



The Daily Bulletin for Tuesday, July 5, 2011

This evening: Interest groups

These small-group sessions often spark new leadings and insights. Choose from the varied topics offered by Quakers at work in the world—including peace, education, the military draft and conscientious objection, prayer, and the environment and stewardship of resources. A list of interest groups, including location and a short description for each, was in the information packet you received at check-in (but see one addition to the list, next below). All interest groups begin at 7 pm and will end by 8:45 pm.

New interest group:

AVP in the U.S. today. Alternatives to Violence Project offers weekend-long workshops in most states of the U.S. and over 30 countries all around the world. This all-volunteer program helps participants learn how to resolve conflicts (everyone has conflicts!) in ways that don't end in violence. 85% of AVP workshops are held federal, state, or local prisons, and they are an awesome, life-changing experience for all concerned. Let's talk! Facilitator: Marge Schlitt. Location: Bucksbaum 161.

FGC Executive Committee...

will hold a called meeting today at 1:30 in Alumni Recitation Hall (ARH) 120.

Cancellation

The event titled "FGC's Historical Relationship with Friends of Color", which was scheduled for 1:30 this afternoon, has been canceled.

Today's Multi-Gen activity

All Gathering attenders are invited to participate in daily Multi-Gen Activities starting at 1:30 pm. These are opportunities for multiple generations to play together, so grab a friend, parent, senior, kid, or baby and come join us! Today: **Aaron Fowler and Laura Dungan Concert.** An afternoon of songs and stories with Aaron Fowler and Laura Dungan. Special guests Evalyn Parry and Steve Deasy will join Aaron and Laura. At Harris Center Theater.

The FLGBTQC Social location has changed...

to JRC 101. The time is still 9:15 pm.

DBSA members...

Interested in a group Thursday or Friday, leave a note on the message board for George Hebben.

Travel minutes

If you have a travel minute you would like signed by the FGC Presiding Clerk, please bring it to the Information Desk in JRC by noon on Wednesday July 6. It can be picked up again after noon on Thursday.

Today's Iowa factoid:

Before white settlement, most of Iowa was blanketed with dense prairie grasses, rising six-to-ten feet high. Prairie was nourished and protected from tree encroachment by periodic fires.

Gathering Store events today...

in Harris Concert Hall:

1:30 Judy Hale Reed – *Build It! A Toolkit for Nurturing Intergenerational Quaker Community*

Working over the past five years on a concern about a separation of youth and young adults from our meetings and the Religious Society of Friends, the Youth Ministries Program of the Committee for Nurturing Ministries has collected best practices for nurturing intergenerational spiritual community. The *Build It! Toolkit* presents six narrative chapters; lists of resources; templates; and 38 activities and games. It also includes 12 "How-Tos" with helpful tips and the skit, *A Short History of Quakerism in 10 Easy Points*. The book is practical and accessible, fun and useful for nurturing spiritual community.

3:15 David Zarembka – *A Peace of Africa: Reflections on Life in the Great Lakes Region*

A Peace of Africa is a book that explores life adventures on the ground through experiential knowledge and observations. Through personal experience with his Kenyan family, friends, and colleagues, Zarembka captures the essence of cultural and societal issues and skillfully deciphers the differences between African and American culture that frequently escape casual visitors and expatriates alike. By weaving personal stories with historical narratives, *A Peace of Africa* explores how the Great Lakes region of Africa went from optimism at the time of independence to the conflict, corruption, wars, and genocide that have engulfed the region since then.

3:45-4:15 Religious Education Curriculum assistance in the Gathering Store! Experienced teachers will be in the bookstore to assist you with curriculum and library selections.

4:30 Marge Abbott – *To Be Broken and Tender: a Quaker Theology for Today*

“In *To Be Tender and Broken*, Margery Abbott weaves together a brave and beautiful personal narrative with Quaker history and theological reflection in response to questions and struggles about belief, language, social issues and other deeply-felt concerns that unsettle and divide our meetings and the wider Religious Society of Friends. Research underpins each chapter with a rich and wide range of classic and contemporary Quaker writers; her analysis is both original and evocative. She asks how, for example, do Friends answer that of God in light of the heinous acts that daily erupt in our world? What strength might a liberal Friend draw from the experience and meaning of the cross to make sense of our lives? Abbott shows us what is possible when we are willing to enter conversation without expectations about where our conversations might lead. Our willingness to listen, to risk being tender and broken, allows the Light within to move us to places we could not have imagined.” – Barbarajene Williams

Writing Group

A daily writing group using “prompts” or “cue words” will meet each afternoon through Friday in Bucksbaum 161, 1:30 to 3 pm. Everyone welcome! Bring paper and pencil or pen.

Rise and shine yoga

Bring your mat. 7-7:30 am daily through Friday in James 1st floor lounge. Unfacilitated yoga. Might move outside.

QTT dinner...

today at 5:30 pm. Bring food to White Room, upstairs in the cafeteria.

Sartorial invitation

Tomorrow is Unofficial Sarong Day! All attenders - children and adults - are invited to join in by wearing the sarong (or kilt/shuka/other-skirt-like-clothing of their choosing) on that day. —From John Skinner

Feedback about the Gathering & an invitation

Do you have a favorite experience at Gathering that you want to share, or a comment about this week that needs to be heard? Evaluations Subcommittee of FGC's Long Range Conference Planning Committee provides the opportunity for just such reflections in our evaluation questionnaire, available on Friday. Our subcommittee is **looking for new members** to help us in that work. The skills we need include ability to implement surveys using online software, survey development, and data analysis—assessing the quality of data and summarizing it. We are also looking for a person with clerking skills. The work of this subcommittee requires that members be reliable and able to commit to attending phone meetings, usually monthly. For further information about the subcommittee's work, please contact Rose Marie Cipryk at rmcipryk@gmail.com.

Noon Sing moved

Noon Sing has been moved to JRC 101, 12-1 pm. Skip the line and improve your appetite via singing!

Attention Aikido practitioners

If you are active in training, call Virginia Herrick by 11 pm today, to create a training opportunity. 360-739-1867.

Live Northern Spirit Radio interview

Singer/songwriter, Don Pardee, a finger-style guitarist, will share original songs and perhaps something from James Taylor during an interview in Science 1245 at 4:30 pm (following interview with Paul Kriese at 3:15 pm).

An album of photos...

...from the 2007 Gathering at River Falls is available at the Info Desk all day today for Friends to peruse and take any photos you like.

Have you heard about...

...an exciting development in Quaker education? The Meeting School announces the New England Friends' Semester School. What's a Friends' Semester School? Come find out at ARH 229 at 1:30 pm.

Meeting at the Center

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Al-anon meeting

Open to anyone who has been affected by someone else's drinking. Science 1531, at 1:30 pm.

Interested in hosting Friendly FolkDancers?

The Friendly FolkDancers, a Quaker folk dance ministry, will be touring in Indiana October 6-16. More hosts are needed! Interested folks from Indiana and neighboring areas, please contact Mark Helpsmeet at 715-491-0783.

Lemonade Gallery opening

Please join us to celebrate the work of this year's artists at 1:30 pm in the Smith Gallery—JRC 117.

Kershaw piano request

Friends may have noticed there is a piano in the lobby of Kershaw. Please be mindful (especially between 1-3 pm and after 8 pm when children may be sleeping) that this instrument is louder than you may realize and echoes throughout the building. Please consider the alternate musical opportunities listed on the "Singing Opportunities" flyer, some of which are during those same times.

Harassment Investigation Committee

Policies and procedures on Harassment (sexual, racial, sexual orientation) were included in the information packet you received at check-in. Members of the Harassment Investigation Committee include: Barry Crossno (General Secretary), Sue Regen (Presiding Clerk), Karen Stewart (Clerk of Long Range Conference Planning Committee), Frank Barch, Marvin Barnes, Dennis Barrett and Linda Hunter. You may contact the committee by leaving a note at the Information Desk addressed to "HIC".

Story time

Today at 4:30, and also Friday at 1:30, a time of fun and story reading will be held for Junior Gathering participants and their parent/sponsors at the Center for People of Color in JRC 226. Friends of all ages are invited. Bring a pillow if someone needs to nap.

Additional Cafeteria Notes:

There is a shortage of regular coffee mugs, but feel free to use the large plastic drinking cups for your hot drinks. Also, as there is a limited quantity of gluten-

free desserts available, Friends are asked to refrain from taking those items unless they NEED a gluten-free diet.

TWO EVENT ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 6:

Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF)

Did you know there are 33,000 Quakers (indigenous people) in Bolivia? See pictures of some of these Friends and their schools. Learn how the BQEF scholarship program is helping Quaker students complete university degrees. Also hear about travel and volunteer opportunities in Bolivia: Wednesday, in JRC Laurel Leaf lounge at 1:30 pm.

Me, Miss Krause and Joan...

... a play written by Martha Kemper, will be performed by the playwright on Wednesday at 9:15 pm in 209 JRC. "How would I play Joan of Arc?" is the question around which this one-hour play is structured. It includes pivotal moments of Kemper's life, including the re-living of a rape. An audience discussion follows the performance. **Recommended for mature audiences only.** Martha Kemper, a member of Abington Friends Meeting, is a professional actor and independent theater artist.