

The New Garden Friend

Newsletter of New Garden Friends Meeting

February 21, 2018

Sunday, March 4 Carry-in Meal and Monthly Meeting for Business

Seekers Class

The final Seekers class will take place this coming Sunday, February 25 from 3-5 p.m. in the parlor.

Please feel free to drop in. These classes are a wonderful opportunity to learn from other members of New Garden Friends Meeting. Seekers is designed to be useful for newcomers and long-time members alike.

February 25: Quaker organizations and branches

News from the RE Committee

Brotherhood class be led by John Kepchar

February 25 God's Messengers

Forum - March 4 Join us in discovering and understanding the Art of Natural, At Home Death Care. Sandra LaGrega, Charlotte Whitcomb and members of The Sophia Center for Life Studies/Crossing Care, will lead a discussion and share a short, locally filmed DVD, produced by Katelyn La Grega. The film illustrates the many spiritual and environmental benefits of caring for our own at death.

Opportunity - next Sunday

I would like to live in a country that loves their children more than their guns! Please join Friends in Friendship Hall Sunday morning, February 25, to write letters and postcards to our elected officials about gun control. We will meet during coffee time with writing materials and suggestions

Free Wood Chips

There will be two big piles of wood chips created when the oak stumps (front and back of the Meeting House) are ground down in a couple of weeks. If you want to load and haul off any or all of the chips, contact Linda Maynard or Patricia Martinez.

PFF/PFYM Retreat Information

PFF /PFYM Retreat information, registration forms, and schedule are available in MeetingRoom foyer. Use these forms to register by US Mail.

The retreat is March 30 to April 1.

See program notice on the QR Bulletin Board.

Meetings

Wednesday: February 21

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation / Meeting Room

Monday: February 26

7 p.m. Quaker Relations Committee / Parlor

Tuesday: February 27

4 p.m. Ukestra Practice / Room 109
7 p.m. Finance & Stewardship Committee / Parlor
7 p.m. Ministry & Counsel / Parlor

Birthdays

February 21

Wanda Brooks

John Moyle

February 22

Emily Baker

Alex Hayes

February 24

Lori George

Jean Pudlo

February 26

Dianne Powel

February 27

James Clotfelter

Grady Howard

John Campbell White



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Deadlines

To be considered for publication in the next newsletter, items **must be received by noon Monday**. Please include your name, phone number and email address.

Items for the New Garden Sunday bulletin must be received by noon on Thursday.

Question? Call Sharon Burton, 336-292-5487.

Social Concerns Seeks Proposals

New Garden's Social Concerns Committee provides small grants to organizations for projects that address priority issues through the Meeting's Broader Concerns budget. As New Gardeners expressed in a 2017 survey, priorities for 2018 include:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Poverty, homelessness, and hunger
- Youth engagement
- Environment and clean energy
- Social, racial, and economic justice
- Refugee crisis and immigrant rights

If you know a worthy organization with a project or program advancing any of these priorities, please have them send a one page proposal to Sara White at (sarawhite27410@gmail.com) or Bill McNeil at (mcneilplanning@gmail.com).

The deadline for proposals is March 1, 2018. Projects may be located in Greensboro, elsewhere in the U.S., or in another country. Usually grants are in the range of \$250-500, with exceptions for exceptional proposals. For more information, please contact Sara or Bill at the email addresses above.

FCNL - Spring Lobby Weekend

Join the 400 – 500 Young Friends and friends of Friends at the FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend is March 17 – 20, 2018 (for students, recent grads and young adults). The focus will be immigration. Participants will:

- Hear from policy experts, high-profile speakers, and other grassroots advocates.
- Lobby three members of Congress and/or their staff
- Practice advocacy techniques.

Prices will be kept low and financial assistance may be available.

Contact: Leona Amosah, (leona@fcnl.org) or visit fcnl.org/slw.



Quaker Voluntary Service is a one-year Fellowship program in which young adults between the ages of 21-30 live communally, work full-time at social service and social change agencies, and explore themes of spiritual and personal growth with local Quakers.

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a Quaker Voluntary Service Fellow, please visit www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply.

Applications must be completed by March 15, 2018. More information is posted on the Young Friends bulletin board.

Doing Our Work 3:

Addressing Racial Inequity Head-On Towards Organizing for Justice

You are invited to a monthly series of workshops using visual media to focus on dialog, community-building and actions "standing up for racial justice".

"White Like Me -- Part II" (Tim Wise)

Tuesday, February 20 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

- New Garden Friends Meeting, 801 New Garden Road

"Urban Revitalization with No Losers"

Wednesday, March 21 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

- Beth David Synagogue, 804 Winview Drive

"The Future of Race in America"

(Michelle Alexander, Tedtalk)

Tuesday, April 17 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

- New Garden Friends Meeting, 801 New Garden Road

"White People in Solidarity Against Racism"

(Dara Silverman & Chris Crass)

Wednesday, May 9 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2105 West Market Street

Using videos, we'll go deeper discussing personal and institutional racism.

-- A program of the Guilford Anti-Racism Alliance (GARA) - White Caucus

Questions: garawhitecaucus@gmail.com

Quaker House to host play

You are invited to attend "This Evil Thing" a play which depicts the experiences of an English WWI conscientious objector. Quaker House is hosting this well-reviewed play in collaboration with the Center on Conscience and War. It is on tour from England.

Date: March 16, 2018

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Sternberger Auditorium, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC

Cost: Free. Donations accepted at the door.

It will be helpful for us to keep track of numbers planning to attend. Your free ticket is available on Eventbrite or please simply contact Quaker House to RSVP at (qpr@quaker.org) or call (910-323-3912).

We hope to see you there!

Movie Viewing

The Persimmon Grove AME Church Youth Group and the Missionary Society invite all the FCP family to meet them at Red Cinema at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 22, to view a new Marvel Comics superhero movie with an all-black cast, called "Black Panther". The cost is not more than a regular ticket, they are hoping to fill the theatre space. Sign up at (persimmon-grove-amec@triadbiz.rr.com).