

Atlanta Friends Meeting Newsletter

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



Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
701 W. Howard Ave.
Decatur, GA 30030
404-377-2474

July 2009

Query: "We behave spiritually as I sometimes do in the gym: taking the elevator to the third floor in order to use the stair-climbing machine."
Mary Rose O'Reilley "Do I make an intentional space in my morning for spirit and for listening to spirit? Do I rush to meeting, distracted by the events of the morning, the to-do list, my worries? Do I arrive late or enter worship without intention, or do I come to meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship? In both silent and vocal ministry, do I respond to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, without pre-arrangement and in simplicity and truth?" Submitted by Steve McLaughen

Hannah and Laura Got Married

by Meg Harper

Somebody had a vision, I think. What if a wedding were a mystery in which two lives become not only one but many?

Last weekend, May 23-25, Hannah MacDermott and Laura Norlin married each other under the care of the Meeting. The event had been prepared for in the manner of Friends. The couple had realized through faith and the support of their committee as well as the Meeting at large that they were clear to marry. Months of preparations were all finished. On a beautifully rainy morning, a building's worth of friends arrived and waited. The spirit moved in silence. Laura and Hannah spoke vows, promising love and faith. Out of the silence, hands were held, verbal messages arose, eyes were wet, laughter was heard. The Meeting was gathered. When it rose, a long, slow line formed to sign the wedding certificate and begin to sort through what we had witnessed.

And then the gathering continued, with favorite dishes in favorite dishes for a potluck, "Quaker punch," and cakes. A glance around the full Meeting House might pick out the organizers, slightly cockeyed from detail-overload, or the families, faces shining, or the friends, grinning with the pleasure of reunion after long travel. A pause for cleanup and a quick drive to Indian Springs State Park, and the gathering continued for another two days of rain (including magnificent body-surfing in a rain-soaked field), dancing, fine food, singing, swimming, a bonfire, porch-sitting,

worship, and two hundred hands helping with everything. A girl just learning to walk could not stop grinning. Children crowded with glee as they ran at top speed around each other in play. Young Friends built a labyrinth and a bower. Adult Friends remembered how much fun camp can be. Older Friends formed clusters of quiet talk.

Throughout, the glowing couple at the center of our circles was creating those very circles. Laura and Hannah live their lives as if we are all members of a deep communion, and their wedding was an affirmation of their intimate link with each other and equally of our larger weddedness. We all felt joined. Magazine ads, pop songs, and a number of customs to the contrary, we know that a wedding is an event in the life of a community. It is a public moment, in which something is created by eliciting agreement from a group, not a private expression. Quaker weddings are good at creating this sense. In this one, water turned to wine (or hibiscus tea). In the words of the song printed on the program, "there's a glory all around."



Announcements

Whoops! Two versions of the **June** Newsletter. The print version was created as a pdf file and then corrected with Renda's editorial help. BUT the original version and not the corrected version was sent to the printer. The electronic version is the corrected one. ED

Adult Religious Education: July, 2009

On Sunday, July 5, Jane Wellborn will offer the story of her spiritual journey. During the remainder of July, we will use the book, *Jesus and the Buddha*, Marcus Borg, ed. for journaling and worship sharing. Borg demonstrates that if Jesus and Buddha were to meet, they would recognize one another as fellow prophets because they were teaching the same truths. This an important and illuminating oracle of wisdom for all who believe that the spiritual outweighs the material. At the same time, it is a fascinating and appealing anthology of key beliefs within two of the world's great religions.

LETTER FROM THE FERGUSON CABIN COMMITTEE

Sunlight shines through the trees on 8 acres of pristine woods 90 miles north of Atlanta overlooking Lake Burton. Leaves crunch under your feet as you wander down to the wild shore of the lake. If you rise early, you will discover a lavender mist rising off the water.

Dwight Ferguson gifted this beautiful thickly forested property in 1983 to Atlanta Friends Meeting in memory of his wife, Irene. While gifting this land and 3 rustic cabins with a loving heart, Dwight had a vision of generations of Friends laughing, swimming, cooking and sharing spiritual retreats on this property. He built onto the small original cabin as a family place & added

2 other rustic dwellings, an outhouse and well with drawn water. Later the AFM committee added a drilled well with water pumped to the kitchen sink.

The Ferguson Cabin Committee is now ready to move forward with modern toilets & showers built into a small winterized cabin with living space & sleeping loft to provide better year round increased use.

The Friends Meeting has been entrusted with the long term care of this pristine land. We are breaking ground to begin renovations in early June and have an ongoing

Fund-raising Campaign, which has raised to date over \$15,000. However, to make major progress on the new structure another \$9,000 will be required. The overall total for the entire project is \$28,000.

A number of Friends have generously pledged skilled labor, and there are exciting plans for a pioneer-style cabin-raising weekend or two later this year.

Will you help preserve and improve this property? The Ferguson cabin is available for use by Friends & other small groups for very nominal fees. In doing so you protect many trees and a parcel of wild land, helping preserve the entire Earth.

Please make checks to Atlanta Friends Meeting, marked for "*Cabin Building Project*." Contributions are tax-deductible. Mail completed form and your check to AFM, 701 W. Howard Ave, Decatur, GA 30030, or put in the Contributions slot. For more information— contact Kathy Johnson: 404-371-4440, kathybjohnson@mindspring.com

Formatting I am losing WORD this month so please send all submissions as an rtf file or part of an e-mail page rather than attached. ED

Clerk of the Meeting Steve Collins	Finance Paul Mangelsdorf	Religious education Mary Jahntz	Social Concerns Julia Parker Ewen John Adams
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Recording Clerk Caroline Noyes	Care & Counsel Dwight Harriman	Young Friends Coordinator Lora Norlin	
Treasurer Meredith Reynolds	Ministry & Worship Suzan Kenworthy		

The Clearness Process: Learning to Listen to our Inner Teacher Forum Sunday July 26

From our beginnings over three hundred and fifty years ago, Quakers created the clearness committee process to help Friends draw on both inner and communal resources to deal with life's greatest problems. The Clearness Committee is testimony to the fact that there are no external authorities on life's deepest issues, not clergy or therapists or scholars; there is only the authority that lies within each of us waiting to be heard. Behind the Clearness Committee is a simple but crucial conviction: each of us has an inner teacher, a voice of truth, that offers the guidance and power we need to deal with our problems. (The Clearness Commktttee by Parker Palmer)

This forum will be a time to learn the purpose and use of clearness committees in our meeting so that we help each other heed our inner teacher. We will provide information about the clearness process, offer guidelines and a chance to briefly practice the process.

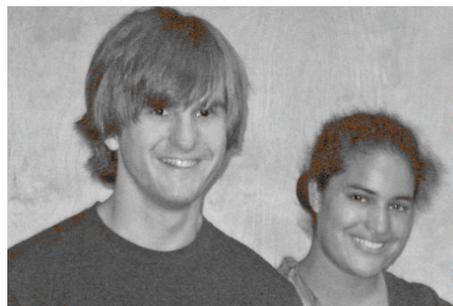
Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice by Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye, 2009 Please join Our Role as Individuals in America's Racial History (ORAIARH) and the Committee on Undoing Racism in the Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) in reading and discussing this book at our July 8 & our July 26 meetings. We will discuss Chapter 6, "African American Membership in the Religious Society of Friends," at 7:30 PM on July 8 and Chapter 7, "Working for Desegregation " on July 26 at 11:45AM. We will be hosting the authors here next fall, so we have bought 20 copies of the book to loan or sell between now and then. Look for the books at our table near the refreshments each Sunday.

Hike Saturday, July 18 at 9 AM

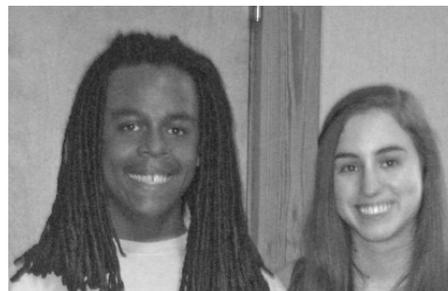
Please plan to join East End Neighbors for a three-mile hike at the East Palisades unit of the Chattahoochee River Park on Saturday, July 18 at 9 AM. Families with children welcome! We will meet to carpool at Bethel Baptist Church at 1890 Second Avenue Decatur 30032, next to the funeral

home & near East Lake Commons. (Please park behind the church.) We should be back between noon and 1 PM. For more info please contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-378-5883

Congratulations to AFM's 2009 high school graduates as they move on to higher education! Alise Trapp will be attending Georgia Perimeter College and is keeping her options of a major open; John Slack will be pursuing a degree in the sciences, possibly physics, at Rice University. Gabrielle Lahowitch goes to Guilford College to major in psychology. And, Sage Adams aspires to be a TV and film producer with a focus on mass communication at Georgia State University.



John and Gabrielle



Sage and Alise

Thanks to Renda for the photos.

Help Build Friends Churches in Cene Monthly Meeting, home meeting of Burundi attenders of AFM:

Imagine the commitment of church members building their own churches with bricks they make themselves. That is exactly what members of Cene Monthly Meeting in Burundi are doing, but they need our help for buying other supplies and paying for skilled labor for jobs that cannot be done by volunteers.

Most of you know the three Burundian families (18 people) who have been actively participating in Atlanta Friends Meeting for about 18 months. When Dieudonne Ntibayazi, spokesperson for these families, wrote a newsletter article describing his experiences of leaving war-torn Burundi and living in a refugee camp in Tanzania before coming to Atlanta, the one thing he asked for from Atlanta Friends Meeting was to help his church in Cene Meeting in Burundi. Now we have concrete plans, a list of expenses, and the necessary contact people to put our support into action.

_To give a little background, during the periods of civil strife in the 1970s and 1990s, Friends Church missionaries were expelled, Burundi Friends Church leaders died or were exiled, and thousands of Burundians fled to surrounding countries or elsewhere in the world as refugees. Burundi refugees in refugee camps in Tanzania kept worshipping in Friends Churches in the camps.

Now thousands of Burundi refugees have returned. Fifty-five thousand more refugees are scheduled to return from Tanzania this year as Tanzania closes its refugee camps. The Friends Church not only offers a vibrant faith community but is an important voice for peace in a country with a fragile peace and continuing ethnic, political, and land disputes. Burundi is among the poorest countries in the world based on average yearly income and the economic situation will be exacerbated by the return of refugees.

Cene Monthly Meeting, located in the province of Gitega in central Burundi, has 450 members and old and insufficient buildings. The project is to build 3 new church buildings: one large one and 2 small ones. Local church members will find stones for the foundation and make bricks for the buildings themselves. They will also supply volunteer labor and some of the transportation costs. However, the materials for the roof, doors, floors, benches, and paint must be bought. In addition, masons must be hired to do skilled labor. The total cost for building the 3 churches is \$31,304, with \$11,985 coming from local funds or volunteer labor.

Atlanta Friends Meeting Social Concerns Committee has contributed \$100 for the project, but we would like to raise more from individuals. You can be assured that any money raised will get to the project and be used appropriately. The check from Social Concerns is being personally carried by David & Mae Kellum, who worked as Friends missionaries in Burundi for many years. The Kellums have offered to take further contributions at a later date as well. We are also in e-mail contact with the pastor of Cene Monthly meeting, who is the coordinator of the project.

Now you have an opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution to this worthy project through Atlanta Monthly Meeting. To designate funds for this purpose, when you write a check to Atlanta Friends Meeting, simply write, « Friends Churches in Burundi » on the « memo » line of the check. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated ! Thanks !

Atlanta Friends Meeting Scholarship Fund

In recent years, The Atlanta Friends Meeting has provided educational scholarships to Meeting-related young people involved in liberal arts or vocational schools. In recent academic years, 8 to 10 students have received this support. The Meeting's students have attended colleges including Haverford, Wesleyan, Yale, Colby, and Williams Colleges among others. Students' majors have included Economics, African American, American, Latin American, and Religious Studies, Theater, and Anthropology.

The students have focused on their academic work and have also been involved in a broad range of other activities. Counted among community activities are sustainable food projects, prison and social justice work, language studies and immersion abroad, athletics, elementary school mentoring, and theater directing. Our students have made us proud!!!

We have received scholarship requests for the academic year 2009-2010. At the moment, our fund is not sufficient to offer support to all who have made a request. Will you consider a donation to the fund so that the Meeting can continue to support our outstanding young people and their academic pursuits and passions? Please make a donation in the donation slot in the Meeting House and mark it "Educational Scholarship Fund". You may also contact Sue May sdmay@mindspring.com or Wendy Phillips WendyPhillipsPhD@gmail.com for more information. Wendy Phillips

Atlanta Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Sixth Month 21, 2009
As Recorded Pending Approval

Ceal Wutka presented the query: "Do you give sufficient time to sharing with others in the Meeting, both newcomers and long-time members, your understanding of worship, of service, and of commitment to the Society's witness? Do you give a right proportion of your money to support Quaker work?"

In attendance were: Mike Aland, Mary Ann Downey, Julia Parker Ewen, Susan Firestone, Erica French, Nina Gooch, Judith Greenberg, Roland Heath, Bill Holland, Elizabeth Lamb, Georgia Lord, Pete McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Steve McLaughlin, Jonah McDonald, Caroline Morris, Meredith Reynolds, Nan Roark, Martha Jane Robinson, Bert Skellie, Nancy Smith, Ellie Soler, Joan Thompson, Denny Webster, Pat Williams, Ceal Wutka, Mark Wutka, Steve Collins (Clerk), Caroline Noyes (Recording Clerk). (29 Friends)

1. Approval of Minutes of Fifth Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Minute of 09-06-01: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Fifth Month 2009 with corrections

2. Treasurer.

Meredith Reynolds reported that there has been \$46,655.49 raised through May 31 and expenses of \$60,805.43. Total income thus far in 2009 represents 32% of the budget, while at this point in 2008 total income represented 22.8% of the budget. The deficit as of May 31, 2009 stands at \$15,149.94.

3. Finance.

Susan Firestone reported on efforts to assist Burundi Friends in Africa in the building of three churches to meet their growing need. Members of the African Burundi community will make their own bricks, while money is needed to provide roofing and masons to assemble the churches. Burundi Friends have budgeted \$31,000 to build the three churches, and are requesting \$19,000 of those funds from various agencies. The Finance Committee has a detailed budget from the pastor in charge of building the churches, and the project will be completed by 2010. Atlanta Friends Meeting currently has three Burundi families participating in the life of the meeting, and such a fund will allow the Meeting to support their home church.

The Finance Committee wants to establish a special fund to which Friends can designate donations in order to assist the Burundi church building efforts. Friends can submit checks to Atlanta Friends Meeting and designate those monies towards this effort.

Minute 09-06-02: The meeting approves the Finance Committee's establishment and naming of a special fund for Burundi church construction efforts. This special fund will expire on December 31, 2010.

4. Administration.

Georgia Lord reported that the Administration Committee is examining the usage patterns of Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse. The committee has determined that various groups use the classrooms and library Monday through Thursday evening, while the meeting room is used by renters or Atlanta Friends Meeting three out of four Saturdays for special events. The meetinghouse is not used during the middle of the day (afternoons). The Committee is examining ways to both better utilize the space during the afternoon and to increase usage of the meeting room during the evening. Jonah McDonald gave examples of how outside groups use the meeting space, with small rooms renting for \$24 a month with a year long lease, and the meeting house (meeting room, greeting area, kitchen) renting for \$100 an hour. The Administration Committee is examining issues related to both income and usage.

Personnel liaison description: The Administration Committee has incorporated new suggestions into the job description for the Personnel Liaison position and is seeking any additional feedback. The position description will be presented again after further revision.

Friend in Resident position: The Administration Committee requests that Friends be patient as the process to find a new Friend in Residence proceeds. People with keys can help by volunteering to open and close the building until the new resident moves in.

5. Ministry and Worship.

Ceal Wutka requested final approval for Harry Lefever's membership.

Minute 09-06-03: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Harry Lefever's request to become a member.

Ceal requested a minute of appreciation for Jim Tolmach's gift of a handcrafted cherry wedding bench.

Minute 09-06-04: The Meeting expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to Jim Tolmach for his gift of the cherry wedding bench he handcrafted. It has already been joyfully used for two recent marriage ceremonies under the care of the Meeting and matches the beautiful cherry marriage certificate-signing table Jim made some years ago. Our Meeting is the fortunate recipient of these lovely items. We admire Jim's craftsmanship and his inspiration to contribute to our Meeting in this very meaningful way.

Two marriages under the care of the Meeting that took place during May and June: Hannah MacDermott and Laura Nolin on May 23, 2009 and Caroline Morris and Mike Aland on June 13, 2009.

Scholarships totaling \$1,808.75 were awarded to 10 individuals attending SAYMA and four individuals attending FGC.

6. Naming.

Nina Gooch requested final approval for Wendy Phillips to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Minute 09-06-05: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Wendy Phillips to serve on the Nominating Committee

Naming committee has completed its task, and can be laid down with the understanding that it will be reactivated when needed.

7. Nominating.

Roland Heath requested final approval for Caroline Noyes to serve as Recording Clerk and Carolyn Coburn Allen as an appointed member of the Administration Committee

Minute 09-06-06: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Caroline Noyes as Recording Clerk

Minute 09-06-07: Atlanta Friends meeting approves Carolyn Coburn Allen as an appointed member of the Administration Committee

Roland reported that the Friend in Residence search committee is being reactivated to replace Valerie Barlow as Friend in Residence. Jack Honderd (Clerk), Steve Collins, and Nan O'Connor will continue to serve on the committee, and Lynn Leuszler, Beth Ruddiman, and Roland Heath are nominated to serve on the Friend in Residence Committee. Approval for old and new committee members will be sought in Seventh Month.

Steve Collins reported that the committee is aware of the importance of moving ahead quickly and, while the committee awaits formal approval from the Meeting, advertisements for the Friend in Residence position have been submitted to Friends Journal and posted on the Quaker job website. There have been some inquiries from interested parties.

8. Ferguson Cabin.

Joan Thompson reported that the Ferguson Cabin Committee has distributed an information sheet with a fundraising appeal, and will next meet on July 28, 2009 so more detailed information on fundraising will be presented during Seventh Month. The septic tank has been installed, while site preparation for the new cabin and completion of the plumbing for the existing cabin and the new cabin still remains to be completed.

There is plenty of space available over the weekends this summer, and if you are interested please contact Joan Thompson. There is an open house scheduled for the weekend of August 8th and 9th, and there will be also be other times during the summer to work on the cabin and the building, and to just have fun.

9. Other Business.

Bill Holland reported on an incident in which burial ashes in an urn that was buried on the Meetinghouse grounds were mistakenly removed from their container and spread without knowledge or permission of the family. Bill raised a concern about the Meeting's awareness of guidelines concerning the distribution of burial ashes on the Meetinghouse grounds. A series of guidelines concerning the distribution of ashes on the grounds was developed in 1995, but these guidelines are not published in the Meeting handbook. Additionally, as currently written, they do not specifically prohibit burying an object containing ashes. Pete McCaughan and Bert Skellie recommended that Ministry & Worship review the guidelines, and bring these guidelines forward to Meeting for Business for inclusion in the Meeting handbook. Bill Holland has volunteered to write an article concerning the guidelines for the newsletter and, on behalf of the meeting, to write a letter of apology to the family.

Minute 09-06-08: The Meeting approves that the guidelines for the distribution of burial ashes be reviewed and amended to indicate that we do not accept burial urns or plaques on the grounds

Minute 09-06-09: The Meeting authorizes Bill Holland to write a letter of apology on behalf of the Meeting.

Bert Skellie requested a minute of celebration for the Meeting's high school graduates:

Minute 09-06-10: The Meeting celebrates the recent high school graduates of 2009, Alise Trapp, John Slack, Gabrielle Lahowitch, Sage Adams, and honors all that they have brought to our Meeting, and what they continue to bring to our community.

Steve Collins reminds Friends to check the volunteer board for volunteer opportunities.

The meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Calendar for Seventh Month, 2009

Area Meetings for Worship

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

Every First Day, 3 p.m. — Carrollton Friends Worship Group, St. Andrew United Methodist Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, lessell.bray@gmail.com or 770-830-8705.

Every 2nd and 4th First Day, 10:00 a.m. — Canton Friends Worship Group, 360 E. Marietta St, Canton,

12:00 p.m. Contact Marty Bray for more information: 770-830-8705 or lessell.bray@gmail.com

Every Fifth Day, 12:10 p.m.— First Thursdays at AFSC office, 92 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta 30303,

Every other Thursday at East Lake Commons, 404-378-5883 or bertskellie@gmail.com.

Every Sixth Day, 8:45 a.m.— Friends School of Atlanta, 862 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30030, 404-373-8746. No Meetings June, July

Mon-Fri Morning Worship, 8:30 – 9:00: In the library at Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse. Contact Jonah McDonald,

404-377-2474,afmquakers@hotmail.com

Weekly Events

Every First Day (Sunday)

9:00 Adult Religious Education

9:15 Singing, Classroom A/B

10:00 Meetings for Worship

Every Week Day (Monday – Friday)

8:30-9:00 Morning Silent Worship, Library

Every Second-Fifth Day (Monday-Thursday)

8:30-12:30 Smart Toddlers,

Nursery/playground

Every Third Day (Tuesday)

7:30pm Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

7:30pm Bible Study, Library

Other Events

07/1, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30-10:00 Administration Committee,

Library

07/2, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:30-8:30 Meeting for Peace, Library

07/5, First Day (Sunday)

10:00-11:00 Worship followed by potluck

11:15-1:30 Green Friends, A/B

07/6, Second Day (Monday)

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Library

07/7, Third Day (Tuesday)

7:00-10:00 Bible Study, Library

7:30-8:00 Silent Meditation, Meeting Rm

07/8, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30-9:30 ORAIARH, Library & Nursery

07/9, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:39-9:00 Social Concerns, Library

07/12, First Day (Sunday)

11:30-12:30 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:30-1:30 Ministry and Worship, A/B

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

11:45-2:00 Finance Library

6:15 Spiritual Nurture Group # 2 Library

07/13, Second Day (Monday)

7:30-9:00 Meeting for Healing HS class room

07/14, Second Day (Tuesday)

7:00-9:30 Bible Study, Library

7:30-8:00 Silent Meditation, Mt Rm

07/16, Fourth Day (Thursday)

6:45-10:15 Friendly 8's Spiritual Journey, JH

Class Rm

07/18, ~6:00 Newcomer's Welcome dinner

07/19 First Day (Sunday)

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

7:00 pm Friends Book Club,

07/20 Second Day (Monday)

7:30-10:00 Spiritual Nurture Group, Library

07/21, Third Day (Tuesday)

7:00-10:00 Bible Study, Library

7:30-8:00 Silent Meditation, Meeting Rm

07/23 Newsletter Deadline –To Perry Treadwell

07/26 First Day (Sunday)

11:30 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:45 Ministry & Worship Forum, mt Rm

6:30-8:30 Spiritual Nurture Group #2, Library

06/28 Third Day (Tuesday)

7:00 Bible Study, Library

7:30 Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

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

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NAMETAGS: If you would like to have a permanent nametag made, leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

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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 8TH Month newsletter: 7th Month 23

Readers are encouraged to submit letters, articles, poetry, calendar notices and anything else of interest to Friends. Items should be sent directly to: Perry Treadwell perryt@bellsouth.net 404-325-1504

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