

FRIENDS BULLETIN

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

February 2012

We must risk delight. We can do without pleasure, but not delight. Not enjoyment. We must have the stubbornness to accept our gladness in the ruthless furnace of this world.

A Brief for the Defense, by Jack Gilbert

Monthly Meeting for Business in Worship:

1:15 pm Sunday, February 12
Potluck Lunch at 12:00 pm

The tentative agenda includes annual reports from the Pope Fund, Membership, Exhibits, and Cambridge Quaker Earthcare Witness.

All are welcome, newcomers and old-timers! We want to make childcare available so families can attend the business meeting. If you think you will need childcare, please let Nancy Ruggiero know a week in advance (ncirillo@wellesley.edu or 617-487-5300). We will try to meet requests, but it may not always be possible.

Forums are usually guided discussions in the spirit of worship-sharing, on topics central to Quakers and FMC. They take place in the parlor from 9:30 to 10:15 am on Sundays. Childcare is provided in the nursery beginning at 9:15 am. We shut the parlor doors at 9:30 am because of the bustle of Friends arriving. If the door is closed when you get there, please slip in and close it after you. Out of respect for the presenters, please plan to arrive by 9:30 am.

Bulletin Submissions

Friends are requested to submit entries for the March bulletin by e-mail to FMCbuletin@hotmail.com by Mon., Feb. 20th (announcement sheet submissions by Tuesday midnight to the same email address); please include the publication name and its date in the Subject line. The February bulletin was prepared by volunteers Marina Živković-Rothman, Cornelia Parkes, Holly Lapp, Lynne Wiles, Graeme Harcourt, and David L. Myers.

Winter is Here—Spare the Floor!

We invite community members to bring a dry pair of slippers or shoes to put on when the streets and sidewalks are wet or snowy. Concerned Friends would thus spare the cork floor in the Meeting House from weather-related wear and tear. Benches are in the foyer of the Meeting House and in the tunnel under the driveway, and shoes can be stored beneath them. John Bach can provide more information on this matter.

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To receive weekly email announcements,
send a message to office2@fmcquaker.org

FMC Events and News

Home Energy Efficiency *12:30 pm, Sun., Feb. 5*

Audrey Schulman of Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET) is offering a 1-1/2 hour talk on home energy efficiency methods. Topics will include faucet aerators, programmable thermostats, CFLs, etc. Audrey will share her expertise in setting priorities (time, cost) for increasing our homes' energy efficiency. There will be time for questions. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Sponsored by Cambridge Quaker Earthcare Witness. For more information contact Gwen Noyes at 617-491-8984 or gnoyes@oakdev.com.

Annual Staff Evaluations *due Wed., Feb. 15*

In carrying out annual staff evaluations, the meeting's supervisory and personnel committees rely on the candid input of members of our community. All committees, members and attenders are invited and requested to send their comments and feedback on our principal staff to Kristin Gilbert (becomingkristin@gmail.com) by Wednesday, February 15th. Please consider both what is working well and what could be improved: *What are the staff person's strengths in the job? Do you have any concerns or recommendations?*

Personnel Committee is looking for feedback that will help us evaluate our staff and help them do their jobs better. All comments must be signed in order for us to consider them, but we will keep your name confidential if you so request. Our practice will be to include the authors' names with the comments when they go to staff, unless you have requested otherwise.

Principal staff to be evaluated:

John Bach, Interim Quaker Resident,
Chris Connaire, FDS Coordinator,
John Field, Facilities Manager,
Cher Koor, Office Manager.

As Friends we value truth-telling, and so we ask that you be as forthright and complete as possible in your comments to us. If necessary, we can help you discern a diplomatic way of wording feedback or help you decide what you want to include. Friends are also reminded that minor misunderstandings can often be addressed and cleared up in a Friendly fashion directly with the staff person.

If you interact with nursery workers, the Youth Programs Coordinator, or other part-time staff, your input on their work is also welcome. If you care to comment on staff members who work with youth, please email Chris Connaire directly connaire@mit.edu or drop a sealed note in her mailbox in the Library. Comments about Center Residents or those who host on evenings and weekends can be emailed to John Field facilities@fmcquaker.org or sealed notes can go in his

mailbox.

You can also drop a sealed note in the Personnel Committee mailbox or speak with either of the co-clerks of Personnel or any member of the Personnel Committee:

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Jane Jackson, CoClerk janejackson8@hotmail.com

Brian Corr, Priscilla Ewen, Kristin Gilbert, Brian Hatleberg, David L Myers, Bill Satterthwaite, Bob Seeley, Laura Wolfe, Betts Zisk. Thank you for your help and guidance.

Meeting for Worship next to Textron Defense Systems

11:00 am, Sun., Feb. 19

Join members of FMC every third Sunday, next to signs reading Quakers Praying for Peace. We meet as a meeting for worship adjacent to the grounds where Textron Defense Systems manufactures the notorious cluster bombs. For information and directions, contact Michael Carey (michael.carey@comcast.net or 617-497-6732) or John Bach (resident@fmcquaker.org or 970-209-8346).

Bring Your Gifts to Serve the Meeting

12:00 pm, Sun., Feb. 19

Following a potluck lunch, the Nominating Committee is again sponsoring a "*Potluck of Committees*" — a time to hear from members of many of the Meeting's committees about the joys and challenges of their work. This will be a good opportunity for those of you who are interested in becoming more connected to the Meeting to find out where your gifts, both spiritual and practical, may best be of service. Please do join us for the potluck and conversation.

Journey of the Universe

1:15 pm, Sun., Feb. 26

The New Story Group will show the new film "Journey of the Universe" by Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker on Sunday in the parlor following the potluck. The film, recently shown on a number of PBS stations, draws together scientific discoveries in astronomy, geology and biology with humanistic insights concerning the nature of the universe. Following the film, the discussion will include thoughts about its spiritual significance and the emerging integrated worldview. You can learn about the film at: journevofttheuniverse.org

The Website Working Group Needs Your Help

We're starting the design phase of a new website for FMC. Our first priority is to put forward an attractive and accurate view of our vibrant and loving community to people who are seeking a spiritual home, and to people who have just recently found us. If you have pictures of the meeting in electronic form that you feel would work, send them to David L. Myers (clerk@fmcquaker.org).

Looking Forward

“The Journey of the Universe: Our Awakening Consciousness”, Film and Workshops

*We are part of an immense universe...
And this changes everything.*

B. Swimme

Quakers and the New Story will explore the new film “The Journey of the Universe” by Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker with a series of six study and discussion workshops on the profound implications of the New Story. Our hope is to build on the sense of wonder and awe in the film, to name and explore the inherent spirituality of the New Story, and, drawing on the works of other thinkers, poets, and scholars, to identify ways to go forward in this critical time in earth’s history. Seeking to speak to the loss of meaning in much of our contemporary culture, the series will address themes the group has worked with over a number of years.

7:00 pm, Wed., Feb. 29

We will watch the film and present an overview of hopes and goals for the series. Discussion led by Juliet Carey and Mary Coelho.

7:00 pm, Wed., Mar. 7

Changes in Worldview from the New Story: The New Story reframes everything—our universe, ourselves, our beliefs, our consciousness, our actions. Discussion led by David Damm-Luhr and Cornelia Parkes

7:00 pm, Wed., Mar. 14

Video and Engagement on Seamlessness, the Powers of the Universe, and the Science of the New Story. Discussion led by Mary Coelho and Lisa Greber (science consultant).

7:00 pm, Wed., Mar. 28

Deepening Our Sense of the Sacred Earth: The Unitive Experience in the early Celtic Christian Understanding and in Rilke’s poetry. Discussion led by Marion Foster.

7:00 pm, Wed., Apr. 4

Finding Wisdom in the New Story: Participation and Knowing. Discussion led by Mary Coelho and Lisa Greber.

7:00 pm., Wed., Apr. 11

Going Forward: Following through on what we’ve learned and ways to support the work of the New Story. Group discussion.

The fee for the series is \$30. For background, please visit: journeyoftheuniverse.org. For information and registration contact Juliet Carey at 617-270-4242 or julietcarey@comcast.net by February 9th or Mary Coelho at 617-876-1669 or mccoelho@comcast.net.

Spring Retreat

Fri., Mar. 16 to Sun., Mar. 18

The Fellowship & Outreach Committee is sponsoring an all-meeting retreat starting at 7 pm on Friday, March 16th running through lunch on Sun, March 18th, ending around 1 pm, in Alfred, Maine. Ridesharing can be coordinated. Throughout the retreat, we will use one-on-one, small groups, and large group formats to explore topics about the theme of compassionate communication. These discussions might include: how using the process of Compassion Communication (or NVC) may deepen our relationships and increase our capacity for compassion; discerning whether our spiritual values and beliefs are reflected in the way we communicate with ourselves and others; and exploring ways to increase our ability for considering other perspectives and finding meaningful resolutions. The retreat offers a great opportunity for reflection, relaxation, and fellowship. EVERYONE is encouraged to attend including families, newcomers, attenders, and members. FMC provides on-site childcare. Note: some scholarships are available. Completed registration forms and payments are due to the FMC office no later than Monday, March 12th. Please see the registration form at the end of this Bulletin. An information sheet with more details and the registration form are available on the FMC website and on the table in the foyer as you enter the Friends Center. For more information contact: Kate Beers (617-515-8465 or kebeers@comcast.net), or Lance Drane (617-491-6718 or ldrane@comcast.net), co-clerks of F&O Committee.

Women’s Silent Retreat

Fri., May 4 – Sun., May 6

The Spring Silent Retreat will be held at Glastonbury Abbey (www.glastonburyabbey.org) from Friday, May 4th until Sunday, May 6th. Registration deadline is March 1st. If you are interested please register early since space is limited. Registration form is available from the retreat registrar Marina Živković-Rothman, marina.zivkovic@verizon.net

Cambridge Friends School 50th Anniversary

Fri., May 11 – Sun., May 13

A weekend of activities are planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cambridge Friends School with a gala celebration on Saturday, May 12th. Registration begins on March 1st. More information is available at www.cfsmass.org

Personal News of Members and Attenders

Proctor Houghton, longtime member of Friends Meeting at Cambridge, died January 12th, 2012. A memorial to celebrate his life, to be scheduled by his family, will be held later this year.

Our member **Joan Borowitz** has moved; her new address is: Joan Borowitz, c/o Golden Pond, 50 West Main Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748. She really appreciates those cards and letters.

The Wider Quaker World

Countering White Privilege and Racism

February 2012

From the Working Group on Racism, Framingham Friends Meeting. Send comments to

music1@charter.net

Slavery by Another Name premieres on PBS Monday, February 13th, 2012, at 9 pm Eastern Time (check local listings). Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas Blackmon whose in-depth research reveals the little-known history of forced labor in the South from post-Civil War days as late as the 1920s. The 90-minute documentary challenges one of our most cherished beliefs—that enslavement ended with the Civil War — when in fact thousands of African Americans were charged with crimes they didn't commit and pulled back into forced labor “with shocking force and brutality” to the benefit of local law officials and northern corporations. For schedules and a 30-second preview see: www.pbs.org/tpt/slavery-by-another-. Not to be missed! Please record for your older children.

“*How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Discussing Race*” Ever hear someone say something racist? Ever been embarrassed to realize you just said something racist? Watch Jay Smooth explain how to take advantage of these opportunities. Look up the title to find his talk at Hampshire College on YouTube.

For teens (and all of us): *Black Boy, White School*, a novel by Brian Walker, a teacher in a Massachusetts private school, explores issues of racial identity and class through the story of a 14-year-old boy from East Cleveland enrolled in a prep school in Maine. As an on-line review suggests: “Adults may recoil from the

casual pot smoking, f-bombs and frequent deployment of the n-word” in the book but they would miss a hard-hitting story exploring the difficulties of staying true to oneself, set against a backdrop that connects to the reality of many adolescents.”

Can't help being reminded of the great African American author Richard Wright's classic autobiography *Black Boy*, the carefully crafted narrative of Wright's journey from innocence to experience in the Jim Crow South. Time to read it now if you never have.

Salem Quarter Quaker Studies Programs

Goodness 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Sat., Feb. 4
With John Calvi at Wellesley Friends Meeting.

Reading Early Friends: Francis Howgill
Feb. 11 – Mar. 10
With Frederick Martin online for 4 weeks.

Spiritual Rhythms, Sacred Time: A Journey Through Lent using the Common Lectionary
6:30-9:00 pm Fri., Feb. 17
9:00 am - 3:30 pm Sat., Feb. 18,
or online Feb. 22 – Apr. 10

With Therese Miller.

Let's Explore Our Theologies and See if They're Quaker
6:15 – 8:30 pm, Sun., Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18
With Beckey Phipps at FMC.

Paul's Letter to the Romans starting Feb. 27
Re-reading with Andrew Wright for 6 weeks.

For more information about Quaker Studies courses this winter, visit www.bhfh.org/qsp Register early, online. Tuition aid is available.

Minutes, Committee Reports, and Other Documents

Meeting for Business in Worship Minutes

Friends Meeting at Cambridge gathered in a Meeting for Business in Worship on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at 1:15 pm. The meeting was convened by the Clerk after a period of silent worship, with 45 people present. The clerk opened by reading an excerpt of an article entitled “Young Friends and Quakerism: Will the Center Hold?” by Tom Hoopes, originally published in the *Friends Journal* in May, 2008:

People often seek a religious community during the early years of parenthood, because of their bone-deep hopes and fears for their children. Having children tends to evoke in us a spiritual awakening, and a connection with the Source of life. We experience the Divine through our love for our children. Contemporary culture, with its wide array of anti-spiritual messages and experiences, has only

exacerbated these deep yearnings. For Quakerism to be a spiritual home of choice for today's young adult seekers, then we must meet them where they are. That is, we must offer them a community that does not simply accept them and their children, but which pro-actively embraces them and nourishes them, personally and spiritually.

Library Committee Report 2012-001

Christina Smith distributed copies of the Library Committee's annual report that was printed in the December 2011 Bulletin and displayed on a laptop the interface of the ResourceMate database in which the committee has been tracking circulation records and steadily entering the meeting's collection of books, with more than 2,000 entered and at least that many still to go! She highlighted that having a single-user license to the

software is a major technical challenge limiting the efficiency of this task and making the security of the inputted data dependent on manual backups. The committee requests consideration during budget season of an allocation to support web-based hosting of the library database, which would cost \$310 for the first year and \$250 for subsequent years; another immediate need is for additional shelf space. The committee made a plea for friends to “share the spiritual journey – return your library books!” Friends held the Library Committee in the light and accepted their annual report with gratitude.

Memorial Minute for Jim Anthony 2012-002

Wendy Sanford read a memorial minute for James (Jim) Anthony, who died in Sudbury, MA, on July 15, 2009. Coming from a long line of Methodist ministers, Jim worked in the civil rights movement in the South, then became a Quaker when he came to Boston. He worshipped and served as Clerk in the Beacon Hill Friends Meeting, and was active with the community then known as the Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns. He and his partner Bruce Steiner joined FMC in 2006. Over the past few years, he turned his gifts for language and organizing to advocate for greater understanding of Alzheimer’s Disease and for higher quality of care for Alzheimer’s patients.

The full text of Jim’s memorial minute appeared in the December 2011 Bulletin and will be shared with the Salem Quarterly Meeting. Friends warmly remembered Jim’s contributions to the meeting and to the world, and held him and his loved ones in the light.

Peace and Social Concerns Report 2012-003

Michael Carey and Ghanda DiFiglia, co-clerks of the Peace and Social Concerns, shared highlights from the committee’s annual report that was printed in the December 2011 Bulletin. One development this year was co-planning with two other congregations a celebration of the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2011, resulting in a diverse celebration that included music, dance, poetry, and speeches. The monthly worship outside of Textron Defense Industries averages around 20 Friends, with a 90 people present on the week when the full meeting worshipped there.

While acknowledging that many Friends participate in peace and social concern activities beyond the Meeting, the Committee posed a query to Friends, asking *How can we engage more of the meeting in identifying issues for concern that we are called to address?* Friends encouraged the committee to consider coordinating efforts with the AFSC and using the forthcoming FMC website to get the word out about work on social justice and peace. Several Friends also encouraged individuals to connect with members of the Committee, developing the Committee’s role as a network of support for all Friends’ witness on

peace and social concerns.

The committee invites input in discerning the theme for this year’s Good Friday witness message, and more broadly, ways the committee can better respond to the world’s peace and social concerns in a way that more fully engages and more successfully serves FMC. Friends accepted the committee’s annual report with gratitude and held the members in the light.

Membership Report 2012-004

Susan Davies, co-clerk of the Membership Committee, brought two items before Friends:

Emily Norton has applied for membership for herself and her three children, Jack, William and Wyatt. A clearness committee has been appointed.

Our Presiding Clerk has received a certificate of transfer for Lili Schwan-Rosenwald from the Clerk of Wellesley Friends Meeting. Lili has been actively involved with our Friends Meeting at Cambridge community for about four years. Friends joyfully accepted Lili’s request for transfer; the Clerk will sign the certificate and return it to Wellesley Friends Meeting.

Email List 2012-005

David Anick updated Friends on efforts to expand the FMC email list. He has volunteered to maintain and moderate the list to ensure that postings remain appropriate and of general interest.

Friends will have at least three options for accessing information: receiving each email as it is sent; receiving a daily “digest” containing all posts from the past 24 hours; and going to an online location to view recent and past posts. Directions to help Friends “self-solve” basic technical challenges will be posted. The next step is to draft guidelines to clearly delineate what the community considers appropriate postings, so that the benefits of electronic communication are realized without undue email burden.

Friends approved the formation of a small committee to draft these guidelines and expand the email list.

Marriage and Family Life Committee Report 2012-006

Patti Muldoon and Bill Thompson, co-clerks of the Marriage and Family Life Committee, reported that after a busy 2010, this past year was a quiet one for the committee, with only one committee for clearness to marry currently underway. Friends accepted this annual report that appeared in the January 2012 Bulletin with gratitude, holding the members of the Committee, and those Friends they support, in the light.

First Day School Coordinator Report 2012-007

First Day School Coordinator Chris Connaire presented her annual report, highlighting that in September, 2011,

students, families, and First Day School teachers convened and committed to a set of "Let's Do" statements that describe shared expectations for behavior and constructive participation in FDS. This year, there are 36 students, who are taught by 10 teachers and a volunteer aide. Notably, this year, none of the FDS teachers are parents of children currently enrolled, which Chris interprets as evidence of the community's support for the children of the Meeting.

In early December, Chris convened a gathering of 30 parents and children, providing care (and pizza) so that the parents could join in fellowship and discussion about the joys and challenges of parenting.

Chris shared feedback she has received from parents and students criticizing some elements of the senior-high curriculum as being "too political" and requested guidance from the Meeting on how to best frame the responsibility of Quakers to live out our principles and witness in the world. Friends suggested encouraging study of the lives of principled Quakers, continuing to promote thoughtful discussion of values-laden real-world issues, and actively encouraging senior-high students to join in Meeting for Worship.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm after a period of shared worship, purposing to next meet in a regular Meeting for Business in Worship on Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 1:15 p.m. in the Friends Room.

January 8, 2012

- David Myers, presiding

- Lisa Lineweaver, recording.

Pope Fund Annual Report

The Pope Fund was established by a gift of one thousand dollars in 1801 by Ebenezer Pope to provide for needy Friends in the Boston area. Later decrees from the Probate Court authorized the use of the entire net income of the Fund to help Friends in need or for other charitable purposes of the Meeting.

Trustees of the Fund are responsible for screening loan or grant applications. Discussions are kept confidential. Anyone may alert the trustees to another person's need or financial distress, or may urge that person to make direct application to the trustees. In addition to financial assistance, the trustees try to work with the recipients and applicants to seek out resources and strategies to ease their needs.

The balance of the Fund at the end of December 2011 was \$9605.

Trustees:
Ruth Stokes, Clerk
Denise Hart
Proctor Houghton
David White

Fund for Support of Conscience Annual Report

The Fund for the Support of Conscience was created in July 1968 to be used for the relief of Friends and others who are in trouble with the law by reason of witnessing to Friends' testimonies. The trustees of this Fund are the same as for the Pope Fund.

The balance of the Fund at the end of December 2011 was \$4506.

Membership Committee Annual Report

Membership Committee initiates and encourages outreach to visitors and attenders, through conversations at the rise of meeting for worship, during shared meals, and especially with our Afterthoughts sessions held after meeting for worship on most First Days. When inquiries or applications for membership are made by interested persons, we accompany them through the membership process. Membership is a deepening experience. The process is fascinating as we all explore our faith journeys when one of us decides to join our community. A summary of FMC's (Friends Meeting at Cambridge) changes in membership is included at the end of this report.

During this past year we again hosted a New Members' Tea and a forum on Membership, and welcomed new members at our meetings for worship and business. And we revisited the intention behind and continuing success of our Afterthoughts program, on which we would like to focus in this report.

Most Sundays Membership offers Afterthoughts as a way to get to know participants of FMC and to educate ourselves about Quaker thinking and Quaker practice. We have between 2 and 10 people who attend each session, generally a good mix of new and seasoned Friends. The meeting community may not know that Afterthoughts can play an important role in mediating misunderstanding and hurt during worship. The following two examples illustrate this. In the first, a person walked out of meeting because she thought the vocal minister was speaking inappropriately. Having left worship, however, she returned to share her reasoning with those at Afterthoughts. Eight others there wanted to explore the words of that minister's impact on them. Some tears were shared. In the second example, in a worship with many messages, four messages were about our search for constructive peace. During the Afterthoughts session some of those speakers met each other, and deepened each other's understanding of their messages.

Afterthoughts has myriad purposes.

For new attenders it can be helpful to attend:

- if you're new and have questions;
- if you have lingering thoughts from worship that you want to share;

- if you are interested in joining this meeting and want to know about the process.

For members and those steeped in Quakerism, it can be helpful:

- in difficult meetings where you felt our worship was violated;
- when challenging questions arise for you in meeting, and you are still exercised after meeting;
- when you are upset and open to processing it with a small group.

For vocal ministers at FMC it can be an opportunity to use the group to see how your message was received.

Membership activity during the calendar year 2011 was as follows:

New members approved	3
Members resigned	4
Members deceased	3
Transfers in	0
Transfers out	0

—Susan Davies, CoClerk

—Elizabeth Claggett-Borne, CoClerk

FDS Coordinator's Annual Report

We started the year with a gathering of parents, children and teachers who defined a "Let's Do..." set of guidelines for classroom behavior, now on the wall of each classroom.

Wendy Sanford and Nancy Ruggiero led the FDS students, older and younger separately, in an introduction to silent worship. For the first time, starting in September 2011, every class has a short period of silent worship during the hour.

There are approximately 36 children enrolled in FDS, taught by 10 teachers and an aide plus occasional visitors. None of the teachers in 2011 were currently parents of FDS children, which is as it should be and isn't in most FDSs. Parents need to be able to go to Meeting for Worship, and non-parents have a chance to know our children.

Usually the classes were taught separately—3/4s, K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, Jr. High and Sr. High—but occasionally two or more classes met together; for example, 3rd-5th grade and Jr. High were combined to learn about community building, led by a Meeting member. The Sundays of some holiday weekends saw combined classes because lower attendance is expected at those times.

We have several special needs children in FDS. I organized meetings between the children's parents and their teachers, which was helpful. We have a volunteer aide with one of the children.

It is a remarkable achievement that our volunteer teachers, most of whom are not trained or experienced in teaching, can teach children with a wide variety of backgrounds in Quakerism and in learning ability (and, it should be said, willingness).

At the request of parents I organized a parents' get-

together. We started the evening with pizza for families. I learned two useful things: (a) children do not like ANYTHING on their pizza—just cheese, and (b) the amount of pizza (even the wrong kind) that small children can eat is astronomical. Then the children had supervised activities and the parents went up to the Committee Room for coffee, pastries and discussion. Thirty parents and children attended.

Bibles, engraved with their names, were presented at rise of Meeting to students moving up to High School.

With an investment of time and care, by volunteers and Meeting staff, a play structure is now in place in the Meeting front yard and is very popular.

There was a lot of theft from the FDS supplies closet, especially of snacks. I bought a rolling cart which is now stored in the supplies closet, which is kept locked.

The Christmas Pageant happened, a miracle brought about by many adult and children volunteers under the creative direction of Katy Cullinan, who introduced some great new features. We did the "Sandwich Factory" in the spring, which the children love, partly because it is fun to draw faces on the bread with mustard squeeze bottles, but also because they know they are helping people in need.

Under the guidance of Faith Justice the children did spring planting around the Meeting House.

I am deeply grateful to our volunteers, and also to our staff: Lydia O'Connor, my assistant, Abeeda Banu, lead nursery staff, and Claudia Kass Lascola, her assistant. Most of the teachers come back again and again—wouldn't you like to know what it is they enjoy by joining them? Ask me about it.

—Chris Connaire, FDS Coordinator

Exhibits Committee Annual Report

The Exhibits Committee has displayed six shows in 2011. The year began with Pat Rabby's show and provocative title, *Somewhere Among Us a Stone is Taking Notes*. Next came the March/ April show. Featuring the fresh perspective of a younger generation, Caitlin Gianinny treated us to drawings and photographs that, in addition to being artistic, could also be gentle, subtle, and sensitive. For May/June, Cambridge Friends School hung the fruits of a collaborative compilation of imaginative student art work.

The theme for last summer's potluck was *Creatures Great & Small That Share Our Lives*. Pets, lizards, roosters, birds in flight, and people were all lovingly depicted as fellow travelers. For September/October we got to see an inspiring exhibit done by members of the Wednesday night Sharing Circle. They brought us everything from paintings to rugs to masks. What a great way to showcase an important expression of the Meeting's outreach work on behalf of a group for ex-offenders. The venue seemed especially fitting since this group meets faithfully every week in the Friends Room.

For November/December Marina Živković-Rothman brought us *Listening Creativity* featuring such pieces as Walk of Discernment with her hand knitted shoes on a large background of fabric strips. To quote her, "This show is about Creativity Within, which is an intrinsic part of any human being." We especially appreciated the integrative work that she did by weaving in references to the varied facets of life within our Meeting. This was the end result of an incredible amount of planning and perseverance on her part.

The committee considers the bi-monthly exhibits in the Friends Room as a venue for getting to know other dimensions and gifts of individuals in our meeting community. For some, these shows evoke a quality of spiritual experience in the beholder that is not only

enriching, but also in keeping with Quaker precepts. If you are an artist, no matter at what level, we encourage you to contact anyone who is a member of the Exhibits Committee. If you don't feel you have enough work to display on your own, you might consider pairing up with another member or attender for a joint show. The Exhibits Committee would be glad to talk with you to help arrange such a show. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us with any questions you might have.

—George Campbell, CoClerk

—Richard Wood, CoClerk



—Karen Carmean

—Sylvia deMurias

—Marion Foster

—Sara Sue Pennell

February 2012 Calendar

Wed 1	8:30 am	Midweek Worship	Sun 19	9:30 am	Forum: <i>Listening for the Still Small Voice</i> -Cynthia Knowles
	6:00 pm	Sharing Circle		10:30 am	Morning Worship
	7:00 pm	Peace & Social Concerns Cmte		11:00 am	Meeting for Worship near Textron Defense Systems, Wilmington, MA
	7:00 pm	Ad Hoc Design Cmte		11:45 am	Afterthoughts
Thu 2	7:00 pm	Personnel Cmte		12:00 pm	Prayer Circle
	7:00 pm	Cmte for Care & Support		12:00 pm	Gardening & Landscaping Cmte
Sun 5	8:30 am	Youth Programs Cmte		12:00 pm	Potluck of Committees
	9:30 am	Forum: <i>Dante's Beatific Vision</i> -Matthew Ruggiero		5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	10:30 am	Morning Worship	Mon 20	6:00 pm	Finance Cmte
	10:30 am	Family Worship		11:59 pm	Bulletin Deadline
	11:45 am	Afterthoughts	Tue 21	6:45 pm	Ministry & Counsel
	12:00 pm	Prayer Circle	Wed 22	8:30 am	Midweek Worship
	12:30 pm	Home Energy Savings Workshop		6:00 pm	Sharing Circle
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship	Fri 24	7:00 pm	All-Meeting Retreat at FMC
Mon 6	6:00 pm	CQEW brown bag supper	Sat 25	9:00 am	All-Meeting Retreat at FMC
	6:30 pm	Fellowship & Outreach Cmte		10:00 am	Library Cmte
	7:00 pm	CQ Earthcare Witness Cmte	Sun 26	9:30 am	Forum: <i>Re-Imagining the Lord's Prayer</i> <i>Through the Lens of The New Story</i> -David Damm-Luhr
Tue 7	6:45 pm	Ministry & Counsel		10:30 am	Morning Worship
Wed 8	8:30 am	Midweek Worship		11:45 am	Afterthoughts
	6:00 pm	Sharing Circle		12:00 pm	4th Sunday Potluck
	7:00 pm	Artists & Writers		1:15 pm	New Story Film and Study
Sun 12	9:00 am	First Day School Cmte		5:00 pm	Evening Worship
	9:30 am	NO FORUM	Tue 28	6:00 pm	Prison Fellowship
	9:30 am	Extended Meeting for Worship until 11:30 am		7:00 pm	Membership Cmte
	11:45 am	Afterthoughts	Wed 29	8:30 am	Midweek Worship
	12:00 pm	Monthly Meeting Potluck Lunch		10:00 am	Bulletin folding
	1:15 pm	Meeting for Business in Worship		6:00 pm	Sharing Circle
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship		6:00 pm	Program on Drones
Mon 13	5:30 pm	Advisory Cmte		7:00 pm	Quakers in the New Story
Tue 14	7:00 pm	Trustees Cmte		7:00 pm	Personnel Cmte
Wed 15	8:30 am	Midweek Worship			
	6:00 pm	Sharing Circle	every Sat	9:30 am	Alcoholics Anonymous (open meeting)
	7:00 pm	Nominating Cmte	every Sat	10:30 am	A Course in Miracles
	11:59 pm	Annual Staff Evaluation Deadline			
Thu 16	7:00 pm	Marriage & Family Life Cmte			
	7:30 pm	Friends for Racial Justice Cmte			

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5 Longfellow Park

Cambridge MA 02138-4816

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Under the care of Friends Meeting at Cambridge

Meetings at 5 Longfellow Park
Sundays 10:30 am
5:00 pm
Wednesdays 8:30 to 10 am

South Shore Preparative Meeting

New England Friends Home
86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham
Sundays 10:00 am
Joanne Heffernan, 781-337-9337

Worship Group at Brookhaven

1010 Waltham Street, Lexington
Sundays 10:30 am
Andrew Linn
781-863-0954

Other nearby worship opportunities:

Acton Friends Meeting

Minute Man ARC
130/150 Baker Avenue Extension
West Concord
Sundays 10:00 am

Amesbury Monthly Meeting

120 Friend St, Amesbury
Sundays 10:00 am

Beacon Hill Monthly Meeting

Beacon Hill Friends House
6 Chestnut Street, Boston
Sundays 10:30 am

Cambridge Friends School

CFS Library, 5 Cadbury Road
(off Sherman St), Cambridge
Tuesdays 8:30 to 9:00 am

Framingham Friends Meeting

841 Edmands Road, Framingham
Sundays 10:00 am

Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting

at Cambridge Friends School
5 Cadbury Road, Cambridge
Sundays 10:00 am

Lawrence Monthly Meeting

Forest Street Union Church
15 Forest Street, Methuen
Sundays 2:00 pm

North Shore Monthly Meeting

Glen Urquhart School
74 Hart Street, Beverly Farms
Sundays 10:00 am

Wellesley Friends Meeting

26 Benvenue Street, Wellesley
Sundays 10:00 am