

Portland Friends Newsletter

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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH MONTHS 2013

First Day schedule

Meeting for Worship

Summer schedule:
Sundays, 9am and 5pm
followed by potluck at 6:30pm

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PortlandFriendsMeeting.org

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*God appears, and God is light,
To those poor souls who dwell in night;
But does a human form display
To those who dwell in realms of day.
—William Blake*

Advices & Queries

9. Attend to the Spirit at work in the ordinary activities and experiences of your daily life. There is inspiration to be found all around us, in the natural world, in the sciences and arts, in our work and friendships, in our sorrows as well as in our joys. Be open to and alert for how the Spirit may be speaking to you in fresh ways, leading you in new directions.

(From revised Ch. 11, New England Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice, preliminarily accepted)

Upcoming Events

- Aug 3-8** New England Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions
Aug 10 Potluck with Bolivian and Cuban Friends, Durham meeting
Aug 14 Potluck with Emma Condori, PFM, 6pm
Aug 28-Sep 2 "Energy Exodus" march with YAF Climate Working Group
Sep 8 **Summer Schedule ends**, worship at 10:30am
Oct 5-6 PFM Retreat: "Integrating Your Spiritual Life in the Wider Community"

Monthly Events:

- 2nd & 4th Wednesday:** House Worship in Bath, 7pm. Leslie Manning, 592-2659
2nd Saturday: Youngish Adults Potluck, 5-8pm. Marnie Grumbach, 749-9666
4th Friday: Preble Street Soup Kitchen, 3:30-7pm. Aaiyn Foster, 766-9762

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: THURSDAY after business meeting or sooner!

Portland Friends Meeting for Business

July 21, 2013

1. Portland Friends Meeting for Business began in silent worship with 24 members and attenders present, during which Co-Clerk Sarah Cushman read Advice #9 from the *NEYM Faith and Practice Preliminary Revised Advices and Queries*, "Attend to the Spirit at work in the ordinary activities and experiences of your daily life. There is inspiration to be found all around us, in the natural world, in the sciences and arts, in our work and friendships, in our sorrows as well as in our joys. Be open to and alert for how the Spirit may be speaking to you in fresh ways, leading you in new directions."

2. Minutes of June 2, 2013 Meeting for Business. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were accepted without revision.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Sarah Jane Elliot reported on behalf of Kathy Beach that numbers are comparable with last year at this time, though there have been a few adjustments in tuition for some of the children's summer activities, which will be reflected in the next report. Income for June was \$3113 and expenses were \$5210. Donations are at 29% of budget, rent at 64% and the endowment at 50%, totaling 33% of budget, 50% through the year. We have a budget deficit of \$2007 for the month of June and a year-to-date budget deficit of \$7510.

Treasurer's report at a glance

Year-to-date expenses: \$30,687

Donations and income: \$23,177

Deficit: \$7,510

The Investment Committee reports that the current value of our investments is \$504,000 because of a good recovery in the stock market this year.

4. **Ministry and Counsel** – We read a report from Ministry and Counsel that Nathan Broaddus has been recommended for membership. This was warmly approved.

The memorial minutes for Margaret Raymond and Mary Agnes Wine were read and approved to be sent to Quarterly Meeting, with thanks. These memorial minutes will be published in the newsletter.

There has been a concern around Hal Burnham's health and mobility. Kate Potter went to sit with him and have meeting for worship at his home. We hope to build on this with the resources of Ministry and Counsel and Pastoral Oversight.

5. **Report from Friends General Conference** – Arthur Fink and Tom Antonik reported. Arthur compared FGC to NEYM with no business. There were intensive morning workshops, and a great deal of choice of other activities. Friends for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer Concerns have now become a real spiritual center of the group and they offer deep and inclusive worship. One of the themes this year was racism towards black people and Native Americans. Tom thanked Portland Friends' Meeting for their support in enabling him to attend and expressed how much he appreciated worship alongside a wide spectrum of people. He reported that the influence of FLGBTQC has affected the care with which people refer to each other and to people's gender. They have begun to collect minutes in support of transgender Friends. Tom suggested that PFM might wish to season this. He also reported on the rich experience of extended worship. FLGBTQC expressed appreciation to those meetings, including PFM, that have offered them financial support.

6. **Falmouth Quarter** - Dorothy Grannell reported. Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas is supporting the travel of Latin American Friends to Yearly Meetings in the U.S. in August. On Saturday, August 10, Durham Friends will host 2 Cuban visitors and 1 Bolivian visitor for a picnic and conversations with these Friends. Cuban Friends Marlene Aguilera, Gilbara MM and Lazaro Garcia, pastor, Velsaco MM will be here as will Bolivian Friend Ruben Maydana. There will be interpreters traveling with them.

The Cuban Friends will be sharing the many exciting things that are happening among Cuban Friends including the new Peace Center and a joint NEYM/Cuba YM effort to translate First Day School curriculum into Spanish for use in Cuba and other Spanish speaking meetings.

Ruben Maydana co-chairs the FWCC Quaker Youth Pilgrimage committee and he will talk about the plans and application process for the 2014 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to Peru and Bolivia. Youth ages 16 and up may apply. The space is limited, however that should not dissuade teens from coming to find out about the program or applying. It helps to have some ability to speak and understand Spanish but that is not required. The final details of the visit, discussions and picnic will be announced this week and Friends are encouraged to come and learn more about the wider family of Friends in this hemisphere. These visits are sponsored by the New England Yearly Meeting committees FWCC and Puente de Amigos.

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Minutes from July 21, 2013, *continued*

Funding for the travel has been provided by FWCC and NEYM, however registration for the NEYM sessions for Ruben Maydana is not complete. About \$250 is still needed. A request for donations to defray this cost will be made at the Falmouth Quarterly Meeting and a donation from this meeting would also be an important help. Friends approved a donation from PFM of \$75 towards this.

On August 14th we will host another Bolivian Friend. Emma Condori will be staying with Friends in Portland. She is traveling to Yearly Meeting with John Humphries of Hartford Meeting for the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund. Emma will be teaching Spanish in the fall at a Friends' school in the mid-west.

The Bolivian Quaker Education Fund supports the exchange of Quaker teachers in Bolivia, the U. S. and Great Britain. The purpose is both to support the development of the teaching skills of the teachers and to strengthen the ties between Bolivian Friends and the world family of Friends. There are 30,000 Friends in Bolivia.

Emma wants to talk with Friends here in Portland who go to Friends School of Portland, teach at the school, are board members, parents or on our support committee for the school. A simple potluck supper at 6 pm here at Portland Friends is open to any and all who would like to talk about Quaker education with Emma. We will meet downstairs for that event.

We closed in silent worship, purposing to meet again on September 8, 2013, God willing.

Jenny Doughty, Co-Recording Clerk

Kristen Hoover sent this message about their family's move to Lancaster, PA. They are leaving August 4th and will be doing some family trips before then, but if you would like to send well wishes, Kirsten's email is kirstenkh@yahoo.com.

Dear Friends,

We have not been consistent attenders over the past years-- but still feel a part of the Portland Friends Meeting community. We want to let you know that we are moving to Lancaster, Pennsylvania this summer. As many of you know, all of our extended family is there. We feel excited and hopeful about this move - but are also very aware that we are will miss so many wonderful people in Maine. We want to thank all of you for your support of us over the past five years... all the meals you brought when we had Joshua and Isaac... the wonderful children's programs that our kids participated in... and in the powerful, helpful, rejuvenating Meetings that we were able to be apart of. We thank you - we wish you all the very best.

Your Friends, Eric, Kirsten, Simon, Sam, Joshua and Isaac Hoover



“Bathed in Love”

These are the words that best describe our wedding day. Our families, close friends and Quakers showered us with words and actions of great love. Thank you, Friends, for your ongoing love and support. We especially appreciate our clearness committee, our oversight committee and our many Friends who brought food and did all the work at our reception. It was an amazing day. --Sarah Jane Elliot

Recipe for our wedding punch:

10 cups of boiling water and 10 bags of spicy chai tea
2 quarts of orange juice
2 quarts of lemonade
2 quarts of cranberry juice
4 packets of raspberry crystal light
1 liter of half and half soda to be added to each bowl full of punch
Freeze a big ice chunk and add lots of cubes
(makes 50 servings)

Mary-Agnes (Mag) Wine

FALMOUTH -- Mary-Agnes (Mag) Wine, 90, died at Falmouth House at OceanView on Feb. 17, 2013.

The daughter of Aaron P. Pratt, family doctor, and Agnes Daniels Pratt, violinist, she was raised in Windsor, Conn., and attended Chaffee School. She received her BA and MA from Mount Holyoke College and attended Yale Medical School.

In 1946 she married Ira Wine of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and together they moved to Portland in 1952 where they raised their four daughters: Mary Patience Wine of Hawaii, Nancy Comfort Wine Codere of Maine, Rebecca Hope Wine Marquez of Massachusetts, and Abigail Grace Wine of Massachusetts. She had seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

Mag's passion was education. She taught biology at Bowdoin College for 22 years after teaching for a few years at the University of Maine, Portland (now called USM), and was always pleased when encountering former students years later. A former student remembers that she ran a tight ship, tolerated no nonsense so that the students all accomplished their tasks and learned under her tutelage. Her love of the natural world and her Yankee pragmatism were in daily evidence. She taught less formally as a naturalist for the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) hut system in the White Mountains and at the AMC's Cold River Camp in Chatham, N.H. For many years she authored the 'Wine's Line' natural history column in the AMC Maine chapter's newsletter. She also taught several Elderhostel courses and was involved in a project to provide more educational opportunities for gifted children of Maine.

Mag loved to hike and spent much of her free time in the mountains of New England. She and Ira were both proud members of the AMC 4000 footers club. After retiring from Bowdoin, she found time for trips to England and Antarctica, and at age 75 hiked the famous 33.5 mile Milford Track in New Zealand. She and Ira were volunteer staff for the fall season for over 25 years at Cold River Camp. In 2002, they received the AMC's Joe Dodge Award in recognition of all their various contributions to the organization over the years.

As a naturalist and environmentalist, Mag was involved throughout the years in many organizations including the Josselyn Botanical Society, the Maine Mycological Association, Maine Audubon Society, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, and Friends of Casco Bay as a Baykeeper. As a commitment to civic duty, she was a poll worker for the elections in Portland and, later, in Falmouth for many years.

She was active in various committees and roles for more than 50 years in the Portland Friends (Quaker) Meeting, most recently serving on the Earth and Spirit Committee for several years. Over the years she gave a number of presentations to the Meeting on the Heifer Project.

Mag loved music. She sang in many choral groups over the years and enjoyed going to concerts, and in her later years enjoyed listening to John Radabaugh playing the harmonica. During her final days in this world, she was cradled in soft music.

Margaret Raymond

PORTLAND -- Margaret Raymond's beautiful spirit, with us for nearly 100 years, passed over on Sept. 29, 2012. For many years, she graced Portland Friends Meeting with her winning smile, positive personality, poetry and flowers. But that sweet and compassionate personality introduced a compassionate but committed activist, who was never content to just accept the world with all its faults. Margaret Raymond was a force for understanding and change.

Born in New York City in 1912, Margaret attended Chapin School, followed by Vassar College, and then Columbia University where she earned her Masters in Social Work.

Upon graduation she began a lifelong career as a psychiatric social worker, eventually coauthoring a book with Andrew Slaby, *The Healing Alliance*. She worked in a wide variety of settings, both public and private, drawing deep meaning from her work. In 1942 she married Richard C. Raymond, the love of her life. Together they had three children, Jono, Meg, and Rosanne, raising them first in Scarsdale, N.Y., and later Guilford, Conn.

Margaret loved traveling the world, starting with a life-changing trip to Poland in her early 20s. From Japan to Tibet, Australia to China, Zimbabwe to Greece, Russia to Nepal, from canoeing the Allagash River in Maine to climbing Arapahoe Mountain in Colorado, she immersed herself in each new environment, always keenly interested in learning and understanding as much as she possibly could, and continually expanding her appreciation for the variety of wisdom in the human race.

After retirement Margaret moved to South Portland, to be nearer her daughter, Meg, and her family. There she continued her worship practice with the Quakers, feeling deep kinship with that community, as well as continuing her activism with Amnesty International, both activities echoing her unending belief in peace and justice for all. While in South Portland, Margaret volunteered for Ingraham Volunteers, Habitat for Humanity, The Maine Women's Fund, IRIS, The Center for Grieving Children, Foster Grandparents, Maine Medical Center, and a number of other organizations.

A versatile woman, in her 70s, Margaret taught yoga to recovering alcoholics in a residential treatment center, while in her late 90s she read aloud faithfully to a blind neighbor. She loved to write poetry, as well as arrange flowers in the style of the Japanese Ikebana. At 97, she was tickled to be awarded life-time free tuition to USM's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, where she took courses for years, as she was their oldest living member.

At Portland Friends Meeting Margaret provided firm support of our released Friend Bob Philbrook and his work for social justice for Maine's poor and otherwise disadvantaged. She shared a love of poetry with her daughter Meg, Barbie Potter, Rebecca Dorr, Kate Potter, and Monique Crochet, forming a group which met to share poems they loved or created. After Meeting for Worship Margaret was known to approach someone who had spoken for the first time to convey her appreciation of their vocal ministry. With Mary Hillas, Ruth Bowman, Monique Crochet and Lyn Ballou she continued her personal spiritual journey in meditations at her home in South Portland, during which all benefited from the wisdom and insights she shared from the rich experiences of her long life.

Surviving Margaret are her daughter Meg and husband Jim and their children, Jeshua, Benjamin and Rebecca; her daughter, Rosanne; her son Marc and wife Tara, and their children, Marc and Jonathan; and also Rosanne's daughter, Kimberly. Margaret was predeceased by her husband Richard; her son Jonathan; his son, Adam Raymond; her sister Rosanne, her brothers, John and Eugene; as well as many of her extended family and friends.

Margaret believed that one was never too old to change, try new experiences, or meet new people. All who knew Margaret will remember her for her undying optimism, her ability to see the best in each person she met (and she met many!), and her enduring ability to create her own happiness from the solace she found in the beauty of nature.

House worship in Bath, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, Kristna Evans and I have moved to Bath as the first step in building an intentional Quaker community (Friends Community of New England) and are settling in nicely. We still have an open room, for an individual or couple who may wish to live, play and worship in our household. Speaking of worship, we will be offering waiting worship on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month beginning in August. If you are in the area, or have f/Friends who may be, please join us.

We also have guest space, so if you fancy a trip down the Kennebec, a visit to Maine Maritime Museum, a day at Popham or Reid state beach, or just need a place to chill, retreat, hang out or play, let us know. We welcome you and your friends. Bath, we are learning, has excellent bookshops, great restaurants and lots of things to do or not. The hammock awaits!

And, since Kristna has purchased Vintage Quaker Books, we have a wonderful library.

The particulars: 50 Washington St. at Robinson, Bath ME. House worship on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7 PM, followed by tea and treats. August 14 and 28, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23.

Please join us and spread the word.

Love and blessings,

Leslie Manning

Meet Cuban and Bolivian Friends - August 10 & 14

Cuban and Bolivian Friends visit Durham Meeting: Saturday, August 10, potluck in the early evening (exact time to come later). Bring a picnic and join in the conversation with Cuban Friends Marlene Aquilera and Lazaro Garcia, and Bolivian Friend Ruben Maydana. Ruben will have information about the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to Peru and Bolivia in July 2014, but you don't even have to leave Maine to experience the wide world of Friends. These Friends are visiting with us through the good work of Friends World Committee for Consultation and the Puente de Amigos Committee.

Emma Condori from Bolivia visits PFM: Wednesday, August 14, salad potluck at 6pm. Emma Condori from the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund will be available to talk about that project. She really wants to meet with students, parents, teachers, board members and anyone else who can tell her more about Friends School of Portland and how it got started. Please come.

See the business meeting minutes (pages 2-3) for more details on these Friends and their programs.

-- *Dorothy Grannell*

Spanish interpreter wanted

Durham Meeting will host a potluck and meeting with Cuban and Bolivian Friends on August 10th. The interpreter who was going to travel with this group is no longer able to travel to Maine with them. If you or anyone in your meeting is able to help out with this please let me or Cynthia Ganung know ASAP. This is one of those opportunities where age is *not* a factor -- young, old, or in between, if you are pretty fluent in Spanish and are willing to help, let us know.

Many thanks,

Dorothy Grannell (dorothygrannell@maine.rr.com) and
Cynthia Ganung (cganung@gmail.com)





Friends to join six-day “Energy Exodus” march

At the end of August, the NEYM Young Adult Friends Climate Working Group (YAFCWG) will join a Quaker contingent participating in a march for a safer future climate. The Energy Exodus is a six-day march from New England's largest coal plant to the site of New England's first offshore wind farm, August 28 to September 2. Your intrepid newsletter editor Anna Barnett will be returning from her stay in Beijing just in time to join the march.

The coal plant, at Brayton Point in Massachusetts, is where Friend Jay O'Hara blocked a coal shipment in May by docking a lobster boat in the path of the tanker. It was also the site of a large protest on July 28, part of a wave of climate actions happening nationwide this summer.

YAFCWG plans to walk, to pray, to wait in worship together and to use this time to listen more deeply to how we as a body may be called to respond to the immense challenges of the world.

More info and signup for the march: <http://energyexodus.org/>

Connect with YAFCWG: Contact Anna, abarnett@gmail.com, or Jay, 774-313-0881

We as Friends need to dig deep and find within a witness that is powerful and authentic and not a caricature of protest. We, Friends, are going to have to be the ones that create a non-oppositional witness to truth.

--Jay O'Hara, YAFCWG

Follow Friend Joanna Hoyt

A website recommendation from Dorothy Grannell: check out Joanna Hoyt's blog, <http://livingasifthetruthwasthewas.blogspot.com/>

Her recent series of posts about privilege and prejudice will be certain to make you ask yourself many deep questions. These posts were inspired by her participation at Quaker Spring, an unusual kind of Quaker gathering. Ask Tom Antonik about it.



Rally on Sebago Lake against a tar sands pipeline in Maine. July 20, 2013. Photo: 350.org

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Notices

Save the date for the Portland Friends Meeting retreat:

October 5-6

Notre Dame Center, Alfred, ME

*"Integrating Your Spiritual Life
in the Wider Community"*

Want to be on the retreat planning committee? Contact Lyn Ballou.



Summer Schedule

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Potluck 6:30pm