

Around the Family: Toronto Monthly Meeting

We are sad to announce the death of several Friends. Inge Kreher, mother of Ira Hall and Rolf Kreher died suddenly on 19 December 2007. A Meeting for Burial was held in Jamaica, under the care of TMM, for Joan Murray who died at home on February 24. A Meeting to Celebrate the Grace of God in her life was held in Toronto on May 31. Kay O'Callaghan, friend to Gini Smith, died January 23. A Meeting to Celebrate the Grace of God in the life of our Friend Roman Hromnysky was held on June 14. Roman died in China on August 2, 2007. Our Friend Pearl Jones died one month before her 94th birthday, on April 9. A Meeting to Celebrate the Grace of God in her life was held on May 17.

In other TMM news, on May 24-25, Friends House participated in Doors Open, an architectural tour of "Sacred Spaces, Sacred Circles". About 570 people were welcomed and had a chance to tour the house and hear about the work and faith of Friends, and the history of the building.

Vancouver Island Monthly Meeting

A Memorial Meeting was held for Wilson Hunsberger at the Victoria Meeting House May 10, 2008.

We celebrated the wedding of Robert Smith-Jones and Diane Wallrich on May 9, 2008.

Victoria Meeting has initiated Soup and Stories which is proving to be a wonderful way to get to know each other better.

We rejoice with the Young Friends and their families: Ben Singleton-Polster (BSc at UBC); Holly Harris, graduate in Visual Arts, Camosun College; Rachel Singleton-Polster, accepted at Lester Pearson College for fall of 2008; Ellen Cheatley and Rachel Singleton-Polster, accepted to participate in the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage in the UK summer, 2008.

Pelham Executive Meeting

For members of Pelham Executive Meeting to say we took an interest in our art over the past few months is like saying we ate and slept and breathed. Yet I suppose it is worth mentioning that three members of our Meeting have held art shows which have been patronized by other members of the Meeting. June Etta Chenard kicked off with a show of dyed paper abstracts at the Strega Café, St. Catharines in November 2007. This was repeated at Brock University in March 2008. Barbara Bucknall held a show of expressionist sketches at the Strega Café in February 2008 and George Sanders held a show of abstract acrylics at Arts Place, Port Colborne in May 2008.

Inside Passage

Isolated Friend and artist Alfred Muma offers exquisitely rendered scenes of north coast B.C. in a visual 'Around the Family'.

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