

# *Salem Quarter News*

*Fall 2015*



*Do not lay up for yourselves  
treasures on earth  
where moth and rust destroy,  
but lay up for yourselves  
treasures in heaven.*

*Where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.*

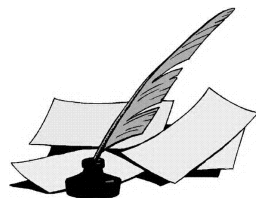
Here we have a prospect  
of one common interest  
from which our own is inseparable,  
that to turn  
all the treasures we possess  
into the channel of universal love  
becomes the business of our lives.

John Woolman

Cover Credits  
Photo: Mary Waddington  
Quote Matthew 6:19-21 ESV

# *Hopeless and Hopeful*

*by Barry Sloane,  
Clerk of Quarter*



I have been blessed with a safety consulting job that takes me to all kinds of places and I get to meet all kinds of fascinating people. A co-worker of mine once pointed out that in this job, every day is a class trip. I have been in every imaginable operation type from airports to Zamboni manufacturers. As I write this, I am thinking of two stories about the people I've met.

About 20 years ago, I was asked to do a report on a "specialty meats purveyor" located in Salem County. The wording of the assignment suggested that I would be looking at a cold storage warehouse and distribution operation. After driving for what seemed like an eternity, I found the place out in the middle of nowhere. Set back down a dirt road that was about a ½ mile long lined with a bramble hedge. The building had a dirt packed court yard and was bounded by gray office on one side, cattle holding pens on another and a dilapidated wood frame slaughter house on the third side (so much for my cold warehouse idea). It was hot that day and there was not a breath of wind. When I opened my car door, the silence in the yard was crushing except from the buzzing of a few flies that seemed to accentuate the heaviness in the air. The mid-day lighting was lifelessly flat. All I could feel was the overwhelming sense of death.

The office was still as though the business itself was dying. The man I interviewed was in his 70s and never once met my eyes. He was either looking down or at something behind me. His blue-eyed gaze was flat, not a glimmer of light in his eyes. He spoke in a monotone, and getting him to talk was like talking to a grave. I was wondering who was this man and how did he arrive in his awful place. Then I saw the tattoo on his arm. He was an Auschwitz survivor. I cannot imagine his experience much less the scarring that this man endured. He was forced into a death camp and now he was the manager of a slaughterhouse. What a tragic irony! I have often thought of him through the years and sent him my prayers. I hope the prayers help this man with no hope.

Last month I was in Newark doing some work for the Archdiocese of Newark. I was to meet a man named Vinnie around noon at St. John's Church. St. Johns is an historical church with a rectory and an old convent going back to 1827. The buildings are ornate 19<sup>th</sup> century stone masonry, located in a stark neighborhood, blacked with grit. There were a couple of hundred people milling around outside the church and a couple of armed security guards. This was not going to be the typical church I normally see.

Indeed it is not. The church is used for worship about 10 times a year

for high holy days, because the neighborhood has changed considerably over the years and there are very few Catholics left here. Instead, it has a soup kitchen in the rectory and an eating place and clinic in the convent. The basement of the church is essentially a warehouse complete with over a thousand feet of shelving and several room sized walk-in coolers.

Vinnie, turned out to be Vincent Smith. Twenty-five years ago, he was a Wall Street investor. Back then he left Wall Street to start this soup kitchen. When he started this operation, they served about 25 meals a day. The need has increased and they now serve 700 to 800 meals a day to homeless people who make their homes on the railroad station benches, the airport, or in less elegant refrigerator boxes. The stories of how they got there are anything from mental illness to those caught up in the terrible economy. In the summer, they reach out to feed the children who have no school lunch.

Vincent and the other volunteers undertook the hopeless task of feeding these hopeless people. Vincent, Barbara Maran and Sister Alma are among the more amazing people around. They are strong, resourceful, loving people who sacrificed their comfort to serve these people abandoned by the rest of us. They continue to make the “impossible” happen – over six million meals served so far.

When I think of the responses to adversity in these two vignettes, I wonder how some people give up and others soar with God. We can keep faith or lose it; be hopeless or hopeful and sometimes we just have to live with the hopelessness to see the hope.

---

## *A note on a new Feature*

Usually the Salem Quarter News limits its attention to articles by and about Friends in Salem Quarter. That is as it should be. But there is a lot of good material from outside that quarter that is worth our attention. Over the years I have been enriched by Friends from the wider world of our Religious Society. Sometimes they reinforce my understandings. Sometimes they challenge and extend my understanding.

On the facing page you will find the first of what is intended to be a regular feature of Salem Quarter News: an article written by someone from beyond our quarter and often beyond our yearly meeting. In this issue, Angela Kyte, of Britain Yearly Meeting, comments on a favorite Penington quote. I keep a copy of this quote stuck in the back of my Bible and it never ceases to bring me back to solid ground. I hope you find this and future offerings of value. Let me know what you think.

Tom Etherington

# Quaker Voices

## ***Be no more than God hath made thee***

***Angela Kyte***

Friends may be unfamiliar with the words of the title of this piece, but they precede a much loved passage by Isaac Penington that is quoted in *Quaker Faith and Practice*:

**Give over thine own willing, give over thy own running, give over thine own desiring to know or be anything and sink down to the seed which God sows in the heart, and let that grow in thee and be in thee and breathe in thee and act in thee; and thou shalt find by sweet experience that the Lord knows that and loves and owns that, and will lead it to the inheritance of Life, which is its portion.**

***Isaac Penington, 1661, Quaker Faith and Practice, Britain Yearly Meeting, 26.70***

‘Be no more than God hath made thee’ are words that moved me greatly when I first came across them and they have stayed with me for several weeks. They seem to offer a challenge to beliefs promoted today, such as ‘maximising your potential’ and ‘positive thinking’. So much emphasis is now placed on achievement that to ‘be no more than God hath made thee’ seems almost to be a counsel of limitation, of settling for less than perhaps we could be. However, each time I come back to these words they take me to deep places. Initially they reminded me of ‘Consider the lilies of the field; They toil not, neither do they spin ...yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.’ (Matthew 6: 28-29) When we wrap ourselves with future plans and fears, or dwell on past regrets and sadness, we lose touch with our essence, with what God has made us.

There is a quietness, stillness and restfulness in this place. When we cease planning, organising, or remembering the past there is acceptance. In stopping and just allowing ourselves to simply be, we are for that time, however briefly, in touch with who we really are. Paradoxically, this can mean seeing all our preoccupations – regrets, plans, worries, emotional disturbances – still there, but not being involved in them, as though they are passing by like images in a film; seeing them for what they are, a *product* of our character or personality, but not really us, not our true nature.



When we stay with that sense of acceptance, far from being limiting, it opens a door to all we might become. We gain a glimpse of who we are meant to be. We have been given our lives as they are. The more we can allow that and cease to struggle against our circumstances the more we can be fully present in our lives, and it is this that gives us the power to change things.

To ‘be no more than God hath made thee’ is to search out that of God within ourselves. We are not our emotions, our feelings, our achievements, but our willingness to feel and to do, our willingness to fail and to start again as often as we need to, to experience our life as fully as we dare, our willingness to be who we are. The more we explore those times when we pull back or overreach ourselves, the more we learn about who we really are. Seeing ourselves with all our failings and our egotism is not to despair if we follow Isaac Penington’s advice to ‘sink down to the seed which God sows in the heart, and let that grow in thee and be in thee and breathe in thee and act in thee’. Practising love and compassion towards ourselves and our imperfections enables us to be more compassionate towards others.

Acknowledging the times when we fail as times when we lose contact with that of God, we can find that seed that Penington writes about. He tells us to ‘give over thine own willing, give over thy own running, give over thine own desiring to know or be anything’, that is, cease to struggle.

Listen to the small, still voice which is always there no matter what life has dealt us. In this way we can learn who we truly are, which is not the frightened, anxious, guilt-ridden or overbearing person we think that we are, or perhaps even the confident success story that we rather like. Cherish this still, small voice: ... “let that grow in thee and be in thee and breathe in thee and act in thee; and thou shalt find by sweet experience that the Lord knows that and loves and owns that, and will lead it to the inheritance of Life, which is its portion.”

There is a story in Martin Buber’s *Tales of the Hasidim* about Rabbi Zsuya of Hanipol: Before his death, Rabbi Zsuya said, ‘In the coming world, they will not ask me, ‘Why were you not Moses?’ They will ask me, ‘why were you not Zsuya?’’

May you be no more than God has made you.

*Angela Kyte is a member of Oxford and Swindon Area Meeting, UK.*

*© 2012 Quaker Voices, London, UK. Used with permission.*

# *Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes*

## *June 14, 2015*

Salem Quarterly Meeting met on June 14, 2015, at Woodbury Meetinghouse. Out of worship, acting clerk Tom Etherington (Mullica Hill) opened the meeting, welcomed Friends, and expressed our appreciation for Woodbury Friends for their hospitality and refreshments. There was a friendly presence for business of thirteen representing six of the seven monthly meetings in the quarter.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting, on March 8, 2015, were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News.

Paul Somers (Greenwich) reported for the Salem Quarter Steering Committee. He introduced Jared Valdez, our part-time marketing/communications person. Friends were reminded that the job description for this position was described in the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting. He is under the oversight of the Technology Working Group of Steering Committee. They distributed a brief technology survey form and asked all to complete it by the end of quarterly meeting. Upcoming quarterly meetings will be September 13th at Salem Meeting with a presentation on Quaker diaries from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, by Chris Densmore of the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore. In December we will meet at Mickleton (program to be arranged by Mickleton meeting). In March we will meet at Woodstown with a program featuring a panel discussion by Quaker veterans, Conscientious Objectors, and non-cooperators discussing how this fits into our Quaker testimonies.

Peggy Warner (Mullica Hill) reported for the Nominating Committee. The appointment of Keith Ragone (Woodstown) to the Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House committee was inadvertently omitted from the report submitted at the March Quarterly Meeting. Friends approved Keith's nomination.

Jack Mahon (Woodstown) reported for the Quarter Finance Committee. He distributed the Salem Quarter budget for next year (see report p. 22). He discussed the details and answered questions.

Cindy Cox Crispin (Woodbury) made a suggestion that we rename the budget line "Child Care" to "Child Programs". She asked how do we have child programs, to get our kids together for special programs? Part of each QM program description should be a description of the children's program. A question was asked if we know how many kids we have in the monthly meetings? We asked Cindy Crispin (and she agreed) to help with getting this information and be in touch with Steering Com-

mittee. George Crispin contributed that it is difficult to keep a youth program going with volunteers because it wears them down. He urged us to hire someone full time to put together a children's program.

The Tri-Quarter report was distributed as a handout. Cindy Cox Crispin (Woodbury) reported that the committee tries to keep fees as low as they can. Their goal is to have a year's worth of expenses as a reserve. The committee would like every monthly meeting to sponsor at least one child from their meeting to the Tri-Quarter conference.

The Quarter budget for 2015-2016 was approved.

Paul Somers reported for the Trustees. We have no records of who is buried in Port Elizabeth cemetery. We will ask Bill Geary of Mullica Hill to look for his records. Burials also took place there without our knowledge.

Reports from The Friends School, Friends Village, and Lower Alloways Creek reports were distributed.

**Announcements:** Jack Mahon described Woodstown Meeting's effort to modernize their cemetery records and computerize them. Volunteers are being solicited, and Friends interested in helping should send an email to [woodstownmm@gmail.com](mailto:woodstownmm@gmail.com). A hope was expressed that we can put a searchable database on line.

The meeting was closed with worship at 2:10 PM.

*Mike Ayars*, acting recording Clerk

---

## ***Worship & Ministry next meeting:***

Scheduled for Friday evening at 7:00 pm, 9/11/15 at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro, 473 Coral Ave. Bridgeton NJ 08302.

Call or e-mail if you need directions, [856-221-3045](tel:856-221-3045) or [heddwhch@comcast.net](mailto:heddwhch@comcast.net)



# ***Worship & Ministry Report***

## **6/7/2015**

The committee met at Friends Village on Sunday evening, 6/7. Seven Friends were present with two out of the seven meetings in the Quarter represented.

Peggy Warner reported that the Gifts Working Group is planning for a summer meeting, probably in August.

The 5th Sunday Meeting for Worship & Prayer met on May 31. They are scheduled for August 30 from 2 to 4 PM at the Cumberland County College. We discussed methods of opening the event to others including non-Friends, noting that the poster would be better with a Sunday reference instead of First Day. Posters may be placed at the college, but permission is required and will be sought. The need for a description was identified and it could replace directions on the poster which would not be necessary for students. We agreed that consulting Jared Valdez, the new marketing and communications person would be a benefit.

Participants in our fall 2014 series on *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* by Steven Chase, facilitated by Tom Swain & Clem Gurtleman met on Thursday evening, 6/4, with 16 in attendance. The group was grateful for the opportunity to reunite. We considered the clearness process with regards to decision making. It was a gratifying and moving experience.

The skills and techniques that participation in the series left us with included the use of a small three person group interaction where one individual is the speaker, one questions the speaker as a clarifier, and the third acts as a listener making observations of comments as led at the conclusion. The trust and openness of this experience was truly bonding, leaving us to look for and finding evidence that the Spirit is working within us.

Worship at the sessions was described as “thick,” a robust sturdy experience that was permeating and dense. It was as though we were in a chemical suspension, unified in a solution, but maintaining our individuality.

Friends agreed that we should keep our eyes and hearts open to a new workshop idea. It is evident there is interest in the “right” topic, one in which Friends find value.

Our intention to deliberately gather as a committee prior to business meeting at Quarterly Meeting for the purpose of praying for and holding the Quarter in the Light has been expressed in the latest Salem Quarter News. An announcement and invitation to join us will be made at the rise of worship at Quarterly Meeting. We agreed that we need to assume a posture that makes it clear we are in worship. Friends felt that this effort is a building block meant to create an intensity and depth to our worship.

We closed in worship with gratitude for one another and for the deep and enriching experience of gathering in unity.

## ***Daniel Murray Selected New CEO for Friends Village at Woodstown***

Daniel J. Murray, MS, LNHA is the newly-appointed chief executive officer for Friends Village at Woodstown.

“Dan has the vision and experience that will move Friends Village into the future,” said Suzanne Culver, clerk of the Friends Village Board of Trustees as she made the announcement. “He is fully vested in our mission and has the passion and energy to strategically lead the facility.”

Dan joined Friends Village as chief financial officer in 2003. He is a licensed nursing home administrator in both New Jersey and in Pennsylvania where he, his wife Terry, and their three children make their home.



*Daniel Murray*

“I am very excited to step into this new role and engage with our residents, employees, supporters, and neighbors to keep Friends Village a vibrant and progressive partner in providing senior housing and health care,” said Dan.

Prior to coming to Friends Village, Dan worked as an auditor/consultant with a regional accounting firm and as a comptroller for a group of hospitals. Dan has an M.B.A. from the University of Scranton, in Scranton Pa., and a B.S. in Accounting also from the University of Scranton. He has participated in the Friends Services for the Aging Leadership Institute and currently serves as both an FSA board member and as its treasurer.

“I came here prior to the transition of Friends Home into Friends Village and this year we are celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> year as a CCRC (continuing care retirement community). I hope members of the Salem Quarter will join us for our Anniversary Celebration and take a look at where we have been, thanks to them, and some of the plans for our future,” Dan said.

Friends Village Anniversary Celebration and Visionary Reception

will be held September 17, 2015 beginning at 5 p.m. on the Friends Village campus in Woodstown. Details are posted on the community's website [www.friendsvillage.org](http://www.friendsvillage.org) or call Mary Lou Frank at Friends Village 856-823-0786. Already this year the Board of Trustees recognized some 43 residents who moved to Friends Village in 2005 as Friends Village Pioneers, and gave employee service awards to a similar number of employees who have worked at Friends since at least that year.

Clerk Culver noted, "Dan has always put the welfare of our residents first and is fully supportive of employee development. The Board of Trustees looks forward to working with Dan in his new leadership role."

### **Friends Village at Woodstown Board report to Quarterly Meeting**

Executive Director Tom Lyons has resigned to pursue another opportunity closer to his home in Jenkintown PA. Tom was our Executive Director for 23 years, and oversaw our conversion to a Continuing Care Retirement Community.

The Board has named Chief Financial Officer Dan Murray as our Interim CEO. Dan has his MBA and is licensed as a Certified Nursing Home Administrator in New Jersey.

This week we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Continuing Care Retirement Community by honoring residents and staff who moved in when we opened.

We are converting our 200 wing into Assisted Living, following our successful conversion of our 300 wing. We continue to see high demand for our Assisted Living.

Mike Ayars  
Board Secretary

# ***John and Helen Glass***

## ***Winning Peace Essay***

### ***by Julia Kropiewnicki***

Peace. It's not an easy thing to achieve. At least in my opinion it isn't. Around the world, in your country, and even in your own neighborhood, peace is never fully achieved. However, I want to make a difference. I don't like fighting, or war, or even violent video games. I think peace should not be a dream, but a reality. And, yes, I know it's not a simple thing to do and people think it's impossible, but if everyone decided to be peaceful and learn to live in the same community with each other then it *is* possible. We don't have to be best friends with everyone we know, but we need to learn how to live peacefully in the same community without fighting, ignoring, or holding grudges against each other. Peace is important to me as it should be to everyone in the world.

Prayer is a serious topic for me, especially now, with what's going on in my life. Recently my grandmother encountered a heart problem and needs heart surgery. As I sit in silence at meeting for worship at school she is all that I think about. I'm praying for her and her health. At age 83 she is strong on the outside, but on the inside, weak. She's an inspiration to me because she's tough and unless you knew what was happening to her you could never tell. She doesn't show it in front of me or my brother, and tries to hide it as best she can. She lives a few hours away from us, and we don't get to see her often, but it's always hard to leave when we do.

My Friends School experience has given me the patience with her surgeries, and time to pray for her and reflect on my times with her through meeting for worship. I believe that praying is my strongest attribute because it has helped me through many things and is something I have been doing for my whole life.

Patience is very important for peacemaking. Peace is not going to happen in a day, a week, a month, or maybe even a year. It will take time, and it will take patience. Meeting for worship has taught me to have more patience with myself. Sitting in silence for 35 minutes gives me time to think. I used to dread going to meeting for worship in second, third, and all the way up to seventh grade, but meeting for worship now gives me time to reflect on things that I may not think of because I'm too busy doing homework or wasting time watching TV. Meeting for worship has provided me with time that I would have spent doing something less meaningful. Patience and meeting for worship are an important part of my life. "Accept what is, let go of what was, and have

faith in what will be" - Sonia Rocotti. This is one of my favorite quotes. I have faith in peace, but having faith in something isn't always easy, especially when something doesn't happen quickly. Peace, for example, is wanted by most people across the world, but only a few of those people that want it try to achieve it. I hope to be one of those people. My Friends School experience has taught me to have faith in many things, whether or not they are simple or difficult to achieve.

Listening is major, not just in peacemaking, but also in everyday life. It's important to listen to people to see their side of the story, to understand what their talking about, or just to be a good person and hear what they're saying, especially when someone may be in a difficult time of their life and need support. My Friends School experience has taught me to listen to everybody, and not disrespect someone just because you don't agree with what they're saying.

Having hope is crucial for peacemaking. Some people think that having too much hope for something isn't a good thing, but I couldn't disagree more. I have high hopes for everything. My Friends School experience has helped me have hope for many things because it has taught me that I can do anything if I have the drive and ambition to pursue it.

As I graduate from Friends School Mullica Hill this year, I'm proud to say that this school experience has provided me with many attributes that I will use throughout my lifetime for peacemaking, college, and everyday of my life, for the rest of my life.

## *Centering Quarterly Meeting*

Salem Quarter Worship and Ministry will gather in worship in the meeting room fifteen minutes before the business meeting starts, so that people will enter a worship meeting already in progress. All Friends are welcome to join us in this worship.

# *Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House Com. June 14, 2015*

The Salem Quarter Lower Alloways Creek Meeting House Committee has been meeting monthly since being formed in Dec, 2014. We continue to pursue the twin goals of conserving the Meeting House and finding appropriate uses for it.

Two outreach opportunities were recently pursued. One was an open house for near neighbors. This offered an opportunity for local people to see the beauty of the building and hopefully better understand its significance. It is hoped that vigilant neighbors can help prevent the small acts of vandalism which have been occurring. The second opportunity was showing the Meeting House to a small but influential group, the West Jersey Historical Roundtable. We like to promote this type of activity because it helps the historic preservation community become aware of the LAC Meeting House. We are in the process of organizing an additional open house for LAC firemen and police. They have already received keys and an emergency call list, but need to become familiar with the fragile building to adequately protect it. We are also encouraging the Fellowship of Quaker Artists to plan an event in the Meeting House.

In the conservation area, we decided to separate short term maintenance items from our long term conservation effort. The short term maintenance items will include a small group of problems which, if not addressed, will cause additional deterioration of the building. We plan to survey the building with experts to identify the short term problems, and then correct them as soon as possible.

In order to move forward with the long term conservation program, a Preservation Plan will be needed. The plan will include background documentary information and chronological history (already in hand from the National Register Nomination), a condition assessment and recommendations for long term preservation. We plan to write a request for proposal (RFP) describing what should be included in the Preservation Plan. This will provide a uniform scope of work which can be shared with all potential bidders. The Committee is also considering options for funding the Preservation Plan development.

Another plan which will be very important to the future of the Meeting House is the Use Plan. The Committee is planning to organize a brainstorming session sometime in the fall. Stake holders and other interested people from the community will be invited to discuss potential uses for the Meeting House. This will be the first step in developing and implementing a specific program of appropriate future uses.

Submitted by  
David Culver  
Clerk

# *Encountering the Quaker Muse*

The historic Lower Alloways Creek Friends Meetinghouse at 81 Buttonwood Avenue in Hancocks Bridge, NJ, will be the site and focus of “Encountering the Quaker Muse”, a special creative event on Saturday, October 10, 2015. Artists in all media are invited to create their own individual works related to the Meetinghouse and its environs while working in mostly silent community next to other creators. It will be rather like Meeting for Worship in that respect.



Artists will arrive from 10:00 am onward and set to work on a new work in any location they choose on the LAC property. A watercolorist or acrylic painter may be found working very near a poet or composer, just as photographers will doubtless be found wandering around exploring their possibilities both inside and outside. Some may wish to work in the old carriage shed or under the ancient buttonwood trees.

This community experience, sponsored by the South Jersey Chapter of the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, will be open for quiet, unobtrusive viewing by the public throughout the day. But at 3 pm the artists will stop work, and whatever they have accomplished since they began their new piece in the morning will be open for public viewing. Any performance pieces which have been created during the day will be presented at that time.

Those artists interested in participating must register by Sunday, September 20. For further information and registration forms call Paul Mack Somers at [856-506-0580](tel:856-506-0580) or Mary Waddington at [856-935-0683](tel:856-935-0683); or email [<composer.lecturer@gmail.com>](mailto:composer.lecturer@gmail.com) or [<marywaddington@comcast.net>](mailto:marywaddington@comcast.net)

## *The Bamboo Buster*

Woodstown Meeting would like to publicly thank Radnor Monthly Meeting for its recent contribution of \$522 to the Humanitarian De-mining program. That, along with funds from Woodstown's Strawberry Supper in May and smaller contributions from individuals in the first few months of the year, has enabled the purchase of four more metal detectors. These ordinary surveyor's instruments, manufactured by Schonstedt Instrument Company in West Virginia, are used worldwide in the clearance of mines, cluster bombs, and other explosive remnants of war.

Through this special program, when one detector is purchased and earmarked for donation, the manufacturer matches it with an additional unit. Thus, two detectors are deployed. Once donated, the instruments are shipped, according to priorities from the United Nations, to areas of the world where clearance of unexploded ordnance would otherwise have been impossible. Due to its unique size and design, the Schonstedt detector has earned the nickname "bamboo buster" for its ability to penetrate thick vegetation where other detectors are less useful. Sadly, this activity is not limited to regions where bamboo is a native grass. Potentially explosive objects are a problem in the Korean peninsula, southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa, South America, the former Soviet Union, even the one-hundred year old battlefields of western Europe.

Woodstown Friends have been involved in this ministry for over seven years and have provided over one hundred of the roughly five hundred detectors currently in use. Currently a meetinghouse concert series is being planned for 2016 to raise additional funds for landmine clearance and awareness. Please visit the Humanitarian De-mining page of [woodstownfriends.org](http://woodstownfriends.org) to gain further details of the entire effort. There, excellent short videos detail the scope of the project and the continuing need. Contributions are welcome and always acknowledged.



# Fall Yard Sale & Community Awareness Fair

Mickleton Friends Meetinghouse  
Grounds

413 Kings Highway, Mickleton, NJ

Saturday, October 17, 2015  
9 AM - 3 PM

Spaces free to nonprofit organizations  
for Fair

Yard Sale spaces - \$30

To reserve a space,  
call Gloria - 856-223-5111

Gently used clothing  
and non-perishable food items will be collected  
to donate to local charities

Proceeds benefit the Meeting's Charitable Donations Fund

## *Friends School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reflections*

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation held the evening of June 9th is such a perfect reminder of what makes Friends School an important and unique educational opportunity for our students. Each student had the occasion to write their own personal reflection on their Friends School experience, which they delivered flawlessly to the audience that evening. Most important though were their comments; deeply personal and insightful for students only 14 years old. As they go on to the best high schools in the area (Archmere Academy, Bishop Eustace, Camden Catholic, Episcopal Academy, Friends Select School, GCIT, Lawrenceville School, Moorestown Friends, St. Augustine's Prep, St. Joseph's Prep, and Westtown School), they acknowledge that they are taking with them the benefit of an extraordinary education.



Following is a piece of each student's speech:

**Michael:** My experiences and the education received here at FSMH have helped me realize how much I've grown up and matured. Most importantly, I have begun to set goals along the way. As a result of reaching for those goals, **I have learned what gifts I possess.** Discovering one's gifts makes a person dream big and set loftier goals.

**Kassie:** I have learned so much in every subject. **I've learned how to map countries I've never even heard of**, how to write proper essays, how to speak Spanish and how to conduct science fair projects on my own.

**Jayna:** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade canoe trip reminds me of my Middle School experience in general. My partner Levi and I thought we were lost for what felt like forever. When we shouted for help, it seemed like no one answered. Somehow we managed to keep it all together, although we were both a little bit shaky. However, when another canoe came along behind us, **we realized that we were headed in the right direction the whole time.**

**Zach:** One memory that I have from when I first came here is when we had a moment of silence and I didn't know what everyone was doing. So, I was really confused when the whole room went silent. **Once I was told why we had a moment of silence, and what to do during one, I quickly fit into the new school.**

**Julia:** This school experience has changed me in a good way. From my early childhood to second grade I was shy, but in the time between second and third grade something clicked. **I opened up little by little and became a more outgoing person.** I will always be grateful for those two teachers who helped make this transformation happen.

**Isaac:** It's an environment of excitement, of joy, and most of all, of encouragement. It's changed me. It's made me want to explore areas that I never knew existed. Like mapping the world in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, one of my favorite units of my years here. It taught me to be open minded and see the world from different perspectives. It's like so many other lessons here that taught me that the world is not just about war and hate. It's a world of different people, all trying to get somewhere. **Our role as future leaders and creative thinkers is to help the world get to where it needs to be.**

**Bria:** We do so many activities that sometimes I am excited to go to school and see what we are going to do next. **Very rarely is there a boring day here at Friends School.** We go on community service trips, hiking and so much more.

**Shelby:** **I now see myself as a leader** who will take charge and isn't afraid to speak her mind. Friends School is one of the major reasons I've been able to take on that leader role. This school has changed me for the better since my first day of second grade.

**Levi:** The most memorable moment for me this year was going to Wallops Island. On the trip I really found out about **the strong community in my class** and it made me think about how I was going to fit into the group and be a part of that bond.

**Meghan:** Throughout my time at Friends School I have met many different types of people that I never even knew existed. **This has taught me that everyone has their own story**, their own strengths and weaknesses and it is important to embrace that. We're all different here and that's why we all work together so well. Everyone brings something valuable to school, so everyone is needed and respected.

**Carlotta:** Visiting Monteverde Friends School (in Costa Rica) was really special because it was a Friends school but in a different country. The campus of Monteverde Friends is simple yet beautiful. Like our school, the students go to Meeting for Worship **and the teachers genuinely care for all of the students' education just like our teachers do**.

**Mia:** Friends School has helped me to break out of my shell and to talk to more people. My Friends School experience has also **taught me to share my opinions and to speak my mind**. Being part of such a close-knit community has helped me build friendships that I will cherish forever.

**Claire:** I have had outstanding teachers, irreplaceable friends, and **I have been given the benefit of a strong foundational knowledge which I will need moving forward**. I could not be more grateful toward my family for giving me this opportunity and supporting me every step of the way. Furthermore, my teachers have really "shaped" the opportunity my parents have given me into a circle – really there was never a true beginning, but the end, though it seems may be here, never really approaches. We will all carry what we have learned with us throughout the rest of our lives.

**Mitch:** Going to a Quaker school has been a great experience. We were able to go to Meeting for Worship every Thursday. **This allows us to think about a query**. We also have Quaker studies where we learn the Quaker values. Quaker studies also allowed us to learn about influential Quakers in history, like William Penn.

**Jake: I want to be a teacher.** Kids are so into what's happening now and what's happening next, they forget about what happened before. They forget that there are ones who fought and stood for what is right and those who shocked the world.

**Olivia:** I had no idea that I would find my best friends and become a better person at Friends School. Here **I feel surrounded by laughter, energy and people who care for each other**.

## ***Friends School Open House***

Families considering Friends School for their children and others interested in the school are invited to the Pre-K3-8th grade open house presentations listed below. Our school specializes in confident, happy kids with Quaker values. Please RSVP.

To RSVP, or for any questions, please contact Judy Corona-Karpowicz at 856-478-2908 ext. 102 or [jcorona@friendsmh.org](mailto:jcorona@friendsmh.org)

Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 9 am

2016

Thursday, January 28 at 9 am

Friday, February 19 at 9 am

Thursday, March 3rd at 6 pm

Friday, April 1 at 9 am

Friday, May 13 at 9 am

Friday, June 10 at 9 am

# ***Finance Committee Report***

## ***June 14, 2015***

The Salem Quarter Finance Committee met in May. Out of worship they reviewed the balance sheet of our accounts both checking and Fiduciary, reviewed covenant pledges for 2015-2016; and considered year to date expenses and projections in preparing the 2015-2016 budget proposal.

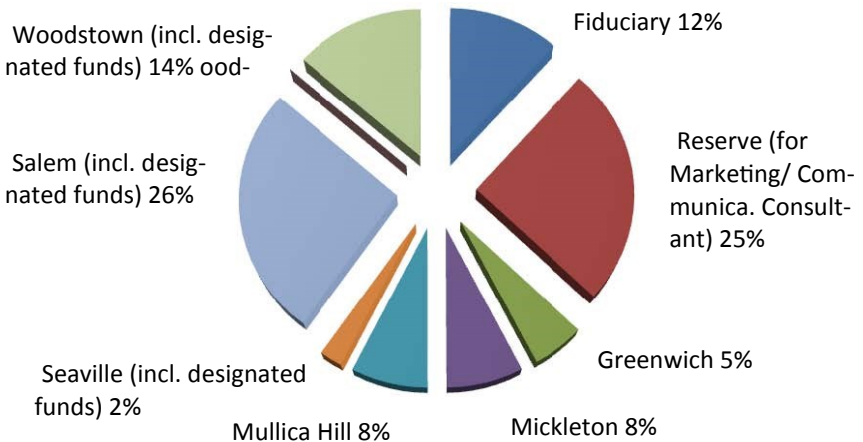
### **2015-2016 Budget**

Information from recent Fiduciary disbursements and covenant figures from the monthly meetings yielded the following income projection. Woodstown, Salem and Seaville designated that a portion of their covenants subsidize the Education Fund.

The Donor restricted Lower Alloways Creek fund has several different line items. They anticipate some level of fundraising so a blank line has been added to allow for this purpose. The insurance figure has been adjusted to accurately depict the percentage split between liability (part of administrative expenses) and property (applied to LAC). The mowing expenses are all of the same locations, but now listed as separate line items within the restricted budget. The allowance for repairs to the Lower Alloways Creek meetinghouse is an arbitrary number selected as a guess by the Lower Alloways Creek committee. It is part of the budget as a placeholder. Without that placeholder, the cost to the Quarter for Lower Alloways Creek is minimal (\$872).

Designated subsidies from Woodstown, Salem and Seaville to the Education Fund make possible awards ranging from \$700 - \$1,200 for each qualified

## **Income**



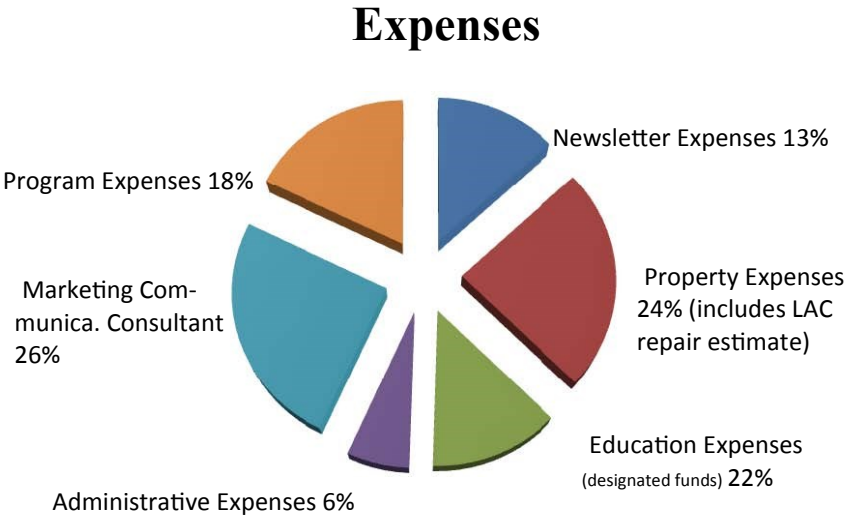
student per year. The committee noted that this not only benefits the student directly, but the Quaker elementary and secondary schools those students attend. The overall expense to the Quarter is \$0.

Administrative expenses include: PO Box rental, general postage, website maintenance, office supplies, and event liability insurance. As approved at the last Quarterly Meeting with attention to business, the one year contract of \$6,700 to be paid from the money reserved for a coordinator is listed for the marketing/communications consultant. Administrative expenses without the consultant contract are \$1,665.

Newsletter expenses were reduced from last year to more closely reflect the actual expenses (\$3,500).

Program expenses (\$4,740) include allowances for the four Quarterly Meeting programs (\$500); Quarterly Meeting child care (\$600); special programs, worships, and retreats hosted by the Quarter (\$500); costs for the W & M's 5th Sunday Prayer Group (\$240); an annual outreach ad in the Friends School Mullica Hill auction book (\$300); funds for unspecified donations or outreach as may be approved by the Quarter (\$500); funding for the annual Tri-Quarter Conference (\$1,000); a small budget for the Indian Affairs Committee (\$100); and limited reimbursement of travel expenses for the Southern State Prison Ministry (\$1,000).

Property expenses are those costs incurred for the maintenance and insurance of the LAC Meetinghouse and the Lower Alloways Creek and Harmersville cemeteries that are not covered by the donor restricted LAC Property Fund. Also part of property expenses are the costs of maintaining the Port Elizabeth cemetery (\$1,500



*Join us on  
September 13th  
at Salem Meeting  
House for Quarterly  
Meeting.*

The program for this quarterly meeting will be a period of meditation guided by passages from a few of the journals left to us by Friends who hoped their experiences in trying to live faithfully might be useful to us. Designated Friends will read short passages selected from the writings of Friends with connection to Salem Quarter. There will be space to reflect and meditate on the selections. Selections will be from Friends like Thomas Chalkley, Ann Wilson, and Sarah Hunt.

Directions to the meeting house are on page 26.  
The schedule for the day is on the back cover.





*A Language for the  
Inward Landscape*  
*spiritual wisdom  
from the Quaker movement*

Brian Drayton and William P. Taber, Jr.

Available in  
early Fall.  
A work to make  
writings of early  
Friends accessible  
to today's readers.

Brian Drayton has made Bill Taber's reflections on the special vocabulary Friends assembled to describe their inward spiritual experiences freshly accessible to contemporary Friends. Taber's extraordinary insights into the inward landscape bring both a greater understanding of the writings of previous generations and fresh discernment into one's own spiritual condition. Recommended for all Friends, new or seasoned!

Lloyd Lee Wilson

Published by the Tract Association of Friends and will be available in print and e-book from the Tract Association, FGC, and other booksellers.

## ***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.

**Salem Quarter News** is the official publication of **Salem Quarterly Meeting** of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and appears four times a year. Please address all comments and questions to Tom Etherington, editor.

Electronic files are appreciated by the editor, including e-mail, and/or .doc, .txt, .rtf, and .odt files sent as attachments. Paper copy is OK. A printed page consists of 39 lines of about 490 words, plus the header.

Photographs and drawings are also preferred in electronic format. The larger the file size, the better. (I.e. more pixels are better, set picture size to large when possible.) Although most will appear in black and white in SQNews, please submit photos in color. Send contributions to etherington.t@gmail.com. It will help if you start the subject line with SQNews. Mailing address is Tom Etherington, 5775 Irving Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08109. Questions? Send to the above e-mail or call 609-206-5329. Deadlines for 2015 are Fall Issue July 28; Winter Issue Oct 26.

**Acknowledgements:** Picture credits: Cover: Mary Waddington, p. 5 *Quaker Voices*, p. 10 Friends Village at Woodstown, p. 15 Tom Etherington, p. 18 Friends School Mullica Hill

**Proofreading:** Lois Dinshah,, Gloria Horvay, Florence Etherington,

**Editorial Advisory Board :** Tom Etherington, Becky Shapiro, Judy Suplee, Cindy Vitto

*All art is copyright by the artist. Except as otherwise noted, all other contents are copyright © 2015, Salem Quarterly Meeting. Please address reprint requests in writing to the Salem Quarterly Meeting, P.O. Box 55, Woodstown, N.J. 08098-0055*

**Salem Quarterly Meeting** meets in session for business four times a year and carries on activities at other times. It is made up of the southernmost Quaker congregations in New Jersey. The monthly meetings gather for business once a month and meet in worship every Sunday. Many also provide children's or adult First-day School (religious education). The worship groups schedule their meetings differently. Call the listed numbers or visit the websites for information. The monthly meetings and worship groups making up Salem Quarter are:

**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 After-words and general fellowship 10:45, 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 meetings** (Memorial Day to Labor Day weather  
permitting) **In Cape May** Windsor Ave and the water, Cape May, , 9:00  
am Sundays, 7:00 PM Wednesdays; **in Ocean City**, 23rd St. and the  
beach, 8:30 AM Sundays

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

**Woodbury:** 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096, 856 -845-5080  
[http://www.pym.org/pym\\_mms/woodburynj\\_salq.php](http://www.pym.org/pym_mms/woodburynj_salq.php)  
[www.meetup.com/Woodbury-Friends\\_Meeting](http://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,  
856-478-4618 <http://www.woodstownfriends.org/> First-day School  
9:15 am Worship 10:30 am

Non Profit Org  
US Postage

**PAID**

LISTMASTERS

**Salem Quarterly Meeting**  
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the  
Religious Society of Friends  
PO Box 55  
Woodstown, NJ 08098-0055  
**Change Service Requested**

***Salem Quarterly Meeting***  
***September 13, 2015***  
***Salem Meeting House***

***9:00 Gather***

***9:30 Program***

***10:30 Worship***

***11:30 Lunch*** (Salem Mtg. will provide  
Tossed Salad, Rolls, Chicken Salad, Egg Salad &  
Cottage Cheese, Desserts and Beverage at lunch)

***12:30 Business Meeting***

***Children's program provided.***