

SKYSPACE ANNUAL REPORT
February, 2018

Our Skyspace committee of dedicated volunteers had a successful year opening the Skyspace to the community and to Friends. We opened to the public 34 times and hosted over 2,000 visitors. Since we opened four years ago, donations from our visitors have supplied \$35,900 to our Skyspace endowment account to cover maintenance and approximately that much to the meeting's general budget.

	2017	2016	Lifetime
guests	2,270	1,912	11,200
events	74	75	444
contributions	\$8,300	\$7,500	\$35,900

On February 6, almost 100 people came to our mid-winter lecture to hear local painter and photographer Diane Burko describe how flying with James Turrell in the 1970s changed her perspective on her art. She has spent the decades since then painting the land from above—especially glaciers around the world helping chronicle their changing forms. She has worked with climate scientists, shown her work in galleries around the world and spoken widely about art and climate change.

This spring we are switching to a more user-friendly registration service. Our regular schedule of openings will resume in early March.

We have collected information for a “Gray Book” from Turrell’s studio which includes the SKyspace plans.

We continually review how we introduce the Skyspace to our guests both to prepare them for the experience and to explain to visitors the relationship of the Skyspace to the meeting. We don’t want people to go away thinking Quakers worship a hole in the ceiling! We do tell people that they are welcome to our Sunday worship. We strive to be good representatives of Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting to the visitors who come to greet the light.

For the committee,
Signe Wilkinson

Committee Members:

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Addendum to Skyspace Annual Report February 2018

Safety Concerns

The Skyspace from its start has had a written manual kept in the control room with instructions on safety. If there is any major problem (fire, sudden illness, etc.), we tell hosts to immediately call 9-1-1. We have other contact information for hosts in case of less dire problems like the roof or computer malfunction.

Beyond that, when we welcome guests, we instruct them simply on how to arrange themselves so as not to disturb others, ask them to turn off their cell phones and point out the six possible exit doors in case they feel that they must leave during the program.

We have discussed protocols for escorting handicapped viewers in to a comfortable spot and how to kindly ask people to stop taking cell phone pictures.

In the evening we always try to have two hosts so one can be in the worship room and one in the foyer to help latecomers and to make sure no one comes in who doesn't have business in the meetinghouse.

Fortunately, we have had no major incidents and only a handful of minor problems.

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