

# *Salem Quarter News*

*Spring 2019*



*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now  
it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.*

The Winter tree resembles me  
Whose sap lies in its root  
The Spring draws nigh, as it so I  
shall bud, and hope, and shoot

~ Thomas Ellwood, 1639-1714  
(friends with George Fox and William Penn)



### ***It's Springtime***

*We awaited Spring with anticipation for  
The grass greens sugar in the morning  
Its blades cut sharp with teeth of chew  
Useless buckets we are adorning*

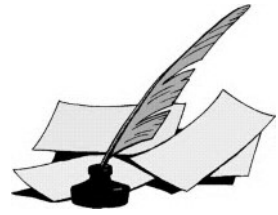
*The rains bring truth of power for  
Life at ease in dwelling of peace  
The sprouts sprinkle clouds of joy  
Endless circles never cease*

*It's Springtime now and hence when  
The Sun shines bright upon the dew  
It's now or never 'til the dawn  
We chow for those, who knew*

*Jim*

Front Cover  
Peach Blossoms, Mary Waddington  
Quote Isaiah 43:19

**“CABIN FEVER”**  
**By Dietrich Preston,**  
**Clerk of Quarter**



“In like a lion ... Out like a lamb” or so the story goes. This time of year we look forward to Spring, warmer weather, tulips just starting to sprout from the ground and an end to our cabin fever. While this winter was by no means the coldest on record, the snow, the sleet and rain still can leave a dreary feeling inside. We get up and get on with our day-to-day activities trying not to let the “dreariness” keep us from doing the things we need to get done. However (at least for me) the warmer weather inspires me to start doing the things I like to do. Organizing the garage with the bay door open, playing the radio, getting a household project done are all things I enjoy doing and that I tend to save for the warmer months. Sitting around indoors, maybe reading a book, (or typing up a newsletter article, lol!) sometimes makes me feel a little stir-crazy, like I should be doing more.

March is the month of my birth, and my wife always does something nice on my birthday for which I am very grateful to enjoy the “pick-me-up.” I have to say though, it’s my least favorite month! I have said before that I enjoy the beginning of Winter and the festive times. By March though, I’m done, I’ve had enough dreary gray skies, the raw cold dampness, and I’m ready for some sun. I love to swim, take walks or go out on a boat to go fishing. Some people are skiers or enjoy other winter activities, it’s just not for me. I can read a book or watch TV anytime, but when being confined to indoor activities, particularly on the colder days, the cabin fever starts to set in.

With the exception of my allergies, I eagerly look forward to Spring and getting to those things I’ve been waiting to do. In fact, my wife and I just bought a small lake cabin which we look forward to using extensively this summer. What are the things you enjoy doing? What are your plans this Spring, Summer and Fall? I sincerely hope you get to do as many of them as you can. I’ll leave you with a little quote that has inspired me from a song that my mother played for me when I was young:

*Riding on the tapestry of all there is to see  
So many ways and oh so many things  
Rejoicing in the differences, there’s no one just like me  
Yet as different as we are we’re still the same.*

*A part of everything is here in me.*

*-Season Suite: Spring  
John Denver*

Dietrich

## *Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes* *March 10, 2019*

Salem Quarterly Meeting was held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Woodstown meetinghouse. Clerk Dietrich Preston (Woodbury) convened the meeting and welcomed friends. All seven meetings in the Quarter were represented.

### **Reports from Quarter Committees:**

*Finance:* Jack Mahon

Covenants for all monthly meetings are coming in as expected and the Quarter is in good financial shape.

*Steering Committee:* Paul Somers

Paul explained that the activities of Steering Committee are evident in this session of the Quarterly Meeting. Steering Committee is responsible for the program and organization of the day's activities.

*Worship & Ministry:* Christine Cameron

Christine reported that Worship and Ministry will be working with the Lower Alloways Creek committee to sponsor meetings for worship at Lower Alloways Creek during the summer months. The committee is also planning a one-day presentation by Francisco Burgos on "Meeting for Worship," and several sessions centered on Marcelle Martin's book "*Our Life is Love.*" See the full report on p. 6

*Friends School Mullica Hill:* John Bond

John reported that the school is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The school was working on a program to incorporate worldwide involvement into the curriculum. Various grades will have assignments on subjects such as a food bank, recycling of resources, letter writing with Friends Village residents, raising funds for muscular dystrophy, diversity, equity, and working with the Indian Committee. Hanshi Desbandu is recovering from surgery. The school will hold its annual auction on April 12 from 6 to 9 PM.

*Indian Affairs:* Sandra Boone Murphy

Sandra reported that the main focus of the Indian committee is to develop community between the tribe and Salem Quarter. The group discussion about the book *Braiding Sweetgrass*, in which members participate over the Internet or on the telephone, continues. See the full report on p. 8

*Port Elizabeth Cemetery:* Paul Somers

Paul reported that for this year Joan Denise Bolton-Mueller, whose ancestors are buried in the cemetery, will cut the grass.

*Tri-Quarter Gathering:* Dietrich Preston

The program will be determined in the spring. Financial reserves are stable.

*Lower Alloways Creek:* Mike Ayars

The final preservation plan is now complete. Priorities will be the new roof, work on reinforcing the ceiling rafters, and bat remediation and sealing of bat entrances to be done while the cedar shake roof is off. We are looking for ways that this property could be used both by Friends and the public. The more it is used, the easier it will be to raise funds for its maintenance. See the full report on p. 10

*Marketing Communications:* Jared Valdez

Jared reported that the three videos John Watts has made are now ready. They will be put on Facebook and targeted to special audiences.

*Incorporation:* Jack Mahon

Jack presented an update on the incorporation process. See the full report on p. 9

*Upcoming Quarterly Meeting:*

June 2019 QM at Mickleton: *[Editor's note: A new Program was finalized after Quarterly Meeting. Its topic will be on immigration issues in New Jersey, presented by AFSC-Newark. New Jersey set aside \$2.1 million of your taxes to assist immigrants facing deportation by the Trump administration. About half of that has been given to AFSC-Newark. New Jersey has 4 detention centers, 3 of which are county centers with ICE involvement.]*

We closed with worship.

Tom Etherington, Recording

## *Worship & Ministry Committee*

### *March 10, 2019*

The Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee met on Friday, March 8, at Mullica Hill Meeting, with seven Friends from three meetings in attendance. We began with a period of worship. Peggy Warner served as Clerk for our meeting.

We started with a discussion of a request relayed to our committee by Jared Valdez from the Lower Alloways Creek (LAC) Meetinghouse Committee; there is a desire to begin having a meeting for worship at LAC once a month during the warmer months of the year (beginning on May 5 and on successive first Sundays of the month going through September or October). This would provide Quarterly Meeting members and others, including those from the local community, more opportunities to participate in worship at this special meetinghouse. It may also create a side benefit of opening up more grant programs to us to support the significant costs expected for the much needed meetinghouse repairs and maintenance. The LAC Committee is requesting assistance from the Quarterly Meeting W & M Committee and from our Quarterly Meeting community in making this additional use of our historic meetinghouse a reality. Christine Cameron, LAC committee member, explained what the tasks involved in holding worship at LAC would involve:

- Ahead of time:
- Do a sprucing up of the interior of the meetinghouse, i.e. wiping off the benches, sweeping or vacuuming the floor, and removing any spiderwebs that have accumulated
  - Sprucing up the outside yard, i.e. pulling weeds from the memory walks, removing fallen branches that could be a trip hazard, picking up any trash, etc. (these duties could be done Sunday morning, but are usually done a day or two before)
- The day of:
- Have at least 2 or 3 people who can cover facing bench duties, welcoming people
  - Bring a small vase of flowers or a plant
  - Begin meeting for worship at 10:30 a.m.
  - Bring refreshments and supplies if you would like to have a bit of a picnic afterwards
  - Take all trash with you when you leave

(Someone from the LAC committee would be on site to open and close the building and join in worship)

We discussed some ways to make this possible: each meeting from the Quarter could take responsibility for a month, or perhaps one meeting could take responsibility for the sprucing up and another take care of the worship service, or possibly a meeting could choose to hold a Saturday afternoon service instead (although having a regular, repetitive schedule might be a good thing that people could count on), meetings could create a service around a particular concern. W & M committee is in consensus on the value of holding once a

month meetings for worship at LAC, and prayerful that the details can be worked out with Quarterly Meeting in coordination with the LAC Committee.

We moved on to talk about our program ideas. Regarding the workshop series based on Marcelle Martin's book *"Our Life Is Love,"* we learned that Marcelle would not be able to lead it as we had hoped. She may be able to come for one of the sessions. We will all commit to reading the book and work to find someone from the quarter who would be suitable and available to fulfill that role. We would hope to make this come to fruition in the fall.

We also discussed the one day event centered around the concern for enriching our worship in our meetings. It is to be led by Francisco Burgos, Director of Education at Pendle Hill. We plan to hold it as a 3 hour session preferably on a Saturday morning from 9 or 9:30 a.m. til 12:30, with attenders encouraged to bring their lunch and stay for fellowship and continued discussion. Sandra Boone Murphy will ask Francisco if he would be available for either April 20 or May 25. If not, we may hold off on the program until after the Summer. A somewhat central location for the event will be sought out after we have a confirmed date. Francisco has highly recommended the following Pendle Hill pamphlets to all of our meetings; we will ask him to bring copies of these to have available for purchase the day of the program.

- #182 On Speaking Out of the Silence: Vocal Ministry in the Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship** By Douglas Van Steere (1972)
- #306 Four Doors to Meeting for Worship** By William Taber (1992)
- #366 Invitation to a Deeper Communion** By Marcelle Martin (2003)
- #375 Quaker Views on Mysticism** By Margery Abbott (2004)
- #388 Expectant Listening: Finding God's Thread of Guidance** By Michael Wajda (2007)

Sandra suggested that we may be able to make our programs available to those who are unable to attend in person by using zoom or some other method.

Chuck Devers shared that Salem Meeting is finalizing plans to offer a *"Quaker 101"* program of several sessions to be held on Sunday afternoons beginning sometime in May; it will be open to anyone to attend.

Peggy raised the request from PYM that all meetings consider doing some form of a spiritual "state of the meeting" and shared that suggested formats, as well as submissions already received from some meetings, can be found at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org). We encourage all of our meetings to participate.

We discussed the idea of changing our Quarter W & M meeting date to the Thursday before Quarterly Meeting instead of Friday. Jim Murphy will clerk our next meeting, to be held on Thursday, June 6 at 3 p.m. at Mullica Hill Meeting Annex.

The meeting was closed in silent worship.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Christine Cameron, Recording Clerk*



## ***Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee Third month, 2019***

*“As long as the sun shines and the rivers run,  
we shall bind our hearts to yours.”*

Our 2019 winter book chat series, *One Book, One Community - Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer, is currently well attended using the “Zoom” format – to date, four PhYM Quarters and three SQ monthly meetings. By following the guidance of Friendly Adult Book Groups, participants continue to speak of their own experiences which has brought us closer into community. The series concludes with session five, Thursday March 14th, 7pm – 8pm. Details are available on the Salem Quarter web, [www.salemquarter.net/iac/one-book-one-community](http://www.salemquarter.net/iac/one-book-one-community).

During our February 28th meeting, Friends noted the synergy among two communities – Salem Quarter and Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation - that carves this committee’s spirit led service and interprets its intentions. Members of the committee accepted an invitation to attend the “Victory Celebration” acknowledging the Tribe’s legal resolution with the state – reaffirming the Tribal Nation’s State recognition – and attended a non-public “social” on the Cohanzick Tribal Grounds where drumming, chanting, singing, dancing and feasting were enjoyed inter-generationally by citizens of multiple Nations.

A letter received from Chief Gould (June 2018) calls attention to concerns that might “confuse or jeopardize the relationship between the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape and our Quaker friends.” At the request of Chief Gould, (November 2018) Pastor John Norwood, Supreme Tribal Justice, reiterated the concern of “non-tribal, unapproved, voice” that rises with “a presumption to speak for [Tribal] community...without any informed, prior, consent from [Lenape] community.” Given this ongoing conversation, members of the IAC have been holding in the light the concerns of tribal sovereignty and cultural appropriations, and we are seasoning a minute to bring forward to the Quarter.

A “misappropriation” is a one-sided process, where one entity benefits from another group’s culture without permission and without giving something in return. Witnessed acts of cultural misappropriations are taking place within the geographic region of PhYM, Lenapehoking. With love, this committee is called to address the egregious acts of unsubstantiated identity of Tribal Nation; unsubstantiated identity as “Friend;” and cultural misappropriations.

Some acts of cultural misappropriation that SQ Friends have witnessed include: a non-native person speaking Lenape language as a welcoming introduction to “my homeland;” non-natives wearing past & contemporary regalia; a non-native person conducting sacred Indigenous ceremonies, and non-natives participating in those ceremonies; non-natives making Lenape arts and crafts. For the future, Lenape leadership suggests Friends might consider creating guidelines when facilitating workshops and conferences, clearly specifying acts that are/ are not acceptable toward acceptable relationship building.



This Salem Quarter Committee formed 12th month, 2011, with unity, to faithfully ally with the Nanticoke Lenne-Lenape Tribal Nation and act as a liaison between the Tribal Council and the Quarter, named Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee; the original named members were presented to the Quarter by the Nominating committee; subsequent named members are nominated by the current named members of the Indian Affairs Committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting. The IAC is "open" and welcomes participation by Salem Quarter members and attenders in good standing. **Our next set meeting will be hosted by Jackie Wilson, May 23, at 1pm.**

"As long as the sun shines and the rivers run, we shall bind our hearts to yours." Lenape to John Fenwick, 1675

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### *Quarterly Meeting Incorporation FAQ* *Jack Mahon*

1. The Quarterly Meeting owns property: one meetinghouse and three cemeteries. While we do not imagine sales of any of these properties, the possibility always exists for new acquisitions. When considering deeds and real estate, a corporation is easier for those outside the Society of Friends to understand and deal with.
2. There are always liability issues with which to be concerned and to plan for. While the QM carries insurance, we do not wish our clerks, committees, or other "officers" to be in any jeopardy of being sued individually.
3. Insurance: Our insurance would not be affected negatively or positively by any incorporation. Still, our insurance carrier recommends an incorporated status.
4. At least three monthly meetings within our quarter are incorporated. Burlington Quarterly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting are incorporated. Westtown School and George School are incorporated. Friends School Mullica Hill is incorporated. Friends Village and Friends Foundation are incorporated. We should not think of this, in any way, as "foreign."
5. Technically -- and very technically -- we would become "Salem Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Inc." or something similar of our choosing. But in any everyday activity we would still appear to the world, our members, and anyone with whom we transact business as "Salem Quarter" or "the Quarterly Meeting," etc.
6. Nothing inherent in incorporating would alter our business procedures. We would have to select and name our officers each year. We already do that. We would have to hold a meeting each year. We already hold four. In general, we would continue to conduct our proceedings in the manner of Friends.
7. There would be some expense [a manageable one, we think] in any initial application and a nominal fee each year.
8. Should we go forward with such a plan, we would probably also engage with an attorney conversant with incorporation in the state of New Jersey.



*1756 Alloways Creek Meetinghouse Committee  
Report to March 2019 Quarterly Meeting  
Mike Ayars*

1. The Preservation Plan for the LAC Meetinghouse is complete and in the hands of the LAC Committee members. The electronic version is on Google Drive for committee members to access. It is very complete, documenting the existing structure, including repairs through the centuries. It makes specific recommendations for the highest priority issues, and a ten-year phased action plan.
  - a. The committee is reviewing these recommendations, specifically the Appendix C “Cost Estimate for the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse.” We agreed that Appendix C should be re-ordered to prioritize the new roof, work on reinforcing the ceiling rafters, and bat remediation and sealing of bat entrances to be done while the cedar shake roof is off. Once the reordering is agreed to, we will have a better idea of our capital campaign goals.
2. We have begun preliminary work on a Capital Campaign case statement, and we will be applying for various available grants.

*Excerpt from The Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse Preservation Plan  
Chapter 5: Use and Management Strategies:*

One can imagine creating a new thematic tour in which the LAC meetinghouse is a contributing element. A “South Jersey Quaker Heritage Tour,” or a “Quaker Meeting House Tour” could be created for bicyclists and motorists that would include the LAC meeting house as one of the stops. The ultimate purpose of all such efforts would be to increase visitation to the site, elevate its profile, and generate more interest in its use as a venue for more events, with the potential for generating a modicum of income to support its conservation and maintenance.

All of the recommendations and ideas discussed in the previous sections necessitate not only an expanded effort by the existing cadre of volunteers, but, at least initially, an increase in funding. As current personnel and funding resources are limited, an alternative strategy is to maximize the benefit of existing resources and achieve economies by collaborating and pooling resources with kindred organizations and sites that are facing the same issues – for instance the several meeting houses in the vicinity.

Undoubtedly, all these meeting houses have addressed, are addressing, and will address the maintenance and repair issues currently facing the Lower Alloways Meeting House Committee. As a group, the meeting houses are of similar age and construction, utilizing similar materials and built using similar construction methods. Therefore, they share common problems and their respective building committees have had to address similar maintenance and repair issues.

A frank exchange between building committees of their respective experiences with successful and unsuccessful interventions at their meeting houses could contribute to the development of a standard manual of best practices applicable to work on all of the meeting houses, including a short list of recommended Architects, Engineers, Contractors and material suppliers.

The potential for pooling resources could be further expanded. In the Preservation Plan section on repair and maintenance practices, the level of recommended documentation and inspection may be excessively burdensome for a volunteer building committee. A collaborative of several meeting houses could engage, on retainer, a “circuit rider” architect, or engineer, who would visit each meeting house on a regular basis and perform the documentation and inspections described above. The professional’s role could conceivably be expanded to be on call to address specific issues that may arise anytime at any site. The costs of finding a qualified professional, negotiating a contract for that engagement, and conducting the annual inspections could be shared amongst the member meetings; part of the negotiated contract could also be a fee schedule for on call services, outside the scope of the scheduled inspections and site visit reports, that would be invoiced to individual meeting houses as appropriate.

Similarly, the efforts described above to increase visitation to, and potential use of, the sites might be enhanced by pooling resources, especially if visitation is coordinated with organized events, or if the creation of new thematic tours is considered desirable and viable.

LAC Committee Members:

Mike Ayars, Woodstown, <i>clerk</i>	Andrew Cadwallader, Salem
Keith Ragone, Woodstown	Preston Carpenter, Salem
Paul Somers, Greenwich	Christine Cameron, Salem
Penny Watson, Greenwich	Ron Magill
Jared Valdez, Mickleton	Jim Waddington, Salem
Dave Culver, Salem	Mary Waddington, Salem
Dave Cadwallader, Salem	

*Alone in The Little Red Schoolhouse*  
*By Lester Heritage*

I had a chance the other day  
To recall some thoughts of my childhood.  
Some things in The Little Red Schoolhouse needed fixing,  
And I was asked to fix them if I could.

Naturally I was happy to do the job.  
It gave me a chance to be alone on the inside.  
Eighty years have gone by since I was a pupil there,  
And I mention it always with pride.

As I walked through the door I thought I could hear  
The voices of children, not there any more.  
I imagined I could smell the odor of oil,  
The oil that was used each year on the floor.

Up front I could see the blackboards  
With the ABCs across the top.  
I saw everything there like it used to be.  
It was like a dream that I could not stop.

I imagined the old furnace was in the middle of the floor,  
Just as it had been, back in the days of yore.  
We children gathered around it when we came in from play.  
It was our friend after being outside on a real cold winter day.

Electric lights we never had,  
But without them things weren't so bad.  
There were plenty of windows to let in the light,  
And we made out fine if we were seated just right.

Toilets in the old school also were missing.  
If nature called and you had to go,  
It meant a trip across the school yard,  
And many times it was through the snow.



We kids didn't care, we just took it all in stride,  
It was a good chance to again go outside.  
If we were thirsty, getting water was no chore,  
The trusty old wooden pump was right outside the door.

Our communications were kind of sad,  
For telephones we never had.  
Any messages our teachers wrote,  
We little fellows had to tote.

Most of them were to the school uptown,  
Where now the library can be found.  
Of course we had to wait for a reply,  
Then back to The Little Red Schoolhouse we would fly.

For situations like a cut finger or worse,  
The teacher had to take the place of a nurse.  
Out would come the adhesive tape and gauze.  
They would be used for almost any cause.

Well, I could mention a great many more things,  
But I thought I had better come out of my trance,  
There were things I knew needing fixing,  
And I'm certainly glad that I had the chance.

*A Hidden Gem in Quaker South Jersey*  
*Gloria Horvay*



In the early days of our country, the only schools available for children were established by local religious congregations. Our Quaker meetings in Salem Quarter were among the first in Southern New Jersey to provide an education for the local children.

A look through *Salem Quarter: The Quakers of Salem Quarterly Meeting...in Southern New Jersey from 1675-1990* details various schools maintained by local meetings. These schools existed from the late 1700s into the early 1900s.

Mickleton Meeting was no exception. Upper Greenwich Preparative Meeting, as it was called then, built its brick schoolhouse in 1808. It was the only school in town until a public school opened in 1874. History tells us that the inception of public schools reduced enrollment in Quaker schools until most of them finally closed. This happened in Mickleton leading to the closing of its Quaker school in 1908. As with other Quaker schools, the public school district rented the building for a few years until a new public school could be built.

At this point Mickleton's history diverges from others in our area. Most Friends school buildings were sold or torn down. Deptford Free School, apparently one of the few early Friends school buildings still standing today, was given to the town of Woodbury in 1893 and used as a public library.

Mickleton Meeting not only retained its school building, but has maintained it as a community center over the years. It affectionately became known as The Little Red Schoolhouse and was listed as such on the US Department of Interior 1937 Historic American Buildings Survey. In 1941, Amos and Dorothy Peaslee restored and enlarged it, adding a kitchen and restrooms. At that time a new committee which included non-Quaker residents of the town, took on oversight of the building. Helen Thompson was chairperson of this new committee for nearly 50 years. While Meeting members have always participated on The Little Red Schoolhouse Committee, it was the foresight of the Meeting to include non-Quaker township residents that has kept this building thriving over the years.

Recently the committee has lovingly made numerous upgrades to sustain our Little Red Schoolhouse well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is currently used as a popular rental hall while retaining the charm of an 1800s schoolhouse.

The late Lester Heritage, a beloved member of Mickleton Meeting, attended school here, as did his father before him. Lester penned the poem on the previous page after visiting the schoolhouse as a senior citizen.

***What Should We Post on the Court House Door?***  
***By Barry Sloane, Mickleton Friends***

I often wonder why some evangelicals insist that the Ten Commandments be posted in front of court houses and why some governments go along with it. They argue that these are common sense rules for society and therefore they should be posted. They further argue that we are “One nation under God.” The opposing position is that not everyone believes in God, and our Constitution makes it very clear that we are a secular state. Our national motto is “Out of many, One:” nothing is mentioned about God. Given these points of view, it is understandable why this conflict exists.

The first commandment says, ‘You will not have a God before me.’ If there is only one God, why would this be necessary? If God gave that commandment, He might be really jealous or insecure. The next two say we must worship God on the Sabbath and not take His name in vain. My goodness! He must really want that adulation! In reading the Bible and understanding the history of the middle east at that time, these first three commandments make perfect sense for the ancient Jews, but I’m just sayin’. The next commandment is ‘Honor your father and mother’; very sensible and a positive message indeed. The rest are what NOT to do. In fact, eight of the ten are what NOT to do. Still, while they are a little negative, they are good basic rules for keeping order in a society.

Jesus distilled the Ten Commandments into two commandments: “Love The Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”\* I like these better, because it is positive and tells us what to do; not what not to do.

Jesus had a lot to say about how to follow those two commandments, but one of my favorites are the Beatitudes. Christ tells us that we will be happy by doing for his sake the very things which we may think will make us unhappy. His message is that money, power, and possessions are the wrong priorities. In addition, these are ways we truly manifest the inner light. Following these, we not only can increase our light, but we can more easily see the light in others. Here are the Beatitudes:

- *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- *Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*
- *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*
- *Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*
- *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*
- *Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*
- *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*
- *Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.\*\**

If the evangelicals insist on posting something on the court houses, they should consider the beatitudes. They would at least be quoting the New Testament. But Friend, ask yourself this. If the Beatitudes were posted and we actually abided by them, what would our justice system and society look like?

\*Matthew 22:37-39, \*\*Matthew 5:3-10



## *Friends Village at Woodstown*

*Arianne Hegeman*

Spring is often a time to learn something new, refocus on a project, or discover a hidden talent. Friends Village at Woodstown embraces the energy that comes with Winter's departure and uses it to enhance our campus and all that we have to offer seniors. Everyone in our Continuing Care Retirement community has been busy planning for long-term improvements as we also carry out day-to-day changes that complement and improve our services in the short-term. We believe both efforts are equally important.

So, if you haven't visited Friends Village lately, now is the time to do so. One of our most important changes to our everyday life is our new reception desk kiosks that allow visitors to check-in smoothly and within seconds. This new system also allows us to identify which areas of our campus get the most visitor attention versus those that may need more consideration. We have also enhanced our Life Enrichment programming with multiple daily activities such as; musical performances, educational workshops, art classes and even a new Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program titled *Generation to Generation Mentoring*. This meaningful program allows seniors to mentor local elementary school children, twice-a-month, in one of our activity rooms. The mentoring pairs often play board games, create crafts, and take walks during their time together.

We also worked on our physical environment, with the installation of a new generator this past fall. This project, made possible through a grant from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, will prevent a total loss of power to key areas within our campus. Each one of these improvements is important to the overall well-being of our seniors and of our organization.

Friends Village is also planning a major renovation to the physical environment of our Rehabilitation Department, which recently won "Best Rehab in Salem County" by the Chamber Commerce of Salem County in 2019, as well as an upgrade to our Independent Living model cottage that will help us remain a place of comfort and style for Independent residents. We are proud to say that 2018 was a very successful year in Independent Living, with many new faces walking around our campus.

Friends Village continually achieves this level of success because of the support that we receive from our residents, donors, board members, staff members, vendors, corporate partners and volunteers. We invite everyone to take a moment to stop in and see what's happening at Friends Village. There is something for everyone here, whether it's an enjoyable lunch in our Fenwick Dining Room, an opportunity to share a talent with a resident through our Volunteer Program, an interactive tour to learn more about our campus, or the chance to mentor an elementary school child in our *Generation to Generation Mentoring Program*. Friends Village looks forward to seeing you!

For more information about Friends Village at Woodstown, contact Arianne Hegeman, Director of Mission Support at 856-823-0786.



*The Kindness Quilt*  
*A Multi-Generational First Day School Project*  
*Gloria Horvay*

The picture book, *The Kindness Quilt*, by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, was inspiration for Mickleton Meeting to make its own kindness quilt. We used paper squares and glue sticks. The children made quilt blocks during First Day School, and adults were invited to make blocks during our fellowship/refreshment time.

The idea for the project is related to the quilt skirt Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is making using cloth blocks from each affiliated organization. PYM says its quilt skirt will be used “to wrap around the clerks’ table when we gather, holding them in the care of the body and witnessing to our gathered community.” Our monthly meeting clerks can feel the same support from their meeting with this paper quilt.



Preparation: First, cut a number of six-inch squares, each of which will be the base of a quilt block. To show good stewardship of the environment, I used scrap paper that didn’t have too much print on the back. Colored construction paper can also be used.

Next, I cut out two-inch squares using pictures from Christmas cards, calendars, etc. Pictures of diverse people and nature scenes were most appropriate. I also cut two-inch squares of patterned paper from scrap-booking and origami supplies. Stickers were useful as well.

Nine of the two-inch squares were glued to the six-inch square to make the basic quilt pattern called a nine patch. Words can be written in one or more of the nine squares. Pictures can also be drawn. See accompanying photo for examples.

Procedure: The picture book was read to the children during their First Day School. Then they worked with the prepared materials to create one or more quilt blocks. Adults were invited to be creative with the materials during fellowship time. All the blocks were glued onto poster paper.

Friends, it is so important to give our children positive experiences in our meeting communities. Memories last a lifetime. Why don’t we share First Day School projects which seem to be successful in bringing our meeting families together? I am looking forward to reading what your meeting is doing.

***I LOVE BEING A QUAKER***  
***Helena Bew***

How did it come about? In the Spring of 1962, I met Dean Caldwell. “By your example they will know you.” Even today when I have occasion to think of him, I find myself tearful. He was a man of purity, came from a Quaker tradition, and had the good fortune of growing up in a comfortable home in Swarthmore. I found him always gracious, genuinely kind and patient. I admit I was ripe for something other than the ethnic Catholicism into which I was born; however, my mother and her mother were in their hearts wary of the priesthood and their practices. Neighborhood pressure was also enormous... *marry outside the faith!*

So, I early sensed what they felt, and married a man with the same qualities and character as Dean. They both had great admiration for George C. Marshall, as I do. When I feel overwhelmed by corruption and cruelty, I let myself be reminded of what an exemplary person Marshall was, and indulge momentarily in his words and deeds (like trying to dissuade Truman from any involvement in the European plan to establish an Israeli state on Palestinian land).

And... it was a Quaker family in England that befriended my newly married daughter and her penny-less student husband. Notice of them probably came from their involvement in academic pursuit of degrees in helping third world countries develop their own resources.

What also appealed to me when I encountered Quakerism was the idea that the planet was too small for national boundaries, even though our race of animal has lived for millions of years in neighborhoods (okay, anthropologists will argue that it is only since man started planting seeds). The inextricable conflict within these two views (emotion v. intellect ?), we’ve never come close to solving.

Another attraction was omission of rituals from practice. Some might argue that rituals contribute to divisions in communities, and conversely, unity which can cover a deeper sense of a need for defense. Most people seem to need it to feel a closer bond, but there can be the danger in that of functioning to ostracize. I’m wary of rituals.

However, the idea of God in everyone is one I have to work very hard at, and I find myself often with a failing grade. How am I not to judge (maybe that’s the clue word) Mitch McConnell as an evil man as he had the opportunity all his life to choose to do good? The question of what makes a criminal is an important one to investigate, but my limited skills and health won’t allow for pursuing answers over the priorities to which I have already committed myself (No Way To Treat A Child and spreading awareness of the *enormous* influence of the Israel Lobby). I am convinced that severe poverty is a scourge and basic to the problem.

Lastly (if you’ve reached this far), the lifestyle of simplicity with a minimum of waste is not a principle I can give myself much credit for. My husband of 52 years is turning away from a medical career in favor of music, and my having been educated as a classical pianist was not a basis for anything more than a very modest income. That together with his not being able to travel and us living 50 years in remote Cape May Point had us focusing on the local fauna/flora and raising our boy and girl (one to replace him and one to replace me) in a village of only 4 other children. I believe now that their having to spend so much time solo contributed to their living lives in a courageous, ethical Quaker style. ... I love being a Quaker.

*Friends School Mullica Hill empowers students to achieve their full potential and become responsible global citizens by providing a comprehensive academic program infused with Quaker values in a diverse and inclusive learning community.*

In striving to fulfill our mission of “empowering students to . . . become responsible global citizens,” the Friends School Mullica Hill curriculum has included global learning programs for years and has always had a particular focus on community service. The School is grateful to those meetings and individuals within Salem Quarter that have generously supported the Global Learning Scholarship Fund over the past several years.

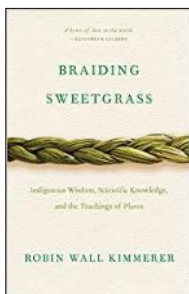
Building upon these strengths, the FSMH Board has approved the establishment of the Center for Global and Service Learning, to be launched with the start of next school year. The Center will promote school-wide engagement in global learning through an inquiry-based and transdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning in which students take responsibility for their learning and develop their voice. Issues - both global and local - will be explored through real-world experiences with a high degree of collaboration, and there will be a strong connection between the curriculum and service learning opportunities.

The Center for Global and Service Learning will bring global experiences to our students and community, both in person and virtually through the use of technology, and will oversee travel and service programs. It will also develop partnerships with other schools and organizations. In accomplishing all of these goals, we expect the Center will become a resource for other schools and organizations in the region.

This is an exciting opportunity for Friends School and especially for our students, who will be even more empowered to be responsible global citizens as they venture out into the world.

**Book Review**  
***Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer**  
**Gloria Horvay**

I write this review of *Braiding Sweetgrass* to encourage others to tell us about books they have read that would have interest for our wider Quaker audience. Books with examples of our Quaker tenets would be especially welcome, in addition to books about Quakerism in general.



*Braiding Sweetgrass* was the selection for the One Book, One Community read-in sponsored by the Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee. The discussion took place over the winter in the comfort of our own homes through dial up and/or log in access called Zoom.

When I googled this title, I found two interesting things. One is that 4,182 people liked it well enough to write a review for Goodreads, with a 4.6 out of a possible 5 rating. That seemed quite good to me for a nonfiction book.

Even more appealing, I noticed when I googled the book that Longwood Gardens featured *Braiding Sweetgrass* in 2015 as its Community Read selection. On the Longwood Gardens website, go to events/blogs and enter Braiding Sweetgrass in the search box. You will find a beautiful description of the book, complete with gorgeous photos of Longwood Gardens, and quotes from the author, Robin Wall Kimmerer. This recommendation alone makes it worth checking out the book.

What is fascinating to me about this book is that while it is primarily considered a work of nonfiction written by a science professor, it is extremely readable. It weaves together many genres. The author tells of personal experiences with nature as a type of memoir. She brings in myths and legends about the environment. Throughout the book are references to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of which she is a member. She describes scientific facts about ecology in a way that is easy to understand. Spirituality, poetry and even history can be found within the pages. The full

title of this book is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*.

Considering this book's relevance to Quakerism, one of the main queries *Braiding Sweetgrass* addresses is Stewardship of the Environment. The book was published in 2013, and it took seven years to write. It seems even more important today with looming environmental challenges. The importance of the Quaker tenets of simplicity and community are well documented as well.

I close with a quote from the publisher, Milkweed Editions:

*The awakening of ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. For only when we can hear the languages of other beings will we be capable of understanding the generosity of the earth, and learn to give our own gifts in return.*

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## Restaurant Review

**ARIA MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE**  
405 Dartmouth Ave., Swarthmore, PA

Food \*\*\*\*\* Service \*\*\*\*\* Value \*\*\*\*\*



After visiting the Swarthmore College Friends Historical Library the thought of negotiating a rush-hour drive home found comfort in an excursion for a bite to eat. Just around the corner from campus, tucked away on a side street near Swarthmore's train station and Co-op, is Aria Mediterranean Cuisine.

The menu is well rounded and each dish is flavorful and complimentary of traditional Mediterranean and Greek flavours.

The service is prompt and attentive; preparation and spice questions are addressed with clarity. The portions are generous, potentially providing next day naches. Aria is open for lunch and dinner, dine-in and take out, 11 am - 8 pm.

Consider making a day trip to peruse the Salem Quarter archives at the Swarthmore repository and stop by Aria; tell them a Friend sent you!

-SBM

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*The Salem Friends' Pot Pie Dinner provides funding for a variety of Quaker projects and community contributions. Previous beneficiaries have included the Olive Street Community Garden, Lighthouse Soccer Camp, the City Lights Leadership & Mission Trip to the Appalachian Mountains, Friends Village, Friends School Mullica Hill, Arts in Bloom, and Woodstown Friends Meeting's Humanitarian De-mining Project.*



## ***Information for Visiting***

(see also [www.salemquarter.net](http://www.salemquarter.net))

**Greenwich:** First Day (Sunday) Meeting for Worship: 9:30 am – 10:15 am  
October – May at **Upper Meeting House**, 720 Ye Greate Streete, Greenwich, NJ and June – September at the **Lower Meeting House**, 1064 Ye Greate Streete, Greenwich, NJ

**Mickleton:** 413 Kings Highway, P.O. Box 231, Mickleton, N.J. 08056; 856-423-3782; [mickletonmeeting.org](http://mickletonmeeting.org); Worship 10:00 am, children's First-day School 10:15 am

**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](http://mullicahillfriends.org); Worship 9:45 am. After-words and general fellowship 10:45 am, Meeting for Learning 11:15 am

**Salem:** East Broadway at Walnut Street, P.O. Box 7, Salem, N.J. 08079; 856-935-3381; Adult First Day School 9:15 am and Children's First Day School 10:45 am Sept.-May (gathering from Meeting for Worship at 10:30 am)

**Seaville:** 3088 South Shore Road (Rte. 9, 1 mile S. of Rte. 50), Ocean View, N.J. 08230; 609-624-1165; [seavillequaker.tripod.com](http://seavillequaker.tripod.com); Worship 10:00 am **Beach meetings** from Memorial Day to Labor Day weather permitting **In Cape May** Windsor Ave and the water, 9:00 am Sundays, **in Ocean City**, 23rd St. and the beach, 8:30 am Sundays

**Southern State Worship Group:** Call Bill Geary 609-898-8892

**Woodbury:** 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096; 856 -845-5080; [www.pym.org/meetings/meeting/woodbury-monthly-meeting](http://www.pym.org/meetings/meeting/woodbury-monthly-meeting); First-day School 10:30 am, Worship 11:15 am

**Woodstown,** 104 North Main St., P.O. Box 13, Woodstown, N.J. 08098; 856-478-4618; [www.woodstownfriends.org](http://www.woodstownfriends.org); First-day School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am

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***Quarterly Meeting***  
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***Mickleton Friends Meeting***  
***415 Kings Highway***  
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*9:30 Gather*  
*10:00 Meeting for Worship*  
*11:00 Program: Immigration Issues in New Jersey,*  
*presented by AFSC-Newark*  
*12:00 Lunch*  
*1:00 Meeting for Business*