

The New Garden Friend

Newsletter of New Garden Friends Meeting

Sep 16, 2020

Peace & Social Concerns Notes

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is working to help NGFM incorporate more immediate social and economic justice actions into our everyday lives. Thus, every weekly newsletter will include one Anti-Racist Action suggestion and one website whereby members can find minority-owned business to support, if they so choose. The Meeting is not endorsing or advertising these businesses; we just feel it's important to spread dollars more equitably to all community members and entrepreneurs. Suggestions for future ideas/submissions can be sent to Traci Claywell, by phone/text at 336-554-1534 or at (traciventure66@yahoo.com).

Anti-Racist Actions You Can Take Now: Short Notice Alert!

Participate in a two-hour "United Community Effort towards Racial Justice and Equity" THIS WEDNESDAY, September 16, from 7 - 9 p.m. (Virtual admission opens up at 6:30 p.m.).

Sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and the NCCJ, this online virtual event will feature a range of local organizations, all working to unite community efforts towards racial justice and equity. Participating organizations include aJoy, DEFTABLE, CoMetta, and the International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

Live musical performances will be featured, as well.

Event link is as follows: <https://zoom.us/j/8702128892>

Meeting code: 8702128892 ; Passcode: 0916

For more information, contact Lyndon Rego, Chief Catalyst for CoMetta, at 336-582-8495 or (lyndonreg@gmail.com)

Contributed by John Martinez

Local Minority-Owned Business You Can Support Now:

Another Facebook Group to join...Search for and ask to join a private page with over 10,000 members, "Greensboro-BLACK Food Mob". You will have to read a few rules and answer a couple of questions before being allowed in, but once inside, you will find a smorgasbord of businesses, pictures, videos, and menus, all focused on Greensboro's eclectic food community. You could begin by exploring the DISCUSSION and MEDIA tabs at the top.

Although a little confusing at first, with just a little effort, it becomes a tantalizing experience and promises to create interest in never-heard-before restaurants and food trucks! Please contact Traci if you need further help.

Birthdays:

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| 16 Susie Reynolds | 20 Patti Hughes |
| 17 Caitlin Carroll | 20 Elwood Parker |
| 17 Mark Ellis | 21 Ivy Rutledge |
| 19 Karin Heller | 22 Jane Kirkman-Smith |
| 20 Molly Haile | 22 Linda Whisnant |

Worship at NGFMeeting

Sunday 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship livestream: Facebook

Live: www.facebook.com/NewGardenFriendsMeeting/

Prepared messages are posted at: www.ngfm.org/media.

Sunday, September 13

Reading: Exodus 16:2-8, 13-15

Title: Wilderness Food

New Garden Notes

Dear fellow worshippers at NGFM

Faye and I thank you very much for the calls and cards expressing support for us as we grieve the loss of our dear niece, Gail Adams Thomas. We were blessed to have her an extra 15 years following her heart transplant. She spent those years promoting organ donation in her community in Gainesville, GA. She was a giver of time, energy and caring of self to others.

We miss her very much but her memory is go close to us.

Faye Nelson

Willena Moore

Our thoughts and sympathy are with Kim Plaut whose mother recently passed away.

Kim's address is: 8262 Ballard Road, Colfax, NC 27235

William Penn Haney Stevens, Jr. passed away September 13.

A memorial Service via ZOOM is set for September 16, at 2 p.m. hosted by First Friends and New Garden Friends. For ZOOM information, email: office@firstfriendsmeeting.org.



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Deadlines

Weekly newsletter deadline is noon on Monday.

Weekly Sunday bulletin deadline is noon on Thursday.

Please send all articles by email to (office@ngfm.org).

Question? Call the Meeting Office, 336-292-5487.

Solar+ Projects Update

Solar Panels coming soon!

Work on the Solar+ Energy Project is well underway, with the roofing component complete and solar installation to begin in mid-September.

1. Roofing: The re-roofing is done, by Premier Construction and Roofing including copper flashing, chimney caps and other items not in the initial proposal. State Farm paid for the re-roofing in settling a hail damage claim. The cost to the Meeting was the \$5,000 deductible on our policy. The roof is now ready for the installation of solar panels.
2. Solar Panels: 8M Solar completed the final design for the solar array and are now seeking permits from the City of Greensboro and state utilities commission. They expect to begin installing the solar panels by early October and complete the installation by late October. After final inspection by the city and acceptance by Duke Energy, we expect to receive a \$30,000 rebate from Duke by December 31.
3. Energy-saving outreach. We plan to formalize our partnership with Community Housing Solutions this fall, and make funds available to help families make their homes more energy-efficient. We anticipate that over \$33,000 will be available for this outreach program.
4. Fundraising: As of September 3, New Gardeners had pledged \$87,777 to the Solar+ Project, and fulfilled their pledges with \$79,337 in contributions. With State Farm's settlement of the hail damage claim covering the \$30,000 roofing portion of the project's \$114,000 goal the total funds received or pledged is \$117,777.

Gratitude goes to all members of the Solar+ committee for designing, and delivering the project: Roger Seel, Kate Seel, Jean Pudlo, Ann Macmaster, Peter Bruns, Marie Brown, Tom Wright, Daniel Marion, Ken Marion, Sarah Wright, and Ron Pudlo.

Marcus Smith Events

This vigil to honor the homeless young man killed by police is held every Monday, 12 to 1 p.m. on Washington Street, in front of city council and police depts. We stand silently in masks, holding signs, which are there to use, if you have none of your own. Call CH Holcombe for more info.

Guilford County School Repairs

Do you want all kids in our community to have healthy, safe, and modern public school facilities for students to learn, grow, and thrive in?

Do you know we have an opportunity this fall to impact the much needed Guilford County School facilities through two critical referendum's on the November ballot?

School buildings across Guilford County are falling apart and we can no longer delay fixing them. The GC Board of Education has approved a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to transform, remodel, and/or rebuild every public school in our community. A \$300 million bond on the November ballot presents an opportunity to jumpstart the Facilities Master Plan.

Join members of New Garden and the Guilford Anti-Racist Alliance white caucus at the Adult Forum on Sunday September 20 at 9:45 a.m. to look at this critical topic and discuss what we can do about it.

Antiracism Workshop

Margaret Rowlett and Vicki McCready, members of First Friends Meeting, have participated in the Working Group to Undo Racism of First Friends Meeting since its inception in January, 2016. They facilitated a workshop during the NCCF's Annual Gathering (Virtual) and are excited to engage with other Quakers on the topic of race. They feel they learn something new every time they have an opportunity to discuss antiracism work.

Email Frank Massey at (frank.c.massey@gmail.com) to sign up. You will receive a ZOOM link on the week of the event so that you might join and participate.

The workshops will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening on:

- September 17:

Where can we start as we engage in antiracism work?

- October 15:

What is systemic racism, and how can we address it?

- November 19:

What does it mean to be antiracist?