

# *Salem Quarter News*

*Fall 2014*

*Inasmuch as you did it  
to one of these  
the least of My brethren,  
you did it to Me.*

The meetings in this part of the country are generally small, and it was dreary getting along. It does seem that the mildew of slavery, and the rust of oppression, had nearly consumed all the humane, benevolent principles of the Gospel in the hearts of the people; and infidel darkness, and savage barbarity, are taking the room in many minds.

Joseph Hoag

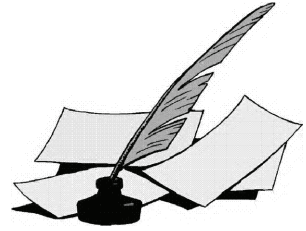


Escaped slaves rowing across the Delaware Bay, from William Still's  
*The Underground Railroad.*

Quote Matthew 25:40 NKJV.

# *Slavery Today*

by *Barry Sloane, Clerk of Quarter*



Our September Quarter meeting will be on a Saturday (Sept. 13) instead of the usual Sunday. The program is very exciting. Lisa S. Garrison of Greenwich Meeting, possibly joined by Matt Blake, will be taking us on a field trip of the Greenwich area showing us parts of the Underground Railroad. Details are elsewhere in the SQM News.

Just for fun, I Googled Underground Railroads in South Jersey and found a treasure trove of fascinating history. I don't want to be the spoiler so I'm not going to tell you what I found, but this is going to be a good interactive program!

Many Americans think that slavery was abolished in 1865 and might be inclined to say, "If I were living back then I would be an abolitionist." But slavery is not hypothetical; it is still very much with us. There are currently more slaves in the world than when slave trade was legal, only now, 80% are female and 50% of those are children.

Today's slavery takes the form of human trafficking — the use of force, fraud or coercion to lure people away from home and make them work as prostitutes, domestic servants, field hands, factory workers and other types of laborers.

In previous centuries, when slaves were captured and traded, each had a significant market value. Although their ill-treatment was often horrific, the reality was that it made economic sense to keep a slave alive and functioning, to protect what was usually a significant investment, made with a view to long term.

That has changed. Many girls and women, who are trafficked, particularly for the sex trade, are done so with a view to high rate of return over a relatively short period of time. Then they are switched from the steady supply of replacements, then killed or cast aside as wrecked drug addicts.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime estimates that at any given time 2.5 million individuals are being trafficked. Every nation in the world is involved as a country of origin, transit or destination.

The slavery is happening right here in the U.S. as well. According to the FBI, there are currently an estimated 293,000 American children at risk of being exploited and trafficked for sex. 40% of all human trafficking cases opened for investigation between January 2008 and June

2010 were for the sexual trafficking of a child. And while the term trafficking may conjure images of desperate illegal immigrants being forced into prostitution by human smugglers, 83% of victims in confirmed sex trafficking cases in this country were American citizens.

Many of the girls who are bought and sold for sex come out of a broken foster care system. In 2011, 55% of the trafficking victims in Alameda County, California, were from foster youth group homes. In New York, 85% of trafficking victims had prior child welfare involvement. And in Florida, the head of the state's trafficking task force estimated that 70% of victims are foster youth.

The ugly truth is that it is less risky and more profitable to sell a girl than crack cocaine or meth. Yet the U.S. government spends 300 times more money each year to fight drug trafficking than it does to fight human trafficking. The criminal penalties for drug trafficking are generally greater than the ones usually levied against those who traffic in girls. Our priorities are a problem.

But that's only part of the problem—these girls are not considered victims. So while in the United States, we have the very same child sex slave markets as in Cambodia, the Philippines, and India, the girls from here, the girls from Southeast DC or South Central LA, are seen as the “ho,” the bad girl, the teen hooker, and not the victim.

Modern slavery isn't just about sex trafficking—up to 27 million people are forced into labor in the global economy. As the State Department's 2011 Trafficking in Persons report makes clear, sexual bondage is only a part of a much larger and more insidious evil. Today's slavery isn't just about sex. Huge parts of the global economy, from tomatoes to electronics to American military contracting (Yes, you read that last part right. Check out the June article in New Yorker magazine on the subject at <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2011/06/06/the-invisible-army> ) are tied up with forced labor.

Decent people do not participate in the buying and selling of sexually enslaved people. But most of us, no matter how well-meaning, contribute to the broader economy of trafficking. Much of what's in our medicine chests has palm oil, which comes from eastern Cambodia or Sumatra or other places where there are a lot of people enslaved on plantations. There's a lot of slavery on the fishing fleets of Southeast Asia, and a lot of the shrimp that we eat in the United States comes from there. All smartphones rely on a mineral called coltan, much of which is mined by forced laborers in the Democratic

Republic of Congo.

The cocoa industry in West Africa was another major pocket of forced labor. This became very public ten years ago and industry groups, nudged by consumers of conscience, started taking initiatives to clean it up. While much needs to be done, significant progress has been made.

For more information refer to [http://www.ilo.org/public//english/standards/ipecc/themes/cocoa/download/2005\\_02\\_cl\\_cocoa.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/public//english/standards/ipecc/themes/cocoa/download/2005_02_cl_cocoa.pdf)

But active consumerism isn't enough. Governments (ours too) need to change our priorities and laws.

- Dedicate sufficient resources to government youth services and hold the case workers accountable.
- Dedicate resources for the care of the damaged people many of whom have PTSD.
- Educate vulnerable children through our schools and faith-based groups of the dangers they face and how to protect themselves.
- Change our basic laws and law enforcement priorities.

Sweden is an example of what's possible. A decade ago, Sweden passed a law that shifts attention away from those selling sex to those buying it. As a result, police no longer arrest prostitutes but focus instead on johns, charging them with the equivalent of a felony rather than the misdemeanor charges prevalent in the United States. The law also provides counseling, medical care, housing and other services to help prostitutes exit the profession. That approach has given Sweden the lowest rate of trafficking within the European Union.

When asking myself, what can I do to help end this I came across numerous web sites, two were particularly good, but there are others: Check out <http://endchildlabor.org/> and [https://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/laborctr/child\\_labor/about/ending.html](https://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/laborctr/child_labor/about/ending.html) The latter has a great set of lesson plans for the teachers among us.

# *Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes*

## *6/8/2014*

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 6/8/2014 at Lower Alloways Creek Township meetinghouse in Hancock's Bridge. Out of worship, clerk Barry Sloane (Mickleton) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and thanked the Trustees for cleaning the property and Mullica Hill meeting for their dessert offerings. There was a Friendly presence for business of fifteen representing five of the seven monthly meetings in the quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on 3/9/2014 were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News.

As a note from the Nominating Committee, Peggy Warner (Mullica Hill) acknowledged the loss of input from a coordinator with regards to nominations. The thought has been presented that promoting inter-visitation would provide Friends with the same knowledge once provided by the coordinator.

Marsha Gaspar (Woodbury), clerk of the Tri-Quarter Gathering presented a report on the 2014 Gathering. The event scheduled for October 3, 4 & 5, 2014 offers workshops, worship and social events around the theme, *Sharing Our Gifts and Art from the Heart*. There are postcards to be sent to individuals and packets to be distributed to the monthly meetings.

The Finance Committee report was presented by Michael Shapiro (Salem). To date, all covenant payments have been paid for this fiscal year and we will receive the final Fiduciary payment for the fiscal year at end of this month. We are 92% of the way through the FY, and we have paid about 86% of our projected expenses. We can anticipate being able to pay the rest of our expenses for the year. There are two outstanding items expected. We should have around \$1,000 left from this year's budget which we will need to balance the FY 2014—15 budget.

The Education Committee reported that at their annual meeting they awarded a total of eight \$ 1,250 scholarships to members in Woodstown, Salem, and Seville Meetings.

The possibility of relocating our funds invested at Fiduciary from general accounts into the Green Fund was raised by Bob Horvay (Mickleton). We might consider a Quarter program on the Green Fund as we educate ourselves and consider the possibilities.

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported on behalf of the Steering Committee highlighting the plans for future quarterly meetings programs and locations, newsletter deadlines, the Tri-Quarter increase agreed to by most of the meetings, a possible Salem Quarter Picnic this summer, and a review of Salem Quarter Goals and Queries. **(See report p. 23)**

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) presented a report on Friends Village. They will be having an Anniversary Celebration on 9/17/2014 to which we are all invited. **(See report p. 19)**

The Worship & Ministry Committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening. Out of worship they heard reports and confirmed details for planned events. *(See report p 21)*. The Gifts Working Group presented a report to the committee. *(See report p. 11)*

The Worship & Ministry Committee requested approval for a \$100 donation to be made to the Naypyitaw YMCA in honor of Kano Sadihiko and Homma Masaru, our recent speakers from Japan. The YMCA is where Homma Masaru has dedicated much of his time and effort. This is but a small gesture of our gratitude and appreciation for them, their work and their willingness to share their time and experiences with us.

***Friends approved donating \$100 to the Naypyitaw YMCA on behalf of Kano Sadihiko and Homma Masaru as a gesture of our gratitude and appreciation for their presentation of “Dismantling the Dividing Walls.”***

It was noted that the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting website has a document providing an opportunity to suggest Friends for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting committee positions. Perhaps this could be adopted and revised for Quarter use.

Gary Holmes (Woodstown) reported from the Trustees speaking in detail about the current and future needs of the Lower Alloways Creek property and the various options before us. *(See report p. 24)* Friends noted that this discussion has come before us previously; both action and inaction require a great deal of thought and consideration. A request was made of Salem Meeting, who has the most direct connection to the original Hancocks Bridge Meeting, to hold the topic in the Light and collect their thoughts. A possible joint meeting of the Salem Trustees and the Quarter Trustees was suggested in advance of further discussion by the Quarter.

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) shared a brief report on behalf of Alice Waddington (Salem) from the Friends School Mullica Hill. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade meeting for worship is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, 6/8 and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be held on Tuesday, 6/10. Since he joined them, Mike also shared his inspired observations on the recent 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Gettysburg.

Friends expressed their appreciation of the program on Cornelia Hancock and the obvious expertise of the speaker. Our program speaker, Doris Tice, felt strongly about the needs of the Lower Alloways Creek meetinghouse and made a donation to the Lower Alloways Creek meetinghouse Fund. We will be sending her a minute of appreciation.

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Indian Affairs Committee will be sending a clerks mailing with a request for minutes of support for UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). They also have a list of available speakers.

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

# Birds!

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Do not stay grounded--

Let your Self Soar

with the Spirit!

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**Gobble up Life as much as you can!**

*This morning we did not sit in the meetinghouse, but sat outside on the deck in the backyard. The perfect weather felt like it was a gift straight from God to all of Creation.*

*I couldn't have imagined ahead of time that I would hear and see so many birds in one hour. After we'd been united in the Silence for some minutes, a flock of wild turkeys came traipsing through the woods beyond the yard. At first we heard the leaves rustling, so I turned and watched them as they waddled through the underbrush, long tail feathers trailing. When they were further away, they began calling to each other. I listened quietly, going on with my knitting, as is my custom in worship. Toward the end of meeting, I felt prompted to stop knitting, close my eyes and listen. This 'poem' is what I heard, in a voice that was dynamic, full of life and vibrant energy and very dreamy visions of birds of all kinds. Priscilla Ortiz*



The Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee is pleased to present:

*Introducing and Revitalizing Friends,*

*Thursday evenings 7 pm to 9 pm*

*10/9 – 11/20/2014 at Friends Village.*

Using the flavor of QuakerQuest, *Introducing and Revitalizing Friends* is a seven week series using the book, *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* by Steven Chase. In seven letters to a fictional correspondent, Steve Chase describes his spiritual journey among Friends. The writer, a member of the Quaker Quest travel team, introduces the Quaker way to a newcomer in language that is personal and gentle, while offering powerful inspiration through stories. Written as an invitation to inquirers, *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* will stimulate discussion among long-time Friends about how we experience and remain true to our Quaker faith.

Each week will feature one of the seven letters with a discussion facilitated by Thomas Swain, former clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Thomas will be assisted each week by a different member of the men's group of Middletown Meeting in Concord Quarter. Thomas travels to Great Britain every year with a religious concern for experiencing God and Christ as the living center of our lives and our meeting communities. He is an Associate Tutor at Woodbrooke where he teaches several courses on Spiritual Gifts and Shakers. His educational background includes degrees from Temple University, Hartford Seminary, Villanova University, and Graduate Theological Foundation. We are thrilled to have him share his gifts with us.

We will begin our journey on Thursday, 10/9/2014 at 7:00 pm in the Residential Dining room, near the library and the healthcare wing at Friends Village. We will gather there each week on Thursday evening from 7:00 –9:00 pm focusing on one of the seven letters. While there is much to be gained from each letter and discussion, attendance each week is not required for participation.

The letters are a brief and easy read. Participants will want to read the letter ahead of the Thursday discussion. There will be books available for purchase and several copies will be available in the Friends Village library room. Books are also available at [www.quakerbooks.org](http://www.quakerbooks.org) or through [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) in both print and digital forms.

Several meetings in Salem Quarter have held discussion groups or utilized this book in their adult First Day School classes, all to rave re-

views. They found the discussions that were launched by each letter to be insightful, informative and inspiring.

This series is open to all at no charge, other than the option to purchase the book. Participants may be from Salem Quarter, Friends Village or the general public.

**Book reviews:**

*Chel says:*

I'm somewhat biased as the publisher of this book, but nonetheless, I do think it's great! Steve Chase describes what Quakers are and what it's like to be a Quaker in a very personal, inviting way. In doing so, he tells the story of his own spiritual journey, shows how he has wrestled with his values, and offers a lot of material for consideration. I think the book will be engaging not only to people who are spiritually seeking and think the Quaker faith just possibly may be the right path for them (the intended audience), but it will also offer much to consider for long-time Quakers and for people who have no interest in becoming Quakers, but are interested in other people's spiritual journeys.

*Shirley says:*

Good introduction to conservative Quaker meetings and process. Written as letters to a friend, it is quite personal and well-explained. Easy to read. Worth the time if you are interested in getting a basic understanding of Quakerism.

*Gloria says:*

Rather brief, easy to read book that answers many questions that a casual seeker might have. The questions are posed as letters. The questions are clearly meant to direct the reader to certain information. The author candidly answers many questions about style of worship, etc., and includes his own introduction to the Quaker life. Would be a good introduction to the faith.

*Mary Jo says:*

His subsequent journey among Friends is related in this excellent, readable book for enquirers, which is in the form of a series of letters to a friend, the eponymous 'fellow seeker'. He manages the difficult epistolary style with ease; it never feels artificial or forced, perhaps because the letters reflect his own experience. In the guise of answering imaginary questions from his correspondent, he manages to impart a great deal of information about Friends without interrupting the narrative flow.

# *Gifts Working Group Meeting*

## *Illustrated Summary of the GWG Meeting*

May 31, 2014

Mullica Hill Friends Meeting

In attendance: Christine Greenland, clerk; Gail Scuderi, co clerk; Sandra Boone Murphy, Jim Murphy, Christine Cameron, Peggy Warner, acting recording clerk

Friends gathered, worshiped, and centered with a sense of joy to be together again.

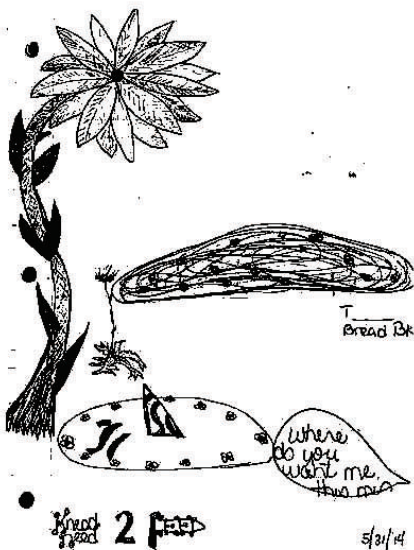
Several responded individually to clerk's question about how our gifts are being lived. Gail is working with youth of Atlantic City to create a Peace Garden stained glass mosaic on the Arts Garage (in prominent view as you enter AC). While she facilitates the young people creating in their schools, she learns by just listening to them speak their reality of AC life. She notes the radical difference between those who go into AC for entertainment and those who reside there year round.

Christine Cameron has also found art to be opening life in a new way and finds joy in working with a "name project" for children. She is excited about new community programs developing through United Way to serve the youth of Salem and hopes to serve further at some point when the project is realized beyond just planning.

Christine Greenland shared experiences of joyful outcomes through her listening gifts.

Peggy has been serving by responding to family needs and now is sorting out a more predictable schedule in Mullica Hill.

Sandy is getting to know and learn in Maryland. "It's a miracle how things unravel." She has stepped into county college courses around equine work and business. She specifically targets certification to work with the physically and learning disabled on and around horses while remaining open to multiple possibilities.



## **What's working? What's needed? What's next?**

Upon request of our newest member, we reflected on the history of the Gifts Working Group. Phil Anthony was encouraged to pursue a prompting to contact Tom Swain during a SQM Nominating Committee meeting many years ago. Tom's work in the calling out of gifts seemed directly related to the Nominating Committee's purpose to match emerging gifts to service. Interest was stirred and the thought was to begin the Gifts Working Group under the work of Salem Quarter Worship and Ministry. Mario Cavallini was W&M clerk at that time. It met in Mickleton for several years and then Woodbury at the home of Mario and Sondra. The meetings included exercises, readings and sharing primarily targeted at calling out gifts. It was a support group that a nuclear group did not want to miss. Others came and went. For a period of about four years the committee jointly worked to give workshops around discerning our gifts, while individuals continued to give workshops as well. Friends were clear to invite members and offer help beyond Salem Quarter.

Peggy continues to ask if we are honest about time, readily evidenced in the difficulty of scheduling our meetings, but far beyond that. Applying gifts work at the nominating committee sometimes happens, but time constraints largely inhibit the process. Getting to know our people well is how we can facilitate knowing the gifts and that takes TIME.

We moved to the thought that getting to know our people is "What's needed." We relied on our coordinator to do the visiting and get to know the people of all SQ; Phil was very helpful to bring to our attention gifts and new faces in the nominating process. Salem Quarter knows the importance of visiting our monthly meetings, but doing more takes time.

Community work gets us all to the right place. Sharing happens while we work together. "Inhale your own monthly meeting. Go out and experience others. Bring it back and breath out into your own meeting."

We turned to wondering around the question, "If this committee were not, what would it look like?" A profound sharing expressed that the dynamics of a group change when a key figure of the group passes. Things are never the same. We might gather once a year to celebrate how we are living out our gifts in the world. Friends expressed valuing those gathered and missing those not here today.

The image of yeast bubbling emerged through one member; an ink sketch emerged from another summarizing our meeting and the Gifts Working Group. (Ink sketch by Sandra is attached. The tall flower references GWG as it flourished. Yeast is bubbling mid right side, sun dial references time at the base of the plant stem. Yeast needs feeding, warmth, things added, spreading out . . .

This committee will ask for direction from Salem Quarter Worship and Ministry meeting on June 6. There is no clear sense to have another meeting except for the occasion that Tom Swain would reschedule a date for us to reflect on his ideas.

Our meeting closed in worship, followed by caring fellowship.

Christine Greenland

Join us at  
**Quarterly Meeting in Greenwich,  
Saturday, September 13, 2014**  
Southern Jersey Friends  
and the Underground Railroad

Why did Greenwich figure prominently in the nexus of communities that made up the Underground Railroad? Where did freedom runners make landfall on the Bayshore in the decades preceding the Civil War? Where did they find shelter and assistance in their journey north? What role did Quakers play in the development of Springtown as a rural free-black community of faith and in the safe passage of freedom seekers through Southern New Jersey?

Salem Quarterly Meeting invites Friends and members of the general public to join us for a day of learning, exploration and reflection on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. **We will gather at Lower Meeting House between 9:00 - 9:30 AM and at 10:00 AM**, carpool (maps provided) to retrace stations and sites of the Underground Railroad in and around Greenwich with Matt Blake, including a stop at the historic A.M.E. Church in Springtown-Othello.

We will return to Lower Meeting House for lunch, with a presentation on **South Jersey Quakers and the Legacy of the Underground Railroad** by Lisa Stewart Garrison followed by meeting for worship and Salem Quarter business meeting. Please bring your own bagged lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided by Greenwich, Mickleton & Mullica Hill Meetings. Coffee and doughnuts will be available when we gather or Friends may wish to visit Aunt Betty's Café at 1016 Ye Greate Street in Greenwich (856.451.2400). Aunt Betty's opens at 6:30 AM, allowing plenty of time before gathering for the tour.

## *From Our Friends School*



I can feel the inner light in Spanish Class  
Yo hablo una diferente lingua  
I can use simple words to represent complex meanings  
I can communicate with people around the world  
There is inner light in Spanish Class

I can feel the inner light in Math Class  
I can struggle with Pythagorean Theorem  
My teachers can help me understand  
I can rejoice in that moment of "Ahhh" when it all makes sense  
There is inner light in Math Class

I can feel the inner light in English Class  
I feel free to write and express myself  
I can show enthusiasm for Edgar Allan Poe  
Regardless of everyone else's groans  
There is inner light in English Class

I can feel the inner light in Social Studies Class  
I learn about cultures around the world  
I learn about Global Warming  
I learn to develop my own opinion about the world  
There is inner light in Social Studies Class

I can feel the inner light in Science Class  
I can learn how and why things happen  
If it is about evolution or chemical compounds  
I have the right to knowledge  
There is inner light in Science Class

Sincerely,  
Julia Katherine Carrigan  
Ξθ΄ια Κατερινε ψαρρογαν  
Age 11

## *Crossing the Bay in a Bateau*

### *Sharp Contest with Pursuers n Water, Fugitives Victorious.*

Thomas Sipple and his wife, Mary Ann; Henry Burkett  
and his wife, Elizabeth; John Purnell and Hale Burton

This party were slaves, living near Kunkletown, in Worcester county, Maryland, and had become restive in their fetters. Although they did not know a letter of the alphabet, they were fully persuaded that they were entitled to their freedom. In considering what way would be safest for them to adopt, they concluded that the water would be less dangerous than any other route. As the matter of freedom had been in their minds for a long time, they had frequently counted the cost, and had been laying by trifling sums of money which had fallen perchance into their hands. Among them all they had about thirty dollars. As they could not go by water without a boat, one of their number purchased an old bateau for the small sum of six dollars. The Delaware Bay lay between them and the Jersey shore, which they desired to reach. They did not calculate, however, that before leaving the Delaware shore they would have to contend with the enemy. That in crossing, they would lose sight of the land they well understood. They managed to find out the direction of the shore, and about the length of time that it might take them to reach it. Undaunted by the perils before them the party repaired to the bay, and at ten o'clock, P. M. embarked direct for the other shore.

Near Kate's Hammock, on the Delaware shore, they were attacked by five white men in a small boat. One of them seized the chain of the fugitives boat, and peremptorily claimed it. "This is not your boat, we bought this boat and paid for it," spake one of the brave fugitives. "I am an officer, and must have it," said the white man, holding on to the chain. Being armed, the white men threatened to shoot. Manfully did the black men stand up for their rights, and declare that they did not mean to give up their boat alive. The parties speedily came to blows. One of the white men dealt a heavy blow with his oar upon the head of one of the black men, which knocked him down, and broke the oar at the same time. The blow was immediately returned by Thomas Sipple, and one of the white men was laid flat on the bottom of the boat. The white men were instantly seized with a panic, and retreated; after getting some yards off they snapped their guns at the fugitives several times, and one load of small shot was fired into them. John received two shot in the forehead, but was not dangerously hurt. George received some in the arms, Hale Burton got one about his temple, and Thomas

got a few in one of his arms; but the shot being light, none of the fugitives were seriously damaged. Some of the shot will remain in them as long as life lasts. The conflict lasted for several minutes, but the victorious bondmen were only made all the more courageous by seeing the foe retreat. They rowed with a greater will than ever, and landed on a small island. Where they were, or what to do they could not tell. One whole night they passed in gloom on this sad spot. Their hearts were greatly cast down; the next morning they set out on foot to see what they could see. The young women were very sick, and the men were tried to the last extremity; however, after walking about one mile, they came across the captain of an oyster boat. They perceived that he spoke in a friendly way, and they at once asked directions with regard to Philadelphia. He gave them the desired information, and even offered to bring them to the city if they would pay him for his services. They had about twenty-five dollars in all. This they willingly gave him, and he brought them according to agreement. When they found the captain they were not far from Cape May-lighthouse.



Taking into account the fact that it was night when they started, that their little boat was weak, combined with their lack of knowledge in relation to the imminent danger surrounding them, any intelligent man would have been justified in predicting for them a watery grave long before the bay was half crossed. But they crossed safely. They greatly needed food, clothing, rest, and money, which they freely received, and were afterwards forwarded to John W. Jones, Underground Rail Road agent, at Elmira.



Salem Quarter Worship & Prayer Group  
under the care of Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry

Every 5<sup>th</sup> First Day

3/30

6/29

8/31

11/30

at

George P. Luciano Family Center  
Cumberland County College

2:00 — 4:00 pm



Share in a deeply spiritual worship, lifting up joys, sorrows, and difficulties in prayer.

**ALL ARE WELCOME, ANYTIME.**

Worship is held in the manner of Friends (Quakers) with vocal messages  
from seasoned Friends and visitors alike, rising from the silence as the Spirit dictates.

**To the Luciano Conference and Events Center at Cumberland County College:**

From North, South, or Southeast  
Route 55 to Exit 29 - Sherman Avenue (Route 552)  
Head east on Sherman Avenue to College Drive  
Turn right (south) on College Drive. The conference center is on the  
right in about 1/2 mi.

From West  
Route 49 to Bridgeton — left onto N. Pearl Street (Route 77)  
Turn right on to Irving Ave. (Route 552/ becomes Sherman Avenue)  
Head east on Sherman Avenue to College Drive  
Turn right (south) on College Drive. The conference center is on the  
right in about 1/2 mi.

Complete directions and map will be found at <<http://www.cccnj.edu/CEC/mapsDirections.aspx>>.

# Salem Quarter

## *Worship & Ministry Committee*

Join SQM W&M on **Friday, 9/5/14, 7:00 pm**  
at the home of  
Michael & Rebecca Shapiro  
110 So. Main St., Elmer NJ 08318

Monthly Meeting W&M members are encouraged to attend in representation of their meeting, but all interested Friends are welcome.

***Share the work of this vital and active committee through deeply spiritual worship!***

*Invitation to Friends Village  
Anniversary Celebration  
from the Executive Director  
Thomas B. Lyons*



On behalf of Friends Village at Woodstown I'd like to invite you all to our Anniversary Celebration and Visionaries Reception on Wednesday evening, September 17, here on our campus from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please join us to celebrate our history of service established by the Salem Quarter, and recognize our 2014 visionary honorees.

With great respect and pleasure, I am also happy to announce the selection of the first of many visionaries to be recognized for the countless hours of hard work, bold dreams and faith they invested in bringing Friends Village to this point. Mr. Barrie Foster, Mrs. Dorothy Kramme and Mrs. Anna Rockey will be recognized for their contributions to Friends Village at our anniversary celebration.

Plans for the evening include music; a wine, hors d'oeuvres and petite dessert reception; a Silent Auction with select items; and a presentation to our Visionaries. Cost for the evening is \$10 and we are asking for an RSVP by September 10. Call Mary Lou Frank at 856-823-0786 or by email: [mfrank@fhaw.org](mailto:mfrank@fhaw.org). Registrations can also be made online by using the link on our website, [www.friendsvillage.org](http://www.friendsvillage.org).

Visionaries can be described as people who possess unusually keen foresight; who are audacious, ahead of their times, dreamers and creative thinkers. All of our honorees can be described in this way. Barrie Foster and Dorothy Kramme were both instrumental in the process that lead to the development and construction of Friends Village as it is today, providing living options and healthcare services all in one location. Anna Rockey was among the first new residents who joined Friends as a cottage resident shortly after the "village" opened. Her belief in, and devotion to, the organization's mission is demonstrated by her regular and continued financial support.

As we look forward to the challenges of enhancing our community while we move further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we want to acknowledge the visionary people who helped to get us this far. In the short term, we are looking forward to two significant anniversaries--the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015 of our transformation into Friends Village and in 2016, the

120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Friends Home by the Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

These milestones offer not only the opportunity to celebrate, but the opportunity to rededicate ourselves in support of the institution and the mission we were given to provide housing and health care to older adults. Attending this year's Sept. 17 event is a first step in acknowledging the vital role individual Friends, Meetings and this Quarter play in Friends Village.

Participants may also support Friends Village through this year's silent auction. Among the offerings so far for the Silent Auction we have:

1. Disney Package: 3-day, 2-night stay at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa and 4 Walt Disney Park-Hopper passes. *Minimum bid \$400.*
2. Private wine tasting tour of France, Italy or another region of the bidder's choice for 20 people at Total Wine & More in Claymont, DE. *Minimum bid \$200.*
3. Dinner and a Show: 2 tickets to the Walnut Street Theatre with dinner at nearby *LaBuca* Restaurant. *Minimum bid \$85.*

Several other nice packages are being developed.

You can also join our celebration through a contribution in honor or in memory of a loved one. These donations can also be made online using the link on our website at [www.friendsvillage.org](http://www.friendsvillage.org).

We look forward to your participation. Join us, won't you?

## Community Awareness Fair

Mickleton Meeting is hosting a Community Awareness Fair and Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, October 18. Our main purpose is to give non-profit service organizations a free space to let people know of their mission. Secondly, we are selling yard sale spaces to attract people to view the non-profit tables and to raise funds for our charitable giving. To reserve a space, please contact Gloria Horvay, 223-5111, [gh.glib@verizon.net](mailto:gh.glib@verizon.net).

## *Worship & Ministry Report*

### *6/6/2014*

The committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening. Six Friends were present with two out of the seven meetings in the Quarter represented. We began our evening with worship, holding in the Light the many agenda items before us. Peggy Warner reported from the last Gifts Working Group meeting. They have experienced difficulty finding meeting times that fit into Friends' busy schedules. They have wondered what the Quarter would be like without the GWG and asked the Quarter Worship & Ministry for direction. We held the members of the GWG in the Light as we considered possible direction for them. We are reluctant to lay the group down and offered support for their thought to meet once a year to celebrate how they are utilizing their gifts. This may allow time for the assessment of whether the group is coming to a natural conclusion or experiencing an ebb in their evolution.

The discussion regarding the GWG led into thoughts on inter-visitation and the familiarity with one another that allows us to be cognizant of each other's gifts. Inter-visitation might be served by pairing meetings in a sort of "buddy system" for a designated period of time. Individuals or monthly meeting committees might be more inclined to visit when the focus is limited to a single meeting. After bonds are established, the pairings could then be shifted. The use of a survey to identify individual interests and gifts was mentioned. Not being interested in re-inventing the wheel, we wondered what surveys might have been used by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in the past. We acknowledged that a survey that asked identifying questions about others might be more useful than self identification, given that self-awareness is often weaker than our perception of others.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer Group is scheduled to meet on 6/29 from 2 -4 at the Cumberland County College. We discussed the value of continuing to meet and of relocating the gatherings to a location that would be free of charge. In consideration of the ease provided by being located at the college and with the thought that we could expend some energy advertising, the opportunity to view the gathering as outreach to the community makes the minimal cost worthwhile. We felt that renaming the group, *The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meeting for Worship and Prayer*, was a more accurate description of this time for informal worship and prayer appealing to those who perhaps consider themselves spiritual, but not religious.

The lecture, *Dismantling the Dividing Walls: Working for Peace in Asia*, on Tuesday, 4/29 at the Luciano Conference Center at Cumberland County College was both moving and informative. The group of about twenty from in and out of the Quarter warmly welcomed our speakers. Kano Sadahiko, editor of the book and author of the lecture entitled “Peace and Global Info-Communication” and Homma Masaru, author of the lecture “Changing Direction for Peace: From Carrying Grudges to Making Amends,” each spoke followed by an opportunity for questions which led into some impromptu remarks about the history and status of the education of women in Japan by Sadahiko’s wife, who is President of a woman’s university there. Copies of the book were graciously offered at no charge. Homma Masaru has spent years volunteering with the YMCA in Myanmar. Provided that the funds are available, the committee requests that a \$100 donation be made to the Naypyitaw YMCA in their names as a gesture of our gratitude and appreciation.

The plans to offer a seven week program open to the public with facilitators matched to their areas of interest and expertise on the book, *Letters to a Fellow Seeker* by Steven Chase, was revisited. Our goal is to make use of every opportunity to publicize the event to the general public in addition to the Quaker community. The target date and location are mid-October through November at Friends Village. These plans are predicated on the willingness of facilitators and the availability of Friends Village. We composed a list of potential facilitators and John Cameron offered to solicit participation. We intend to have the details finalized in time for the Salem Quarter News deadline in July and appropriate advertisement available by September. We will need to make some books available for loan and purchase. Pre-reading is encouraged, but not required. Attendance to all seven sessions is optimal, but any attendance combination is welcomed.

We closed in worship with gratitude for the productivity and support that we shared.

Rebecca Shapiro

Salem Quarterly Meeting Worship & Ministry meeting will meet next at the home of Becky and Mike Shapiro, 110 South Main St. Elmer, on Friday, 9/5/2014 at 7:00 pm.
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# *Steering Committee Report to SQM June 2014*

## **Future Quarterly Meetings**

**September:** Greenwich, on **Saturday** rather than Sunday.

Program on Underground Railroad with field trip

Local historical societies will be invited.

Candlelight Meeting Sunday evening is poorly attended

Program and events are under the care of Greenwich Meeting

Flier prepared for Monthly Meetings and local Historical Societies.

## **Future Quarterly Meeting locations and Programs**

Would like to visit all seven monthly meetings including Woodbury, Mullica Hill, and Mickleton.

Max Carter (Guilford College) on Quaker Spirituality is a potential program

## **Salem Quarter News deadlines**

Fall Issue: July 28

Winter issue: October 27

Current and back issues are available on [www.salemquarter.net](http://www.salemquarter.net)

**Tri-Quarter Conference:** Most meetings have agreed to a \$75 increase for Tri-Quarter, towards the Quarter contribution increase of \$500 for fiscal year 2014-2015. Future Quarter budgets will reflect a \$1,000 contribution for Tri-Quarter, which matches Haddonfield and Burlington Quarter contributions.

Possible **Salem Quarter Picnic** at Parvin state park on a Sunday in August. We would need commitment from monthly meetings and help organizing it. Picnic, swimming, kayaking, fishing, possible camp-out Saturday night.

Salem Quarter **Goals and Queries** (handout for monthly meetings to consider). Do they need to be revised in light of not having a coordinator?

## **Steering Committee meeting dates**

July 21

August 18

October 20

November 17

# *Salem Quarter Trustees Report*

## *6/8/2014*

The Salem Quarter Trustees offer a series of questions regarding the Lower Alloways Creek meetinghouse. What do we want to do with this place? Not just what to do about painting, repairs, or tree trimming, but what is this place's purpose? What is its mission? Our costs exceed the funding provided by the endowment. How do we finance it? What priorities and steps are we willing to make?

We have multiple options available to us. We can:

- Apply for grants, such as the New Jersey Cultural Trust, New Jersey Historic Preservation Matching Grants, The 1772 Foundation, et al.
- Donate the building to the State of NJ.
- Develop and execute fundraising campaigns.
- Utilize community service to lower maintenance costs.
- Donate the building to another Meeting (Friends General Conference Meetinghouse Fund).
- Do nothing and as a result watch the building deteriorate.

Currently, the building appears to be structurally sound. The roof is in good condition. The exterior trim needs scraping and painting and one of the portico columns needs to be replaced. The trees and the ivy growth are well maintained.

As of next year, the current clerk of Trustees has been in his position for ten years. He does not feel that he has the vision, drive or skills to do much of what will be necessary. Either a leader possessing that vision perhaps with grant writing experience, and /or historic preservation familiarity, or at least greater involvement from the Quarter will be needed.

The compilation of facts and the exploration of our options, along with the consequences of various actions or inactions should be as thorough as possible to provide us with the opportunity for meaningful dialog.



# Sharing our Gifts and Art from the Heart

**Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends  
October 3, 4 & 5, 2014  
Camp Ockanickon, Medford, NJ**



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Please circle the dates of October 3, 4 & 5, 2014 on your calendar and plan to attend this uplifting event.

This year the Tri-Quarter Gathering of Friends is working with another Quaker group: the **Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts (FQA)**. Their mission is “To nurture and showcase the literary, visual, musical and performing arts within the Religious Society of Friends, for the purposes of Quaker expression, ministry, witness and outreach.” Our theme this year has come out of this collaboration – **“Sharing our Gifts and Art from the Heart”** – promising workshops, performances and exhibits that will encourage and inspire.

In addition to workshops for adults, teens and children, the weekend offers intergenerational games, all-day challenge course, canoeing and boating, stargazing at the Camp’s observatory, square and round dancing, six hearty meals, an ice cream social, hayrides, bonfire with s’mores, and community worship at an outdoor lakeside chapel. There is also abundant free time for nature walks and contemplation.

For questions regarding activities, accommodations and fees – or to request a registration form in August --please contact Registrar Cindy Cox Crispin at (856) 478-4093 or email her at [cindycox-crispin@gmail.com](mailto:cindycox-crispin@gmail.com). Please remember to put “Tri-Q” in the subject line.

## *Directions to Greenwich Meeting*

1. Take Rt. 77 or 40 to Pole Tavern Circle (where 77 & 40 cross) and follow directions from #2 below. ***OR*** Take Rt. 49 to Shiloh and turn onto 620, then follow the directions from #4. below.
2. From Pole Tavern Circle take Rt. 635 to Rt. 49. (Route 49 joins from the right. No need to turn, just continue straight ahead.) [If you run into a detour on Rt. 620 around a car show, don't worry. The detour should take you to Rt. 49. Go left on route 49.]
3. Continue on 49 East for about a mile to the small town of Shiloh. The road is suddenly surrounded by trees.
4. From Shiloh take Rt. 620 to where it dead-ends at Rt. 623
5. Go left. Follow that road through Greenwich. The meetinghouse is on the left at 1066 Ye Greate St. (GPS address)

Lost? Call 609-206-5329

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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 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 meeting (weather permitting) Congress Street  
beach, Cape May, May–Oct, 9:00 am Sundays, 7:00 PM Wednesdays

**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

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**Salem Quarterly Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 13, 2014**  
**Greenwich Lower Meetinghouse**

**9:30 Gather**

**10:00 Underground Railroad Tour**

**12:00 Lunch (bring your own)**

**12:30 Presentation on Underground Railroad**

**1:30 Worship**

**2:30 Business Meeting**

**Beverages and dessert provided.**

**If you need childcare please e-mail Mike Ayars at  
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