

Friendship Times

August 2008

Calendar

- Sun, Aug 3 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, and House and Grounds meet
9:15 am Peace and Social Concerns meets
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
4:00 to 6:00 pm, Open House for John and Gay Bowles, Meetinghouse
- Sun, Aug 10 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship, A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Aug 17 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Mon, Aug 18 Last day to send newsletter materials to Editor
- Sun, Aug 24 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sat, Aug 30 4:00 pm Pot-Luck dinner to welcome Sheri Grace, Meetinghouse
- Sun, Aug 31 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Fri, Sep 26 Annual Progressive Dinner for Guilford students (one month later than previous years)

Child care available for Worship and Business Mtgs.
7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Mtg. for Worship, in Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes, occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm.
9:00 am fifth First Day (when there is one), Extended Meeting for Worship.

Winston-Salem Worship Group. Meeting for Worship, 9:30 a.m. First Day, at The Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.
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In this Issue

Minutes from Sixth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition, there is a letter from Nan Bowles, announcements of upcoming events including a wedding anniversary, a photo and a link to photos of Yearly Meeting, an opportunity to volunteer as a librarian, a meditation on inner peace, and updates for the *Handbook*.

From the Editor:

Judy and I are taking an extended trip during late August and most of September. This means that the September issue of *Friendship Times* must come out one week earlier than usual, while the October issue will be one week late. The September newsletter will be distributed no later than Thursday, August 21st. Material for the newsletter should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Monday, August 18th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help. Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Seventh Month's Query

Peace Testimony

Do we endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away occasion for all war, seeking to do our part in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against nuclear and all other military preparations, the bearing of arms, and all participation in war?

Eighth Month's Query

Manner of Living

Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 8TH OF SIXTH MONTH 2008

Meeting began with silent worship. In attendance were: David MacInnes, David Bailey, Ray Treadway, Darlene Stanley, Judith Harvey, Mary Ellen Chijoke, Claire Koster, Darryl Waisner, Sue Hebner, Christy Hopkins, Bonnie Parsons, Carol Treadway, John Bowles, Chris W. Nelson, Sandy Bowles, David Brown, Mae Brown, Maureen Burns, Rodney Owens, Kembra Howdeshell, Don Smith, Mel Zuck, Priscilla Zuck, Carey Reese, Judy Reese, Ted Benfey

In the absence of the recording clerk David Bailey served for the day as recording clerk

Clerk David MacInnes read Query 6 from *Faith and Practice* out of the silence:

Do we endeavor by example and precept to cultivate in our children a sense of openness and expectancy about life, and to aid them in their growth in spiritual understanding and moral discernment? Do we share with them the faith that guides the practice of Friends, while encouraging them to develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them?

Several Friends responded out of the silence. The following minute serves as a summary of what was said:

In recent years we have been blessed with a number of very young children attending meeting. The meeting has done a good job participating in the care of these children and warmly enjoy their presence at meeting. It has been wonderful watching these children as they are nurtured by the silence. As they approach school age we hope we can help them grow especially with spiritual training and Quaker values. We need to plan ahead now for the future education of our children.

Friends approved the minute.

Ray Treadway presented the **Treasurer's Report** for Fifth Month which was accepted. The complete report is attached to the minutes.

Finance Committee

The Finance committee recommends that we maintain our present annual contribution to NCYM-C of \$3,500. Friends approved.

Clearness Committee

A report from the Clearness Committee for the concern for membership of Sheri Grace was read by Darlene Stanley. The committee warmly recommends that Sheri be welcomed into membership. Friends approved.

A welcome committee was established consisting of Bonnie Parsons, Claire Koster (convener), Maureen Burns, and John Bowles.

Care and Counsel Committee

Care and counsel presented a report concerning inactive members. The meeting did not approve the recommendations of the committee.

Directory

The meeting decided that we will make no changes in the directory at this time.

Worship and Ministry Committee

Darryl Waisner presented the responses to Queries for presentation to the Yearly Meeting. The meeting approved sending the present responses with minor corrections to the Yearly Meeting. After some discussion it was suggested that the process of answering and approving the queries be reviewed by Worship and Ministry at their first meeting of the year.

Representatives to the Yearly meeting, Mary Ellen Chijoke, Darryl Waisner, Claire Koster, Ray and Carol Treadway, Mae Brown, were approved.

Travel Report

Debra Shaw returned her travel minute with an endorsement from the co-clerks of the adult young Friends conference held at Earlham School of Religion.

David MacInnes read a report from Debra Shaw, our recorded minister. The report was accepted with deep appreciation for Debra's many contributions to the meeting and the wider community of Friends.

Membership Report

Claire Koster presented the Friendship Friends Meeting membership report. Friends approved, with the addition of Sheri Grace, our new member.

Corrections to the telephone tree should be sent to Claire Koster before August.

Nominating Committee

Mary Ellen Chijoke presented the final report of the Nominating Committee. Friends approved. There were some reservations and one Friend stood aside. All committees are asked to use their first meeting next year to discuss the responsibilities of service on committees.

State of the Meeting Report

David MacInnes presented the State of the Meeting report. Friends approved, with the addition that mention be made of mid-week meeting and the Winston-Salem Worship Group.

Ad-Hoc Building Committee

Kembra Howdeshell read a report from the Ad-Hoc Building Committee. Friends accepted the report with thanks.

The committee recommends that the status of this committee be changed from an ad-hoc committee to a standing committee and that it be named the Long Range Planning Committee. Friends approved.

Announcements

Peace and Social Concerns forum, concerning water use, is planned for June 6th after the rise of meeting .

David MacInnes read a letter from Darlene Stanley thanking the meeting for it's assistance with her new kitchen.

Chris Nelson reported that the meeting website has been updated. The meeting thanked Chris for his hard work on this project.

The meeting adjourned after a period of silent worship at 3:00 pm.

David Bailey , recording clerk

David MacInnes, clerk

Please join us in celebrating Mom and Dad's 50th wedding anniversary!



Gay and John - 20 July 1958



We will be gathering for an Open House on Sunday, August 3, 2008 from 4-6 pm
Friendship Monthly Meeting
1103 New Garden Road
Greensboro, North Carolina.

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John and Gay Bowles Wedding Anniversary

On the 20th of July in 1958 Grace Chawner and John Bowles were married in Richmond, Indiana.

To see John and Gays' Wedding Album follow this link:

http://www.sanchristos.com/1958-07-20_John_and_Gays_Wedding_Day_Album.swf

Please note the download time may last a minute or so.

Plus turn on your speakers.

Letter from Nan Bowles

Hello members of Friendship Monthly Meeting,

How is summer living with you all? Down here in the marsh community we have been taking in the full moonrise. Watching, anticipating the rise of the full moon over the marsh is an event of excitement. There have been moon moments memorable and stunning.

One winter we had experienced four to five days and nights of cloud-full skies. Early one morning, around two o'clock, I woke up to find a bright light streaming in through the upstairs window. When I'd gone to sleep the night before, the sky had been thick and muddy with clouds rolling across it. I peered out the window and saw a brilliant three-quarter moon about to set and decided to stay up and watch the moon go down. The beautiful reflected light of the moon.

The same winter Tom and I were hanging laundry on the line just past twilight as darkness set in. For some reason we turned, looking back over our shoulders to the East. We gasped at the sight. There was a full-lit moon.

Round. Crisply peeking over the tree horizon. We watched as it took its own moon time to break free of the trees, floating up into the night sky. Wow. Another moon moment we shall not forget.

One teaching of the moon has to do with the yin/yang. The light and dark phases of the moon remind me of the rule of opposites, the tensions in community life that help us to grow in spirit and in wholeness. They are the challenges of living with others, both humans and other-than-humans, like the biting flies and mosquitoes. I try to remember that opposites are really two sides of the same thing and somewhere in between they meet.

Light and dark halves of the moon exist, but "we have only one moon and it is round." (quote from *Creating Community Anywhere: Finding Support and Connection in a Fragmented World*, by Carolyn R. and Kirsin Annundsen Shaffer)

I have never lived anywhere else where the moon is such a magical part of my life.

Peace be with you all,

Nan Bowles

NCYM(C) Friends at Guilford College



Greensboro, North Carolina

After the Plenary with Carl Magruder

11 July 2008

Tommie Gipson, from the NCYM web committee, has posted a photo quilt of NCYM(C) activities. The link is below:

<http://ncymc.org/ym2008/>

Here's your link to archived back issues of *Friendship Times*:

http://www.geocities.com/friendshipmeeting/friendshiptimes_newsletters.html

Provided by Chris W. Nelson - Web Clerk

SYMPTOMS OF INNER PEACE

Be on the lookout for symptoms of inner peace. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to inner peace and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of inner peace:

A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.

An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.

A loss of interest in judging other people.

A loss of interest in judging self.

A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.

A loss of interest in conflict.

A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)

Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.

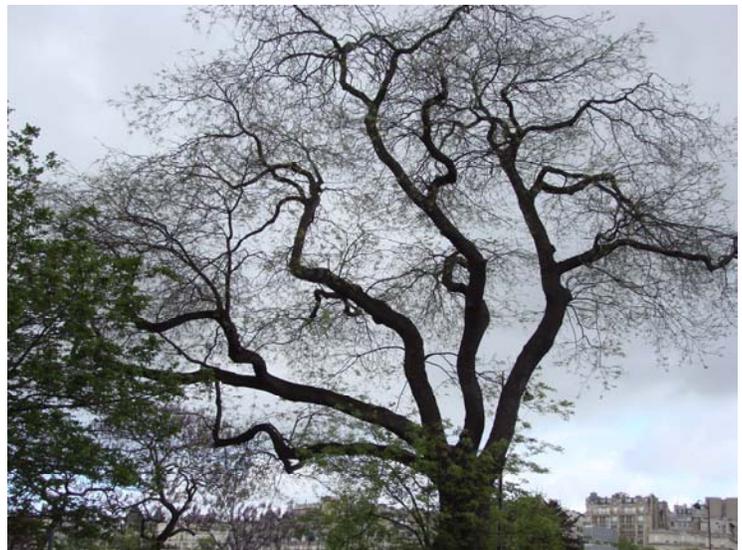
Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.

Frequent attacks of smiling.

An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.

An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Saskia Davis, 1984



Paris, Cyril Harvey

Submitted by Janet Nagel

Volunteer Librarian Needed

FRIENDS HOMES AT GUILFORD needs a Volunteer Librarian. Our wonderful librarian at Friends Home Guilford has asked to be relieved of her duties, and so we need a replacement. Someone interested in books and libraries, ideally someone with library training or experience, might find this to be the ideal volunteer job. A committee of about twenty-five people will help with the work, but a planner, motivator, and organizer is needed to pull all the efforts together. The library has about 6,000 books and audio-visuals and is an important part of Friends Homes life. For further information call:

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Upcoming Events

Mark on Your Calendar, Saturday, August 30th

We are having a pot-luck picnic (outside if the weather cooperates). Come and welcome Sheri Grace at 4:00 pm, Saturday, August 30th.

The Welcoming Committee for Sheri Grace:
John Bowles, Maureen Burns, Claire Koster, Bonnie Parsons.

Annual Progressive Dinner Friday, September 26th

Friends Center at Guilford College has asked that the traditional Progressive Dinner for Guilford College students, sponsored by Friendship and New Garden Meetings, be held this year on Friday, September 26th. This will be the 19th annual progressive dinner, an event that has grown in popularity over the years. Last year there were nearly 120 Guilford students who came for dinner at New Garden and dessert at Friendship.

The proposed date is a month later than usual in order to become a part of Quaker Festival Week at the college.

Eighth Month Birthdays
of our Young Friends
Ann Joy Swenson – 8/2/2003
Stephen Phillips – 8/6/1990

Our thoughts and prayers are with

Dorothy Brown on the loss of her husband, Elmer Brown. Dorothy and Elmer met at Friends Homes and were married under the care of both New Garden Meeting and Friendship Meeting. They shared seven and a half years together. Elmer was a distinguished theologian, taught at Harvard Divinity School and was Administrative Secretary for Cambridge Meeting. Dorothy is in Maples #67, Whittier Health Center, Friends Homes Guilford.

Ernest Miller has recently been in the hospital and upon his return has moved to room 804 Fry Hall (assisted living) at Friends Homes Guilford. We send him best wishes.

Handbook Changes

Please call Claire Koster (766-9769), clerk of the Handbook Committee, if you have questions about the *Handbook*. Give corrections, additions, or deletions for the *Handbook* to Claire, or email them to the editor, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com.

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