



Middlebury Friends Meeting

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“Every great dream begins with a dreamer.
Always remember, you have within you
the strength, the patience, and the passion
to reach for the stars to change the world.”

—HARRIET TUBMAN

QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 15		Pastoral Care.
Aug 26	3:5:30 PM	MFM Vision Meeting with pot luck supper afterwards. Trevelen Farm, New Haven
Aug 30	8:30 AM	ICAN at Weybridge Congregational Church
Sept 3	7:00 PM	Read Aloud Group, Trevelen Farm
Sept 8-9		NWQM
Sept 9	9 AM	Earthcare Committee
Sept 9	8:30 AM	Worship and Study
Sept 15		Vision for Vermont Summit 2018, Breadloaf Campus, Ripton — Pre-Registration required
Sept 16	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business
Sept 30	12 NOON	Cropwalk for World Hunger

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH BRUD LEEDOM

Brud first became aware of the need to take special care of the Earth through his father, a Quaker, who loved nature. They would take a walk in the woods every weekend, in silence, so as not to frighten the wildlife. The woods where he played frequently were very close to the small farm where he lived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The family also had sheep, horses, chickens and a vegetable garden. Brud and his father had a disagreement about the need to thin the plants, so they settled on one garden for Brud and one for his father. This arrangement worked out well for both parties.

Brud has continued to love nature and all living things and is concerned that our Earth needs to be protected so that all living things can continue to live here. He is concerned for the creatures of the sea because of all the waste that humans discard into the sea.

Besides his walks in the woods and farming and gardening as a child, Brud has continued his care for the Earth by being the steward of a twenty-acre farm in Sudbury since 1970. He “composts everything,” always has a vegetable garden, and cares for sheep, alpacas, and chickens on the farm. Brud has an appreciation for all things that grow and has a “tremendous concern for what is happening to the Earth.” He welcomes wildlife to his farm and provides a sanctuary for a large flock of barn swallows that nest in his barn each summer. Brud composts the manure from all of the livestock. Caring for the livestock takes approximately two and a half hours each day. He breeds heritage White Plymouth Rock chickens and sells them as breeding stock, and gives extra eggs when available to friends. He has a small flock of registered Dorset sheep which he sells for breeding stock or butchers for meat. Bob, Brud’s partner, has four alpacas which he raises for fiber. Bob is a fiber artist, and uses the fiber to make woven and knitted products which he sells at craft fairs and farmer’s markets. They encourage visits to the farm from school children.

Brud’s ideas for continuing his care for the Earth include carrying on with his work on the farm and spending time with his young friend, Annie, who often brings her friends. He hopes these young people will be influenced by his love of the earth and continue to have a connection with the land and will learn to “appreciate what we have here on Earth.”

This is the first in a series of environmental profiles produced by the Climate Committee.



NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

Collected by Lucy McKeon
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CHERYL MITCHELL writes: We are thrilled to announce that the Wren's Nest Forest Pre-school has moved to Treleven Farm in New Haven. If you would like to give your child an amazing experience with great teachers in a beautiful place, check it out.

If you need the peace of mind knowing your child is lovingly cared for and creatively challenged, check it out.

If your family believes it is important for children to grow up close to nature in an environment that prepares them beautifully for school, check it out.

This highly successful, nature-based program is accepting applications for this fall (and waiting list applications for next fall) at their new location off Hallock Rd. Wren's Nest is a five-day a week program that fosters a holistic, interdisciplinary, and sensory-based approach to learning. Hours run from 8:00-2:30 with extended programming options until 4:30. Email info@willowell.org for more information or check us out online: <https://www.willowell.org/wrens-nest-preschool-2>

JEAN and DAVID ROSENBERG had their daughter ELIZABETH's family with them for four weeks in July and August, which was exhilarating) and also a bit tiring, it must be admitted). The little kids are fun and fascinating: ages 7, 5, and almost 2. A good grandparental workout!

—Lucy

Monthly Meeting for Business

12 August, 2018

Clerk: Jean Rosenberg

Recording Clerk: Lucy McKeon

Present were: Tom Dickenson, Brud Leedam, Karen Nawn- Fahey, Debbie Ramsdell, Peter Schenck, Jean Rosenberg, Grace McGrath, Spence Putnam, and Lucy McKeon.

18:08:01 Monthly meeting opened with: A passage of George Fox's wrings from *A Truth of the Heart* edited by Rex Ambler.

18.08.02 Treasurer's Report reported by Karen Nawn-Fahey. All statements in this report are as of August 11, 2018.

From June 21 through August 11, 2018, the Meeting had member donations of \$885.00. From June 21 through August 11, 2018, Meeting expenditures totaled 1592.50 including 662.50 for Havurah rent, 125 for NWQM, \$725 for NEYM, \$80 for childcare. When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$6176.44.

The current balance of the Rachel Carey Harper fund is \$1350.

18.08.03 The sum of two hundred and forty dollars was approved for childcare at the Vision for Vermont Summit 2018. This allotment will come from the Rachel Carey Harper Fund and has been approved by that committee.

18:08:04 In order for the Vision for Vermont Summit committee to take advantage of a \$50 gift from the Middlebury food co-op, the gift needs to be funneled through MFM so that our tax number can be used for tax exempt status. This was approved.

18:08:05 Clerk Report on COSA reorganization: COSA has been laid down. Nominating committee will find someone to be a "mapper", to create and keep an up to date "map" of the local, national and international social action activities undertaken by our meeting participants. Hopefully this map will provide inspiration, information, awareness and connection to our meeting. This information could be disseminated by something such as an activities fair.

A "benevolences review" will be brought to the meeting community every 1-2 years by the finance committee.

Other necessary recurring events that had been organized by COSA such as Quarterly meeting will go into the clerks "tickler file" and be addressed by ad hoc groups.

18:08:06 MFM was presented with an opportunity to purchase a share in a solar panel array in Shoreham sponsored by ACORN. This opportunity is coming through ICAN. Purchase of a share would be for the purpose of covering the electric costs of Havurah House. Ten percent of the electricity from this share would go to the John

Graham Shelter and ninety percent to Havurah. Details of this plan require more exploration. MFM approved of an initial deposit of \$50 and a total of up to \$3000 for the purchase of a share pending conversation with Havurah House.

While the approval is to use money from the reserve fund, we will be encouraging individual contributions to replenish the fund. Peter Schenck is standing aside on this decision.

18:08:07 Report on NEYM Sessions. Peter Schenck has sent out Talking Points 2018 on the list serve. Special attention was drawn to the following budget conversation: Finance Committee was able to balance the budget but only by withholding the usual donations to FGC, FWCC and FUM. After much discernment Friends approved maintaining the current level of support for these organizations recognizing that further increases in contributions from meetings and individuals will be needed to prevent a deficit in the coming year.

This will need to be addressed by MFM.

18:08:06 Approval was given for the MFM reading group to sign MFM up for the Vermont Reads book (Bread and Roses).

18:08:07 Note was made of a MFM visioning session as follow up of the George Lakey visit 3:00 – 5:30 with pot luck supper following at Trevalen Farm on August 26. Jean Rosenberg will be sending out a description of this.

18:08:08 There were no specific committee reports as committees have not been meeting over the summer.

18:08:09 New members are welcomed into their committees these next couple of months and old members are reminded that they may need to do some orienting and mentoring in order to facilitate the transition.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence



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MIDDLEBURY FRIENDS MEETING

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Pastoral Care Committee

Caring for one another in a loving community is an important part of our life as a Meeting.
Call any member of Pastoral Care to share a concern or need.

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