

# Atlanta Friends Meeting Newsletter

Atlanta Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). All are welcome.

Meeting for Worship  
Each First Day (Sunday)  
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## September 2008

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### Query:

"Try to live simply. A simple lifestyle freely chosen is a source of strength. Do not be persuaded into buying what you do not need or cannot afford.

Do you keep yourself informed about the effects your style of living is having on the global economy and environments?"

Quaker Faith and Practice, 3rd edition,  
Advices and Queries, 1.02 #41

*Submitted by Steve McLaughlin Member of Ministry and Worship Committee*

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There are times when silence has the loudest voice.  
**Leroy Brownlow**

Please send your articles for the October issue by September 19<sup>th</sup>  
To [grasstoe@gmail.com](mailto:grasstoe@gmail.com)

Thank You,  
Stoph Hallward



### **Welcome New Member Beth Martinson!**

Elizabeth Clemens Miller Martinson was born a ninth-generation Pennsylvania Dutch Mennonite from Souderton, Pennsylvania (about 35 miles northwest of Philadelphia). Her grandparents spoke Pennsylvania Dutch and Beth grew up singing the old hymns in their church. As she says, she is, in her heart, Mennonite, so it was hard for her to make the decision to apply for membership in our Quaker meeting. However, she “love(s) the silent worship of Quakers where we listen for God to speak to ourselves and others,” and on July 20, 2008, Atlanta Friends Meeting gladly accepted her into membership.

Beth graduated from Bluffton College in Ohio with a degree in music and has taught music all her adult life, including more than 20 years at Paideia School (ask her about the Orff Schulwerk approach to music for children!). Since becoming stricken with chronic fatigue syndrome, she has turned to private teaching. Other musical experiences include singing with the Atlanta Symphony Chamber Choir under Robert Shaw and playing in a band for English country dancers.

Throughout the 60s, Beth and her former husband were active in the peace and civil rights movements. They worked in the Mennonite House hosting dedicated and inspiring leaders in the field, walked in protests --a life-changing experience, as Beth describes it. During this period, she met Quakers with the same mission.

Among her many interests (other than music) are nature, Sudoku and jigsaw puzzles, yoga, reading, and finding little-known gems of movies through Netflix.

Beth has two married daughters, Gretta and Lois, and a granddaughter, Katie, who will be two in November. She also has a step-son, Jacob. A brother lives in Ohio and a sister in Indiana.

Beth started coming to Atlanta Friends Meeting in the 90s, when she was divorced and was looking for a new spiritual home. In 1996 she moved to California to be near her daughters, but she came back to Atlanta when she and Rick Martinson decided to get married. Beth and Rick were married under the care of this Meeting in August 2000. She was editor of our newsletter for two years, came to Meeting for Business, and got to really know “the pulse of the Meeting.” “I believe that my spiritual home is here and that this Meeting will continue to guide me as I listen to the Spirit in my life,” she says. You already know Beth; now welcome her as a new member!

*Renda McCaughan, Care & Counsel*

## **ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT 2007**

The gifts of our community are many and varied. The spirit moves amongst Atlanta Friends Meeting to support the ministry of our members, their well-being, and the material stability of the Meeting.

Ministry and Worship committee focused on ways to deepen the worship experience. There was increased interest in membership and many requests for clearness committees to nurture seekers. Conversely, a couple of persons left the Meeting over issues of religious education and eldering. Committee-sponsored forums included topics like "Nurturing young Friends" and "What do you do in meeting for worship?" A call was put out for people whose vocal ministry should be nurtured. Mary Ann Downey received a traveling letter for her work in other meetings. Mark Wutka received a traveling minute to attend the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina Conservative. An ongoing "Stories of the Elders" series, where experienced Friends share their spiritual journeys, has been very well-attended.

An ad hoc group on nurturing our young people began work in the summer to evaluate our youth programs. Attention was given to Religious Education staffing curriculum and supervision, among other areas. Recommendations include a new process for recruiting and approving teachers, a new leadership structure, and a new RE committee. Young Friends in middle and high school continued participation in the Southern Appalachian Young Friends retreats.

The Meeting assisted outlying worship groups, including Gwinnett Preparative Meeting and Canton worship group. Gwinnett requested we appoint a special committee to oversee their intention to become a monthly meeting. However, eventually the group split, with one part arranging affiliation with Ohio Conservative Yearly Meeting and the other retaining affiliation with AFM. Also, at year end, the Anneewakee Creek Friends Worship Group was laid

down, at the request of Free Polazzo and Janet Minshall, after it had been meeting in Douglas County. The Meeting thanked them for their faithful service in founding and nurturing the worship group for the past 9 years. A new worship group, meeting once a month, has formed in Sautee GA, led by Mike and Duane Kaiser, long-time members of AFM. Finally, with no contact yet initiated, a new worship group now meets at the Unitarian church in Dahlongega.

The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) continued to raise awareness of racism through a Listening Ear for concerns about racism, a showing of the series, "Africans in America," and writing materials for the welcome packets, the AFM website, and the newsletter. In conjunction with Our Roles As Individuals in America's Racial History. CURAFM held a forum on becoming a multicultural, anti-racist institution, sponsored anti-racism workshops using the book, White Awareness, for Atlanta Friends Meeting and SAYMA, and wrote an article for the online version of the FGC Connections issue on "Friends, Race and Racism."

ORAIARH continued to meet weekly to support each other in our individual and collective witness against racism. They cosponsored work mentioned with CURAFM. They provide a literature table in the Greeting Room on first days.

Care and Counsel Committee continues to be a nurturing force in the Meeting. We have gone beyond the duties listed in the AFM handbook to include an inspiring Couple Enrichment Session, a six-week class for those who struggle with chronic illness, a new Guide for Sunday Volunteers, and a Volunteer Appreciation Pancake Breakfast. We care for our members and attenders with get well cards, hospital visits, our Quaker Care quilt, and meetings for worship for homebound members. We welcome newcomers with volunteer greeters, welcome packets, and monthly Newcomers Dinners. We also welcomed six of our youngest attenders into meeting with hugs and a book. The annual Gathered Meeting Retreat was facilitated by Peter Crysdale and Linda Lyman with a focus on nurturing a healthy meeting as a sacred community and listening for the still voice within.

Nominating Committee worked to discern existing talents and leadings of individuals in our Meeting community, to find ways for individuals to serve the Meeting, and to help the Meeting foster individual and spiritual growth. We also worked on ways to make Friends more aware of service positions and to give them a specific person with whom to talk about a position that they might feel led to consider. Nominating ended 2007 with heavy turnover, partly to allow seasoned Friends who have been recently released from other responsibilities to lead this important work.

Social Concerns Committee held a forum featuring Chuck Fager of Quaker House on its support for soldiers desiring to leave military service early. They also held a forum on Women's Unwaged Work featuring Selma James and Andaiye. Both were attended by more than 50 people and provided opportunities to educate Friends and for Outreach on our testimonies of Peace and Equality. A minute was sent to Congress demanding an end to the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

The Administration Committee supported the Landscape committee in its work. The meeting approved its minute to pay our employees by Living Wage standards. It completed performance reviews on employees and continued work on the Employee Personnel Handbook. Sylvia Turner, resident manager, stepped down from her position after ten years. We affirmed our practice that AFM rents space to those compatible with our beliefs. The committee continued to preface each meeting with a discussion intended to combat personal racism. It began consideration of additional signage at the street to let people know the Meeting is inclusive, open and welcome to all.

The Finance Committee addressed several concerns in 2007. One was the lack of rental income, and by August, the unusually large deficit. The operating budget did end in the black. A Fundraising Committee was set up to increase rentals and design fundraisers when needed. Efforts continue to upgrade and refurbish an aging building. The Raise the Roof capital campaign also ended the year with a small positive balance. The Cabin Committee finances were brought into the Meeting budget. We cleared up a tax issue on that property so we are listed as a church that does not have to pay property taxes. The treasurer also created a comprehensive financial operations manual which can be used with confidence by future treasurers.

Atlanta Friends Meeting welcomed Pete McCaughan, Dwight Harriman, and Hannah MacDermott as new members in 2007. We also accepted the transfer of Barbara Seal's membership from Eastern Hill (Cincinnati, OH) Friends Meeting. Seven members moved away from Atlanta but remain members. The marriage of Julie Meadows and Jim Thompson took place under the care of the Meeting. Three Memorial Services (for William Squire, Lurline Squire and Sheila Degler) were held. With great sadness, we recorded the resignation from membership of Amy Pritchett and the transfer of Debra Johnson's membership to St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church. We also recorded the transfer of Mariana Garrettson's membership to North Branch (Forty Fort, PA) Monthly Meeting. At the end of 2007, Atlanta Friends Meeting had 127 active members and 23 active (but away from the Atlanta Area) members for a total of 150. Each first day averages 120 or more attenders, and the reported number of active members and attenders is 170.

# **Announcements**

## **Adult First Day Class,**

We will hear the spiritual journey of Karen Morris on September 7. During class on September 14, 21 & 28, we will read and discuss **A Light That Is Shining: An Introduction To The Quakers**, by Harvey Gillman. This book is from Harvey Gillman's experience telling a group of non-Friends about Quakers and is recommended for those new to Friends. It includes chapters entitled 'The Foundation: God within the Heart,' 'Worship: A Quiet Waiting,' 'Origins and Development: The Growth of the Quaker Outlook,' 'From Conviction to Practice: Faith into Action,' 'Quaker Organization: Meetings and meetings,' 'Quakers Today: Respect for Diversity,' and 'Being Part of a Community: Membership and Commitment.' Also included is a bibliography for further reading. Copies of the book will be available from Bill Holland.

## **Friend in Residence Search Update**

The Search Committee that was formed earlier this year to hire a new resident manager (or "Friend in Residence") recently offered the position to Joan Conger, from Athens, Georgia. However, Joan has regretfully decided to decline our offer and is pursuing another leading elsewhere. The work of the search committee (Jack Honderd, clerk; Don Bender, Angie Bonner, Steve Collins, Nan O'Connor) continues. If you have questions, please contact Jack or any member of the committee.

## **ORAIARH**

invites everyone to join in sharing our work against racism in our lives and our communities, Sunday, September 28 at 11:45-1 pm in the junior high room (and each 4th Sunday in the future). ORAIARH stands for "Our Roles as Individuals in America's Racial History" -- a history that we make as well as reflect. All are invited to join us also on second Wednesday nights (Sept. 10) at 7:30 PM each month. Childcare is available for both meetings. For further information, contact Karen Morris, 404-378-0595, or [karenthmorris@comcast.net](mailto:karenthmorris@comcast.net).

## **ENERGY STAR TAX HOLIDAY**

There is an Energy Star Tax Holiday coming up October 2-5. No sales tax on many Energy Star items up to \$1500. If you've been thinking about replacing your dishwasher, clothes washer, room air conditioner, ceiling fans, compact fluorescent light bulbs, dehumidifier, programmable thermostats, refrigerator, doors and windows, October 2-5 is the time to do it!

## **Volunteer to help with Meeting-Supported Voter Registration & Gentrification Education Project**

The East End Neighbors Voter Registration and Gentrification Education Project needs volunteers in July, August and September most Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8:30 PM. Most opportunities will be at the Faith Center of Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, 1879 Glenwood Ave., S.E., Atlanta, GA 30316 (about 3 miles south of the Meetinghouse). Please come out and join us for a brief instruction followed by 1 – 2 hours of canvassing in the neighborhood. We will go out in pairs to register voters and connect folks with resources to help them if they are having trouble paying their taxes or their mortgage. The Meeting has supported this project through a grant of \$6,000 from the Social Concerns Fund. East End Neighbors has engaged a "dream team" of three consultants to help organize this effort. Pastor Melody Johnson is a community organizer with years of experience working in the neighborhood. John Fortuin is a resident of the area who is an activist for making our votes count and has excellent computer skills. Vernetta Nuriddin has led many voter registration drives. Austin Wattles and Bert Skellie serve on the Steering Committee for the project, along with two other residents of the area. Contact Bert at [bertskellie@gmail.com](mailto:bertskellie@gmail.com) or 404-378-5883 for more details. Let us know when you will come.

**Friends' Book Club** Selections for 2008-09 We meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. September 28 [Sapphira and the Slave Girl](#) by Willa Cather. Host - Jude Lomas 404-370-1954 ([judelomas@comcast.net](mailto:judelomas@comcast.net))

**Atlanta Friends Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
As Recorded Pending Approval  
Eighth Month 17, 2008**

Carolyn Coburn Allen presented the Query: Do you take your right share of responsibility in work and service for the meeting? (*Faith and Practice* – Philadelphia Yearly Meeting). A Friend shared her concern for members to come to meeting with heart and mind prepared. When friends arrive late to meeting for worship, how can we be gathered? When few friends attend business meeting, how can we claim to be united in a concern? For too many friends, participation in meeting appears to arise from convenience, not commitment. Another friend shared his experience on membership clearness committees. Persons seeking membership seem to be drawn to the example of Friends, but manifest their own leadings “each in his own words, each in his own way.”

In attendance were: Carolyn Coburn-Allen, Ann Byrne, Lili Crymes, Mary Ann Downey, Betsy Eggers, Julia Ewen, Jenny Foster, Carol Gray, Judith Greenberg, Roland Heath, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Chris Lahowitch, Georgia Lord, Sally MacEwen, Peter McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Steve McLaughlin, Karen terHorst Morris, Dieudonné Ntibayazi, Ronald Nuse, Rick Stoops, Perry Treadwell, Bert Skellie, Ellie Soler, Pat Williams, Cecilia Wutka, Steve Collins (Clerk) and Bill Holland (Recording Clerk). (28 Friends)

**1. Approval of Minutes of Seventh Month Meeting for Worship with an Attention to Business.**

**Minute 08-08-01:** Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Seventh Month 2008 with corrections.

**2. Treasurer’s Report.** Peter McCaughan reported the budget deficit is now approximately \$30,000, \$3,000 behind our typical pattern. The funds budgeted for 2008 building maintenance expenses have already been expended. In constructing the 2008 budget, Finance had expected that the 2007 major renovations would reduce maintenance costs. Due to the active work of the meetinghouse committee, the building is being well maintained and by year end we should have expended close to what was budgeted in 2007. Peter encouraged members of meeting to contribute to the Raise the Roof campaign.

**Minute 08-08-02.** Atlanta Friends Meeting accepts the Treasurer’s Report of July 31, 2008.

**3. Administration.** Karen Morris reported that due to increased interest in the singing before meeting the piano has been moved into Classroom A/B to accommodate more singers. A new sign is being finalized and will include the street address and a statement on inclusion. The Smart Toddlers’ sign will be moved shortly.

A friend expressed a concern over the impending departure of Woody Woodall and encouraged administration committee ensure that we glean his intimate knowledge of our landscape before his departure.

**4. Friend in Residence (FIR) Search Committee.** Steve Collins reported that Joan Conger was offered the position, which was initially accepted, but in the end declined. The Search Committee (Jack Honderd, Angie Bonner, Nan O’Connor, Steve Collins and Don Bender) will continue working to identify a candidate. A Friend encouraged the committee to share the current situation with the meeting through the announcement sheet and/or newsletter.

**5. Ministry and Worship Committee.** Suzan Kenworthy asked the meeting’s approval for a marriage announced in seventh month.

**Minute 08-08-03:** On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, we approve taking the marriage of Wes Morris and Coryn Murphy under our care.

The Meeting for Worship for the Purpose of Marriage is scheduled for November 29 in the meetinghouse. The support committee for the marriage was approved.

**Minute 08-08-04:** On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship committee, we approve the following Friends to support the marriage of Wes Morris and Coryn Murphy: Caroline Morris, Georgia Lord, Lynn Leuszler, John Carpentier, Sallie Carpentier and Steve McLaughlin

Suzan announced that Christina Repoley will be reporting on a conference of Young Adult Friends at a forum on Eighth Month 31 and encouraged attendance.

**6. Refugee Support Committee.** Sally MacEwen reported that the Refugee Support Group has decided to send representatives to meeting standing committees to discuss their proposal outlined last month. Not all committees have met,

so the proposal has not yet been seasoned for meeting discernment. A friend encouraged us to ask committees to report to business meeting their thoughts on how they might extend the involvement of the meeting.

**Minute 08-08-05:** We ask standing committees of Meeting to bring a report of their thoughts and concerns on the Refugee proposal to Ninth month Meeting for business.

Discussion followed on the continuing role of the Refugee Support Group. One friend felt the group didn't wish to have formal responsibility for the concern. Another invited the meeting to become involved with the service, but noted the group felt no call to form a new committee. Several friends encouraged us to not preempt the FIR's candidate's call to ministry into this concern unless we reach unity to do so. Another friend encouraged us to think of ways to engage the meeting with this concern and not leave it to the few who attend business meeting.

A friend asked if the office coordinator could send reminders to friends who have volunteered to provide transportation. While there are plenty of volunteers to provide transportation, one family did not receive transportation this First Day

**Minute 08-08-06:** Atlanta Friends Meeting asks the office coordinator to implement a system to remind friends who have volunteered to provide transportation assistance of their responsibilities.

**7. Nominating.** Sally MacEwen asked meeting discernment for nominations brought in Seventh Month.

**Minute 08-08-07:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Ceal Wutka to serve as our SAYMA Representative.

**Minute 08-08-08:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Hannah MacDermott to serve as the Gathered Meeting Retreat Committee Clerk.

**Minute 08-08-09:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Elaine Ruscetta to serve as Young Friends Support Committee Clerk.

**Minute 08-08-10:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Alison Mawle to serve as our Representative to Decatur Cooperative Ministries.

Sally reported that Nominating Committee recommends the following persons for the named positions: Judith Greenberg (Assistant Treasurer), Elizabeth Valera (Pre-K Lead Teacher) and Betsy Eggers (Co-Lead Teacher Lower Elementary). Approval will be sought in Ninth Month.

**8. Clerk's Items.** The clerk reported the meeting had received a thank you note acknowledging our contribution to AFSC. The card featured a statement by Issac Pennington: "Our life is love and peace and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand. from *Letters*, 1828.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Collins (Clerk)  
Bill Holland (Recording Clerk)

The Enneagram as a tool for Peacemaking a conference for those seeking peace with self, with others, and in our world  
Saturday, October 11, 9 am-5:30 pm - Sunday, October 12, 9 am-4:30 pm at Paideia School, S. Ponce de Leon Ave.

Internationally known author and speaker Helen Palmer will be the lead speaker at a ground breaking conference pairing the Enneagram Personality System and Peacemaking. The Enneagram is a powerful map naming the personality filters that oppose a receptive state of mind where spiritual awakening occurs.

The conference will weave guided meditations on staying Present during conflict, body awareness techniques for maintaining "grounding," and inquiry exercises exploring our resistance to Presence.

Cost is \$225 if received before September 30. After September 30th, cost is \$250. (includes materials and lunches on Saturday and Sunday). For more information or to register, call Sandra Smith, 828-684-2339 or email [sandrasmith@charter.net](mailto:sandrasmith@charter.net).

Helen Palmer has authored five well regarded books in the field of human consciousness. Two works on the Enneagram topic are international bestsellers now in 27 languages. This work is the subject of a recent PBS documentary "Breaking out of the Box – Discovering the Enneagram." Co-founder of Enneagram Studies in the Narrative Tradition together with David Daniels M.D. and Founding member of the IEA, Helen's international teaching schedule on key topics of psychological and spiritual integration is posted at [www.EnneagramWorldwide.com](http://www.EnneagramWorldwide.com)

# **Calendar for Ninth Month, 2008**

## **Area Meetings for Worship**

Every First Day, 10:00 a.m.— In the Meeting Room and a small meeting in the Library.

Every 2nd and 4th First Day, 10:00 a.m. — Canton Friends Worship Group, 360 E. Marietta St, Canton, 770-720-4669 or [wrlpeas@mindspring.com](mailto:wrlpeas@mindspring.com).

Every Fifth Day, 12:10 p.m.— First Thursdays at AFSC office, 92 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta 30303, other Thursdays at East Lake Commons, 404-378-5883 or [bertskellie@gmail.com](mailto:bertskellie@gmail.com).

Every Sixth Day, 8:45 a.m.— Friends School of Atlanta, 121 Sams Street, Decatur, 404-373-8746.

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## **Weekly Events**

### **Every First Day (Sunday)**

9:00 Adult Religious Education

9:15 Singing, Classroom

10:00 Meetings for Worship

### **Every Second Day (Monday)**

8:30-12:30 Smart Toddlers, Nursery/playground

### **Every Third Day (Tuesday)**

7:30 Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

7:00 Bible Study, Library

### **Every Sixth Day (Friday)**

12:00 Vigil at Colony Square

## **Other Events**

### **9/1, Second Day (Monday)**

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Meeting Room

### **9/3, Fourth Day (Wednesday)**

7:30-10:00 Administration Committee, Library

### **9/4, Fifth Day (Thursday)**

7:30-9:00 Meeting for Peace, Library

### **9/7, First Day (Sunday)**

11:15- Potluck

11:45-2:00 Young Friends Planning Mtg, Teen Jr D

11:15-1:30 Green Friends, AB

### **9/8, Second Day (Monday)**

7:30-9:00 Meeting for Healing, Teen Jr. High Room

7:00-9:30 Present Moment Awareness Center, AB

### **9/10, Fourth Day (Wednesday)**

7:15-9:15 ORAIARH, Library & Nursery

### **9/11, Fifth Day (Thursday)**

7:30-9:30 Social Concerns Cmte, Library

### **9/12, Sixth Day (Friday)**

3:00-5:00 Volpert/Friedman Wedding rehearsal, Mtg Rm

### **9/13, Seventh Day (Saturday)**

10:00-2:00 AFG, Library

8:00-6:00 Volpert/Friedman Wedding, Meeting Room, Greeting & Kitchen

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### **9/14, First Day (Sunday)**

11:15 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:30-2:00 Care and Counsel, Jr. Teen Room

11:30-1:30 Ministry and Worship, AB

11:45-1:30 Finance Committee, Library

6:15-8:45 Spiritual Nurture Group #2

### **9/15, Second Day (Monday)**

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Mtg. Room

### **9/17, Fourth Day (Wednesday)**

7:00-10:00 Green Friends – Cool Cities, Library

### **9/18, Fifth Day (Thursday)**

6:00 Newcomer's Welcome dinner

### **9/19, Sixth Day (Friday)**

Newsletter Deadline

4:00- SAYF Young Friends Overnight

### **9/20, Seventh Day (Saturday)**

SAYF Young Friends Overnight

### **9/21, First Day (Sunday)**

11:45-2:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Meeting Room (*childcare available*)

12:00 SAYF ends

### **9/24, Fourth Day (Wednesday)**

5:30-9:30 GA Interfaith Power & Light Steering, A/B

### **9/27, Seventh Day (Saturday)**

10:30-2:00 Democratic Socialist of America, Library, Kitchen & Greeting

### **9/28 First Day (Sunday)**

11:15 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:45-1:00 Nominating Committee Fair, Meeting Room

11:45-1:30 ORAIARH

6:15-8:45 Spiritual Nurture Group #2, Library

7:00- Friends Book Club at Jude Lomas'

### **9/29, Second Day (Monday)**

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group

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Please confirm unique events by checking the announcements sheets and or contacting the Meeting.

Times refer to the reservation request and may begin earlier than the meeting itself.

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Contributions to the Atlanta Friends Meeting can be placed in the slot marked "Contributions" in the greeting area of the Meetinghouse, or mailed to the Treasurer at the above address. Thank you!

#### **DEADLINE FOR 10TH MONTH NEWSLETTER: 9TH MONTH 19**

Readers are encouraged to submit letters, articles, poetry, calendar notices and anything else of interest to Friends.

Items should be sent directly to:

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