

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

August 2009

Query: Do you individually assume your rightful share of responsibility for the work and financial support of the monthly meeting? Do you participate regularly in meetings for business and do you complete committee responsibilities faithfully? - SAYMA Faith and Practice

The Spiritual Practice of Weeding

Georgia Lord

I look at my flower garden, seeing the jungle of plants that has collected there. Kudzoo vines creep in from the sides. A sticky strand of cats paw twines around my nearly wild roses. Wild strawberries are everywhere. I have to look closely to see my flowers, and they look a tad overwhelmed by the weeds that surround them.

I start to pull the weeds, sliding my hands down to the base of some to pull them up from the soil by their roots. Others I must snip and dig. I become adept at following the wild strawberry runners back to the main roots, and then grow skilled at recognizing the distinctive bright color of the strawberry roots themselves. This makes it easier for me to quickly clear out large sections of them. I start to see areas of cleared soil around my flowers. They can breathe and reach the sun again!

As I weed I think about all the things that are crowding into my life. Which ones are like kudzoo, greedily gobbling up far more than their fair share of my time and energy and standing poised to completely overshadow the other parts of my life? Kudzoo is a bully of the garden and must be ruthlessly pulled out, and the roots dug up, to keep it from choking out the other plants. So, too, should I uproot parts of my life that are keeping the other parts from thriving. Which parts of my life are like the most precious plants in my garden? I need to make sure that they are in places with the right amount of the things that they need to thrive. There are other things in my life that are parallel to some of the plants in my garden: they are perfectly fine plants

– but are plants that simply do not appeal much to me. There is not enough room in the garden for everything. I need to make choices regarding how I wish to spend my time and energy. I may need to simply release some plants to others with the hope that they will thrive in their gardens.

As I weed, I find that I see my life with greater clarity -- the various demands upon my time and energy. I realize anew that I need to choose my endeavors with discernment rather than simply allowing them to be chosen for me. I need to clear out plenty of space for what I am called to do – even if it means brutally eliminating the weeds.

Vignettes

AFM Recycles

Crash! Bang! Bang! Interrupted the silence of Meeting for Worship. Heads rose up, smiles were exchanged, and the meeting continued. Some neighbor had dumped their glass in the 55 gallon barrels behind Quaker House.

Atlanta Friends Meeting had started recycling glass early in the 1970s. Before Meeting started, the tinkle of glass could be heard as arriving Friends made their deposits in the rear.

As the barrels filled with clear, brown or green glass, they were lifted onto one of the pickup trucks available and carried down town to a Coca-Cola truck scales. There the truck was weighed, the barrels dumped in very large containers, the truck weighed again and cash paid for the load.

The cash went to Friends projects. Thus, AFM began its recycling early in our history of environmental awareness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forum on Quakers and Money: Discerning and Shaping Our Work on 8/23

What do Quaker principles teach us about how we can best discern the work we are led to do? What do they tell us about the way in which we should go about doing that work? What guidance can we offer each other? Please join us for a presentation and a discussion on this topic on First Day, 8/23, following rise of Meeting for Worship.

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer Concerns invites everyone to join them for a potluck on August 23 at about 11:45 following meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Plates and silverware, etc. provided. The potluck will be at the home of Nina Gooch and Erica French about 10 minutes south of the meetinghouse. Directions will be provided at the meetinghouse on the 23rd or email ninagooch AT gmail DOT com.

If you would like to be on the FLGBTQC email list, you can visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/atl-flgbtqc/> or email Nina at ninagooch AT gmail DOT com.

Twenty (20) of **David Foster's** photographs are currently on display at Worthmore Jewelers in Midtown. The store is located at Amsterdam Walk(L3) at 500 Amsterdam Avenue, just north of Piedmont Park off Monroe. See website for hours - www.worthmorejewelers.com. The exhibit will be up until mid-August.

The judges have spoken. And at the Associated Church Press's annual "Best of the Christian Press" awards, Friends Journal took top honors in the Best Theme Issue category for our October 2008 special issue, "Energy, Climate, and Building Community." Subscribe to Friends Journal today using the special offer code "ENERGY," and we'll send you the October 2008 special issue absolutely free -- a \$6.45 value. And with your subscription, you'll also get our next two special issues (potential award-winners themselves!) -- "Friends Witness in our Everyday Lives" in October and another yet-to-be-announced issue next June. [Www.friendsjournal.org](http://www.friendsjournal.org)

Open House, Open Lives at the Ferguson Cabin

The Ferguson Cabin Committee is working to bring the cabin more into the life of our meeting by adding some of the more "modern" conveniences that make for a pleasant stay. Our hope is that more people will take advantage of this gift that was bequeathed to us by Dwight Ferguson as both a lasting tribute to Irene Ferguson and as a fun place for friends and families that is simple in nature and wondrous in beauty. The Ferguson Cabin personifies and offers us an opportunity to fulfill a key part of our Quaker lifestyle by truly walking lightly on the earth, and preserving an area of wild land that is home for birds, animals, trees, plant life. In addition there is large Lake Burton, inviting and cool. Sitting on the dock or floating in the water, you are embraced by the rolling hills in the foreground and protected by the trees on the shore.

Until now, the cabin and land have remained much as Dwight left it, but you can see progress we have made with the septic tank in place now to provide indoor toilets and showers. The existing cabins are perfect for summer use with a large screened porch and other sleeping cabins. These will be joined by a small winterized cabin with two bathrooms for expanded use.

The Committee invites everyone to come see what we are doing during an Open House being held from August 7-9. Several members will be in attendance to show you around. By then we will know if we have raised enough to break ground on the new building. If we can reach our goal by August 1st the appropriately named Labor Day weekend has been chosen as an excellent three day weekend to get started. If you are led to help, please mark your check for *Cabin Building Project* and make it out to the Atlanta Friends Meeting. Checks can be left in the contribution slot or mailed to 701 W. Howard Ave. Decatur, GA 30030. (Continued on page 3)

(Ferguson Cabin Continued) Many of you have helped and we are very grateful. We hope you will come and see why we are so excited about this. The Ferguson cabin memorializes love of friends and families, and the love of this earth. It is approximately two hours north of downtown Atlanta just a few miles off Hwy. 197 and about 14 miles north of Clarksville, Ga.

For more information about the open house, please contact Caroline Morris or Mike Aland at 404-633-4054. For more information about the Committee, scheduling a stay at the cabin, or funding, please contact Joan Thompson at 404-273-3489.

Love That Casts a Widening Pool of Light What if the Mightiest Word Is Love ...

by Daphne Clement

On Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 5:00pm Caroline Fry Morris and Michael Richard Aland were married at the Atlanta Friends Meeting under the care of the Meeting. After a time of silent worship Caroline and Mike rose and spoke their marriage vows before gathered family and Friends.

Many of those gathered in the Meeting room had never attended a Friends' Worship or Quaker wedding. Below are some recorded comments about the silent worship and marriage under the care of the Meeting:

"I felt a profound connection to the Spirit inside the silence"

"The support of the community and the wonderful offerings left me with a new sense of what is spiritual ..."

"The spiritual grounding and simplicity in the silence and the bearing witness left me with a different understanding of what commitment is ..."

"Out of the silence, I feel that people probably spoke with conviction that is not typical for us, as individuals ..."

"I have been to Quaker worship before (& to Wes and Corrine's wedding), but learning about the support committee and the responsibility of the community That is amazing!"

"Once I rose, it was easy to talk about someone I have known for fourteen years ... that's my whole life! The silence was really different ... calm, peaceful ... I enjoyed it" (This quote by the youngest of us to rise.)

Several of those who rose to bless this union spoke of how beautifully Caroline and Mike dance together. And one has a sense this may be true, both on and off the dance floor.

The vows were witnessed by the signature of each attender and each then had the opportunity of being received by the newly weds. Both of them appeared to stand together in the Light.

There followed a lavish potluck and joyful company. Good food, good company, good music and friendship for all.



New Member: Meg Harper In 2007, I became a member of the Atlanta Friends Meeting. The first thing that Friends might know about me is that it takes me a while to get to such things as joining religious organizations or writing self-introductions for newsletters. Nonetheless, here are some details of how and why I came here, and who I am.

My first contact with Quakers was in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, when I was in graduate school in the early 1980s. My fellow student, teaching assistant, and office mate Catherine Peck was also the resident manager of the meeting house there. She's a friend, by which I mean someone with whom I am achingly vulnerable and laughingly safe as our relationship nurtures and pushes our mutual spiritual growth. One meaning of the word friend is nearly meaningless, signifying someone very nearly a stranger. Another means the person who will get or place the painfully inconvenient phone call in the middle of the night; the one whose weaknesses are entrusted to me and who is the keeper of mine; the one whose face is in my dreams. That friend makes my whole being smile, even if it is through tears.

About fifteen years ago, more or less cross-eyed from personal struggle, almost but not quite sure that I'd never be through with being emotionally battered, it occurred to me to bring my fears and yearnings to a Friends Meeting. I was a mess (as I still am, though not exactly the same one).

Identities: I was a newly single mother of three, a professional feminist intellectual, a white U.S. Southerner with ties to Ireland, an ex-Presbyterian Roman Catholic, in conflict and collusion with her gender, her race, her sexuality, her religious affiliations, her regional and national cultures—and herself. I was also in love with the unknowable that I call God and also with a partner whose deep spirituality went in a very different direction from “religion.” I wanted to raise my kids with a spiritual home, and I wanted to worship in a place that wouldn't cage my own explorations or look down on Rick for being nonreligious. I wanted quiet. In the quiet, I wanted to reach for or wait for (to put it in hopelessly inadequate binary terms) the Thing and No-Thing that I might both find and lose, both beyond and immanently in my life. I wanted friends with whom I could explore in peace the terrible mysteries of being human.

Over the years, Friends at this Meeting may remember me in times of joy and also grief, not to mention all sorts of other times. My oldest son Rayvon, who was eight when Rick and I began attending Meeting, went from homeschooling to the Friends School, then moved in with his father in Alabama when he was fourteen. He went to a military junior college, and he has now graduated from Auburn University with a film major and a commission in the National Guard. My daughter Grace followed him to her father's household; she is a deeply committed evangelical Christian, a songwriter, a rising senior at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, a newly confirmed Catholic, and engaged to be married. My son George is known to many at this Meeting. He's nineteen and exploring music and life while working on going to college.

We were gone from the Meeting from 2001 through 2003, when I spent two research years in Ireland finishing a book on the Irish poet W. B. Yeats and his wife. Rick and I finished a stint as teachers and clerk of Religious Education when we left, and when we came back, other reassessments followed. Some things have not changed: I'm still a professor of Irish literature at Georgia State University, a lover of music (I sing and play at fiddle, guitar, and piano), a sometime dancer and backpacker, and a reader of poetry. Rick and I explore the unfolding mystery of loving each other, and the Meeting has buttressed our partnership. This Meeting has taught and teaches many other things, too, about the power of peace, the riches of simplicity, the many faces of justice, the depth of joy.

As I meditated on the meaning of becoming a member rather than an attender of the Meeting, one of the metaphors that I pondered was marriage. Becoming a member, one brand of logic goes, is a bit like getting married: to use some language jargon, it's a speech act that is performative, that is, it creates the state that it articulates. One loves and is committed to one's mate before a wedding, after all, but the ceremony, like all sorts of others, from Presidential inaugurations to graduations, is a great reminder that reality is made by public agreement. If we say President, that person's the President. If a diploma changes hands, we all see it and decide that someone's got a brain (as the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz* would say). “I do” means Married, and becoming a member means being a fully committed part of the whole Meeting. Maybe. But I had a dream a while back, when I was staying at the house of my old friend Catherine, and I woke up and thought, Oh. It's not like a marriage, or a public office, or a statement about status so much as it is, well, like friendship. The real kind. So I asked for membership. I'm under no illusions about the likelihood of such a relationship with everyone here. It would be impossible to befriend everyone here and anybody who may come, to allow you all into that intense and vulnerable place in my life. Good thing there's enough Light for such a wild impossibility.



Atlanta Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Seventh Month 19, 2009

As Recorded Pending Approval

Suzan Kenworthy presented the query: "Do I make an intentional space in my morning for spirit and 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?" (*Mary Rose O'Reilley*). "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." (*Steve McLaughlin*)

In attendance were: Julia Parker Ewen, Susan Firestone, Judith Greenberg, Mary Jahntz, Paul Mangelsdorf, Pete McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Laura Norlin, Merrick Owan, Ellie Soler, Perry Treadwell, Ceal Wutka, Mark Wutka, Tom Kenworthy, Suzan Kenworthy, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Steve Collins (Clerk), Caroline Noyes (Recording Clerk). (19 Friends)

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

Minute 09-07-01: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Fifth Month 2009 with corrections.

2. Treasurer:

Paul Mangelsdorf reported that there has been \$56,290 raised through June 30 and expenses of \$68,708. Total income thus far in 2009 represents 39% of the budget. The deficit as of June 30, 2009 stands at \$12,417. Atlanta Friends Meeting is on target for expenses at this point in the year, and contributions are running about 10% ahead of the five-year trailing average at this point in the year. Thanks to the efforts of Jonah McDonald, we are expecting substantially more rental income as the year progresses.

There are no surprises on the balance sheet, and we still have cash on hand as a result of reserves put aside to anticipate deficits early in the year. The Refugee Fund is exhausted, and additional monies, if needed, will have to come from other Meeting sources. There was discussion concerning the funds remaining from the Friends Community Worship Group (Gwinnett). These funds were raised by the Worship Group in Gwinnett County, under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, and are held by Atlanta Friends Meeting with the understanding that if the Worship Group is laid down, the monies will be transferred to the Atlanta Friends Meeting Advancement Fund. The Friends Community Worship Group is no longer operating, but has not been formally laid down by Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Minute 09-07-02: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the laying down of the Friends Community Worship Group.

Minute 09-0703: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the allocation of the monies in the Friends Community Worship Group fund to the Advancement Committee.

3. Religious Education.

Mary Jahntz reported on the activities of the Religious Education Committee. During the last year, the Religious Education Committee has worked with the Nurturing Young Friends Committee to create more connections between young friends and adult friends. Activities in support of this goal have included the intergenerational worship activities, which were sponsored with Ministry and Worship. The Committee has also researched First Day School curricula, and has chosen *Godly Play*, which incorporates a Montessori approach in sharing the sacred stories of the bible. Representatives from Friends General Conference (FGC) will lead a training session for First Day teachers in a weekend training session in August (August 14-16). Members of other churches are also invited to this training session. Those attending who are not affiliated with Atlanta Friends Meeting will pay for the training in order to help defray the costs. The workshop leaders will also provide an overview of the curriculum for any interested adult Friends.

The transition to the *Godly Play* will take more than a year, and there will be costs to purchase the supplies. The focus this coming year in all classrooms will be on a) the New Testament, b) living the faith, and c) loving thy neighbor as thyself. The Religious Education Committee is looking into supplemental activities such as service projects.

Currently, it is Atlanta Friends Meeting policy to have two adults in every First Day classroom, although we have not been meeting that standard. Going forward, Jonah McDonald will help manage volunteers in the classrooms by

including First Day classroom volunteering opportunities on the volunteer list. The Religious Education Committee is also building a parent list so that parents can fill in when needed. Laura Norlin is helping to build a calendar for the year, so parents will know in advance of special opportunities (e.g., intergenerational worship opportunities). Additionally, a parent handbook is being developed. There are also plans for a family picnic or potluck for the beginning of the year.

Tom Kenworthy noted that the training and supplies for *Godly Play* is an example of Friends General Conference's religious education outreach.

4. Nominating Committee.
Caroline Noyes requested final approval for Jack Honderd, Steve Collins, Nan O'Connor, Lynn Leuszler, Beth Ruddiman, and Roland Heath to serve on the Friend in Residence search committee.

Minute 09-07-04: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Jack Honderd, Steve Collins, Nan O'Connor, Lynn Leuszler, Beth Ruddiman, and Roland Heath to serve on the Friend in Residence search committee.

5. Young Friends.

Laura Norlin gave an overview of the Quarterly Report on Young Friends program activities from January through June 2009. The highlights include the SAYF retreat in January that was planned by Young Friends of Atlanta Friends Meeting. This retreat included 46 Young Friends from SAYMA and only five (5) Friendly Adult Presences (FAPs). In order to provide a safe and nurturing environment, there needs to be more FAPs in order to reduce the YF to FAP ratio. On August 8, 2009, there will be a FAP training session, and all Friends are invited to attend and learn about the opportunities available.

Additional Young Friend activities included a retreat in February for 3rd through 6th graders. There was a SAYF retreat in Nashville, Tennessee in March, and another SAYF retreat in Banner Elk, North Carolina in April. Intergenerational day were held in both February and April. All of the teens attending Atlanta Friends Meeting, including the Burundi teens, have participated in at least one Young Friends event.

The members of the Young Friends Committee encourage adult Friends to take advantage of opportunities to interact (at things like potluck) with young friends.

Tom Kenworthy noted that the Young Friends quarterly report aptly demonstrates the growth in Atlanta Friends Meeting's involvement and stewardship of its young friends. Julia Ewen also noted the sound financial stewardship by this committee.

Ceal Wutka also noted that Atlanta Friends Meeting now has enough teens involved with Young Friends activities to necessitate taking two cars to SAYF meetings.

6. Other items.

Steve Collins gave an update on the Friend in Residence search. The committee met on July 13, 2009 to discuss the job description, and to acquaint new committee members with the concept of a ministry-led position. Jonah McDonald met with the committee in order to add his thoughts to the process. The advertisement will run again in the August issue of Friends Journal. Additionally, an email was sent to members and attenders with connections in the wider Friends community so that they can spread the word about the position. Jonah has posted the advertisement, job description, application date (August 15, 2009), salary, and description of the apartment on the Atlanta Friends Meeting website. The Friend in Residence search committee will provide an update on the search at 8th month business meeting.

The meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Collins (Clerk)
Caroline Noyes (Recording Clerk)

Calendar for Eighth 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, 189A Sams Street, Decatur, GA, 30030.,

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

08/2, First Day (Sunday)

10:00-11:00 Worship followed by potluck

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

08/3, Second Day (Monday)

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

08/4, Third Day (Tuesday)

7:00-10:00 Bible Study, Library

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

06/5, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:00-9:30 Administration Com. Library

08/6, Fifth Day (Thursday)

6:30-9:00 Heroshema Memeorial Service, Mt Rm

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

08/8, Sixth Day (Saturday) FAP training 10:00-1:00

A&B

08/9, 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

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

08/10, Second Day (Monday)

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

08/11 Third Day (Tuesday)

7:00-9:30 Bible Study, Library

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

08/12, Fourth Day (Thursday)

6:45-10:15 Social Concerns, Library

08/14, Friday (Fifth Day) 5:00-9:00 pm Godly Play

Workshop A&B

08?15, Saturday (Sixth Day) 8:00- 6:00 Godly Play

Workshop A&B

08/16 First Day (Sunday)

11:45 Meeting for Worship with Attention to

Business, Meeting Room (childcare available)

11:30 SAF Planing, SH room

12:00-5:00 Godly Play Workshop A&B

08/17 Second Day (Monday)

7:00-10:00 Spiritual Nurture, Library

08/18, Third Day (Tuesday)

~6:00 Newcomer's Welcome dinner

7:00-9:30 Bible Study. Library

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

08/ 20 Fifth Day (Friday)

6:45-10:15 Friendly 8 Spiritual Journey JH

08/23 First Day (Sunday)

11:30 Listening Ear, Atrium

11:45-1:15 CUR-AFM JH

11:45 Ministry & Worship Forum, mt Rm

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

08/25 **Newsletter Deadline** –To Perry Treadwell

06825 Third Day (Tuesday)7:00 Bible Study, Library

7:30 Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

08/29 Sixth Day, (Saturday)

3:30-7:00 Intergenerational Day, Mt Rm

08/30 First Day (Sunday)

11:30-1:00 Planing Committee SAF, HS

11:45-1:15 Ministry and Nurture Forum

08/31 Second Day (Monday)

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

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

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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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