As part of our Monthly Meeting for Business, we approved Anne Dalton's draft of our State of Society Report we will submit to New York Yearly Meeting. It is attached here.

Andrew Simkin thanked Anne Dalton for her service as Assistant Clerk, Clerk, and again Assistant Clerk, a four-year cycle. Hannah Richter is stepping onto that rotation now.

Reporting for Ministry & Counsel Committee, Dill said Rebecca Schillenback will continue giving talks through August, and because of her heavy course load wrapping up her degree, she needs time

off. The committee will be addressing how or whether to replace her monthly talks. Ministry & Counsel will discuss with her what other help she may need.

Christopher Sammond requests a Minute of Travel endorsing and supporting his spiritual concerns. A Monthly Meeting Care Committee for Christopher has been meeting regularly with him and between them and our Ministry & Counsel a draft was prepared, read today and approved.

Andrew mentioned that a Cayuga County Immigration Meeting has been held by the chairman of the county Legislature, Keith Batman, who asked our clerk whether we would participate in helping the county decide how to support immigrants. Andy told him we would, and discussions are ongoing.

We approved Hannah's request for \$200 to \$300 to attend the FGC meeting this summer.

There is still need for help cleaning the meetinghouse after May, and Andrew reported a good experience with services he used at the Phoenix Building at \$25 an hour. We will try it out in June.

Suzanne has replaced some parts in the transmitter for the sound system, which is more powerful now.

Dill has installed a grab bar donated by Barry in the upstairs bathroom.

We closed with a moment of silence at 2:08 p.m.



## REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

The remembrance committee is looking forward to sending birthday greetings to all participants in our meeting. They will be using the information in our directory. If your birthday or contact information is not in the directory and you would like to get a birthday card, send your birthday and address to Karen Simkin at 2233 Moonshine Rd, Aurora, NY 13026, call 315-364-8674 or email [klsnl22@gmail.com](mailto:klsnl22@gmail.com).

The committee would also like to be made aware of people who could receive a note for any other reason (get well, sympathy, special day, or just to cheer a day). Feel free to let them know if you are aware of a good excuse to send a note to someone. Donated cards and postage are always welcome.

Pastoral needs or questions:  
Call Craig Kukuk at 734-717-7719.

## IN MEMORY OF ALFRED JAMISON

Dear Friends,

You can find the obituary for Alfred Jamison, a member of Poplar Ridge Meeting online at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/eastbaytimes/obituary.aspx?pid=180199063>. Al is remembered as a friendly presence who especially appreciated the unprogrammed meetings. That he remembered our community in the settlement of his estate is appreciated and very touching to those who knew him

## DIFFERENCE MAKERS' NIGHT

Southern Cayuga Anne Frank Tree Project  
Difference Makers' Night with keynote speaker Jack Mayer, Author of 'Life in a Jar', will be Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Southern Cayuga High School, 2384 State Route 34B, Aurora, NY. Diner will be at 6pm followed at 7pm by the award presentation by Jack Mayer. Difference Makers for 201 are Cathy and Richard Burns and Jesse Platt. For information or dinner reservations please email [scfranktree@gmail.com](mailto:scfranktree@gmail.com). Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

## **SINGING A LA NIGHTINGALES**

Nightingales is a Northern Yearly Meeting acappella singing group that Friends in NYYM have enjoyed for the last eight years, being hosted by various Friends across our broad geography. Getting together and singing as the Nightingales do it is about singing from the heart. It is not about being a great singer. It is about being in a community singing with love. If you were told by your kindergarten teacher to “just mouth the words,” because “you can’t sing,” you can sing. If you can talk, you can sing. We sing from Rise Up Singing and Worship in Song, but we often bring songs or rounds we have encountered to teach each other. We go around in a circle, and every person present, even the very youngest, gets to name a song they want sung, and if the person wants, they set the pitch for it, too. There are also times when we break into song without books and without structure, our hearts leading us from one song to another, one genre to another, sacred, silly, schmaltzy, rounds, hymns, show tunes- we wander into some amazing bayous of song.

These weekends are also about fellowship and food. We all bring food to share, and have pot-luck meals that we take turns organizing and cleaning up after. And we tell about our lives. We do that in words, and in the songs we initiate, for there is little more revealing than the song in your heart. Sometimes we sing our way into the truth of who we are, and receive that from the singing.

Those that can camp, do so, or sleep in sleeping bags on the floor. Those that need a bed, due to age or physical need, can ask for one with local Friends. We charge a small fee for breakfast staples, but otherwise we do everything ourselves, so the cost is negligible. If this sounds like fun to you, please come, and bring those you love with you.

Shuttle service from Syracuse Amtrak station is a possibility. Children are most welcome, though those not wanting to participate in the singing are the responsibility of their parents.

Dates: June 9-11

Place: Ithaca Monthly Meeting

Suggested fee: \$10

Please register, as we need to know how many to plan for, who needs a bed, and what food you plan to share!

Register online

<https://goo.gl/XHUUQP>, by email or by mail, get in touch with Bronwyn Mohlke For questions or more information contact Bronwyn Mohlke (607) 220-3219 / [BJQMohlke@gmail.com](mailto:BJQMohlke@gmail.com) Or Melissa Blake (607) 379-4297/[melissablake2010@gmail.com](mailto:melissablake2010@gmail.com)



## **MERRIFIELD CONCERT**

A.T. and Craig are excited to welcome back for a concert at Merrifield, Avi Wisnia, who was last here from Philadelphia in May of 2015, two years ago. He will be performing at their house on Saturday, May 20th this year at 7pm. He is an inventive and profound singer/ songwriter a wordsmith as well as a composer and performer. Avi's clever lyrics give a knowing nod to those that came before, while his smooth vocals and deft piano skills assure you that this is truly something new. Listen at [aviwisnia.com](http://aviwisnia.com) and then bring yourself, friends, and/or family to 2345 Center Road in Scipio, at the corner of Center and Black, with parking along Black Street. Feel free to come a bit early or stay a bit late to socialize. They also take a long intermission to meet the artist and enjoy each other's company. \$15 is collected at the door to support the performer.

Contact Joanne Rogers ( 315-673-7061, 607-345-8468 cell, [SCL42carryu@gmail.com](mailto:SCL42carryu@gmail.com), or [SCL42carry.com](http://SCL42carry.com)) for help with transportation.

## **INVITATION - FGC GATHERING - RIPPLES START WHERE SPIRIT MOVES**

You are invited to attend the Friends General Conference Gathering in [Niagara Falls, NY](#) from July 2 - 8. We're expecting over 1,000 Quakers at this annual event. We've written earlier about [morning workshops and evening plenaries](#). Now we'd like to share about some of the afternoon options and more.

### **Off campus afternoon field Trips**

Monday 7/3 - Underground Railroad Heritage Bus Tour 12:15 - 4:30pm

Tuesday 7/4 - Lockport Locks/ Erie Canal Tour 3:00-5:00pm

Thursday 7/6 Frank Lloyd Wright Darwin Martin Restoration Tour 1:15-4:30pm

Friday 7/7 - Create Your Own Trip! Take the Free Discover Niagara Shuttle to explore tourist destinations on the Niagara Frontier. Shuttle stops at the Castellani Art Museum on NU campus.

### **Local Afternoon presentations on campus**

Tuesday 7/4 -Dr. David Anderson re-enacts Frederick Douglass' speech, "What to the American Slave is Your Fourth of July" And talk on the Abolitionists

Thursday 7/6 - Lezlie Harper Wells presentation: "The Experience of Black Canadians From the Underground Railroad Forward."

Friday 7/7 - Cobbs Hill Consort Concert: Native American Flute and Harp including a talk about their use of music in palliative care.

### **Check out the campus**

<http://map.niagara.edu/>

<https://www.google.com/maps/@43.13775,-79.0373577,589m/data=!3m1!1e3>

Walking distance to Niagara Power Project Hydro electric generator

### **Co-op cooking**

Co-op cooking is an option for dinners Sunday night through Friday night.

The goal of co-op cooking and dining is to advance the values of Simplicity, Community, and Earth Care in the way we prepare, eat, and clean up after meals. The food is delicious. The fellowship is delightful. And it happens to cost less money than eating dinner in the college dining facilities. For more information see

<http://fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/registration-details/housing-and-dining/coop-dining>

### **Camping**

Prefer to camp? Options exist for either a tent or RV / camper. The camping is located near dorm showers and bathrooms and cost less than dorm rooms, especially if shared by more than one person. For more information, see <http://fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/registration-details/housing-and-dining/camping>.

### **Registration deadlines**

Children - May 31

High School - June 10

Others - accepted through The Gathering though housing and workshop options could be limited.



### **FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS**

Please note that there will be no further Family Night suppers until we resume in September. Thanks from the Social Committee for your participation throughout the year.

Please notify Nance Simpkin ([Donald.simkin@yahoo.com](mailto:Donald.simkin@yahoo.com)) to send a special note of remembrance from the meeting. Donations of cards and postage are welcome.

## **2017 SOUTHERN CAYUGA COMMUNITY READ**

*Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project*

By Jack Mayer

Join Aurora Free Library & Hazard Library for a book discussion on Wednesday, May 3rd 7:00 PM at the Emily Howland Library. Complimentary copies of the book are available at the Aurora Free Library and Hazard Library. 2384 NY-34B, Aurora, NY 13026

## **EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP IN THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

Date: June 17, 2017 - June 18, 2017

Location: Powell House, 524 Pitt Hall Rd., Old Chatham, NY 12136

The Alternate Membership Pathways Working Group invites you to save the date for a weekend of exploration around the concept and process of membership within New York Yearly Meeting and the Religious Society of Friends. Together we will learn about the history of membership structures, share our experiences, joys, and concerns therein, and work to envision additional, alternative pathways. Centered in worship, this weekend will give participants the chance to discern how things are and dream together about where we might want to be. You are welcome no matter the length or depth of your experience, whether you are a young Friend, an older Friend or a person who is still deciding whether you are a Friend at all. Your perspective and stories matter to us and will be used to inform the Working Group's efforts moving forward.

Our Facilitators: Jeffrey Aaron, Marissa Badgley, Jillian Smith, Jennifer H. Swann.

To register visit [the registration page on the Powell House website](#), or call Powell House at 518-794-8811

If you have questions, please reach out directly to [nyymaltpathways@gmail.com](mailto:nyymaltpathways@gmail.com) Childcare, scholarships and financial assistance will be available.

## **BENEATH THE SURFACE AT MANLIUS ART CINEMA MAY 2ND**

Tickets for this Beneath the Surface screening at the Manlius Art Cinema are \$20 and can be purchased below. Doors open at 5:00 pm and the film begins at 6:00 pm.

Group rates for 10 or more people are \$15 per person. Discount will be automatically applied at checkout.

For more information, please call 315-428-1864 x.312, 314, or 315.

[Beneath the Surface: The Storied History of Onondaga Lake](#) covers the amazing history of the lake and the remarkable impact it has had on our American Way of Life over the past six centuries. From the birthplace of the Great Law of Peace and the great Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the first representative democracy in the west, to the production of the country's largest supply of some of its most important commodities and innovative products, to the Resort Era and the WPA project that built Onondaga Lake Park, to the most polluted lake in America, to one of the largest Superfund Clean-up sites in history, to a tourist attraction and the center of economic, cultural, recreational, educational, and natural development in our community.





## **SANCTUARY EVERYWHERE: LOVE IN ACTION**

Mystics and Activists can come together to co-create the Beloved Community and ensure that ALL people are safe.

Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting Spring Gathering  
May 19-21, 2017 Watson Homestead, 9620 Dry Run Rd., Painted Post, NY

A weekend of workshops, worship, fellowship and activities to strengthen faith and grow a sense of Community in Friends of all ages.

Plenary Speaker:

- Lucy Duncan, American Friends Service Committee: "Sanctuary Everywhere" Workshops:
- Christopher Sammond, New York Yearly Meeting: "Welcoming 'the Other' in Ourselves, Our Meetings, and the World"
- Lucy Duncan, AFSC: "Quaker Social Change Ministry", "Bystander Interventions"
- Buffy Curtis and Liseli Haines: "Lessons from Standing Rock"
- Angela Hopkins: "Cross-Pollination: The Charge of the Interracial Justice Center"
- Barbara Spring: "Prisoners Age, Too!" (ARCH and prisoners)

Plus: Rock Wall Tower! Swimming Pool! Quality youth program! (with assistance from Chris deRoller & Mike Clark, Powell House; Melinda Wenner Bradley, NYYM Children and Youth Field Secretary and Emily Provance, NYYM Young Adult Field Secretary)

Register by April 28 - Friends are welcome to pay as they are able and as they feel led - for registration info and payment guidelines <https://goo.gl/J89v4H> For the complete schedule [goo.gl/NmS0CY](http://goo.gl/NmS0CY)

(Late registration is always accepted.)

## **MAY DAY**

*A delicate fabric of bird song  
Floats in the air,  
The smell of wet wild earth  
Is everywhere.  
Red small leaves of the maple  
Are clenched like a hand,  
Like girls at their first communion  
The pear trees stand.*

*Oh I must pass nothing by  
Without loving it much,  
The raindrop try with my lips,  
The grass with my touch;  
For how can I be sure  
I shall see again  
The world on the first of May  
Shining after the rain?  
-- Sara Teasdale (1884 – 1933)*

### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Andy Simkin  
Assistant Clerk – Hannah Richter  
Treasurer – Jeff Layton  
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney  
Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ([734-717-7719](tel:734-717-7719))  
Recording Clerk – David Connelly  
Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Dill Otis

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 or 1<sup>st</sup> day messages. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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