Hold in the Light: Hap Taylor, Amy Van der Porten, Sybil Brennan, Bonnie Zimmer. Particularly hold Sybil on the light on November 7, when she starts chemotherapy treatments.

Calendar of Events: (online at www.gainesvillequakers.org)

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

Monday: Yoga with Gary

Tuesday, November 5
11:30 am Friendly Lunch - at the Meeting House

Friday, November 8
7:00 pm Film Night at the Meetinghouse: TBA
(See note below)

Sunday, November 10
12:45 pm Meeting for Worship for Business

Saturday, November 16
8 am - 3 pm: Simple Gifts, Crafts and Book Sale

Sunday, November 17
10:00 am, Singing from Friends Hymnal
12:15 pm Baby Shower for Loreley
1:00 pm Quaker Earthcare Witness committee

Sunday, November 24
9:30 am Peace and Social Concerns committee
1:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, November 28 - Sunday December 1
SEYM Half Yearly Meeting, Wekiwa State Park. Details at SEYM web site: http://www.seym.org

Movie Note
If you have a DVD that you would like to share with the Meeting for Movie Night, please contact Tim Ray.

Music After Meeting
Afterwards what Connie Ray calls "Coffee and Surprises", an impromptu time of music began with a suggestion by pianist, Allen Sawyer. A small group sitting near the piano eagerly opened the meeting's hymn books. Each person picked a hymn and the rest joined in. We hope to repeat this enjoyable activity if our accompanist is willing.

Simple Gifts Bazaar Countdown
Saturday Nov.16 (9am -3Pm) is but three weeks until our major fundraiser of the Fall season, Please consider how you can participate to make this effort successful! These are the main focus for your donation and participation:

Arts and Crafts-Handcrafted: needlework, woodworking, jewelry, cards and notecards, Holiday decorations, Books in good condition, and of all interests and categories for both adult and child reading.
White Elephant Table: Donated items that will spark the interest of “yard sale” prospective buyers. Bake Sale-donations: jams, Jellies relishes, “Gifts in a Jar” Soup Mixes, Baked breads, muffins, cookies, pies and cakes. We are asking for volunteers to be present to sell the “right out of the oven” cookies to go along with the purchased coffee. (Think of the aroma!!) Yes, we will need persons to donate their time for Friday 15th afternoon setup and Saturday after 3PM take-down.

Sign up sheets will be in social room.

Baby Shower for Loreley Vander Laan
On November 17 during fellowship after Meeting for Worship there will be a baby shower in the First Day room. In late December she is expecting a boy who will be named Angel Gabriel. She already has a rocking chair, breast pump and bassinet. A friend has offered a crib. The following items are on her wish list. She has no particular theme or colors for the nursery.

- Assorted sizes of disposable diapers (no preference on brand)
- Portable baby bath
- Baby wash, lotion, and powder
- Wipes
- Onesies, hats, and socks

If several of us want to go together, the one large item she needs is a car seat./stroller system. She wants the Graco-Fast Action Fold Classic Travel Connect System. It is available at Walmart and Toys-R-Us as well as on line at http://www.amazon.com. She is not particular about the color, but that model would work best for her. She is so appreciative that we are coming together as a meeting to help her welcome her first child. If you have any questions please contact Sandy Lyon.

Connie’s Magical Reading Program
Many of us have found our thinking or perceptions challenged or even altered by something we have read or heard. Has that happened to you? Would you be willing to share the source of that change? We are currently looking for ideas for articles, books, or others sources of information or ideas that may be thought-provoking for Friends and may stimulate interesting discussions. We will need people willing to volunteer to have a discussion at their home, preferably for a Friday pot luck. We will also need people willing to lead or facilitate a discussion. No one is being asked to do all three or even two of these things. So, if you have read something that you think other people in the meeting would like to talk about, or if you are willing to lead or facilitate a discussion, or if you are willing to host a pot luck and discussion to be held in your home, please talk with Connie Ray about it.
Queries for the eleventh month: Care of the Natural World

- Do we live in harmony with nature? Do we live in keeping with the spirit of the unity, sacredness, and integrity of all creation?
- Do we seek to minimize our consumption of the earth’s resources? Do we encourage equitable and sustainable use of those resources?
- Do we walk gently over the earth, seeing that of God in all of nature?
- Do we seek to educate ourselves, our children, our meeting, and our community about how our lives can be more in harmony with the earth?
- Does the meeting strive to bring all its practices in harmony with the natural world?

Advices:

- Maintain in ourselves and encourage in others a sense of responsibility for the environment, both for the present and for future generations.
- Avoid amusements that stimulate destructive emotions, are detrimental to the health or tranquility of others, or are damaging to the natural environment.
- Show a loving consideration for all creatures, cherishing the beauty and wonder of all God’s creation
- Share our sense of reverence and stewardship for the earth.
Walks in the Woods

Instead of Jean’s “Walk in the Quaker Woods” this month, we have some memories from Eleanor Merritt:

Dear Bill and Jean,

Thank you both for your considerable efforts in producing the newsletter and especially for your Walk in the Quaker Woods section.

Please allow me to digress for a bit. When our children were very little we lived in a construction camp in Labrador for several years where it was snow covered winter most of the year. We had wonderful walks...
with them on a toboggan but obviously we didn’t see much flora. In the few warmer months the no-see-ums bit the little ones endlessly so we weren’t outside very much.

Then we went to a construction camp in Colombia in the tropical jungle rain forest (in the northern Andes) for a few years. To step off a construction road put you in a place where very few had ever been. At first all is green, and then when you stop and look, you see various colors. We couldn’t get very far from the road but we didn’t need to. Our three (by then the youngest was walking) enjoyed finding color.

We returned to the engineering company’s home office in Niagara Falls, Ontario where our family of five began weekly Walks in the Woods with our Boo Sticks. We’d all pick up suitably sized sticks to wave in front of us to clear our paths of spiders and we’d observe and comment on everything we saw.

To this day, our three children, now 45-46-47, enjoy exploring what there is to explore (Gainesville, Maine, Texas) and they always laugh about their Walks in the Woods and if they think it is important, their children have their Boo Sticks.

It is these rather solitary explorations that really engage the mind. There is no other way. Andy and I rarely had the botanical knowledge and that wasn’t as important as the fact that we always stopped and took notice.

You can see why your Walk in the Quaker Woods brought up these memories. You stop and take notice. Thank you.

Eleanor