

Friendship Times

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Calendar

Fri, Oct 28	11 am Memorial Service for Cecilia Brown, living room, Friends Home Guilford
Sun, Oct 30	9 am Extended Meeting for Worship begins 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov. 6	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Nov 13	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun, Nov 20	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues, Nov 22	Last day to send newsletter material to Editor
Sun, Nov 27	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun, Dec 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship at 10:30 am each First Day. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings.

Our Children's Birthdays

Holland, Claire	11/3/04
Yvar Getties	11/23/08

Weekly events

Tuesday, 12:00–4:30 PM: Quiet Tuesday at the Meetinghouse

Midweek Meeting for Worship, on Wednesday at 7 pm, in the Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

Bible Study at 7 pm at the Meetinghouse every 2nd and 4th Thursday

Men's group meets at 6:30 pm at the Meetinghouse every 1st and 3rd Thursday

From the Editor

I will be traveling out of the country when the next newsletter needs to be published. Hopefully where I will be will have access to the Internet. If not, your newsletter will be late. Those receiving the newsletter by mail should not expect to see it until the second week in December. Material should be submitted by email, no later than Tuesday, Nov 22.

Month's Query

Query #11 *Do we reverence that of God in every human being with concern for the needs of each individual? Are we seeking to rectify existing social injustice and racial discrimination in our local communities and in the world at large?*

Minutes

At a meeting for business of Friendship Friends Meeting held at the meeting house on the afternoon of **Tenth Month 9, 2016**. The meeting began near the appointed hour with a period of waiting worship

2016-32. Application for Membership. The clerk read a letter of application for membership from Joshua Fox Perry Brown. This request was forwarded to the Care & Counsel Committee. Kim Carlyle and Elizabeth Judson-Rea have volunteered to serve on this clearness committee.

2016-33. Treasurer's Report.

Income in September 2016 totaled \$7,068.18 with \$809.80 to the General Fund; \$5,949.85 to the New Building Fund; \$108.53 to the Contingency Fund; and \$200.00 to the Property Fund.

Expenses in September 2016 totaled \$15,814.27. The operating expenses totaled \$1,655.14 including \$312.19 for Religious Education (childcare) and \$509.41 for Peace and Social Concerns (refugee family) plus other minor expenses. No supporting contributions were paid. Meeting House expenses totaled \$650.36 primarily for Equipment and Maintenance. New Building Fund expenses totaled \$37.60. Contingency Fund expenses totaled \$95.53 for the refugee family. Property Fund expenses totaled \$14,026.00 for weatherproofing and the new air conditioner. The Property Fund now has a substantial negative balance.

2016-34. **House & Grounds Committee Report to Monthly Meeting — October, 2015**

The House & Grounds Committee has reviewed our committee description in the Meeting handbook and revised it for clarity and to more accurately reflect our duties as follows:

House and Grounds Committee oversees maintenance, repairs, and improvements of the building and equipment; maintains the grounds; coordinates lawn care and grounds-keeping volunteers; organizes meeting work days; and responds to problems that require immediate attention. The committee is responsible for the purchase of all meetinghouse supplies other than those needed by the Hospitality Committee. When outside groups apply for use of the meetinghouse, the committee explains our policy. Application forms are on file in the meetinghouse office.

We have also considered the use of meetinghouse space for storage and developed a policy. But first, some background information.

One of the tasks of a work day in 2014 was “clean out the basement and the crawl space.” At the time, the basement had an odd collection of miscellaneous, barely-serviceable or broken furnishings such as chairs and tables as well as empty cartons, filing cabinets, packing materials, discarded building materials, books, and other stuff. It was a junk pile; it wasn’t even possible to clean the room. After obvious trash was discarded, Meeting members were asked to take what they wanted; then, Barnabas Network and Habitat for Humanity took what was left that was serviceable. The remaining junk was thrown away. This made the basement room available for meeting use. It was cleaned up and prepared for First Day School use. This whole process took months and lots of heavy lifting — and this was just the basement. Then the crawl space was cleaned out; it was full of junk and old building materials. More heavy lifting was required to make the crawl space safe for our HVAC renovation. Now, that both areas are clear (except for the recent deposit of yard sale items), it would be nice to keep them that way.

Here is the policy approved by the House & Grounds Committee:

POLICY ON USE OF MEETINGHOUSE FOR STORAGE. The House & Grounds Committee discourages storage of non-Meeting stuff anywhere in the meetinghouse. For temporary storage of items for Meeting use (e.g. yard sale goods), the H&G clerk should be notified in advance to help determine when, where, and how long items can be temporarily stored.

Friends accepted this report with appreciation for its clarity and approved the description for the meeting handbook as well as the policy concerning use of the meeting house for storage.

2016-35. Worship & Ministry.

Ministry is a shared responsibility of all who participate in our Quaker worship. The responsibility of **W**orship and **M**inistry is “to foster the spiritual life of the Meeting” (p. 27, *Faith and Practice*, North Carolina Yearly Meeting-Conservative). In particular the committee attends to the spiritual quality of the meeting for worship and the meeting for business. This may include encouraging those with gifts in ministry, whether spoken or otherwise. In addition, the committee provides opportunities for spiritual growth for members and attenders.

Specific committee responsibilities include:

- Arranging forums and other opportunities, such as all-meeting retreats, to foster religious education and spiritual growth
- Arranging a clearness committee and/or support group for someone seeking ways to develop and share with others specific spiritual gifts or other spiritual discernment

- Providing opportunities, through literature or otherwise, for visitors and attenders to learn more about the beliefs and practices of Friends
- Participating in closing meeting for worship
- Ensuring that our Yearly Meeting Queries are answered each year
- Ensuring that NCYM(C) Advices are read at least once a year

One must be a member or sojourning member to serve on the Worship and Ministry Committee. Worship and Ministry will meet jointly with the Committee on Care and Counsel at least once a year or as needed.

Minutes are given directly to the archives.

Friends accepted this report and approved the new description of the work of Worship & Ministry for inclusion in the meeting handbook.

2016-36. Clerk’s Duties & Responsibilities.

The clerk of the meeting has the role of a servant leader. The clerk guides the conduct of business meetings, serves as the center of communication within the meeting, serves as the contact person with regional Quaker bodies, speaks on behalf of the meeting when a spokesperson is required, and sees that the decisions of the meeting are carried out by the responsible persons or committees.

The clerk presides at monthly meetings for worship with a concern for business, facilitating the meeting’s discernment of the leadings of the Spirit. The clerk is responsible for setting the agenda, including items that were held over from previous meetings for business. A clerk is careful in exercising the right balance of authority of the office and discretion in deciding which matters should be brought before Friends and which may be personally dealt with.

When in doubt, it is advisable for the clerk to confer with experienced Friends. Our Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice can provide guidance to the clerk as well.

It is good for a clerk to keep a sense of proportion and a sense of humor, keeping alert to those who may need encouragement to speak and to those who stray from the matter or who speak most often. The clerk is sensitive to the meeting's unity or its disagreement during its process of discernment and may call for periods of silent waiting during times of strong division of opinion.

The clerk assists the recording clerk in preparing minutes during monthly meeting for business, making sure that each minute covers all the points on which a decision is required and that the minute is approved by those present before proceeding to other business.

The clerk ensures that a query from our Faith and Practice is read during a meeting for worship each month. The clerk is responsible for closing the meeting for worship. A member of Worship and Ministry can be asked to do these as well.

The clerk prepares the annual State of the Meeting report with input from the clerk's support committee and from committee clerks. The report is presented for approval by the monthly meeting and shared with North Carolina Yearly Meeting—Conservative prior to the Annual Sessions.

The clerk encourages and facilitates the work of the meeting's committees and is an ex officio member of the Care and Counsel, Worship and Ministry, and Finance committees.

The Clerk must be a member or sojourning member of Friendship Friends Meeting.

Friends accepted the report and approved its inclusion, with minor revisions, in the monthly meeting handbook. (Revisions are indicated in the body of the report above.)

2016-37. Refuge Team Report abstracted

Samir has had a car painting job for the last 3 weeks and has reported that he likes his Lebanese boss and the work. His boss picks him up every day and then drives him home. Samir works 6 days a week for 10 hours every day. Our team wants to be an advocate regarding his working conditions, but also want to respect Samir's wishes to continue with this job. His boss originally told him that he would have a two week trial period and then he would sign a contract, but now he has changed it to a three month trial period. Our team does not know his salary or any other details of the job.

The family is receiving \$771 in food stamps every month. Their money from ASC for rent, utilities, and other expenses will be running out in January. Our team has decided to give the family \$100 each month until January for an emergency allowance. We will reevaluate their financial situation in January.

Bonnie and Sheri have been continuing with English lessons at the family's home. We would love more volunteers to help out with English lessons. Samir works until 7 PM and is requesting English lessons at 8 PM. Please let Bonnie or Sheri know if you could help out with English practice in the evenings.

Ammar started being unhappy at school and we found out that he was moved to a class that better matched his skills. Ammar got the Student of the Week award and is very happy with school again.

The great news about Waed is that she is now potty trained during the day, but continues to wear a diaper at night. All of the family except Samir has dentist appointments this month

thanks to Kembra who has made the appointments and driving them. We have been concerned about Waed's dental hygiene and Tawfika is also having tooth pain.

Another member of the extended family arrived in Los Angeles from Jordan and requested to move to Greensboro near their relatives. They arrived this week with two children, ages 7 and 9. We now have four families living at Glen Haven Apartments. Our next step is having a meeting with all of the different sponsors of these families so that we can coordinate different activities for them.

The family has remained positive despite the setbacks of their electricity and water being turned off for six days and a very problematic used washing machine.

Our team again thanks all the members of Friendship Meeting who have supported our refugee family. We are still looking for a couch and a radio with a CD player. Also, if anyone could find some Arabic CD's the family would be so grateful. The Contingency Fund is a great way to make donations to our family. We may need a new washing machine in the near future. Thank you for your support.

Friends accepted this report with appreciation of the fluid nature of the family's situation, which seems to fluctuate day by day.

2016-38. Care and Counsel Report

Death

Beloved member of our meeting, Celia Brown, died October 5, 2016. Memorial arrangements are pending.

Updates

Anne Cassebaum Clearness Committee for Membership

A second meeting with Anne Cassebaum has been scheduled for October 30, 2016.

Paul Sherman

Paul Sherman is recovering well from surgery and expects to return to Greensboro mid-November. He can be emailed at sherpa33042@yahoo.com

Action

Pat Loring

A memorial service celebrating the life of Patricia Loring who died on August 21, 2016 was held at the meetinghouse on September 25th. A biographical sketch of Pat Loring was attached to the proposed agenda for 10th month Monthly Meeting. We request that this sketch be attached to the minutes.

Transfer of Marriage Under the Care of the Meeting Clearness Committee

Approval of an altered Clearness Committee is requested: Judy Purvis, Dave MacInnes and Lloyd Lee Wilson. This committee will be meeting with Stephen Holland and Hilary McCormick after approval of the committee.

Friends accepted the report with appreciation. Friends approved replacing Gay Bowles with Lloyd Lee Wilson on the committee dealing with the transfer of care of the marriage of Hilary McCormick and Stephen Holland. Friends also directed that the following memorial be placed in the meeting minutes:

Patricia Grady Loring, 80, died 8-21-2016 at Golden Living Center-Starmount in Greensboro following several years of ill health. She was born Patricia Loring Grady on 7-26-1936 in Rochester, New York, the daughter of Stanley Grady and Bernice Dammart Grady and sister of Dale Grady. She grew up in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. After graduating from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, she married Robert Basine in 1959 and the couple settled in Hartford, Connecticut. They were the parents of Robert Jr. and Melissa, who survive. She was

divorced in 1976 and changed her name to Patricia Grady Loring, switching her original middle and last names.

It was in Hartford that Patricia (known as Pat to her friends) became involved with Friends and joined the Hartford Meeting. She earned a master's degree in anthropology from Hartford Seminary. Following her divorce she lived for a time with her beloved uncle John Pike Grady in Eastport, Maine. He made it possible for her to study at Pendle Hill Center for Study and Contemplation near Philadelphia, and at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, DC. She lived for significant periods of time at Pendle Hill; in Princeton, New Jersey where she was active in the Princeton Friends Meeting; and in Bethesda, Maryland where she was a member of Bethesda Meeting.

Pat was drawn to the study of Quaker spirituality as well as the process of spiritual formation and was widely known among Friends as a retreat and workshop leader, writer, and spiritual director. For eight years, Bethesda Meeting supported her ministry of the spiritual nurture of meetings and individuals, releasing her for that work with financial and other assistance. Her work culminated in the publication of two volumes titled *Listening Spirituality*. Volume I (published in 1997) covered personal spiritual practices among Friends and volume II, (published in 1999) dealt with corporate spiritual practices among Friends. Bethesda Meeting aided her in the publication of her books. She was also the author of a Pendle Hill Pamphlet *Spiritual Discernment: The Context and Goal of Clearness Committees*.

Listening Spirituality quickly became a classic among contemporary Quaker writings, guiding countless Friends and Friends meetings into a greater understanding of Quaker spirituality and introducing Friends and others to the

personal and corporate practices that open our hearts and minds to God.

In 1998 Patricia moved to eastern Oregon hoping to improve her health in the dry climate. In 2008, seeking to find a home in a Friends community, she felt led to come to Greensboro and Friendship Meeting. Although her health began to decline soon after she moved here, she sought to be an active member in the meeting she came to love as a spiritual home and a blessed community. She attended meeting for worship and meeting for business as often as possible. Her vocal ministry was both inspired and instructive. She was a speaker in one meeting retreat. Even after her participation in meeting became more limited she continued to give to the meeting by selecting a large number of lesser known Quaker quotations, with the intention of publishing one or two in each issue of *Friendship Times*. As the editor explained, "they are to stir your own reflection, meditation and discussion of what we are about at this time in our history." As Pat declined in physical and mental capacity in her final years, the meeting provided her with assistance in the management of her affairs, with practical help in many other ways, and with companionship. She lived for the last three years of her life in Brookdale Northwest Greensboro, an assisted living home near enough to the meetinghouse that Friends could bring her to meeting quite conveniently.

Following a crisis in March of this year, she was moved to the Golden Living Center. She soon became a favorite patient of the staff to whom she was kind and appreciative. In her final days she was well-cared for by the center's nursing staff and by the Hospice team who managed her care. Her son and daughter, who had not seen her for many years, were able to visit her on the occasion of her eightieth birthday, about three weeks before she died.

It feels right to let Pat speak of her vision of Quakerism with an excerpt from the introduction to Volume I of *Listening Spirituality*.

To some extent this book has turned out to express my vision of all things made new by the presence of God in our world—not a judging God, who descends with drama at the end of time, but the loving, encouraging, empowering, hidden God who is present with us, within us, among us, here and now—as well as radically beyond us, The God who, in each moment, offers to transform our personal lives, our communal life together and—through us—to continue unfolding the creative, reconciling work of the world. (p.5)

2016-39. Communications Committee. Dave MacInnes reported for the Communications Committee. The report follows:
Report to Tenth 2016 Month Business Meeting

The Communications Committee has been considering a number of items.

1. George Fox and Friendship Times are periodicals, but sometimes situations arise that need to be communicated more quickly than weekly. This is an ongoing concern. From time to time, we do have news that needs to get out quickly (icy parking lot, power outage, etc.). What to do?

In the past, the clerk has issued such messages. If we continue to rely on the clerk, there are some issues to resolve. For one, the clerk may be absent when the need arises and two; our two periodicals and the clerk's messages do not go to the same audience. Currently our clerk is burdened with maintaining a distribution list.

The Communications Committee will develop a process for exceptional

communication needs which would include maintenance of a distribution list and guidelines for its use.

2. The Committee has been working on getting an acceptable way to project shows, movies and other graphics for the use at forums. Hopefully we will have something in place soon. Since proficiency in using media equipment is an age-old problem, we are also planning to provide training on how to operate the equipment.

3. Moving Friendship Friends Meeting website into the 21st Century from technologies developed in the latter part of the 20th Century is in order. It was suggested that we consider offering website content development training classes using WordPress, a computer management system (CSM) for website development. Updating Friendship Friends Meeting website to a WordPress format would be a way to help FFM move into the 21st Century. If there was a meeting member already trained in WordPress we would like to talk with them.

4. Finally, there is the huge question of how do we want to use social media. Many FFM members and attenders of all ages access many different social media resources. Learning how to creatively contribute content to those social media sources is an interactive process. Uses of social media range from publicity and ministry to documenting current Meeting events to making historical documents from past experiences. The committee has also been considering forums or such on social media.

Friends accepted this report with encouragement for the continued work of the committee.

2016-40. Annual Report of the Religious Education Committee - October 9, 2016

The Religious Education Committee has focused its efforts on coordinating childcare for meeting activities and organizing First Day School Activities for the children. Our first day activities have focused on two main areas in the past year: (1) the Syrian refugee crisis and (2) Understanding Quaker Process. As reported in our annual report last December (2015), the children reviewed current events about the Syrian refugee crisis and challenges that face refugees and immigrants through a series of first day school activities and invited lecturers. The older children presented a forum on the Syrian refugee crisis and collected monies that they donated to Doctors Without Borders. Following our activities surrounding the Syrian refugee crisis, the First Day Activities focused on learning about Quaker Process using lesson plans published by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting that addressed questions of what happens in Meeting for Worship? How is Meeting for Business conducted? and What does it mean to be in a community? We thank Judy Reese for preparing packets with all readings and craft materials needed for each lesson.

The older children of the meeting, ranging in age from 10 years old and up, are now using the basement of the meetinghouse for their first day school activities. House and Grounds had the carpet in the basement professionally steam-cleaned. House and Grounds also mounted a large panel of dry erase board on the interior basement wall for lessons, planning activities, and watching programs or movies from a portable projector. Several members of the meeting donated sitting chairs, a storage cubie and a kitchen table and chairs for their space. The space is now even quieter and more comfortable with the new heating and cooling system, which eliminated the need for dehumidifiers in the basement.

The children have assisted the meeting with several projects in the past year. They created posters to welcome the Syrian refugee family and made a thank you card for Celia Brown for her gift of property that made it possible for Friendship Friends Meeting to purchase the adjoining property from Friends Homes. Currently, the older children are helping to inventory the items being donated toward the meeting yard sale on November 12th. The item donations are currently being stored in the basement until the yard sale. The children are planning to have baked goods to sell at the yard sale to raise further funds for our new meeting room.

Finally, we have been very fortunate to have great childcare support from several nurturing Guilford College students. Our childcare providers include: Emma Moreno, Hayley Lowry, Libby Stillwell, Sophia Perlmutter and Merrill Daniels. Rachel Featherstone also worked with the children over the summer. Libby moved on to Boston in July, where she is working with Quaker Voluntary Service. The Religious Education Committee has coordinated 2 to 3 childcare providers for each First Day to make sure that our youngest friends have the attention they need. Because of the increased number of childcare providers, we have exceeded our committee budget by the month of August. We are working on a plan to adjust our childcare providers to 2 per Sunday in the coming calendar year and have requested an increase in our committee budget to better reflect our actual expenses.

Friends accepted this report with great appreciation for the terrific work of everyone working with our First Day School.

2016-41. Fundraising Committee Report -
October 9, 2016

1. Pledges and payments paid on pledges through August 31, 2016:
 - a. Pledges made:
\$159,120.00
 - b. Payments paid on pledges:
\$ 56,335.00
 - c. Outstanding pledges:
\$102,785.00 (65%)

2. Matching Gift Campaign: The Meeting is challenged to raise \$150,000 in new gifts between now and October 20, 2018. When the meeting raises that amount, Charles and Mary Routh will match our success with \$150,000 of their own. The funds eligible for the matching gift include all monetary contributions, gifts of stock, pledges, or increases on pledges made prior to July 2016. Pledges should be fulfilled by October 2018.

3. Progress toward the Matching Gift Campaign (as of September 30, 2016):
 - a. Pledges made (MGC): \$ 5,550
 - b. Monetary contributions (MGC):
\$13,736
 - c. Gifts/new pledges needed to reach
\$150,000: \$130,714

4. The Fundraising Committee has scheduled a yard sale at the meetinghouse for November 12th beginning at 8 am. Members and attenders are requested to consider contributing items to the sale or donating your time to help at the sale. Items are being collected in the Young Friends space in the meetinghouse basement until the sale. Please contact Kembra Howdeshell (336-323-1375; kembra@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions or would like a receipt for your donation.

Friends accepted this report with appreciation.

2016-42. All Meeting Retreat and Forum. Darlene Stanley of Worship and Ministry reminded Friends of the upcoming All Meeting Retreat Tenth Month 14-16, 2016, with guest Brian Drayton of New England Yearly Meeting. Brian will lead Friends in an exploration of *A Language for the Inner Landscape*, his most recent book. On First Day, 10/17, he will be the presenter at a meeting forum on recognizing/recording gifts of ministry.

**All Meeting Retreat
10th month 14-15, 2016**

10th Month 14, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm (with supper and childcare)

10th Month 15, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (beverages and snacks at 8:30; lunch, and childcare)

A Language for the Inward Landscape

Brian Drayton, presenter

The earliest Friends gave birth to a rich vocabulary in the effort to describe and communicate their spiritual experience both as individuals and as a community. We continue to hear many of these words and phrases today in our meetings, though our usage may be different from the Friends who walked before us.

What do WE mean when we use such words as “light” or “condition” or ? What did the Friends who first used these words mean? How might revisiting these words enlighten our spiritual lives as Friends today?

Using Brian Drayton's (and William Taber's) book *A Language for the Inward Landscape* as a jumping off place, we expect the Spirit to move us to ask questions and discover deeper meanings and understandings of our shared life as Friends through some of its special vocabulary.

Brian Drayton is a member of Weare (NH) Monthly Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting.

He is a plant ecologist working in science education research in Cambridge, MA. Brian is exceptionally well versed in early Friends' history and speaks richly, seriously and with humor. He welcomes questions and dialogue. He has traveled extensively among Friends carrying a concern to encourage those who contribute to their Meeting's ministry.

Brian has authored *On Living with a Concern for the Gospel Ministry*, Pendle Hill pamphlets *Getting Rooted* and *James Nayler Speaking*, and various other epistles and pamphlets. Follow Brian on his blog <https://amorvincat.wordpress.com/>

Forum 10th Month 16

Lunch and Childcare provided

Brian Drayton, a recorded minister in NEYM, will facilitate a Forum on the Religious Society of Friends' practice of recording ministry. What does it mean to record ministry or a minister? What is the role of the meeting and the role of the recorded minister in relationship to one another? What is gained by the meeting and the minister in the action of recording?

This Forum is in response to questions and a request for more understanding about recording, voiced during a meeting for business last fall.

2016-43. Pathways. Susan Carlyle reported that there is a small project at Pathways that the meeting could take on. She will ask our young Friends if they wish to do this as their own service project.

2016-44. Closing Minute. With hearts generally clear and no further business appearing, Friends adjourned the meeting, intending to gather again for business on the 13th of Eleventh Month 2016, if consistent with God's will.

Susan Carlyle

Clerk

Lloyd Lee Wilson Recording Clerk

From our Worship and Ministry Committee:

Worship and Ministry were blessed and delighted to host Brian Drayton for the recent All Meeting Retreat Oct 14-16.

For those that attended either Friday or Saturday or both we are asking for feedback. Thank you for taking the time to let us know about your experience. You do not need to feel like you need to answer the questions below; there are intended to stimulate thoughts about the weekend.

What was your overall experience? What are some take-aways that may have some lasting impressions? What would you like to say to or see Worship and Ministry offer that might speak to something that rose up for you that weekend?

Would you be interested in a group formed for the purpose of reading Quaker journals, Fox, Woolman, Pennington?

Brian offered to stay in communication with anyone to continue discussions, are you wanting to do that and need his email?

He presented and answered questions on Recorded ministers that the Meeting body asked? What are your thoughts now?

It means a lot to the committee to hear from you, please email or speak to us directly with your thoughts and impressions.

Committee members are: Carole Treadway; Neal Swenson, Judy Purvis, Susan Wilson, and Darlene Stanley, Clerk.

The FFM Yard Sale to benefit the Meetinghouse Fundraising Campaign will be held on Saturday, **November 12th**, beginning at 8 AM. Items for the yard sale are currently being collected in the basement of the meetinghouse (the Young Friends space). Please also consider if you have time to donate your time to help on the day of the sale. Contact Maureen Burns ([336-545-4487](tel:336-545-4487)) or Kembra Howdeshell (336-323-137) if you have any questions about the yard sale.

The Meeting's response to Query 10 taken from query session on first month:

Query #10: *Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature? Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?*

Attempting to understand what it means to live in harmony with nature in our advanced technology society is challenging. Each year we are becoming more aware of our failure to live in harmony with nature.

Stewardship of resources requires commitment and frequent reevaluation of our individual practices. We endeavor to discern our needs of new products and services before making purchases for ourselves and for the meeting. We try to make good choices in the purchase of paper products and cleaning supplies for the meetinghouse. We remind ourselves that "there is no away" when something is placed in the trash.

We continue to learn about the hidden costs to the environment from our devices of convenience as well as our abundant food supply. Distractions from that which is best for our spiritual growth abound.

We are currently discerning the pros and cons of installing an internet connection at the meetinghouse.

We look forward to the possibility of using solar technology for heating and electrifying our proposed new meeting space. We will discern, as time goes on, landscaping techniques which require little watering and mowing.

New Address for Grace Sullivan and Howard Taylor

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336 370 6751

GREENSBORO Priscilla Margaret Hixson Zuck died at Friends Homes on Monday, October 17, 2016. Priscilla was born on February 3, 1922 in Erie, Pennsylvania to Earl E. and Katherine Reinwald Hixson. She attended school in Erie County and studied nutrition at Hood College before marrying Melvin A. Zuck in 1943. On



October 3, 2016, 14 days prior to her death, Priscilla and Mel commemorated their 73rd wedding anniversary. They had grown into adulthood together, shared many adventures and world-wide travel, and were joined in committing their lives to humanitarian, peace, and social justice causes. Priscilla and Mel were the loves of each other's lives. Priscilla spent her life raising her family, being a devoted wife, and helping others at home and abroad. She also had an artist's and gardener's heart which was expressed in all aspects of her career as a consummate home engineer, renovator, master

gardener, and dedicated volunteer in social service. She hosted many events in her home, warmly welcoming old friends and new from around the world. She will also be remembered for her wry wit, her incredible sense of humor, her tell-it-like-she-saw-it personality, and her passion for the causes and projects she adopted. Priscilla often reflected upon her years spent in India and Hawaii, Chicago and Texas, and vacations enjoyed in St. John. She took on leadership roles throughout her life wherever she resided, such as in the organization of a Red Cross volunteer group in the 1960s to reform the conditions of care in a Houston, Texas public hospital. This project and her role in it were chronicled in a book written by her friend and author, Jan de Hartog. After moving to Greensboro, Priscilla served on the Board of Directors at the YWCA from 1972 to 1976, as the chair, Public Affairs; president; chair, of the Membership Committee; and continuing member. Priscilla was lifelong advocate and activist for women's rights and also served as a member of the League of Women Voters while living in Greensboro. In addition to her loving husband Mel, Priscilla is survived by her daughter, Lucinda Zuck Frost and husband David of San Antonio, Texas; her sons, John Zuck and wife Lesley Armstrong of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Timothy Zuck of Tiny, Ontario; and grandchildren Jonathan Frost, Christian Zuck, Anna Zuck and Bronwyn Zuck. Priscilla's wish to forgo a memorial service is being honored by her friends and family. The Zuck family invites contributions to a collection of poems, reminiscences, anecdotes, favorite memories, or memorable interactions with Priscilla, which can be submitted to: memoryofphz@runbox.com. The family wishes to extend deep appreciation to the

Friends Homes community for their support and love, with special thanks to the Whittier and Maples staff who provided extraordinary care for Priscilla over the past months. Online condolences may be offered at www.forbisanddick.com.

Ted Benfey had a great birthday celebration at the National American Chemical Society Meeting in Philadelphia in August. The entire symposium was written up in the Chemistry and Engineering News and can be found at <http://cen.acs.org/articles/94/i37/scientist-helped-shape-chemical-education.html?h=1407192298>



Ted, son Stephen and friends at the symposium



Of course there was an after symposium party – at Zahav's restaurant where we were treated with real Israeli food.

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