



Salem Quarter News

Winter 2013

*His favor is for life;
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy comes in the morning.*

And so let all mind the living power,
which is the living guide, which doth
guide in the living way, and keep alive
unto God; and so you will all be kept
a living people, and so grow up in the
living wisdom that is from above, which
is inwardly taught by the living gift,
that is received from the Father of
lights, with whom there is no variable-
ness, or shadow of turning.

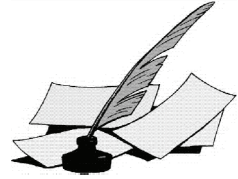
John Burnyeat, 1680



Winter Morning, by Tom Etherington.

Psalms 30:5.

*Barry Sloane,
Clerk of Quarter*



ChristKwanHanuSolBodhiSalyolYaldaYuleFest!

The tone of politics in our country is about as rancorous as anytime in our history. During Christmas it should let up, but you wouldn't know it by some of the bumper stickers we see on peoples' cars. One of my favorites is "Keep the Christ in Christmas". Some, like Fox News, take umbrage at those who say "Happy Holidays", because in their view, "Jesus is the reason for the season."

On the other hand, those in the "Happy Holiday" camp point out that Christmas was actually a pagan holiday originally, that Jesus was most likely not born in December, and other traditions also celebrate this time of year. Their viewpoint is that Jesus is not the reason for the season.

Christmas is the only holiday where we get annoyed with each other over what we call it. The name Christmas is not likely to be dropped, the calendar is not going to be changed and the holiday is not going to be legislated out of existence. So why do we take this time of "peace and good will" to get heated up over what we call it? Although, I have to say, I cannot bring myself to call it a "Holiday Tree".

I think George Fox nailed the spirit of Christmas (or do I mean the season?) when he wrote. "When the time called Christmas came, while others were feasting and sporting themselves I looked out poor widows from house to house, and gave them some money."

The 1809 Rules of Discipline for the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting declared the predominant policy that believers cannot join in "public fasts, feasts, and what they term holy days" that were "devised in man's will" (i.e. not by God's will) because "outward observations" have been supplanted by "the spiritual dispensation of the Gospel." Each day of the year was to be holy unto God, not just special "days and times."

This sentiment was reflected again in a 1993 statement by a group of "primitive" Friends "As we hold that one day is no more holy than another, as all days are the gift of the most High, do we continue to maintain a firm Christian witness that our members do not join in any public fasts, feasts, so-called holy-days and religious festivals (such as times called "Christmas" and "Easter" by some) ..."

Many Friends today do not give Christmas day a special meaning, and those who do, tend to tone it down thereby keeping the commercialism to a minimum. Whichever is decided, this is a special time of year for all of us; it is the quiet dormant time of nature after the harvest and when the light starts its return to us. This is the season of gestation and the beginning of the rebirth of spring. It's no wonder that so many cultures celebrate this time of year.

For me personally, this is a time to reflect and remind myself to be kinder and more generous. This is also an opportunity to visit with friends and relatives and appreciate the joy of the light returning and the pending rebirth of the Earth. And yes, to celebrate the life of Jesus and his message.

Whatever views you may have on the nature of Christmas, I wish you and your families serenity and joy, now and in the coming year.

HAPPY ChristKwanHanuSolBodhiSalyolYaldaYuleFest!

*The pursuit of normality
is the ultimate sacrifice
of potential.*

Faith Jegede

Sparkling Still; *A Quaker Curriculum for First Day School or Home Use* *for Children Ages 3 – 8.*

At this year's FGC Gathering in Greeley, Colorado, I was pleased to attend the reception which launched the new FGC publication *Sparkling Still; A Quaker Curriculum for First Day School or Home Use for Children Ages 3 – 8.*

This publication updates the *Sparklers* curriculum that has been so helpful for about three decades. What I especially like about this new version of *Sparklers* is the addition of elements of the Godly Play and Faith & Play method that many Meetings have adopted for their First Day Schools. The “wondering” questions used by Michael Gibson are included.

In the words of the committee of authors: “We’ve included everything you need to assemble and customize a Quaker curriculum for children ages 3-8. You will find a basic master lesson template guiding you every step of the way, a booklist that will be updated online, and resources to help you find craft ideas and activities. There is also guidance on room set-up, communicating with families, building a community in your classroom, teaching techniques, and sample lessons. *Sparkling Still* was written with the new First Day School teacher in mind.”

The best thing about *Sparkling Still* is that Salem Quarter has purchased a copy for every Meeting in the Quarter. These copies were distributed at September's Quarterly Meeting in Greenwich. In addition, the Quarter has provided each Meeting with a copy of two children's books, one used in the sample lessons and one from the booklist. If your Meeting doesn't have a regular children's program, this enables you to have materials in hand when families visit. Other contemporary children's books included in the extensive listing by topic are available from QuakerBooks.

The purchase of these books was possible because of the credit built up at FGC QuakerBooks through your purchase from Bob Horvay of books he sold in the Quarter for several years.

I wish you much joy and success using this new resource with children in your First Day School classes.

By Gloria Horvay

Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes

9/8/2013

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 9/8/2013 at Greenwich Monthly Meeting. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane (Mickleton) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and thanked Greenwich for their hospitality. There was a Friendly presence for business of twenty-four representing six of the seven Monthly Meetings in Salem Quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on 6/9/2013 were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News, with one correction. Paragraph eighteen, line two should read “removed” not repaired with regards to the Port Elizabeth cemetery wall.

Marsha Gaspar (Woodbury), as clerk of the **Tri-Quarter Gathering** offered a report about the event scheduled for the first weekend in October. Advance mailings have taken place and participants are currently being registered. Several meetings have scholarships available. (*See report p. 8*)

The Finance Committee report was presented by Michael Shapiro (Salem). The Quarter budget is on track for the fiscal year. All bills that have been presented to the Treasurer have been paid, including the annual Education Fund checks. The Finance Committee has begun the practice of semi-annual covenant statements to the monthly meetings for the sake of clarity. Monthly meeting treasurers are asked to send their covenant payments to the clerk of the Finance Committee as indicated on the statement. This is not to be interpreted as a bill, only a recap of activity. The request for reimbursement form is available in both a printed form and as an electronically fillable form. It is currently available from the Clerk of Finance and will be on the website soon.

Paul Somers reported on behalf of the **Steering Committee**. We have been looking ahead to the next two quarterly meetings. December will bring the traditional offering of carol singing and poetry readings. A program on 18th century- African Americans – South Jersey Quakers- The Underground Railroad, etc. is being developed for the March quarterly meeting with various historical resources being sought. Friends are being asked to sign up for the database of Salem Quarter Fellowship of Quaker Artists. Names can be forwarded to the committee via the Steering Committee representatives.

Tom Etherington (Mullica Hill) presented the report submitted by Sandra Boone Murphy (Mickleton), clerk of the **Indian Affairs committee**. (*See report p. 19*)

Grace Thompson (Greenwich) presented an informal, but comprehensive report on **Friends Village**. The Board of Trustees continues to receive positive feedback from residents and employees regarding the facility and care of residents. Financially, they are stable and operating in the black. Multiple continuing programs are presented to residents for study, education and entertainment. FV has recently begun an “At Home” program to provide services to those remaining in their own homes both on and off campus with no certificate of need required.

The **Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry** Committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening. Out of worship they heard reports and considered hosting a lecture in the spring. (*See report p. 15*)

Christine Greenland, clerk of the **Gifts Working Group**, presented a summary of the committee’s last meeting. (*See report p. 16*)

Gary Holmes (Woodstown) reported from the **Trustees**. The Trustees are dealing with the usual array of property issues. They are in contact with the Lower Alloways Creek Township police regarding the recent broken windows at the Hancocks Bridge meetinghouse in the hopes of preventing future occurrences. They are arranging for the replacement of the broken window glass.

Bob Horvay (Mickleton) reported that over the years he has brought Friends General Conference books to the Quarter for sale. The Quarter has benefited at a rate of 10% of the total sales. These funds have been available to the Coordinator to purchase books. As we do not currently have a Coordinator and no immediate plans to reinstate the Coordinator program, these **funds will be used to purchase books for each monthly meeting**. The current titles being delivered to each meeting are, *Sparkling Still*, *On Meadowview Street*, and *Growing Vegetable Soup*. Friends noted Bob’s dedication to this leading and offered their appreciation to him for his continued service. This quiet contribution to the Quarter has not gone unnoticed.

Additional announcements were made and the meeting was closed in worship.

Rebecca Shapiro, recording clerk

2013 Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends Report

9/8/2013

I am pleased to report that all promotional efforts have taken place in advance of the Tri-Quarter. These include two mailings to 120 past participants, plus two packages to 22 Monthly Meetings and the Planning Committee. These mailings included Reminder Cards, Posters, Flyers and Registration Forms. Two articles were also written and sent for publication in the newsletters of the Salem, Haddonfield and Burlington Quarters.

We have extended the date to take advantage of our "early bird fees" from September 6th to September 15th. An email to past participants will be sent on Monday, September 9, to announce this extension and to advise Friends that partial scholarships are available from three Meetings (that we know of): Salem, Haddonfield and Woodbury MMs.

It is now our time to "trust the process" that our efforts will increase participation in 2013 to that of prior years. To forward this goal, we have not increased our fees this year in sensitivity to those of us who are feeling the crunch of a tightening economy. Instead, we have appealed to the three Quarters and they have responded in the affirmative: Salem Quarter has increased its \$500 support by \$300. Haddonfield has increased its \$600 support by \$400. And Burlington is considering an increase over their \$500 annual gift.

We, the 2013 Planning Committee and all those who cherish the Gathering, are grateful for the increased support by Salem Quarter that will allow Friends and their families to attend ... and to return.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Gaspar, Clerk
Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends
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The Little Blue Flame

George A. Crispin

When I was a child I had all the normal imperfections of childhood. I had a cluttered room, and did not pick up after myself, I whined when I did not get my way, I played mischievous pranks, and so on. But parents have faith that the child will improve over time. They have this faith because they see within the child a little blue flame. They blow softly, but continuously, on the little blue flame, not so hard that it might go out, but with steady encouragement that it might burn brighter.

When I went to school I found school to be hard, boring, and unrelated to what interested me, which was cowboys and Indians and rough sports. School was a disaster. I did not do homework, daydreamed during class, and fiddled and fidgeted most of the time. Thus it was that my parents sent me to boarding school, hoping that teachers there would find a way to blow encouragingly on the little blue flame.

It was there that I came under teachers who recognized the flame that burned within me, and the other children, and would not give up, but blew on that flame within all of us. Gradually the flame grew hotter and brighter, and eventually turned into a roaring fire. For their unrelenting efforts I shall forever be grateful.

Physicists tell us that fire maintains color depending upon the amount of energy and light it gives off. A blue flame is cool, as flames go. Then, as it gets hotter, and reflects more energy and light, it becomes orange, then red, then white. A white flame is the hottest, giving off the greatest energy and light.

It was thus that I went from that little blue flame, to an orange flame, then to red, and ultimately to white. This was because my parents, my religious community, teachers at boarding school, and others along the way saw the little blue flame and would not give up blowing, softly at first, then harder, on that flame within me.

In the passage of time I became a teacher and a parent, and, recalling my own past, looked within my students and children for that little blue flame. Softly at first, then harder, I blew encouragingly on that flame and rejoiced as it turned orange, red, and white.

For those whom I managed to reach, that flame turned white, and gave off energy and light, which now goes forth to do the work that needs doing and helping to illuminate the world.

Friends Village Adds Assisted Living Unit



Friends Village at Woodstown has been under construction for the past three months remodeling a section of the main building. Transformation of the 300 wing of the Cornelia Hancock Center began in September, and will house eight additional Assisted Living apartments, plus a communal living and dining area, when the work is complete.



Construction committee members toured the Friends Village 300 wing renovation area after a recent meeting. Pictured left to right are: Friends Village Executive Director Tom Lyons, Phil Rodgers, of Lenhardt Rodgers Architects; Eric DeWald, project manager for E. Allen Reeves Construction; Board of Trustees Member Joan Ayars, Joe Steigerwald, Reeves Construction site manager; Barrie Foster, committee member; and (kneeling) Director of Support Services Pat Myers.

“Our assisted living units in the Rachel Davis Dubois House have been consistently at or near capacity for the past three years and we anticipate the need for these services to increase,” stated Executive Director Thomas B. Lyons. “Looking at our current and future needs, and at the decreased interest in our Residential accommodations, our Board of

Trustees made the forward-thinking decision to remodel the 300 wing of the Hancock Center.”

The first step of this project was demolition of the interior. All interior walls, fixtures and drains were removed. Plumbers have installed a new drainage system and all the necessary pipes for new bathrooms and kitchenettes. Electricians removed much of the old wiring and installed new main wiring. Fresh concrete was poured for the floors prior to installing new walls.

The project should be finished by the end of the year and Friends Village looks forward to hosting an Open House in January 2014.

Friends Village at Woodstown is a full service, non-profit continuing care retirement community (CCRC) serving the Delaware Valley, that offers residents Independent Living, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation services. Guided by time honored Quaker values, the organization was founded in 1897 and has been operating as a CCRC since 2005.

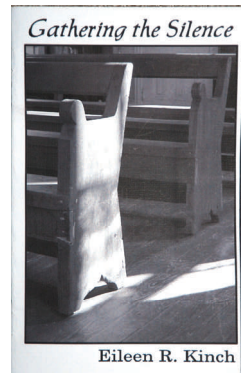
We recommend:

Gathering the Silence

by *Eileen Kinch*

(reviewed by *Tom Etherington*)

Here is a slim volume of insightful poems by a Quaker from Southeastern Pennsylvania. Each poem seems to come from the deep silence of the Quaker way of life, which she describes in one poem as “slow to speak but quick to listen.” Her figures are vivid and in “Crashing the Choir Rehearsal at the Baptist Church” she writes “...We were singing in peals of thunder loud enough to wake God, and a bolt of lightning came and zig-zagged right through me, leaving a trail of smoke in its wake. I eased out of my jacket.”



In “Speaking to God on Behalf of the Prophets” she asks God to “turn down the divine thunder while I speak” and asks, “We are your clay vessels, your word bearers, but speak Lord. Does a vessel have a say in the matter?”

There are 21 poems in the volume, each of which will leave you in the silence. Order through the publisher at www.finishinglinepress.com or through Amazon. Price is \$12. I understand that only 250 have been printed.

Is there something you are reading that you could recommend to others? How about a short review in the next Salem Quarter News?

Mickleton Meeting is collecting stamps for Quaker Missions West!

Over the years, Quaker Missions (now Quaker Missions West) has donated well over \$90,000 to various Quaker outreach organizations by collecting and selling used postage stamps and other collectibles. Some of the organizations that have been helped by this endeavor are Right Sharing of World Resources, Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), Palestinian Refugee Children Play Center (Ramallah), Monteverdi Friends School (scholarships), Lugulu Hospital (Kenya), Quaker United Nations Office, Project Lakota (St Louis Friends Meeting), Quaker Earthcare Witness (formerly Friends Committee on Unity with Nature), African Great Lakes Initiative, Quang Ngai Rehabilitation Center (Vietnam), American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation. In all, more than 100 different 'Good Works' have received financial help.

Mickleton Meeting is now collecting stamps for this effort and asks Salem Quarter Friends to help by collecting stamps and sending them to Mickleton Meeting.

Collecting Guidelines

All Stamps – domestic & foreign

Almost all stamps are valuable, although some have greater value, particularly those from foreign countries. **The new domestic Forever stamps that are currently being released are also valuable.** (See below for instructions)

Baseball Cards

Coin Collections

Box Tops for Education

Picture Postcards in their entirety

First Day of Issue covers (envelopes) dated prior to 1950

Historical paper including photographs, documents, prints, autographs, etc

Greeting cards, birthday cards, Valentines, etc. from the early 1900s

Instructions:

Very old letters – do NOT remove stamps (donate complete envelopes)

Foreign mail – include the complete envelope (stamps attached)
Domestic mail postmarked prior to 1946 – include the complete envelope

Domestic stamps (other) – cut stamps from envelopes with 1/8” to 1/4” of paper around the stamp

Do **NOT** soak stamps off the paper.

Do **NOT** save postage meter stamps, ‘non-profit organization’ stamps, US Flag stamps, Liberty Bell Forever stamps, ‘presorted’ stamps (they are all worthless)

Drop off items at Mickleton Friends Meeting on Sunday mornings between 11am & 12 noon, OR mail the items to Mickleton Friends Meeting, P.O. Box #231, Mickleton, New Jersey 08056-0231. Please use only commemorative stamps when mailing items to the Meeting. There’s a box labeled ‘Stamps’ in the Mickleton Meeting’s worship room for the stamps, envelopes & other items listed above.

Periodically Mickleton Meeting will send your stamps & other collectibles to Claremont Friends Meeting in California for Quaker Missions West to sort, package & sell the stamps & other collectibles to collectors.

If you have any questions, please phone Bob Horvay at (856) 223-5111 or e-mail him at travel.quake@verizon.net and copy gh.qlib@verizon.net.

Suggestions:

If you have relatives &/or friends overseas, ask them if they’ll be ‘collectors’ in their neighborhood &/or company. Ask businesses that receive a lot of bill payments by mail to give you the envelopes with commemorative stamps. Ask friends who receive foreign mail to let you have the envelopes with the stamps. Check old suitcases, steamer trunks, foot lockers, etc.



Reflections by Tom Etherington

One of my latest adventures is to be a volunteer librarian at Pendle Hill. Pendle Hill has had to cut staff because of declining funding and they are trying to replace some of that lost staff with volunteers from the Quaker community. Three non-staff volunteers are now contributing several hours each week to handle book circulation, acquisition, and repair.

One day recently, as part of this service, I was applying a plastic laminate to a Pendle Hill pamphlet so Doug Gwyn could use it in the course he was teaching. The pamphlet, Bill Taber's *The Mind of Christ*, is a description of how Quakers reach decisions. As I went about the routine task of applying the laminate, I started to look at the pamphlet in a new light.

Bill was a loving friend and teacher for me and as I looked at the pamphlet in this new light I felt our connection and was, in a sense, doing this bit of work for him. Bill's message included the idea that he Quaker ministry is part of a prophetic stream stretching from Moses down through the Biblical prophets and all those since who listen inwardly to the eternal Word and who speak that Word to others. A prophet is someone who listens to the voice of God and delivers the message he hears in obedience to his call. The goal of Quaker ministry has always been to call people to a listening obedience to this inward Light.

As I performed the "technical services" (that's librarian lingo) to make the pamphlet available to the class, I was aware that what I was handling was not a bit of paper, but a piece of precious wisdom, and that, at that moment, I was part of this stream stretching all the way back to Abraham and Moses. Although my gifting is not that of teacher or preacher, God created me with the gift of preserving and presenting and my job was to help pass Bill's ministry on to another generation.

Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry Report *9/6/2013*

The committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening. Seven Friends were present with two out of the seven meetings in the Quarter represented. Although the contributions of several regular attenders were notably missing, we shared deep and rewarding worship.

Arrangements have been made to continue the 5th Sunday Prayer Group Gatherings through the end of the calendar year. These meetings will be held on 9/29 and 12/29 from 2 -4 at the Cumberland County College.

We reviewed our plans for a book discussion program on *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* by Steven Chase. We re-scheduled the date to 1/11/2014 with a snow date of 1/18/2014. If they are willing our preference is still to hold the event at Woodbury meeting. John Cameron (Salem) will facilitate the 2 – 2 ½ hour event and write an article for the next Salem Quarter News. The first “letter” is available online and the link will be posted for participants to peruse prior to the discussion. Additional events will be planned as prompted by the gathered group. No fee will be charged, but we are asking for pre-registration. We hope to have the location details confirmed so that an announcement may be shared at the 2013 Tri-Quarter Gathering.

The group discussed the possibility of hosting a lecture during the last week of April 2014. Kano Sadahiko, editor of the book *Dismantling the Dividing Walls: Working for Peace in Asia*, is a personal friend of Paul Somers (Greenwich) and will be visiting Paul in April. The possibility of having him speak grew out of a discussion at the last Steering Committee meeting. The book is based on a lecture series of the same name that was held at Waseda University in Toyko, Japan. Dr. Kano’s lecture entitled Peace and Global Info-Communication was first given at Waseda University in 2009. The observations and ideas presented are no less relevant today. Worship & Ministry was intrigued by the prospect of hearing Dr. Kano speak and inviting both the greater Quaker community and the general public. At present we are exploring our options for such an event and hope to have specifics in place by the December Quarterly meeting.

Christine Greenland presented a report from the last Gifts Working Group meeting highlighting the group’s forward momentum. This led into a period of worship where we held the Gifts Working Group in the Light. Out of worship arose the query, “Do we make space for the expressed gifts of others?” It was offered that “we must first acknowledge the gifts of others and be aware of their need to express those gifts, and then find the opening to allow the expression to take place.” Awareness leads to facilitation and finally to utilization. We concluded worship with the thought that, “If we live in the Light of God, we find security on the Love of God and are able to share that Love with others.”

Gifts Working Group Report

9/8/2013

The Gifts Working Group met on 8/24/2013 at the home of Peggy Warner in Mullica Hill.

Two members met with Worship and Ministry this past week. A summary follows:

After a season of worship, Friends shared what was on their hearts since we last met in 5th month.

We received the report Thomas Swain presented at Yearly Meeting sessions on his work with British Friends in England, since he traveled with a minute of service from that body. We anticipate his sharing with the Gifts Group in 11th month. Date and time have yet to be arranged by Friends on the working group.

Two member activities of note: Gail Scuderi will present a workshop on how artists can effect positive change in community on 9/19 at the Grounds for Sculpture as part of the NJ State Council on the Arts teaching artist's conference. Sandra Boone Murphy will present a workshop at Tri-Quarter Gathering in early 10th month.

We heard the concerns of one working group member with a concern for making health care information more readily accessible, within the community of the meeting and within the surrounding community. We advised our Friend to start small, and to seek advice and assistance from her monthly meeting, who may know possibilities for collaboration within the surrounding area.

We also heard from other meetings – both the challenges and opportunities arising.

Submitted by
Christine Greenland for the Gifts Working Group

*Witness from the
Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee
by Sandra Boone Murphy*

Carol Lively has received her Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape name, Whispering Nightingale, given by Gail Gould. Carol is a Greenwich attendee and named member of the Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee. We congratulate Whispering Nightingale and encourage her along her life's path.

The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape tribe hosts *The Gathering* twice a year for extended Tribal Families and guests. The weekend long event is held on the Tribal Grounds in Fairton, NJ. The Naming Ceremony, as for other sacred events, takes place within the cedar tree lined ceremonial circle. Prayer ties of cedar bundles are offered to spirit in the fire and lifted in the smoke. For the Naming Ceremony, ceremonial escorts introduce each member by their new name to each of the four corners (directions.) After the ceremony joy is traditionally shared in the form of a blessed meal.



Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Naming Ceremony, 20th day 10th month, 2013 Gail Gould, 4th from the right, is the "giver" of Carol Lively's Tribal name; Carol (Whispering Nightingale) is 3rd from the right. (Photo taken by Alexander Lively-Durham)

Arts Update

Those who are already involved in the Salem Quarter Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts are looking forward to the Salem Quarter Art Exhibits at Salem Meeting Annex and Friends Village in December. And...we are waiting to hear from more of **you** who have artistic talent, whether your gift is currently hidden, has been lying dormant, or is in full bloom.

(We know you're out there!)

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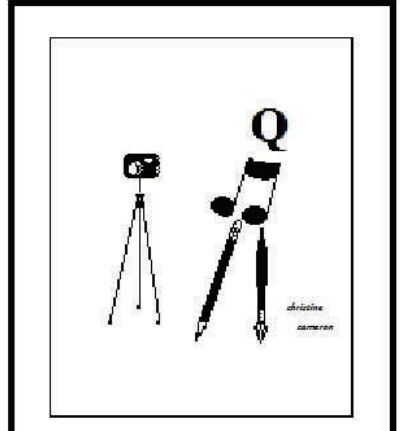
not only painters, but poets -
not only sculptors, but singers -
not only carvers, but composers -
not only weavers, but writers -
not only designers, but dancers -
not only sketchers, but storytellers -
not only potters, but pianists -
not only photographers, but filmmakers

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Get the picture?

The Salem Quarter Steering Committee is putting together a catalogue of all of the Quaker artists, including performing artists, in the Quarter. We want to list each artist's medium or media, contact information, and include a very brief artistic resume'. We would like to increase the number of artists exhibited at Friends Village, include live programs, make Monthly Meetings aware of arts-related programs they can have at their meetinghouses, and create opportunities for sharing and growing, enriching everyone involved.

Please contact either Mary Waddington (marywaddington@comcast.net) or Paul Somers (composer.lecturer@gmail.com) or if you are not on-line, you can call Christine Cameron at (856) 935-2641 to add your information to the Salem Quarter Quaker Artists Catalogue. And do let Mary or Christine know A.S.A.P. if you would like to participate in December's art exhibit that will be viewed on Sunday, December 8th at Quarterly Meeting and will move on to Friends Village to be on view there until the beginning of January. (Your artwork can be on view only at Salem Annex, and not at Friends Village, if you so wish.) An artists' reception with performing arts included will take place at Friends Village on Friday, December 13th We are looking for your ideas, your offers to perform (music, dance, poetry, film, etc.), and



for a few people who would be willing to be part of set-up activities. You will be able to drop off your work (2 dimensional or 3 dimensional) at Salem Annex on [December.7th](#) . Other special arrangements to submit your work for display may be able to be made, do ask.



Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee
Quarterly Report
Ninth month 2013

In the light, our committee is lifting concerns for clearness; we are reviewing others' work:

1. the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 3rd month 2008;
2. UNDRIP facts sheet, 2011;
3. from Unitarian Universalists: Resolution on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Newsletter articles on the Doctrine of Discovery and UNDRIP (submitted for *SQ News*.) Adult Religious Education, and Congregation Informational handouts;
4. NYM IAC Statement, 2010;
5. PYM IC Minute, 2009, and Drafted Minute 2012*;
6. UNDRIP & DoD insert, 2008, via PYM IC;
7. UNDRIP & DoD, Episcopal Resolution;
8. World Council of Churches Draft DoD & UNDRIP Resolution, 2011;
9. Central Philadelphia MM Peace & Social Concerns Drafted Minute UNDRIP, 2012;
10. Boulder Friends Meeting Minute to Repudiate the DoD and Affirm the U.N. DRIP, 3/ 2013
11. Germantown MM, Minute of support for the UNDRIP, 2013
12. UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, DESA News (UNDRIP/UNPFII,) 2013;

13. BYM IAC drafted minute of support for the UNDRIP.

*We are pleased to bring to the Quarter news from PYM's Annual Sessions 2013: Yearly Meeting has minuted support for the UNDRIP; thanks be with the PYM IC's members for the use of their gifts.

In following previous leadings to reunite the Salem Quarter Friends with our neighbors, the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, we are seeking further discernment for two rather large, potential opportunities: an essay challenge and a unity walk. We aim to live in the moment together.

On 16th day 8th month, work with the PYM IC led two friends to the Circle Legacy Program in Lancaster, PA. William Underbaggage, Lakota Indian from the Pine Ridge Reservation, SD, spoke on the concerns faced by the Lakota people and other Nations. William noted that the voice of "white privilege" is helpful. We were called to consider using our (political) voice to solidify previous treaties, recognize abuse of "sacred" lands, and raise awareness for environmental issues impacting reservation resources, such as the Keystone XL Pipeline and fracking. Are we quiet to hear the still, small voice, or have we too strayed from our friends?

On 22nd day 9th month, work with BYM will have two SQ Friends travel to worship with Stony Run MM, Baltimore. At rise of meeting share lunch, and stay for Paula Palmer's presentation, "Seeking Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples: This Land Was Your Land." Paula is from Boulder Co Friends Meeting, a member of their Indigenous Peoples Concern Committee, and presenter at FGC's Gathering 2013. The culmination of Friends' work is a joy to share, and upholds our collective witness.

If your heart feels the call, hear too that the IAC is an open committee. Our next meeting is set for **21st day 10th month 2013, 4:00 pm in the Private Dining Room at Friends Village.**

With joy for our work,

Sandra Boone Murphy, clerk

Named IAC members: Ruth Hall-Brooks, SAL; Lois Dinshah, MUL; Carol Lively, GRN; Marie Haaf, WTN; James Murphy, WBY; Sandra Boone Murphy, MIC

Letters to a Seeker Workshop

Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee is hosting a workshop based on the first of twelve letters written by Steve Chase, a member of the Putney (Vt.) Meeting. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 10:00 AM (snow date January 18) at a meeting to be announced when plans are finalized. The text for the letter can be found on the Friends Journal web site at: <http://www.friendsjournal.org/letters-my-journey-to-the-quaker-movement/> . The entire book is also for sale if desired.

Interested Friends should read the letter ahead in anticipation of the workshop. It is a short seven-page read. A few copies of the first letter will be available at the workshop for use and review. Some time may be allotted prior to discussion for review of the letter, however, it is requested that we are able to spend the bulk of our time together in discussion and collective reflection.

This book was used by Salem Monthly Meeting as the basis for a series of First Day School sessions in 2012 that was enlightening and much enjoyed by those who attended. Should there be general interest in continuing workshops after January 2014, those attending will be able to establish a schedule for future sessions.

Below is a short excerpt copied from the Friends Journal site about Steve and the book:

"This is the first chapter of *Letters to a Fellow Seeker: A Short Introduction To The Quaker Way*, which includes true stories about Quaker faith and practice by a member of the Quaker Quest national training team written in letters to a fictional seeker. *Letters* was published earlier this year by QuakerPress of FGC, and has been selected as Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's "One Book, One Yearly Meeting" selection.

Steve Chase is a member of Putney (Vt.) Meeting and the national Quaker Quest traveling team. He is the founding director of the environmental studies master's program in Advocacy for Social Justice and Sustainability at Antioch University New England and a local activist in the international Transition Town Movement."

Directions to Salem Meeting

East Broadway and Walnut St, Salem

From the southernmost parts of NJ, take Route 47 north to Route 49. Turn west on Rt. 49 which takes you in to Salem.

The traffic light at East Broadway and Walnut Sts. is directly in front of the meetinghouse.

Turn right into the Salem Mtg. driveway.

From northern South Jersey, take Routes 40 or 45 to Woodstown.

Take Route 45 from Woodstown to Salem.

Route 45 dead ends into Broadway.

Turn left onto East Broadway, then left at the first traffic light (one block) into Salem Mtg. driveway.

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Greenwich: Upper Greate Street P.O. Box 18, Greenwich, N.J. 08323
856-451-8217, 15 Sep–15 Jun, Lower Greate Street 15 Jun–15 Sept,
Worship 9-9:45, 9:45-10 After-words and general fellowship, 10:00- no
longer than 11:00, First Day School, children and adults.

Mickleton: 413 Kings Highway, Mickleton, N.J. 08056 856-423-3782
mickletonmeeting.org Worship 10:00 am, children's First-day School
10:15

Mullica Hill: 2 Woodstown Road (Route 45 just south of Route 77), P.O. Box
67, Mullica Hill, N.J. 08062 856-478-2184 mullicahillfriends.org
Worship 9:30, Meeting for Learning 11:15

Salem: East Broadway at Walnut Street, P.O. Box 7, Salem, N.J. 08079
Worship 10:30; First Day School 9:15 am Sept.-May

Seaville: 3088 South Shore Road (Rte. 9, 1 mile S. of Rte. 50), Ocean View,
N.J. 08230 609-624-1165 seavillequaker.tripod.com
Worship 10:00 am; Beach meeting (weather permitting) Grant Street
beach, Cape May, May–Oct, 9:00 am

Southern State Worship Group: Call Roshan Dinshah for info 856-694-3025

Woodbury: 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096, 856 -845-5080
www.pym.org/pym_mms/woodburynj_salq.php www.meetup.com/
Woodbury-Friends-Meeting/ First-day School 10:00 am, worship 11:15
am

Woodstown, 104 North Main St., P.O. Box 13, Woodstown, N.J. 08098,
856-769-9839 <http://www.woodstownfriends.org/> First-day School
9:15 am Worship 10:30 am

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Quarterly Meeting

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(Directions on p. 22)

9:00 Gather

9:30 Christmas Carol Sing

10:30 Worship

*11:30 Lunch Use the extra half hour to view
the art objects on display. Soup, bread, and
beverages will be provided by Salem Mtg.*

1:00 Business Mtg

Child care will be provided.