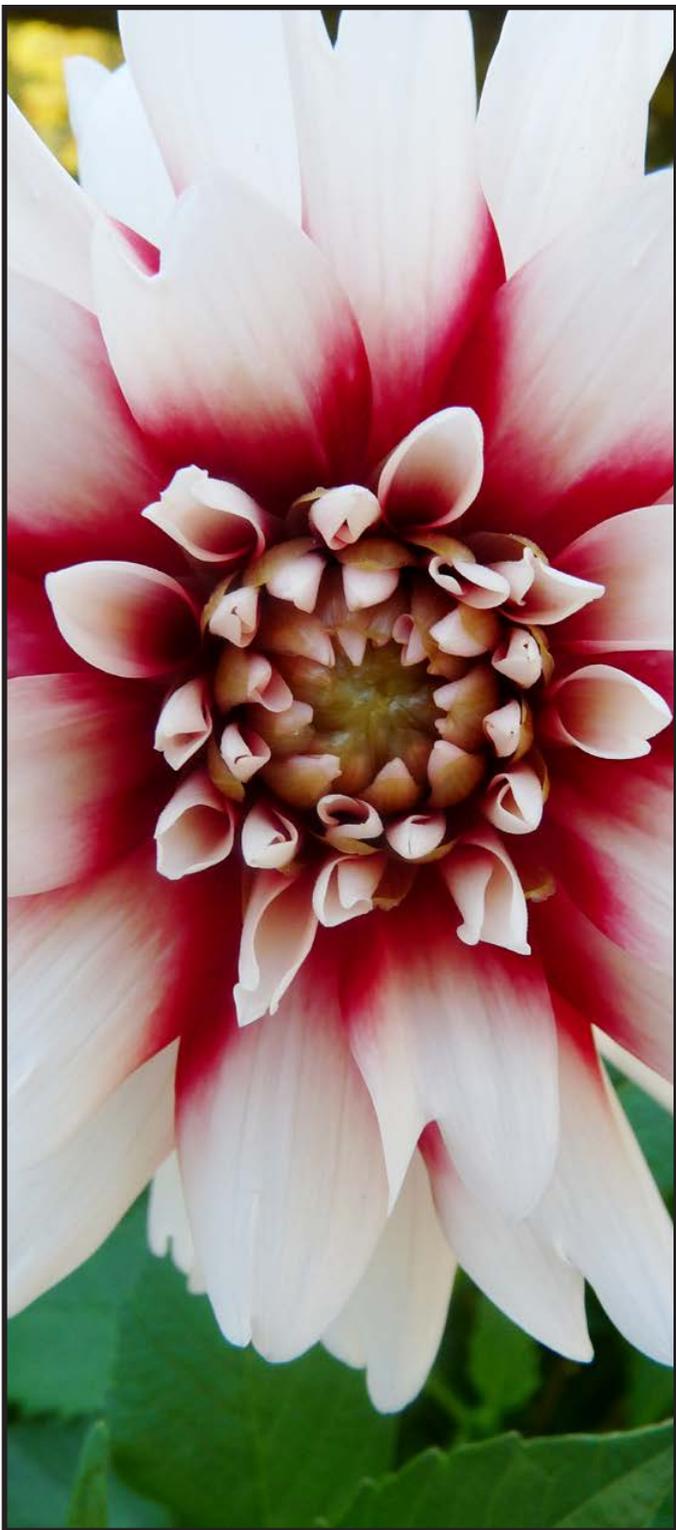


Middlebury Friends Meeting



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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tues. Oct. 1 4 PM Fellowship Committee at Peter Schenck's
- Sun. Oct. 6 11:30 AM-1 PM Friendly Forum: *Quaker Spirituality & Practice*
- Sun. Oct. 6 1 PM CROP Hunger Walk begins
- Sun. Oct. 13 8:30 AM Worship & Study Committee at Havurah House
- Tues. Oct. 15 4 PM COSA meeting at Dickinson's
- Sun. Oct. 20 8:30 AM Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun. Oct. 27 11:30 AM NEYM program on All Ages Religious Education. Led by Beth Collea, at Havurah House
- Sunday, Dec 22 10 am Holiday Gathering at the home of the Colwells, East Middlebury. Intergenerational Worship with hearty potluck to follow.

“When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it’s your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else. Most people in the city rush around so, they have no time to look at a flower. I want them to see it whether they want to or not.”

— GEORGIA O’KEEFE

PLEASE NOTE:

In advance of the Friendly Forum on October 6, *Quaker Spirituality and Practices: An Exploration*, documents are available to download and consider. You can get them by clicking the link on the Middlebury Friends Meeting home page at www.middleburyquakers.org.

If this is not easy for you, please call your editor at 388 1961 and I will be happy to mail you this inspiring item!

Middlebury Friends Meeting
Monthly Meeting for Business

15 September, 2013

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Tom Baskett, Manya Dickinson, Tom Dickinson, Cheryl Mitchell, Lucy McKeon, Karen Nawn-Fahey, Mark Moss, Fran Putnam, and Lianna Tennial.

13.09.01 Minutes for 11 August 2013: Accepted as printed in the newsletter.

13.09.02 Treasurer’s Report (Karen Nawn-Fahey) During the month of August, the Meeting had member donations of \$540. Meeting expenditures during August totaled \$135 for childcare. Bank balance at end of August was \$5180.61 of which \$3760.61 is for Meeting expenses and the balance of \$1420 belongs to the Farm Workers Coalition.

Karen reported that she is researching new tax requirements for nonprofits and consulting with a tax preparer.

It was agreed to encourage Friends to make contributions in the next month or so in anticipation of our upcoming annual donations to benevolences.

The treasurer and Finance Committee are asked to prepare a budget for October Monthly Meeting, to be approved at November monthly meeting, the last meeting for business of the calendar and fiscal year.

13.09.03 Worship and Study Committee (Lianna Tennial) The main focus has been on planning and preparing the fall Friendly Forum series on Quaker Spirituality and Practice. Jean Rosenberg is preparing a comprehensive outline with a reading list for each segment. Each session will follow the Quaker Quest model of three panelists making a time-limited presentation, followed by general discussion. Several Friends will be asked to participate as panelists. The three sessions are:

Session I (October 6) *Quaker Worship*, facilitated by Jean Rosenberg:

What do we do in worship, how do we do it, and what does it do for us?

Session II (November 1) *Quaker Decision Making and Organization*:

Meeting for business, the decision-making process, how monthly meeting, clerking and committee work are guided by Spirit to reach discernment and clearness.

Session III (December 8) *Living a Quaker Life*, facilitated by Priscilla Baker:

living into the source of the testimonies; Quaker witness as expressed in individual and collective action, leadings.

13.09.04 Outreach and Social Action Committee (COSA) (Tom Dickinson) Final preparations are in place for the upcoming Fall Community Supper on Sept. 27, hosted, prepared and served by MFM. Sign up sheets have been circulated, ingredients solicited and many other details attended to.

13.09.05 Fellowship Committee (Laura Asermily) Several social gatherings/pot-lucks have been planned. See Calendar of Events for particulars.

The role of Greeter was brought to MM where it was decided to continue as we have with the suggestion that new greeters sign up with a seasoned greeter, to learn the system. Appreciation was expressed for all Friends who sign up to be greeter and/or provide hospitality.

13.09.06 Climate Committee (Fran Putnam) The Climate Committee has scheduled September 29 at 12:30 PM with Havurah to work on cleaning out the basement in preparation for possible energy efficiency improvements. We will be working with members of Havurah and would welcome others in the Meeting to help with this project. Please bring a bag lunch, work clothes, and sturdy work gloves. Chris Stackhouse recommends tight-fitting, rubber-dipped gloves. Beverages will be supplied. The next meeting of the Climate Committee will be following Meeting on September 29 before the basement project.

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Fran announced that committee members plan to make personal contact with Friends about weatherization

13.09.07 NW Quarterly Meeting report (Lianna Tennial & Mark Moss) September Quarterly Meeting, at Bethany Birches was well attended. Over 20 children enjoyed a well planned program. An evaluation session was held before QM ended, which enabled Friends to have input into how to fine tune the schedule. Because Bethany Birches will undergo renovations next September, QM will be held there in June, instead of September. The newly formed Oversight Committee will be sending out information to monthly meetings about a Bible study program focused on the Book of James.

13.09.08 Ad Hoc Committee on how MFM will discern issues to work on as a Meeting (Fran) The committee proposes a meeting-wide discussion which they will facilitate, using relevant Faith and Practice Queries as well other questions. Rather than a threshing session, which is precipitated by disagreement or discord, this will be an exploration of how we, as a Meeting, will discern specific issues, causes and needs to address as a faith group. A tentative date was set for Sunday, January 5, 2014.

13.09.09 New England Yearly Meeting: NEYM will begin preparing for its first ever yearly meeting session in Vermont in 2014, at Castleton State College, where they will meet for 3-5 years. YM has named October “Welcoming Month.” Their many suggestions for monthly meetings will be sent out to the Listserv. Fellowship Committee is encouraged to examine these suggestions for potential social opportunities within MFM.

Monthly meeting closed after a period of silence.

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