

Salem Quarter News

Winter 2019



*These things I have spoken unto you,
that in me ye might have peace. In the
world ye shall have tribulation: but be of
good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

All that dwell in the light, their habitation is in God, and they know a hiding place in the day of storm; and those who dwell in the light, are built upon the rock, and cannot be moved, for who are moved or shaken, goes from the light, and so goes from their strength, and from the power of God, and loses the peace and the enjoyment of the presence of God.

~ Edward Burrough, 1634-1663

Something Old and New

There's more to Salem Quarter than committee minutes and official notices. The quiet Quakers of South Jersey always have bits of spiritual insight, thoughts, and personal experiences that are worth sharing. Salem Quarter News has always been open to articles from our members. Now's the time to commit those thoughts to print for all to enjoy.

As your new editor of Salem Quarter News, this reminds me of a huge billboard I saw over half a century ago, have pondered its significance time and time again, and have never seen since:
"Come on, Brag a Little!"

Peace, Jim

Front Cover
Salem Oak, Jim Murphy
Quote John 16:33

“STOCKING UP FOR THE WINTER”

**By Dietrich Preston,
Clerk of Quarter**



For centuries if not millennia, people have stocked up their winter rations to make it through the long cold winter. Your family’s survival basically depended on it. As a community, it has always been encouraged to share and give to one another this time of year for that preservation. In this day and age, we have 24-hour supermarkets to get *us* through the winter, but we should still remember that there are hungry families that greatly need our donations and assistance. Aside from our physical basic needs, I also believe we have psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs as well.

This Yule time has a myriad of ways people celebrate around the Winter Solstice, ranging from Christmas and Hanukkah, to Kwanza and Eid al-Fitr. I believe that what these celebrations represent is a way of “stocking up” our good feelings, which strengthen our psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs. Often times, we can be a tad dreary come late February early March, and a good festive December is just the remedy for getting us through to the first days of Spring.

Don’t forget to be there for loved ones who may have had hard times and loss, and do play a part in comforting them. I hope everyone enjoys their holiday celebrations with family and friends, and remember to stock up on the warmth and well wishes we have for each other. It means a lot to our families, our community, and humankind as a whole.

Happy Holidays!

Dietrich

Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes *December 9, 2018*

Salem Quarterly Meeting met on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at Mullica Hill Meetinghouse. Out of worship, clerk Dietrich Preston (Woodbury) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends, and expressed our gratitude to Mullica Hill Friends for their gracious hospitality. We thanked Pat Stewart for her presentation this morning about Friends House Moscow.

There was a Friendly presence for business of 15 representing six of the monthly meetings in the Quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on September 8, 2018, were approved as they appeared in the Salem Quarter News.

Reports from Quarter Committees:

Finance: Jack Mahon

Income and expense report was distributed. Finances are in good shape. Friends are reminded to send any financial information, including checks, to the treasurer at PO Box 55, Woodstown, NJ 08098.

Nominating: Gail Scuderi sent a report.

The committee met October 6th. Gloria Horvay was approved as provisional recording clerk. Friends approved Ben Ford as auditor and Alice Waddington on Education Committee for terms of 3 years beginning in March. Michael Shapiro was approved to continue as assistant treasurer. Tom Etherington was approved as assistant clerk until another Friend can be identified.

Worship & Ministry: Christine Cameron

The committee met December 7 at Mullica Hill Meeting (p 8). A memorial minute for Becky Shapiro was read. Friends approved this minute and asked that a copy be sent to Michael Shapiro to share with the family, and to Salem Meeting. It will also be published in Salem Quarter News (p 7).

An afternoon workshop based on the Pendle Hill pamphlet, "Welcome to Meeting for Worship" is being planned. Also under consideration is a series to be held at Friends Village facilitated by Marcel Martin, based on her book, "*Our Life Is Love: The Quaker Spiritual Journey.*"

Friends School Mullica Hill: John Bond

Matt Bradley is well received in his first full year as Head of School. Enrollment is up. Recent improvements include replacement of the gym floor, addition of an outdoor learning space and community garden, renovation of the big exciting space, installation of a kiln, addition of a 3D printer, and expansion of the Pre-K outdoor play space. Planning is underway for 50th anniversary events in 2019-2020.

Indian Affairs: Sandra Boone Murphy

The Indian Affairs Committee report is attached (p 9). Highlight of the report was that the State of New Jersey reaffirms the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation. Additionally, Jackie Wilson was approved to go on the committee.

Port Elizabeth Cemetery: Paul Somers

Volunteers did the final mowing for the season. The goats mentioned at the last meeting were found to be retired and thus unavailable.

Tri-Quarter Gathering: Dietrich Preston

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

PYM: Bob Horvay

The next Continuing Sessions will be March 23rd. Friends approved printing the list of Salem Quarter people who serve on PYM counsels. Steering Committee will discuss appointing a Bridge Contact to PYM. Wendy Kane, Transitional Meeting Engagement and Data Coordinator for PYM, is looking to visit meetings in New Jersey. Her contact email is WKane@pym.org. Paul Somers reports she has visited Greenwich.

Lower Alloways Creek: Mike Ayars

The Preservation Plan is due from the printer.

Marketing Communications: Jared Valdez

Salem Quarter's podcast is being downloaded by a number of people in Russia. Quakerspeak interviews are moving along.

Salem Quarter News: Jim Murphy

(Jim Murphy is the new editor of the newsletter, taking over the job from Tom Etherington, after Tom's many years of dedicated work.) Tuesday, December 11 is the deadline for submissions for the next issue.

Old Business:

Incorporation status: Jack Mahon

The Steering Committee is looking into incorporation. Back issues of Salem Quarter News have been deposited at Swarthmore College Library (p 22).

Upcoming Quarterly Meetings:

March 2019 QM at Woodstown: Buddhism and Quakers – Sejjaku Roshi is an American Zen Master, Parent, Priest, Author, Blogger, Keynote Speaker, and visionary pioneer on The Principles of "Authentic Spirituality for The 21st Century." The Pine Winds Zen Center web page is at www.jizo-an.org

June 2019 QM at Mickleton: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's collaborative on gun violence.

Announcements:

Local members of Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts currently have a show at Friends Village which is up until the end of December.

FCNL's spring lobby event is designed for our youth to get involved (p 22).

Mickleton Meeting's Social Justice program continues on the third First Day with a video of Bryan Stevenson titled "*We Need to Talk About an Injustice.*"

Mickleton Meeting is continuing worship sharing for healing each fourth Fourth Day (Wednesday) at 7pm.

We closed with worship.

Gloria Horvay, Recording

MEMORIAL MINUTE
for
Rebecca Christy Shapiro

1958 - 2018

Salem Quarterly Meeting records with sadness the passing of Rebecca Christy Shapiro, member of Salem Monthly Meeting, known to us as "Becky."

We are deeply grateful for the immeasurable gifts of time and talent that Becky generously shared with our Salem Quarter community of Friends. She was someone who was dedicated to true communication among people.

Becky cheerfully gave of herself, serving as Recording Clerk for Salem Quarterly Meeting from 2003 to 2018. This was in addition to her serving for decades as Recording Clerk for Salem Monthly Meeting. She further worked as Salem Quarter Steering Committee Recording Clerk and served on Nominating Committee, maintaining the Quarter list of officers and committees.

As a Recording Clerk, Becky had the ability to distill a half hour's worth of discussion held among Friends in Quarterly Meeting for Business down to a clear, concise sentence or two. She listened with patience and wrote with attention to a shared Quaker process.

Becky was blessed with a quiet, deep spirituality. As Clerk of the Worship and Ministry Committee, Becky displayed exemplary committee leadership. Becky had a sensitivity to the importance of giving time to silent worship; she allowed periods of worshipful silence to be a part of Friends' discussion of business.

Becky shared a remarkable partnership with her husband, Michael, and was a caring parent to their children Danielle and Jeremy (and to their beloved Welsh Terriers). Becky shared her talent and love for baking with help from Michael, contributing delicious desserts to any and every gathering.

She was known for her friendly, unhurried, can-do attitude, and a wonderful sense of humor.

Rebecca Shapiro will be well remembered and greatly missed.

Worship & Ministry Committee

December 7, 2018

The Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee met on Friday, December 7, 2018 at Mullica Hill Meeting, with five Friends from two meetings in attendance. We began with a period of worship. Chuck Devers served as temporary Clerk for our meeting.

We worked together on writing a memorial minute for Rebecca Shapiro to be brought forward at Quarterly Meeting (p 7). We will complete the final wording with discussions via email.

We discussed the need for a new clerk of Worship & Ministry.

We reviewed the plan to hold an afternoon workshop inspired by the Pendle Hill pamphlet, "*Welcome to Meeting for Worship.*" It would be led by Francisco Burgos, Director of Education at Pendle Hill, and would provide an opportunity for Friends to gain insight on deepening our meetings for worship. We also discussed the possible series we would like to hold at Friends Village in Woodstown, which would be facilitated by Marcelle Martin, possibly based on her book "*Our Life is Love: The Quaker Spiritual Journey,*" about the spiritual paths of the first Quakers and how they inform our current lives. Tom Etherington will get in touch with Marcelle to see if she is still available to lead it. We will all communicate via email to firm up plans and do the promotional work needed to create successful programs. Avenues of promoting these opportunities include creating a flyer with full details which could be shared via Salem Quarter eBulletin, possibly including a link to an online video with Marcelle, through Steering Committee, Mullica Hill Friends School, Friends Village, PYM Community Calendar, and possibly through free community papers.

Mary Waddington gave us an update on her prison ministry work and expressed her gratitude for the continuing support she receives from the Quarter Worship and Ministry Committee.

Our next meeting will again be held at Mullica Hill Meeting on Friday March 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

The meeting was closed in silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cameron, Recording Clerk



Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee 9th day Twelfth month, 2018

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

Recently Friends gathered for a called meeting at the home of Jackie Wilson (MUL) We are thankful for Jackie's light and ease of fellowship. Jackie's peaceful home beside Silver Lake is upon the headwater of Fenwick's third land agreement. This deed with Lenape Chiefs - Mahawskey, Mohutt, Newsego, Chechenaham, Toruche, and Shank A Num - represents land between the Cohansey Creek and Maurice River, (FKA Canahockink Creek to Wahatquenack or Morris River). We lift current conditions that might sideline our work by acknowledging divine blessings, blessings of one another, blessings of resilience, blessings of shared light, our fuel. We opened our called meeting with a story about placing sorrows in one basket and joys in another basket; when a hole is made in the sorrows basket the heavy sorrows are released enabling bountiful, rightly ordered joys to be carried effortlessly.

Preserving tribal relations: The SQ IAC receives invitation by the [Nanticoke-Lenape Tribal Nation](#) to attend non-public events such as their Fall Gathering at the Cohanzick Tribal Grounds and local powwows. Recently we joined Pastor Norwood (Nanticoke-Lenape), for the documentary screening of [Promised Land](#), hosted by NMAI. *Promised Land* features two Tribal Nations, the Duwamish and Chinook, that do not have recognition by the state or federal governments (p 16). Their West Coast truths are similar to those of many East Coast Indigenous Peoples – experiences of denials, dismissiveness, divisiveness, and land grabs. Stockton University Communications Professor Jeremy Newman has been allying with N-L Tribal leadership. By invitation, Jeremy has been videoing an array of events & ceremonies and has stories to tell; Jeremy has accepted our invitation to be present for Tri-Quarter 2019.

Holding institutional/ structural accountability: The N-L Tribal Nation's six year battle/ three year old Civil Rights lawsuit (Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation v. State of NJ) has been resolved!!! Added to the IAC website is [Chief Mark “Quiet Hawk” Gould's Public Statement of Gratitude](#) (p 12) and the [NJ Attorney General's Settlement Agreement and Release](#). This committee encourages Friends to send letters of gratitude to NJ Governor Phil Murphy; NJ Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal; and N-L legal council, Cultural Heritage Partners. Salem Quarter's spirit-led 7 year-old Minute of Support for Action Reaffirming the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation has been met! Rightly ordered, we rejoice, noting that centuries of injustice will require redress, revitalization, and healing.

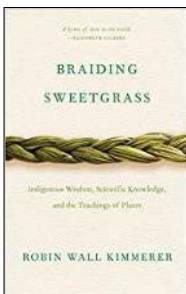
Having approval of SQ Nominating Clerk Gail Scuderi, this committee is submitting a correction and addition to SQ News' committee list posts for 2017,

repeated in 2018. Our description should read as posted in 2016: “members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting;” and mirroring current committee descriptions, we are easy with the addition, “with unity, to faithfully ally with the Nanticoke-Lenape Tribal Nation and act as a liaison between this Tribe and the Quarter.”

Promoting Native American human rights: IAC member Sandra accepted invitation to speak to Downingtown Friends Meeting on our relations with local Tribal Nations and the formation of PhYM First-Contact Reconciliation Collaboration. Their honorarium has been donated to the Nanticoke-Lenape's [Go-Fund-Me](#) project.

Protecting natural resources: Scientists, educators, and Indigenous communities invited the public to an [International Symposium on Indigenous Communities & Climate Change](#) at Princeton University. Two IAC Friends were present with Pastor Norwood who provided the welcoming and prayer. From *The Ecology of Quaker Meeting* by James H. Wood (PH Pamphlet #449) we read that “Meeting for Worship is a unique spiritual ecosystem, where a gathered voice echos those that remain unspoken.” Friends have read/ are reading *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* (1995) by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Potawatomi).

Education: Also from *The Ecology of Quaker Meeting* by James H. Wood (PH Pamphlet #449) we contemplate the query, “What role does nature play in your own spiritual life?” In combination with Kimmerer's [Braiding Sweetgrass](#), the IAC will host a winter series of “Zoom” conference sessions, with guidance of Friendly Adult Book Groups by Michael Gibson (formerly MUL and FGC Religious Education Coordinator), and other queries. Zoom dial up/ log-in access information will be posted on the SQ IAC web. Our December “kick-off” announcement has birthed the following details for the five sections of *Braiding Sweetgrass*:



“Planting Sweetgrass” (~60 pp.) Thu Jan 10th, 7pm–8pm;
“Tending Sweetgrass” (~55 pp.) Thu Jan 24th, 7pm–8pm;
“Picking Sweetgrass” (~85 pp.) Thu Feb 7th, 7pm–8pm;
“Braiding Sweetgrass” (~100 pp.) Thu Feb 21th, 7pm–8pm;
“Burning Sweetgrass” & “Epilogue” (~85 pp.) Thu Mar 14th, 7pm–8pm.

Braiding Sweetgrass is available through local libraries, book stores, and audio book. Due to lack of circulation, other IAC books (previously shelved at MMM, discarded

by PhYM) are currently under review with library professionals.

We closed our meeting for worship with attention to business by viewing the 3 minute trailer of [DAWNLAND](#), a documentary of a) the Wabanaki TRC; b) Indian Child Welfare Act; c) the continuing removals of Indigenous children

from their homes, deemed better off being raised up in “white” culture; and d) ensuing trauma within the Wabanaki communities. By invitation, our next set meeting will be hosted by Jackie Wilson; Thurs. February 28, 2019, at 1:00pm.

Reaching clearness, **we nominate Jackie Wilson, for Quarter's approval**, to serve as fellow member of this committee. The Light of Jackie resonates with our faith, love and labor through deep understanding of Tribal sovereignty and *everything* being that of the Creator. Open to spirit, Jackie exemplifies compassionate listening, wisdom, and path of peace.

Submitted with love,
Sandra Boone Murphy, SQ IAC clerk



Gratitude for NJ State Reaffirmation

A message of gratitude by Chief Mark Gould (p 12), originally addressed to tribal citizens, has been sent to clerk of the IAC, acknowledging Salem Quarter Friends' walk

of alliance during their legal pursuit of reaffirmation by the State of NJ – SQ letter submitted for their legal portfolio and signatory of the amicus brief. In addition to the multitude of media releases, direct word of their NJ state reaffirmation is expressed in an immediate release from the [N-L Tribal Nation](#) and from NJ State Attorney General Grewal, who [Announces Settlement of Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Lawsuits](#).

This author's elders' instructions are to be humble and grateful; Friend Parker Palmer urges us to find the growing edges and acknowledge commonalities; FCNL demonstrates expressing sincere thanks during civil discourse. Might SQ Friends join our Indian Affairs Committee members in finding the following resources helpful toward expressing (rightly ordered) appreciation of public service to the following service providers:

NJ Governor, Phil Murphy - www.nj.gov/governor/contact

NJ Attorney General, Gurbir S. Grewal - www.nj.gov/lps/formmail.htm

Cultural Heritage Partners, Nanticoke-Lenape Tribal Nation's legal council - www.culturalheritagepartners.com/leni-lenape-v-nj



Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Tribal Nation

Public Statement of Gratitude By the Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Tribal Nation Upon Resolution of its Long-Standing Civil Rights Litigation Against the Attorney General of New Jersey November 15, 2018

The state of New Jersey officially recognized the Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Tribal Nation as an American Indian tribe thirty-six years ago, in 1982. State recognition is important to tribes because it affirms that our people and culture are both part of the story of humanity's shared past and that we are present and valued in the modern world. State recognition also provides opportunities for tribes to advance our communities' wellbeing through access to essential federal grants for health, education, and workforce development, and by certifying our traditional arts and crafts as Indian-made.

In 2012, members of former New Jersey Governor's Chris Christie's administration acted to undermine our state recognition, causing our Tribe significant harm. State officials acted based on racial stereotypes about Indian tribes and gambling. Our Tribe is one of many that prohibits gambling as a source of our livelihood. We had no choice but to sue the state in federal and state courts alleging violations of the Tribe's rights under the United States and New Jersey Constitutions.

We are pleased that after six years of preparing for and conducting litigation against his office the new Attorney General of New Jersey has settled our legal claims. He has reaffirmed, in no uncertain terms, that New Jersey has indeed formally recognized the Tribe since 1982 and that the state reaffirmed that official recognition in multiple independently valid ways throughout the subsequent thirty-six years. Further, the Attorney General withdraws and nullifies any prior statements questioning the Tribe's recognition status. In addition, the state is required to send letters to every relevant state and federal agency affirming our long-standing recognition. Also, the state will compensate the Tribe for a portion of our significant economic losses suffered by our tribal government contracting company during this battle, which will be used to both restore the company for the betterment of our tribe's economic future and also to fund goals set in our previously approved tribal strategic plan.

Beyond our Tribe, this outcome has significant implications throughout Indian Country. The two other state-recognized tribes in New Jersey whose status was undermined will likely have their recognition reaffirmed through separate agreements in the near future. And tens of thousands of members of the more than sixty state-recognized tribes in other states may rest more easily. This settlement establishes that states may not retroactively undermine tribal recognition by violating a tribe's rights to due process and equal protection of the laws.

We will immediately begin to reinvigorate cultural and community-building efforts for our people, hand-in-hand with partners old and new. We will be aided in this effort through the continuing assistance of our legal and policy counsel at Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC, and with the prayers and support of neighbors near and far.

We hope and believe that this resolution will set the stage for the restoration of a positive, mutually respectful, and collaborative relationship between the Tribe, the State of New Jersey, and the government of the United States.

The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation gives thanks to the Creator for his blessings. We also express our profound gratitude to the following people and institutions whose efforts made this day possible:

- Our Tribal elders, who fought for recognition decades ago, and who mustered the strength to fight for its restoration in their twilight years.
- For their tireless and skillful efforts over six years to defend our civil rights, our legal counsel: Greg Werkheiser and Eden Burgess and their colleagues at the firm of Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC, and Mr. Frank Corrado and his colleagues at the firm Barry, Corrado & Grassi, PC.
- For filing court briefs in support of our cause as Amici Curiae (Friends of the Court): The National Congress of American Indians, The Alliance of Colonial Era Tribes, The Indian Law Resource Center, the Salem Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends, The Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church, and these parties' legal counsel in this matter, Joseph A. Patella at Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP.
- For their fair, impartial, and thoughtful administration of justice: The Hon. Renee Marie Bumb, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey; the Hon. Joel Schneider, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey; and the Hon. Mitchel E. Ostrer, George S. Leone, and Francis J. Vernoia, judges for the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey.
- For his effective services as a mediator, the Hon. Dennis Michael Cavanaugh, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (ret.).
- For their expertise in assessing financial damages: Edward A. Gold, Stephen Holzen, and Scott Jones and their colleagues at the firm of Stout Riskius Ross, LLC.

- For their work championing the recognition of American Indians in New Jersey in decades past: the late Hon. W. Cary Edwards, former Attorney General of New Jersey, Jack F. Trope, former assistant General Counsel to two New Jersey Governors, and other honorable public servants in the state and federal governments.
- For their wisdom in seeking resolution of this controversy: the Hon. Phil Murphy, Governor of New Jersey, and the Hon. Gubir S. Grewal, Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, and his colleagues.
- For their neighborly love and encouragement: the people of Cumberland County, the Cumberland County Freeholders, the Hon. Mayor Albert B. Kelly and The City of Bridgeton, officials of Fairfield Township, the faculty and students at Monmouth University, and the staff of the Penn Museum.
- For their constant well-wishes, individual supporters throughout New Jersey, the United States, and Indian Country.
- For providing additional legal guidance in Indian Law, attorneys Judy Shapiro and Michael Anderson.
- The news outlets and reporters whose regular, in-depth, and accurate coverage helped to shine a cleansing light, including, in alphabetical order: Tristan Ahtone for Aljazeera America; Thomas Barlas and Tyler R. Tynes for The Press of Atlantic City; Alex Bauer for RYOT; Cleve Bryan and David Madden and for CBS Philly and KYW Radio Philly; Michael Booth for New Jersey Law Journal; the Editorial Board and Stephanie Maksin for South Jersey Times; Lisa J. Ellwood for Indian Country Today; Vince Farinaccio for SNJ Today; Chris Fry and Nick Rummell for Courthouse News; Bill Gallo Jr., Albert B. Kelly, Anna Merriman, and Don E. Woods for NJ.com; Aaron Kase for Vice Media; Vidya Kauri, Adam Lidgett, Jeannie O’Sullivan, Christine Powell, and Andrew Westney for Law 360; Cara McCollum for SJ Today; Kate Morgan for The Progressive; Geoff Mulvihill and Staff for the Associated Press, as published by the Washington Post, the New York Times, and many others; Jacqueline L. Urgo for Philly.com; Megan Pauly for Delaware Public Media; Dr. Joseph Schuldenrein for VoiceAmerica; Staff for Indianz.com; and Staff for Native News Today.

Gratefully,

Chief Mark Gould

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Indigenous Peoples' Day Philly 2018

Blessings from Indigenous Peoples' Day Philly 2018, a two-day celebration within Lenapehoking! Members of Indigenous organizations in Philadelphia came together providing a second year's acknowledgment & celebration of their Indigenous cultures, shining light on their unique presence in Philadelphia.

During the Friday evening Teach-In at Friends Center, Chief Brooks (Delaware Tribe of Indians, Bartlesville, OK) and Rev. Dr. J.R. Norwood (Nanticoke-Lenape, Bridgeton, NJ) spoke of Lenape Tribal history, culture, religion, and contemporary concerns;

Christina Marie González spoke of Taíno identity and cultural development among Puerto Ricans and their homeland Borikén/ Puerto Rico; Peruvian musician, Richie Olivera, performed Andean Music using native South American instruments accompanied by a backing track; the short film "First Light," an Upstander Project, focused our witness of genocidal "removal" practices - Indian children being taken from their homes and its inherent trauma; and finally, Felicia Teter closed the Teach-In with intentional reflective inquiries toward "breaking the cycles of abuse...so that we may all finally be free."



The following day, in Hunting Park, during a mini-powwow, prayers and celebrations of cultural beauty unfurled - Nanticoke-Lenape Tribal Nation drummers, hoop dancer, grass dancer, womens' fancy dancer; Andean musician; Taíno dancers and table display of cultural lifeways; Aztec dancers; Inter-tribal dances where all were invited to participate.

We can say WANISHI (Lenape) to express our gratitude for the work bringing everyone together. Being present, building relationship, matters. As way opens...may love and light guide a potential *IPD Philly 2019!*

PROMISED LAND

On Friday, November 2, 2018, members of Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee attended the screening/ panel discussion of *Promised Land*, hosted by the National Museum of the American Indians, D.C., and sponsored by the National Congress of American Indians and Alliance of Colonial Era Tribes.

Promised Land “is a social justice documentary that follows two tribes in the Pacific Northwest as they fight for the restoration of treaty rights that have been denied,” as told by members of the Duwamish and Chinook Tribal Nations. Viewers heard stories and saw cultural features of these Peoples, lending to the depth of their indigenous identity, and witnessed the push-back against these indigenous communities, undermining self-determination.



Following the screening, a panel of these tribal members, filmmakers, and sponsors discussed the relevance of the film and entertained questions. We were reminded that the first step in being an “ally” of indigenous peoples is to listen; listen to their leadership.

Pastor JR Norwood (Nanticoke-Lenape, seated with NCAI and ACET) introduced us to the filmmaker team, Vasant and Sarah Salcedo – directors, writers, cinematographers, editor, and producer. We noted, that aside from geographic distance, the story is one that mirrors many tribal nations throughout the country, including those of “early contact” with W. Europeans/ colonization along the east coast, such as Pastor Norwood’s Tribal Nation in southern jersey.

Winter Happenings at Friends School Mullica Hill Erica Salmon

December brought a lot of excitement for the students at Friends School Mullica Hill with the annual Winter Concert and the Middle School Winter Drama production. This year, both events were outstanding reflections of the ideals the school works to embrace.

The Winter Concert was held on Wednesday, December 12th in the Kramme Gymnasium. The gym was transformed into a performance space with a stage, sound equipment, lights, and a large peace sign made by an FSMH parent. The students sang songs about peace, dreams, traditions, and penguins! Students ages 2 to 14 worked together to sing, play instruments, and dance under the direction of music teacher T. Kate Hayden. It was a magical night!



Two nights later on Friday, December 14th, the Middle School presented its Winter Drama production of Tall Tales Retold: American Folktales Adapted By the FSMH Middle School. In keeping with the all-school, year-long theme of looking at and considering folktales and folk music, drama director T. Sophie Ragone had the Middle School students read and adapt tall tales. They chose to share the stories of Paul Bunyan, Annie Christmas, John Henry, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett, and others. T. Brad Gibson and T. Mark Hoffman helped students behind the scenes creating props and sets. FSMH parent Joanne Katzen-Jones helped design the costumes. It was a serious undertaking, and all involved did an outstanding job!



THE VALUE OF OPPOSITION

George A. Crispin

One cannot take a stand on any of the many debated issues today without encountering opposition. Opposing arguments can be very annoying. But they can also be very stimulating. The process of developing opposing arguments to confront arguments with which one does not agree can be enormously engaging.

First, one must gather and assemble all the facts, making assure they are facts. Then one must analyze the logical consistency of the arguments derived from the “facts.” Do they line up and lead to a “truth?”

The process of doing all of this involves the exercise of the mind. Like all exercise it involves utilizing energy and motion. In this case the “motion” is the mind, “thinking.” Utilizing motion, develops “muscle,” mental muscle. Doing this over, and again, makes thinking more intense, and, thus, stronger. Hence, over time and with repetition, the mind becomes stronger. But it does so by recognizing and confronting opposition. Opposition has this power.

Thus, we need to be thankful for those arguments that confront us with opposition to our own, setting forth the process of “thinking.” Although some thoughts contrary with our own might be irritating, we need to be thankful for those contrary notions, for they ignite that valuable process known as “thinking.” The more thinking we do the better, generally.

The ancient quote goes, “If all men thought alike it would be as though no man thought at all.” We do not want all of us to think alike. We want opposition to our own thoughts.

"The Field"
[excerpted from Memorial Pool]
Westfield, New Jersey: August, 1992
by Paul Somers

Hot days. August.

The Field. It beckoned daily.

At first, there at the fringe, the short grass was different from a lawn only in its thick brown wildness. In a trampled patch near the corner several paths led off to adventures.

The one to the left wandered near a back yard or two on its way to The Stream. The one to the right went the full length of the field and into a patch of woods leading to the big culvert under South Avenue from which The Stream emerged after its long underground course, miles from Brightwood Pond and another stream, running by where I now live, which feeds it.

The middle trail led to The Log, the central meeting place from which all adventures began. We saw real snakes, worked out ever more elaborate patterns of stepping stone paths across The Stream, tracked animals, tracked each other. Sometimes I would come to the field alone and lie down, hidden in the long brown grass, and think the long thoughts of boyhood. Thoughts of pirates and baseball and friends and music and how to have a life as adventurous as the Hardy Boys or the Bobbsey Twins. Hidden long thoughts of ants and clouds and long grass stems waving against the blue or grey sky.

The weekday Field was a world where I never saw an adult. On weekends the family would take Spot for a leashless run, bounding through the brown grass, chasing whatever he chased.

But the weekday Field was mine.

Hot days. August.

One morning, just after dawn it seemed, there was the roar of happy trucks. Laughing, they marched in procession up to our end of West Broad Street.

My younger brother Dave and I sat up in our sleeping porch beds like jack-in-the-boxes, noses pressed to the screens in an instant, making waffles of our flattened skin. No official parade was needed. The trucks announced with clarion engines the arrival of ...

The Circus.

With a spring Dave and I were in and out of the bathroom, dressed, and gobbling cold cereal so fast that Mom had to remind us "They're just arriving."

We raced up to the corner. What a wonderful jumble. Tents going up with poles like masts of square-riggers and guy-lines like stays and men hauling and sweating like good pirates working under a skull and crossbones. There was noise and hollering and dogs and tykes under foot and strangers to our neighborhood who didn't know we were locals and failed to be impressed that the circus was practically in our back yard when we pointed it out to them.

There were Jim and Ronnie and Junie, three kids who were friends of mine at school. They were actually working! Hauling buckets and feeding elephants. I rushed over to them. "How did you get work? How much do they pay?"

I was envious.

"We'll get in free. Just ask that man over there," they said, pointing.

He had a big black mustache. "Can I work to get in?" I asked. "My friends told me to talk to you."

He peered down at me and smiled, then squatted down to look me in the eye. "They colored kids, yeah?" he said with a European accent. "They mama and papa ain't got money for them to see show. You white. You mama and papa maybe not rich, but they got money for you to see show. You let them boys work so they see show. You no work."

Oh, how I envied them for their attachment to the circus. But for the first time I sensed the burden of their color, how they would have to work for what was given to me. For the first time I felt a gap of money, a gap of shade, a gap of culture, even as I envied them their attachment to the circus.

In no time the midway was up.

"See Fumistro, the fire eater," the barker cried at the entrance to the side-show tent. "Just step this way. See Zarkol, who can swallow swords like those wielded by Errol Flynn. Just step this way, right this way. Here is Solimanoo who toys with vicioussss sssnakesss with the same ease that you pet your tabby. Just step this way, right over here is the ticket booth. See a woman who would seem to be just like your mother or your sister, but who in real life is a living pin-cushion. Right this way, right this way. Inside you will see the great European magician, the Daring Dardak, right from Transylvania the land of Dracula. Dardak is a genius who has mastered the secrets of life and death. Watch him cut a helpless woman in two and restore her to life."

And sure enough there were the painted signs showing what we would see inside the dark tent. Vivid pictures of a man with fire shooting out of his mouth into the sky like a comet and a man with three swords sticking out of his mouth and a lady wrapped in hideous snakes with fangs like daggers and a woman with pins sticking out all over her like a cactus and an evil magician with a hand saw resting on a lady's waist, about to cut.

Suddenly a man, stripped to the waist, emerged holding a fiery stick. He tilted back his head, blew at the stick and a sheet of flame shot in the air as if from a dragon. He smiled in a superior way that told of more astonishing abilities to be revealed only to those who paid to watch inside the tent.

There was the burnt sugar smell of cotton candy, the smell of caramel corn heating. There was the booth where you threw balls at bottles for prizes. I plunked down my nickel, knocked over one bottle and won a little knife that I used as letter opener. It opened every letter that came to the house for the next week. I used it until it finally fell apart while I was in college. Looking at its pieces I cried, alone in my dorm room, twenty years of age, finally feeling old as the last piece of childhood lay on my desk, worn out. My eyes full even now as I recall it.

Behind the tents, away from the midway were the trailers. They were more mysterious than any mystery of life and death known to Dardak. Dave

and I snuck close, peering around the edge of the big tent into the little park. Here the circus people lived, off limits to the laity. Then we saw a sight which made our eyes open wide. There were children our ages playing. Children who saw the circus every day, who even worked with it! There was a boy my age, my height, thin with dark hair, just like me, coming out a door. How could I change places? He did not see us, even though we stood in plain view.

Then there was the early show itself. Dave and I entered the portal, squeezing Mom's and Dad's hands in nervousness and excitement while we giggled euphorically. Then the lights and the band. Elephants paraded in a circle and stood on their hind legs and one picked up a lady with its trunk. Horses galloped around the ring with people standing on their backs in pyramids or doing flips or standing on their hands. There was the man with a whip who got wild beasts to move from one platform to another and stand up. Most memorable of all was a Danish man who balanced himself on one finger while with his other hand he built a tower of blocks which he climbed using just the tips of his index fingers. The clowns with their sight-gags dependent on an adult sense of irony were not so memorable to a kid.

I caught sight of Jimmy, Ronnie, and Junie sitting near some of the big roustabouts, but not with them. They watched intently. When we saw each other we waved. They were alone, their parents not with them.

Then it was over and we walked slowly home, the bright lights of the midway just coming on. The noise receding, the lights beckoning to the future when I could stay up later and live in that wild swirling whirling after dark world.

Finally we went to bed on the upstairs sleeping-porch. The noise and the hubbub were our only coverlets. The barker's evocation of Daring Dardak drifted on the light breeze as the gibbous moon looked down and we drifted off to sleep with the sounds of the band opening the evening show as our lullaby.

The next morning it was quiet. No banging hammers on spikes, no trucks with happy roaring engines and generators, no thronging curious kids from outside the neighborhood. The circus had left as quietly and mysteriously as it had noisily and openly arrived.

I went up to look. The clearing at the corner of The Field was trampled. The three paths turned to indecipherable boot and hoof marks. There, where the broad swirling swath of the midway had stretched only yesterday, raw dirt gaped. Gaped where tall field grass had embraced me only two days ago.

Worried by the ruin, I ran to find The Log. It was there, untouched, too distant and magic a meeting place for even Dardak to have penetrated.

There stood Junie.

"Wasn't that somethin'?" he whispered, looking back toward the devastated field.

"Yeah," I whispered back, "that was somethin'."

We both touched The Log. It was real. It would always be there.

The Field returned to its wild state within two weeks. Mice and possums and raccoons and skunks hid when we came. But they were there. Again I could lie back in the arms of the grass.

Miscellaneous News

Salem Quarter Archive

Recently, a close-to-complete collection of Salem Quarter News, dating from 1975, has been deposited with the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College. A similar collection is also stored in the unused coordinator's office in the meetinghouse in Woodstown.



Additionally, that space now doubles as a repository for some of the Quarterly Meeting's other records. Along with the newsletters are years of financial records, Steering Committee minutes, property tax documents, as well as receipts for the material now at Swarthmore.

Cleaning the office and organizing materials has also unearthed a carton of Friends' books. These will be made available, free of charge, on a first-come-first-served basis during Quarterly Meeting in Woodstown on Sunday 10 March. Those left unsold will be recycled.

FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend 2019

Immigration will be the main focus for the lobbying. On March 23-26, hundreds of high school students, recent grads & young adults will come to Washington, DC to learn how to be effective changemakers. Participants will:

- Hear from policy experts, high-profile speakers & other grassroots advocates on solutions to fix our broken immigration system.
- Lobby 3 members of Congress &/or their staff.
- Practice advocacy techniques from writing effective letters to the editor to grassroots organizing.

If you have questions, e-mail Larissa@fcnl.org or visit fcnl.org/slw.

Information for Visiting (see also www.salemquarter.net)

Greenwich: First Day (Sunday) Meeting for Worship: 9:30 am – 10:15 am
(Oct 1 to June 30 at Upper Meeting House and July 1 to Sept 30 at the Lower Meeting House.) First Day School for Children: 10:00 am. First 15 minutes are spent with the Meeting for Worship, except the First First Day of each month when Meeting for Business is held at rise of meeting

Mickleton: 413 Kings Highway, PO Box 231, Mickleton, N.J. 08056 856-423-3782; 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 ;
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;
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 ;
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 ; 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 ; First-day School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am

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- 9:30 *Program: Buddhism and Quakers–Seijaku*
Roshi of Pine Winds Zen Center
- 10:30 *Meeting for Worship*
- 11:30 *A further conversation with Seijaku Roshi*
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00 *Meeting for Business*