

Around the Family

Halifax Monthly Meeting

Adult Religious Education Committee reported that their first two workshops, "Sharing the Spirit," and "A Look at Friends, History and Beliefs" were well attended. We are progressing in our understanding of our spiritual life together.

Hamilton Monthly Meeting

At the June meeting for worship the children remained in the meeting room for the whole hour. Tables were set up to allow for children's drawing, crafts, etc, and adults were invited to join the children in these activities. This format has led to a very positive experience both for the children and the adults in meeting.

Response to Canada's participation in the war in Afghanistan. Concern was expressed about being a peace church in a country at war. Concerns were further expressed about the illegal nature of and the geopolitical motives for this war. One Friend will provide a summary of these concerns for the newsletter.

New Brunswick Monthly Meeting

An Alternatives-to-Violence Project workshop was held Apr. 21-23 in Dorchester, NB, facilitated by John McKendy, Vince Zelazny, Linda Foy, and inmate and "outmate" facilitators.

The Quaker Pamphlet Series Editorial Board has met and clarified roles and responsibilities of their clerk, secretary and pamphlet editor. It was agreed that Edith Miller will continue as clerk, Vince Zelazny as secretary, and Maida Follini as pamphlet editor for the Murray Thomson 2006 Sunderland P. Gardner Lecture.

New England - Atlantic Friends Gathering

This eastern coast gathering will take place on Thanksgiving weekend, October 6-9, at Green Hill Lake Camp in Greenhill, New Brunswick.

Ottawa Monthly Meeting

We note that Dee Reynolds, sojourning in Toronto, has changed her name to Kate Dee.

"Simplicity Circles" have started meeting, using Cecile Andrews' book, *Circle of Simplicity: Return to the Good Life* as resource.

A memorial service for Stephen Long, Peggy Land's stepson, was held on 26 April at Rothwell United Church. We are holding the Land-Long family in the light during this difficult time.

Pelham Executive Meeting

In June, 2006, Pelham Executive Meeting joyfully welcomed Fiona McMurrin into membership.

Thousand Islands Monthly Meeting

Kate Johnson, Wooler Meeting, sojourning at Thousand Islands, received her M.Div. from Queen's Theological College on May 10, 2006. Kate was valedictorian for her class. Well done, Kate!

Toronto Monthly Meeting

O. John Hawkins, a beloved Friend, died on 5 May 2006, and Toronto Monthly Meeting held a moving memorial meeting for him on the May 10 at Friends House. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Religious Education Committee of Canadian Yearly Meeting

Remember that Quaker books can be borrowed, postage free, from the Canadian Friends' Travelling Library. Borrow a couple for inspirational summer reading. Or spice up your plans for your fall Half-Yearly meetings. Find out more. On the internet, visit: http://www.quaker.ca/Religious_Education/index.html. Send an e-mail to: AdultLibrary@quaker.ca or ChildrenLibrary@quaker.ca. Telephone: 519-775-2670. Or write: CYM Travelling Library c/o Yarmouth Monthly Meeting, Box 105, Sparta, ON, N0L 2H0.

Canadian Yearly Meeting: Coming soon to a place near you?

Sites need to be found for Yearly meeting in 2007 and 2008. Programme Committee has asked that Friends look for appropriate sites. We ask that Friends be mindful of potential sites during their summer travels.

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Who is Amy-Jean's Grammy?

I have been asked who is Grammy in "Grammy, my greatest mentor" by Amy-Jean Polster (*The Canadian Friend*, March, 2006). Oops, I hadn't noticed that Grammy's name was not included. She is none other than our beloved Friend, Betty Polster, who was shown in the photo with Amy-Jean, along with the article. (I know, this was not helpful if you had never seen Betty before.) My apologies to all concerned.

New Korean PM has Quaker connections

South Korea's first woman prime minister, Han Myeong-sook, has Quaker connections. Her husband is Park Sun-jun (known to many Friends outside Korea as "Joon" Park). Early in their married life, the couple had been political prisoners for years. Joon joined Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting when he, Myeong-sook, and their son, Gil, were residents at Pendle Hill. Joon is now active in Seoul Monthly Meeting.

They left Pendle Hill in 2001, when Myeong-sook was asked to return to Seoul to serve as South Korea's Minister of Gender Equality, which she did until 2003, when she became Minister of Environment.

Casa de los Amigos, Mexico City

On October 27 to 29, Casa de los Amigos will hold their 50th anniversary Jubilee celebrations, and all are invited. During the celebrations, we will reflect on the Casa's 50-year history, and sound in the era by revealing the Casa's new peace program. There is a resurgence of interest in the Casa, both from Mexico and internationally.

Casa's new executive board, composed of Quakers and other Casa friends from Mexico and the United States, will soon be seeking new members, and are interested in the possibility of some Canadians joining them. Canadian Friends have always been involved in the house, which is a place that is cherished and well-used by

many Canadians. For more information, visit www.casadelosamigos.org, or contact 50aniv@casadelosamigos.org.

Quakers near the Salish Sea

There are over 30 Friends Groups in the area of the Salish Sea, most of which are listed below. How many have you visited? To find information on groups who are part of Canadian Yearly Meeting, go to www.quaker.ca. For North Pacific Yearly Meeting go to www.npym.org. For Northwest Yearly Meeting, go to www.nwfriends.org.

- North Island Worship Group (Canadian), • Mid-Island Allowed Meeting (Canadian), • Duncan Worship Group (Canadian), • Saltspring Worship Group (Canadian), • Fern St. Meeting (Canadian), • Saanich Peninsula Monthly Meeting (Canadian), • Vancouver Monthly Meeting (Canadian), • Bowen Island Worship group (Canadian), • Cranberry Commons Worship Group (Canadian), • Coquitlam Worship Group (Canadian), • Fraser Valley Worship Group (Canadian), • Agate Passage Friends Meeting (North Pacific), • Bellingham Friends Meeting (North Pacific), • Eastside Monthly Meeting (North Pacific), • Olympia Friends Meeting (North Pacific), • Shelton Worship Group (North Pacific), • Port Townsend Friends Meeting (North Pacific), • Whidbey Island Worship Group (North Pacific), • Salmon Bay Friends Meeting (North Pacific), • Lopez Island Worship Group (North Pacific), • Tacoma Friends Meeting (North Pacific), • Vashon Friends Worship Group (North Pacific), • Buckley Worship Group (North Pacific), • University Friends Meeting (North Pacific), • South Seattle Worship Group (North Pacific), • Marysville Friends Worship Group (North Pacific), • Valley Friends Church (Northwest), • East Hill Friends (Northwest), • Household of Faith (Northwest), • North Seattle Friends (Northwest), • Peninsula Evangelical Friends Church (Northwest), • McKinley Hill Friends (Northwest), • Olympic View Friends (Northwest).

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The 1999 Sunderland P. Gardner lecture, "To Dwell in the Power of Truth," given by Jack Ross, was not recorded at that time. Since then, Jack has made a studio CD that includes Michael Miller's piano composition. Copies can be purchased for \$6.00 from Jack Ross, General Delivery, Argenta BC, V0G 1B0.