

# QUAKER NEWSLETTER

GAINESVILLE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
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*As a futurist, I have long been convinced that families are the primary agents of social change in any society. It is in this setting that individuals first become aware that the passage of time means growth and change, that tomorrow is never like yesterday. It is in this setting that one's first daydreams about a different future take place . . . In this view the family is not a barrier between us and a better society, but a path to that better society.*

*Elise Boulding, Pendle Hill Pamphlet 222, 1976.*

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**Hold in the Light:** Hap Taylor, Anne and Phil Haisley, Connie and Tim Ray, Arnold Von der Porten

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**Calendar of Events:** (online at [www.gainesvillequakers.org](http://www.gainesvillequakers.org))

Every Sunday: 11:00 am Meeting for Worship; 11:15 am First Day School

Every Monday: 5:30 pm Yoga with Gary

Every Monday: 5:00 pm Witness at Corner of 23rd Ave and 43rd St to Support Immigrant Justice

Every Tuesday: 5:30 pm Qigong and Tai Chi with Arun

Every Wednesday: 5:30 pm Spiritual Explorations and Meeting for Worship

**Sunday, July 1**

9:30 am Library committee

9:30 am Meetinghouse committee

Wednesday, July 4: No Spiritual Explorations Meeting

**Sunday, July 8**

12:45 pm Meeting for Worship for Business **NO MEETING FOR BUSINESS IN JULY**

1:00 pm Forum: **Freedom from Fear**, sponsored by Peace and Social Concerns

**Tuesday, July 10**

12:00 pm Friendly Lunch - at the Meeting House

**Sunday, July 15**

12:45 pm Earthcare Committee

**Wednesday, July 18**

Deadline for newsletter items. Email to Bonnie Zimmer at [gfquakernews@gmail.com](mailto:gfquakernews@gmail.com)

**Sunday, July 22**

9:40 am Peace and Social Concerns Committee

1:00 pm Biblical and Spiritual Explorations

**Sunday, July 29**

Intervisitation Sunday

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Friends are reminded that it is the responsibility of the entire community to assist with cleaning up the kitchen area after the social hour.

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## Report on AVP Advanced Workshop

An AVP Advanced workshop was held at the Meetinghouse June 15 - 17 with 8 participants and 2 facilitators. The theme was the Power of Truth. Topics such as speaking truth, telling lies, holding grudges, and acting on partial truths were examined. Another Advanced workshop is being planned for sometime during the fall. Basic workshops are being planned for the Orlando area in the near future. Beverly Ward will have information about timing of workshops in Orlando.

## Highlights from Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

The advertising on Facebook has resulted in increased traffic on our website and Facebook page, primarily from young adult women.

Internet service was installed on May 30. The WiFi name and password information are located on the router in the utilities closet.

A threshing session to consider aspects of moving forward on the use of CAPP training has been scheduled for 1 pm on September 30 (a fifth Sunday). After the threshing session the Ministry and Nurture and First Day Committees will bring a recommendation to the Meeting.

The EarthCare Committee proposed moving forward with a project in conjunction with a local charter school serving primarily children of color. The proposal was approved.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee brought a report on the recent forum on Fascism. The report was received with gratitude and incorporated into the minutes.

## Notes From the SEYM Field Secretary: Beverly Ward

### 20 Sixth 2018

“Are you ready to Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice on September 8th?” Last night climate movement leaders from around the world spoke on planning activities for the Global Climate Action Summit and their commitments to address climate disruption. (Follow this link to see a recording of the videoconference, <https://youtu.be/Khzq5-39Cwo>.)

The Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice, a 350.org initiative (<https://riseforclimate.org/?referrer=350-org&source=350>), has four major goals:

- Remind the world that the vast majority of us still care about climate, the earth, and our communities
- Demand that the Summit commitments are bold and address climate change through a lens of economic and racial justice
- Strengthen relationships across our movements
- Educate voters prior to the 2018 midterm elections about climate, jobs, and justice. Currently, there are only a couple of actions scheduled in Florida: Miami and Pensacola. However, the First Unity Earthcare core team, First Unity, St. Petersburg, is in the process of planning an action in the Tampa Bay area and looking for partners. For more information, contact:

Douglas Bonar & Teresa Miller  
Unity EarthCare Core team members  
tteresabeth@gmail.com  
Teresa's cell 727-318-7632 for conversation or text

Of course, I'll share information, contacts, and other updates as we get ready to rise!

## A Walk in the Quaker Woods — *Jean Larson, with photographs by Bill Mitchell*

June 24, 2018

Bill and I agreed to meet out by the west intake into the back retention basin where he was going to plant a clump of Fakahatchee grass (*Tripsacum dactyloides*). When I arrived, he had soaked the pot-bound specimen in a bucket of water, and was getting ready to subdivide it. I was able to help by holding the large clump of grass up while Bill took his machete to it. Since there was little more I could do to help, I got a whisk



Planting Fakahatchee grass

broom from my car and brushed sticks, leaves and pine needles off the benches in the meeting for worship in nature area.



Above, purple cone flowers (*Echinacea purpurea*). Below, a close up of its center.



Next we walked into the woods by hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*) blossoms, and up to the place where the ditch crosses into our lot from Shir Shalom and enjoyed the flow of water in the ditch.

This area continues to reshape itself as the trees and tree branches downed by Irma settle in and the plant communities adjust to the changes in light and other resources. Now the path bifurcates with one end as usual and the other near where there was once a pine tree around which a ring of chanterelle mushrooms occasionally popped up.



fire wheel (*Gaillardia pulchella*)



A hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*) blossom

wove a somewhat circuitous path to where the water flows off the property, and saw the landscape reshaped for a slightly different flow.

Then we crossed back north coming out at the western end of the split rail fence. We walked toward the meeting house and out to the utility strip to see a purple cone flower (*Echinacea purpurea*), and then back to the ramp up to the main meeting door, where we admired a fire wheel (*Gaillardia pulchella*) transplanted there by Gary and poking a flower up to the top of a nearby dwarf yaupon holly bushes (*Ilex vomitoria*) outside the social room.

I started our afternoon walk by helping wash lunch dishes, and Bill helped me by planting the Fakahatchee grass. How have you been helping out?



The Fakahatchee grass, after planting.



This purple passion-vine is coming up on the west side of the meeting for worship room, a little way into the bushes. We've had them coming up in this area for several years, but they've never gotten very far—possibly because they don't get enough sun, or they get eaten, or both.

**Queries for the Seventh Month:**

**Are we conscientious in fulfilling all obligations of state and society that are not contrary to our religious convictions? ■ Are we punctual in keeping promises, just in payment of debts, and honorable in all our dealings? ■ Do we choose recreations that strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life, avoiding those that may hinder others, our Earth, and ourselves? ■ Do we act responsibly concerning substances and behaviors that can become addictive?**

**Advices for the Seventh Month:**

**Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in our hearts, which are the leadings of God. ■ Bring the whole of our life under the healing and ordering of the Holy Spirit, remembering that there is no time but this present. ■ When tempted to do wrong or to despair, call upon God with an open heart, confessing our weaknesses and our needs. ■ Be mindful at all times of our connection with the Divine and others—avoid substances, behaviors, and activities which diminish this connection. ■ Be aware of the ill effects of mind-altering or habit-forming drugs, intoxicants, gambling, and other detrimental practices. ■ Choose recreations that increase our vitality, self-awareness, and peace of mind and strengthen our will to create what is good. ■ Make thoughtful use of our time. ■ Guard ourselves and our children in our choice of print, electronic media, and other entertainments. Avoid those that promote violence and disrespect for human beings. ■ Friends, strive to be courteous and responsible while driving.**

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