

Portland Friends Newsletter

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TENTH MONTH 2012

First Day schedule

Meeting for Worship

Sundays 10:30am

Religious Education

2nd & 4th Sundays:

Adults 9am, singing 10am,

youth 10:45am

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The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience.

—Emily Dickinson

Advices & Queries

No one human being or group has the full measure of the Light. Seek to understand the experience of those whose theology and practices differ from your own. Take opportunities to enter into prayer and work with the wider community of faith. Find ways to articulate your own faith so that it may be shared with others. *(From revised Ch. 11, New England Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice, preliminarily accepted)*

Upcoming Events

Oct 10 - Nov 18 FUM's 40 Days of Prayer for the Future of Friends

Oct 20 United Society of Friends Women Fall Gathering, Dover, NH

Oct 23 Preble Street Soup Kitchen, 3:30-7pm. Aaiyn Foster, 766-9762

Oct 26-27 "Deepening Worship", Woolman Hill

Oct 28 Singing & Religious Ed: Adults 9am, singing 10am, youth 10:45am

Fall Cleanup Day, noon

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, Windham, 12:30-3:30pm

Nov 2-4 NEYM Young Adult Friends Retreat, Framingham, MA

Junior High retreat, Woolman Hill

Quaker Parents of Teens retreat, Mt. Toby Friends Meeting

Nov 3 Saturday Art Project, PFM 10am-noon. Kathy Beach, 233-2065

NEYM "Funding Our Vision" meeting, Westport, MA, 9am-3:30pm

Nov 10 Youngish Adults Potluck, 5-8pm. Marnie Grumbach, 856-5008

Nov 11 Singing & Religious Ed: Adults 9am, singing 10am, youth 10:45am

There are members and attenders who need rides to Meeting and other support during times of difficulty. If you need or can provide rides, food, or your silent presence at home meetings for worship, please leave a message for Shannon O'Connor, 774-2578.

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Deadline for receiving newsletter items: Friday after business meeting or sooner!

Minutes of Portland Friends Monthly Meeting October 7, 2012

Portland Friends Meeting gathered in meeting for worship to conduct business on October 7, 2012 at 9 a.m., with 24 members and attenders present. We began in silent worship, during which co-clerk Muriel Allen read the fifth Advices from the new, preliminarily approved Advices and Queries of New England Yearly Meeting, which begins, "No one human being or group has the full measure of the Light." From the advices of New England Yearly Meeting Young Adult Friends, she also read the advice "Never be absolutely sure that you are right."

1. Clerk's Concerns. Co-Clerk Muriel Allen spoke of the relation of our "graciously large" tent as Quakers to the limiting decision to withhold funds from Friends United Meeting because of their personnel policy. What indeed are our boundaries? Muriel will be participating in 40 days of prayer over the future of Friends, hoping that Quakers can come to compromise together.

2. We found the minutes of our September meeting to be in good order.

3. Treasurer's Report. Sara Jane Elliot reported for Treasurer Kathy Beach that we are nine months, or 75% into the budget year. Income for September was \$4268, so that year-to-date income stands at \$42,059. September expenses were \$7253 so that year-to-date expenses are \$48,656, resulting in a September shortfall of \$-2985 and year-to date shortfall of \$-6599. These figures are normal for this time of year. We have paid 100% of our large contributions, including the one to New England Yearly Meeting. There have also been large expenses for our facilities--the sewer, the windows for example. Friends accepted the report.

Treasurer's Report at a glance:

- 9 months = 75% of the year
- Total income: \$42,059 (58% of budget)
- Total expenses: \$48,656 (67% of budget)
- Budget deficit: \$6,599

Next Sunday there will be a threshing session at the rise of Meeting on stewardship, the basics of the budget and our responsibilities. Financial Oversight Committee asks for any outstanding budget requests from Clerks of the various committees.

4. Ministry and Counsel. Kate Potter reported for Ministry and Counsel. The committee requests alternate Greeters on First Day mornings, from 10 a.m until 10:45. Traditionally members of Ministry & Counsel sign up for this vital welcoming task, but it would be helpful if any regular Attender or Member could sign up to join us occasionally. Contact Kate, Dee Kelsey or Lyn Ballou if you want to learn what the task involves.

The Committee is defining the role of Welcomer, someone who follows up with connections such as a phone call to people who come to Meeting for the first time, or are new in the area. Sarah Cushman has quietly and capably done this for years but is wishing to step aside at the beginning of next year. We should all be mindful of being friendly to newcomers after Worship, and wear our name tags.

Today we celebrate and welcome two new Members at Rise of Worship, Elizabeth Szatkowski and Christina Davis.

5. Archives Committee. Andy Grannell reported for the Committee by displaying 5 variously colored notebooks for 5 different committees, each with an index. They will aid in better planning based on how things have been done in the past, without the need to reinvent the wheel each time, as Friends rotate on and off committees. He also presented 5 other notebooks containing the history of Friends in this area since the 18th century; documents about the origins, maintenance and renovations of our building; State of Society reports. The Committee is working on where to house these notebooks so that they are accessible. They are also working on indexed paper and electronic copies of the newsletter. They will back-up electronically the paper versions of documents. Andy offered to meet with committee clerks about their committee's volume. Friends expressed thanks to Andy and the rest of the committee for organizing these materials so that we and others may benefit from them.

The question was raised how we are moving forward to facilitate the placement of ongoing work into the archives. Andy indicated the committee has worked on that with the newsletters.

6. Request for NEYM Mid-Year Gathering to be held at PFM. Dorothy Grannell reported that the FWCC Section of the Americas theme for 2013 "Let the Living Waters Flow, Friends Serving God's Purposes" has been chosen as the theme of the NEYM Mid-Year Gathering to be held on March 22 and 23. The request is being made that it be held at Portland Friends Meeting with perhaps a small group on Friday evening and then all day on Saturday. A rental fee will be paid to the meeting (to be determined). There is a Working Party Planning Group selected from Sessions Committee and FWCCNE and Dorothy Grannell is the designated clerk of the Working Party. The speakers for the event will come from Northern Ireland and Scotland: Simon Lamb and John Fitzgerald. Simon Lamb is the assistant clerk of the FWCC International and John Fitzgerald is the clerk of the International Young Adult Friends. They are evangelical Friends from an unprogrammed tradition. The request is for use of the building on March 22 and 23. No financial support is being asked except if Portland Friends choose to attend. Cost for the Midyear Gathering will be approximately \$30 per person.

Local Friends from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting will be asked to assist in providing hospitality for those who need overnight accommodations as well as assisting with registration or other details. It is possible that Young Adult Friends will want to utilize the meeting house for overnight accommodations on Friday night following their meeting with the speakers. A chef/cook will be employed to provide the meals. Although guests will be expected from throughout Yearly Meeting, the total number is not expected to exceed 100. There will not be a program for children and teens, but child care for the youngest children would be offered. The hope of Sessions committee is that by providing a location in Maine, Friends from Northern Maine, New Hampshire and parts of Vermont will find it easier to participate in a NEYM midyear event than if it is held in the Boston area or farther south. Of course members and attenders of Portland Friends are encouraged to participate. This will be a joint program of the Yearly Meeting and Friends Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, and the theme is an extension of the World Conference that was held in Kenya in April.

Friends approved and welcomed the opportunity to house this gathering.

Minutes, October 7, 2012, continued

7. Quarterly Meeting Representatives. Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for October 28 (Sunday) at Windham Meeting. We sought representatives. They are Marlee Turner, Barbara Rose McIntosh and Andy Grannell. We also seek representatives from the Ministry and Counsel Committee. Kate Potter volunteered.

8. Representative to NEYM Nominating Committee. The Clerk reiterated our call for someone to serve in this capacity. Please contact either Clerk if you can do this, or have someone to suggest. It involves 3 or 4 meetings a year, including one at Sessions in the summer. A lot of work is done through phone, e-mail and Skype.

9. Report on the History of the Ramallah School. Andy Grannell pointed out that the originators of the school were two Maine farmers, Eli and Sibyl Jones, who sailed from Salem, Massachusetts in 1869 to answer a call about Palestine. A few years later, they met a 14-year old girl who begged them to help found a school for girls. This crystallized the call, and the school began. It now educates more than 1,000 students a year, boarding and day, 45% female and 55% male, elementary through high school. It is under the care of Friends United Meeting. It has become a beacon for peace and reconciliation in this war-torn area and a living testimony of Friends' beliefs. Friends expressed thanks to Andy for his description of its history.

Falmouth quarter is being asked to support one 12-year scholarship, although the money might be used for more than one student. The request is for 12 years beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.

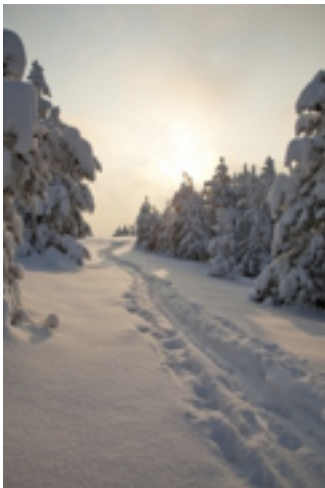
10. Peace and Social Concerns. Jennifer Frick reported for the Committee on how much we could contribute toward a Ramallah scholarship. Falmouth and Vassalboro Quarters have been asked for \$2800/year. The Committee recommends \$500/year for the next 12 years from Portland Friends Meeting. They arrived at this figure by deciding we should give more than the other 7 meetings in the Quarter because we are larger. It would begin for 2013 fiscal year. The Quarter would like an answer by December. Friends pointed out we need to make this decision as part of our whole budget approval process. We could consider this particular request as we hold our threshing session next week, and make a final decision later. Friends approved this approach.

Friends also expressed a desire to pursue connections with this school and ways we can support it.

Peace and Social Concerns is continuing its Next-Step Suppers to support leadings of various attenders.

We closed in silent worship at 10:30 a.m. with 33 members and attenders present, purposing to meet again at 9 a.m. on November 4, 2012, God willing.

Lyn Ballou, Co-Recording Clerk



Guidelines for Applications to the Leadings Committee

The Leadings Committee is accepting applications again. If you have a leading that you have been feeling nudged by but need some financial support to pursue, please apply!

1. The applicant should have a strong sense that they are being led by the Spirit to undertake the proposed project or work. They should be able to explain how they arrived at their conviction.
2. The applicant should have a sense that the time is right for them to fully commit to this leading and to give it their best effort.
3. The applicant should describe the project, being as specific as possible about the expected results and how they might benefit Portland Friends Meeting or the wider community. Please tell the committee of any independent corroboration of benefit you have received in regard to the project.

4. The applicant should submit a preliminary budget for the project substantiating the amount of the grant being requested.

5. The applicant should be aware that preference will be given to those applying for the first time and to members or attenders who have been active in our Meeting or another Quaker Meeting for several years. Those reapplying are encouraged to consider other sources of funding as well such as grant writing or an annual fundraiser or other Quaker support for leadings such as the Lyman or Obadiah Brown Funds.

Applications can be emailed to Patricia Pyle (patricia_pyle@yahoo.com), or snail mailed to 350 Duck Pond Rd, Westbrook 04092

More background on Ramallah Friends School

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting has asked PFM and other monthly meetings in Maine for a one-time or annual donation to help support the Ramallah Friends School. We'll be considering this request in future business meetings.



Brief accounting of the travels in the public ministry of a China, Maine farming couple, Sybil & Eli Jones (1840-1873)

Sybil Jones (1808 –1873) travelled as a recorded/recognized Quaker minister and foreign missionary accompanied always by her faithful companion and also Quaker minister husband Eli Jones (1807-1890) almost continuously from 1840 to 1873. They were distant cousins and both were well acquainted with the rigors of farming life in Brunswick and later China, Maine. Early Sybil felt the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the encouragements of Friends to exercise her gifts for public speaking.

Together they travelled first to the Canadian Maritime Provinces in 1840 with strong concerns for education of both boys and girls but especially girls, abstinence from the use of alcohol, and their passionate concern to share their evangelical love of Christ. Following this visit to eastern Canada, they began a series of travels that stretched over the next 33 years.

Despite being parents to five children (left to the care of capable and close knit family and Friends) and despite Sybil's always fragile health, Sybil & Eli traveled across the United States, then to Liberia to visit the recently freed peoples there, to England, Ireland, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, and France in Europe; and then later to Scotland, Greece, Egypt, and then Palestine.

One of the last of these travels in the ministry took them twice to Palestine and it was on the second visit in the summer of 1869 that a young Palestinian girl of 14 pleaded with Eli to aid in starting a school for girls that would accompany a school for boys already in operation. When Eli turned to this 14 year old and asked, "Who would teach in this school?" She answered quickly, "I will."

From this seed grew a number of schools for girls in the neighboring villages of Ramallah and in time into what is now the internationally recognized Friends School of Ramallah, a KG – 12th grades. Photos of Sybil and of Eli as well as a detailed history of their ministries can be located online at "Google Books"; this book completed in shortly before Eli's death in 1889 and entitled, *Eli and Sybil Jones: Their Life and Work* was the first of over 50 books written by their nephew Rufus Matthew Jones (1863-1948). --Andy Grannell

Ramallah School FAQs

Information relating to Ramallah Friends School may be found on its web site (<http://www.palfriends.org/>). Many of the questions raised in Business Meeting are answered in the "About Us" section of the website. Other Quaker-related materials about the school can be found at the FUM website (www.fum.org). A few key facts:

Staff: Joyce Ajlouny is the current Head of School and a 1983 graduate of the school. Twelve teachers from the United States were added this fall. There are also opportunities for internships at the school.

Sources of support: The Friends School supports itself mainly through tuition and fees (80%). The remainder comes mostly from donations. The Friends School greatly depends on the support of Quakers, Alumni, and other contributors to sustain its educational programs. Large infrastructural projects are normally funded by USAID/ASHA and other international development agencies, including the UNDP. -- Dorothy Grannell

Q&A: Christina Davis

This month we celebrate Christina Davis as a new member of the Meeting. But can she knit? Here's what Christina had to say...

What draws you to this Meeting?

I've enjoyed the sense of community from this meeting. It's very supportive of people at all different life stages.

How do you see the role of Quakers in the larger community?

I'm a big fan of social justice, and Quakers taking a role in advancing the cause of economic, personal, and international equality.

What's something Friends might not know about you?

I am the world's worst knitter. I think that this may be Quaker sin.



Sixth World Conference of Friends Documentary Online

If you would like to have a brief visit to Kenya and share in the experience of the largest, most diverse gathering of Quakers ever assembled please go to <http://tinyurl.com/salt-light-documentary>. Be prepared to be drawn into 42 minutes of lively music, moving life experiences, prayer, preaching and strong commitments to Friends testimonies from Friends around the world. You will also see some amazing scenes of life in Kenya and visit with some of the native animals. You are invited to ask Dorothy and Andy Grannell about their experiences there this past April or e-mail them.

Photo: Latin American Friends singing at the start of their plenary session at Kabarak University.

PFM Retreat: “Weather made it hard, but general cheerfulness was maintained”

“Great sense of community, deepening as the weekend went along”

“Low key without too much structure”

“I appreciated the fires ... but I was so cold ...”

“Wish more friends could have been with us”

“Wonderful experience” “Thank you, planning committee!!”

-- Retreat evaluations



Photo: Christine Martell



Fall Gathering, United Society of Friends Women in New England - Oct 20

Saturday, Oct 20, 1012, Gonic Friends Meeting, 41 Pickering Rd., Gonic, NH 03839

9:30 Arrival with worship at 10:00am

11:00 Program, "Let the Living Water Flow, Serving God's Purposes" Patricia Shrock, Presiding Clerk of USFW International from Indiana YM who has served as a volunteer at Friends Teachers College in Kenya, Friends School in Belize, and in Northern Ireland will visit and share with us some of her spiritual journey. This will followed by brief sharing of the ways each of us are letting Living Waters flow in our own ministries.

12:00 Pot Luck Lunch – bring an item to share.

1:00 Business Meeting

Seminar at the Friends School - Oct 24

Beyond Princesses and Pirates: Navigating Gender and Sexuality Diversity in Childhood - with author Jennifer Bryan

Wednesday, Oct 24, 7:00pm, Friends School of Portland

Free and Open to the Public

What is gender stereotyping and how can we overcome its limitations?

How should we talk to children about gender and sexuality diversity?

How do we learn to face prejudices and inequities with compassion and confidence?

Jennifer Bryan challenges our thinking about "natural" differences between boys and girls, and helps us better understand the complexity of diverse gender identities. A very engaging speaker, Jennifer will lead parents and community members in an interactive discussion on the topic of gender, sexual diversity, and kids. A resource list and book fair will provide opportunities for continued engagement with this topic.

Learn more about Jennifer Bryan at <http://www.jenniferbryanphd.com>.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting - Oct 28

Sunday, October 28, 12:30-3:30pm at Windham Friends Meeting. This is Falmouth Quarterly Meeting's major business meeting of the year. There will be a discussion of the practice of "recording gifts of ministry." Please bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. There is no childcare or youth programming. Car pool can be arranged from Portland Friends Meeting



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This retreat is from Friday dinner through Saturday dinner, with an option to stay until Sunday.

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DEEPENING WORSHIP

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OCTOBER 26-27, 2012

An offering in the program series CRACKED OPEN:
Going Deeper into the Why, What and How of Our Quaker Practice

Enlightenment is an accident. Practice makes us accident prone. -Zen proverb

Spirit-filled worship is something we can't plan for or make happen; it is a gift. But just as in the quote above, there are things we can do which will make us more likely to find this gift, and more able to open to it when it begins to arrive. This retreat will focus on practices which can make us more "accident prone" to receive the blessed gift of powerful, nurturing worship. We will look at how we prepare for worship, how we center down, how to open more to each other and to God during worship, and how to practice discerning between vocal ministry and an impetus to speak that comes from within ourselves alone.

Worship is at the heart of all we do as Friends. If our worship is grounded and nourishing, our meetings flourish. If it is shallow or tangled, our meeting life will suffer. And we mostly leave each other to find our own way in this crucial part of our lives. Come join others in learning ways to enrich our common worship, the lifeblood of our communal faith and practice. This workshop will be experiential and immediate, and will seek to draw Friends into deeper experiences and understandings of our rich practice as Friends.

As preparation for this retreat, Friends are invited and encouraged to engage with the following queries. Whether or not you feel led to work with these queries, you are welcome to participate in the retreat.

1. What do you do to nurture your spirit? How regular are you in this practice?
2. If you are attending the retreat, please practice a spiritually nurturing activity for 20 minutes or more each day. If you do not find the time to do so, without judging yourself, notice what was a greater priority. How does the week's spiritual practice correlate with your experience of worship each Sunday?
3. How do you prepare for worship on Sunday morning?

Christopher Sammond, a member of Poplar Ridge (NY) Meeting, currently serves as General Secretary of New York Yearly Meeting. He carries a concern for faithfulness and a commitment to helping Friends to open to deeper worship. *Colin Saxton* is General Secretary of Friends United Meeting. He previously served as pastor, adjunct professor at George Fox University, and superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting in Oregon.

Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth & Reconciliation Commission



Carlisle Indian School, native children taken from their tribes

Panel discussion, Nov 15

Thursday, November 15, 6:30 PM

Talbot Hall, University of Southern Maine, Portland

Guest Speakers: Denise Yarmal Altvater, Esther Anne Altvater, Passamaquoddy tribal members

Co-sponsored by Portland Friends Meeting and USM



Faith-based organizing - exploratory meeting Nov 14

Over the past year, Maine faith and community leaders have been working together to explore the potential for building a powerful statewide community organization. In November these organizers will be discussing next steps, and you are invited to join the process. They write: *Your input will make a difference. Please join other clergy and lay leaders to discuss how we can respond as people of faith to the economic issues facing our state.*

Southern Maine meeting: Wednesday, November 14, noon-2pm. Location TBD. Lunch will be served.

RSVP to Mark Wendorf at justiceorganizer@gmail.com

From the archives....



The Archives Committee has been hard at work collecting records from other PFM committees. They've also compiled documents on the history of Friends in this area since the 18th century; the origins, maintenance and renovations of our building; and State of Society reports. All these are now available in a set of colored binders - storage location TBD. The Committee is also working on indexed paper and electronic copies of the newsletter.

How can Friends use these archives? Here are a few "case studies" - questions the records helped answer recently.

- PFM's First Day School, 1990-2012: chronology & policy
- PFM's Retreats, 1987-2012: chronology & evaluation documents
- PFM's Chronology of renovations, to Meeting House: 1994-1996
- PFM's History with and contemporary use of music - response to an inquiry
- PFM's Installation of a septic tank

Happy researching!

Junior High retreat - and parent retreat

JHYM Retreat

November 2-4, Woolman Hill Center in Deerfield, MA

“We Learn to Walk by Falling Down” -- Robert Kiyosaki

For many, the possibility of making a mistake keeps us from trying new, hard, or public things. We're afraid of being imperfect, and so stick with crawling when we could learn to jump and run. What comfort and courage might Quakers today and long ago offer us? How can our community's love and acceptance help us to be more forgiving and patient with ourselves so that we can learn from our mistakes when we fall, get back up, and keep on movin' on? Register on line at www.neym.org

Quaker Parents of Teens Retreat

November 2-4, Mt Toby Friends Meeting (194 Long Plain Road, Leverett, MA)

A rich conversation is taking hold among Quaker parents of teens in New England. The next chapter in this living exchange of hopes, concerns, and support is at Mt. Toby Meeting, November 2-4. We've timed it, at the parents' request, to coincide with one of our wonderful Jr. High Yearly Meeting retreats which is happening at nearby Woolman Hill. Mt. Toby Friends have very graciously offered hospitality in their homes.

There will be time to give voice to challenges and needs as Quaker parents all the while picking up successful strategies and approaches from other parents. Ginna Schonwald, a public school librarian and Dover Friend, will extend her guidance on Internet Safety and the Social Media begun at Sessions this summer with a hands-on component showing and telling about appropriate settings for Facebook, etc. Kathryn Cranford, a health professional and Concord Friend, with a family practice will share about teen sexuality in a grounded, affirming, and practical way.

We'll begin a new thread to our living conversation with an exploration of Intergenerational Service Trips. These trips offer Quaker families a powerful combination of benefits.

- A sense of confidence, empowerment and competence through learning basic construction skills and participating in a tangible group project.
- A strengthened foundation of trust in our parent-teen relationships through a shared positive experience and adventure.
- A Quaker vocabulary of faith introduced by walking through a clearness process reflecting on the inner stirrings that drew the travelers to this service.
- Faith formation. A Quaker Service Trip creates an occasion to take concrete steps to serve and help others which often crystallizes the beginnings of a teen's faith. They are now acting on their own intentions adding to what may have previously been an overlay of parental or community values. Their faith truly becomes their own at this point.

We need to create more intergenerational Quaker service opportunities available to our Middle School-aged youth and their families. David Fisher, the executive director of Interfaith Appalachia, will visit us to share briefly about his new initiative to offer service trips to Harlan County, Kentucky. The trips combine direct service to the community, environmental learning about the devastating effects of mountain top removal coal mining, and interfaith dialogue with the local ministry partners of Interfaith Appalachia. For more information on Interfaith Appalachia, see www.interfaithappalachia.org. He is willing to organize an intergenerational Quaker service trip geared especially for Middle School youth and their parents.

This really is a living conversation. The Quaker Youth Education Committee members organizing the retreat will be listening for the needs and leadings that arise. This next chapter in our conversation as Quaker parents of teens will actively shape the steps that the Yearly Meeting takes to support and accompany parents on this journey. For more information and to pre-register, email Beth Collea at recoord@neym.org.



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Notices

Fall cleanup day will be Sunday,
Oct 28 at rise of meeting.

Greeters wanted

Ministry and Counsel invites experienced attenders to take on the job of greeting newcomers (and familiar faces) as they arrive at Meeting for Worship. To join the roster of greeters, talk to Kate Potter, 761-1648

Astrea's last show

Astrea Campbell-Cobb will soon be moving the New York City, but before she goes she is acting in one more production: "The Medicine Show". She invites those who are intrigued to come on out for this Halloween-themed show in Bowdoinham Saturdays and Sundays, Oct 13-28 at 7 p.m. More info: www.ZigguratTheatre.org

David and Patsea Cambell-Cobb are also featured this month in the "Converge" continuing studies show at Maine College of Art. The show runs through Oct 20.

Three steps to reserve the meetinghouse

To reserve Meetinghouse space for meeting-related activities or for outside groups, please keep things simple by following these steps.

FIRST: Check our online calendar for space availability: www.PortlandFriendsMeeting.org

SECOND: Review our online rental guidelines (and fees if appropriate)

THIRD: To reserve the space/time, contact Jane Mullen at 761-5856 [/jmmaine@aol.com](mailto:jmmaine@aol.com)