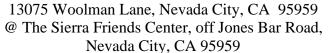
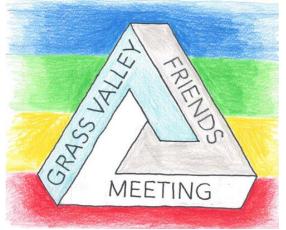


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First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting House (zoom) 10:00 am Silent Meeting for Worship (in-person and zoom) To receive the zoom link, grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com.

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ANNOUNCEMENT: Grass Valley Friends Meeting is now offering in-person Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House with zoom access. Our Children's Program is in-person. This Friends Meeting follows covid protocols set by Western Nevada County Public Health.

MEETING CALENDAR

First Sunday

- Program to be announced *Second Sunday*
 - Hybrid Silent Meeting for Worship Meeting and for Worship on the Occasion of Business

Third Sunday

As announced

Fourth Sunday

 Spiritual Life – Forgiveness led by Gordon Starr

Fifth Sunday

• On Fifth Sundays we hold a Family Meeting for Worship. *Children and adults gather and spend 20 minutes in storytelling, 20 minutes in singing and 20 minutes in silent worship.*

- ♣ 1st First Day: Bible Story and Song
- ≠ 2nd First Day: A Story and a Craft or Activity
- **♣** 3rd First Day: A Story plus Time for Silent Worship
- ♣ 4th First Day: A Creative, Topical Curriculum
- ♣ 5th First Day: Family Worship (a story, singing and silent worship)
- **↓ Online Worship:** every Wednesday evening, 7:00-7:30 pm

HAPPENING NOW

- April 11th-April 21, 2022: Early Registration, Friends General Conference.
- April 24, 2022, 11:15a.m.: Forgiveness led by Gordon Starr
- April 29, 2022: Standard Registration, Friends General Conference

HAPPENING LATER

- May 1, 2022 11:30p.m. -12:30p.m. Peter O/Rourke, the Artist (See page 7 for details.)
- May 6, 2022, 4:00 pm 5:30p.m. George Fox 400th Birthday Celebration Planning Session (See page 8 for details.)
- May 22, 2022, 11:15a.m.: *Our relationship with the Nisenan* led by Dorothy Henderson and Judy Hamilton
- June 26, 2022, 11:15a.m.: *The Doctrine of Discovery* led by Dianne Marshall
- July 3-9, 2022, Friends General Conference, Radford University, Radford, VA
- July 15, 2022: Bob Barnes Memorial Service
- July 22-27, 2022, Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session 2022. A decision will be made at RepCom whether it will be all online or there will be an in-person component. Theme: *Beloved Community:* What Does It Mean to Belong: to Ourselves, to Each Other, to the Earth?

MINUTES & RECORD: Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business – Fourth Month, 2022 April 10, 2022

We met in a hybrid meeting on Zoom and in person.

Present: Dean Olson & Karen Olson (co-clerks), Amy Cooke, Chamba Cooke, Judy Hamilton, Dorothy Henderson, Doug Hamm, Don McCormick, Dianne Marshall, Hailey Wilson, fosten wilson, Kathy McCreery, Gordon Starr, Mary Starr, Crystal Scanlon, Pat Phillips.

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query

How do we assist each other to do business in a compassionate way?

Responses included:

- If we fill our hearts with love and worship and kindness before the business meeting starts we will go in with compassion
- A Friend shared that he monitors if he is getting irritable or grumpy those are obstacles to compassion

- To keep in mind that we are in search of a larger truth, and not just the small piece of it that we are holding
- Rather than come with preconceived ideas or thoughts, we open ourselves to what arises in our gathering that is hard if you feel perfectionistic
- Come to the meeting with curiosity
- Being attentive and respectful of others to really listen to what others share
- It helps to remember that we are all doing the best we can
- Coming in as a separate "atom" and being swept up into the whole
- Knowing to know better than to react with the first thoughts or reactions that come
- Compassion = calm+passion. At the core, we are seeking not just truth or love, but truth and love together so that we reach a better way of being.

Action Items and Seasoning:

- Representative for SFC: delegated to the Stewardship Committee for further discernment. (see report)
- Spirit & Witness to advise on vaccination & mask requirements (see report)
- Correct & approve the Draft Minutes & Record from 3-13-2022

MINUTE 04.2022.01: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the minutes from Third Month 2022, as published in the newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (see reports appended, committee clerk is noted in bold)

NOMINATING: Doug Hamm, Patricia Phillips, Karen Olson, Don McCormick and Pat Phillips
Doug Hamm gave the report and presented the slate for 2022-23, appended. The slate was read for the first reading and will now season until Fifth Month.

It was noted that a new Recording Clerk may be needed in the future. If you have a sense of being led to that role, please let the Nominating Committee know.

STEWARDSHIP: Mary Starr, Gordon Starr, Reed Hamilton, Pat Phillips, Doug Hamm, Fosten Wilson (Treasurer, Ex-officio) Dianne Marshall (ex officio as Librarian and Newsletter Editor), Hailey Wilson, Reed Hamilton

Gordon Starr gave the report, appended. It was noted that if we decide on posters we will have to check with Sierra Friends Center. A Friend requested any discarded posters.

SPIRIT & WITNESS: Gordon Starr, Judy Hamilton, Gordon Bishop, Dorothy Henderson, Anita and Don McCormick (ex-officio Co Clerks), **Judy Hamilton**

Judy Hamilton gave the report, appended.

We have received a letter of transfer for Cheryl Hendrickson and David Cowen and daughter Olivia, from San Francisco Friends Meeting to Grass Valley Friends Meeting. The letter was read aloud in the Meeting.

The committee has also received a letter requesting membership from Crystal Scanlon.

Mask and vaccine requirements for in-person meeting: The committee has received approximately six comments on this issue. Many people are comfortable with no masks, and some may keep wearing them even if the mask mandate was lifted. The vaccination issue has received one response, and in person comments were also heard. There are those who really want the social time of coffee hour and potluck, and some who are not quite ready for that step. It was suggested that we keep reevaluating based on current medical knowledge. We

may want to keep this as a regular reporting item so that the meeting can be kept abreast of the changing landscape of the pandemic. It was noted that there are options for variable strategies to meet individual needs and preferences with the hybrid meeting. At this point we are not aware of anyone who is asking for all people in the meeting wearing masks. We are also not aware at this time of anyone who has objected to having a coffee hour or a potluck. One Friend also spoke to the need for participants in the in-person meeting to stay home if they feel unwell, and take advantage of the Zoom option instead.

This issue will come back in the Fifth Month meeting, and will be highlighted in the newsletter. Please email Judy Hamilton with any further comments.

The Spring Clerks Meeting will be held on April 11th 1 pm on Zoom.

WELCOME: Karen Olson, **Kathy McCreery**, ex officio Website/Facebook Coordinator (Amy Cooke), ex officio Zoom coordinator (Hailey Wilson and Stuart Smith), ex officio Email Coordinator (Judy Hamilton), Don McCormick, Pat Phillips.

The report was presented by fosten wilson, appended. The committee had a meeting on March 23rd. They revised the GVFM ad for The Union which was submitted last Tuesday.

The committee discussed greeter duties, welcome bags etc. They are adding SFC waivers to greeting duties. Don would like copies of Western Friends or Friends Journal to add to the welcome bags. Our current Covid protocols will be added to the bags also. They discussed asking SFC about leaving Quaker Literature around Campus and inviting visitors to come worship with us on Sundays.

After meeting, fellowship is a little bit difficult with the hybrid setting. The committee suggests that we try socializing separately. This was done that the last couple of meetings and it appeared to work.

It was noted that the chairs need to be not so close to the computer so people on Zoom can see all.

The committee reported on the Friends World Committee for Consultation, appended.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Karen Olson, Judy Hamilton, Dorothy Henderson, Gordon Bishop, Anita McCormick, Doug Hamm, Don McCormick

Dorothy Henderson gave the report, appended.

OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER

Fosten Wilson gave the report, appended. The Quarterly spreadsheets are posted in the meetinghouse and can also be viewed by contacting Fosten. Fosten took clarifying questions.

SFC REPRESENTATIVE:

Pat Phillips was present as our representative for Sierra Friends Center. The Center will be hosting 57 students and 7 staff members from the San Francisco Friends School for April 11-15. They have been able to cover their needs for being able to evacuate in the case of an emergency..

INTERFAITH NEVADA COUNTY

Dianne Marshall reported that Interfaith is workin on a community sing-along in June. Stay tuned and see the newsletter for more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Spring Clerks Meeting: April 11th 1 pm on Zoom
- Bob Barns' memorial will be held on July 16, 2022. It will be held on Zoom. Additional details will be forthcoming.

- If you use Facebook, follow the Grass Valley Friends Meeting page, or join the Facebook Grass Valley Friends Meeting group. If you share a post from the page, your friends will see it! It helps our visibility. Follow this link.
- Paul Hartsough is recovering from a serious stroke. Hold him in your heart. He is home now but can not communicate well. For updates, search for his name at "www.caringbridge.org".
- Chamba Cooke, who is currently one of the amis-residents at the Centre Quaker Congenies in France, invited us to the Bicentennial Celebration of the Quakers in Congenies, France at the end of October.
- Nancy Anderson needs support with Tristan on Mondays 4pm 8 pm. Please contact her if you can help.
- If you use Facebook, follow the Grass Valley Friends Meeting page, or join the Facebook Grass Valley Friends Meeting group. If you share a post from the page, your friends will see it! It helps our visibility. Follow this link.
- It's easy to give to Grass Valley Friends Meeting! Go to <u>gvfriends.org</u> and click on the Give button. This takes you to a secure site for donations. Please consider making your contribution monthly. Your contribution covers our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues and ensures that our activities as a Meeting are sustained. Thank you. Please note: Tithely now allows the user to change the dollar of their gift without making a new donation request.
- Sierra Friends Center has volunteer opportunities available. Dean volunteered & reports it was well organized & fun, a lot of fun! See www.woolman.org.

ACTION ITEMS & ITEMS SEASONING

- The nominating slate will be brought back at the Fifth Month Meeting for Business.
- The mask and vaccine mandates for Meeting will continue to be explored and feedback gathered, to be brought back to the Fifth Month Meeting for Business.

READING OF THE RECORD AND MINUTES

The record and the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

If you are giving a report to GVFM, please send the actual report to the recording clerk at grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com THE FRIDAY BEFORE MEETING FOR BUSINESS.

GVFM Newsletter Reminder: Please have items into Diane Marshall by Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10 am.

The Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully recorded by Amy Cooke, recording clerk.

COVID SURVEY: Please let us know ASAP:

Spirit and Witness wants your input on our current Covid precaution guidelines. Currently, these include * masking, *distancing by 3 feet and *being vaccinated and boosted to attend in the Meeting House.

- What precautions do you want in place now?
- Are you comfortable with having coffee after Meeting?
- Are you comfortable with having potluck between Meeting and Meeting for Business on the second Sunday of the month?

Spirit and Witness will make recommendations at the May Meeting for Business based on your input.

Please send your responses to judywestonhamilton@gmail.com. Thank you!

ADVISES AND QUERIES – FOURTH MONTH: THE MEETING COMMUNITY

Meetings for Worship and Business are the center of our spiritual community. There, as we come to know each other in the Spirit, we build the "beloved community."

Mutual respect and care in the Meeting form the foundation from which we can test, support, and exercise leadings of the Spirit. At its best, the Meeting community provides a framework for us to learn and practice mutual care, which strengthens us as we act in the world.

All members of the Meeting community should share in the care of one another. While respecting privacy, we must be aware of and sensitive to each other's needs. We must also be willing to ask for assistance when we are in need.

Do I strive to be inclusive in my relationships within the Meeting?

Do I care for the reputation of others, refraining from gossip or disparaging remarks?

Am I committed to the difficult work of forgiveness, and affirming God's love for the whole community?

How are love and unity maintained among us?

Do we practice the art of listening, even beyond words?

How have we been sensitive to the personal needs and difficulties of members and attenders, young and old?

Do we visit one another in our homes and keep in touch with distant members?

Pendle Hill Friendship by Mihai Banulescu

When I'm quaking and crying, I know my own heart And these tears purify me, they open the door I just love to recall that I'm never apart, That I am just a part of the deepest rapport.

I'm still buzzing with Buddha and crying with Christ, (Many faiths are all welcome when Quakers amass) Into mystic surrender my heart is enticed When there's no paranoia and no second class. "RBG passed away, and yet Ruthless we're not."
These words broke me open—the beauty they held,
The transmission of friendship, the hope beyond
thought,

I was instantly grounded, forever upheld.

What a way to wake up and warm up to the day! Ninety-five kindred souls sharing silence on Zoom. May this vulnerable bliss keep me humble all day, Through the worship and work, through the glee and the gloom.

Sunday, September 20, 2020, Berkeley, CA — After my first Pendle Hill Quaker Meeting on Zoom

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FRIENDS, while we experience mail delivery challenges, please use this "Give" button.



Note: This button will take you to a secure site. It's easy to give to Grass Valley Friends Meeting! Click on the Give button above or go to gyfriends. org and click on the "GIVE" button. This takes you to a secure site for donations. Your monthly contribution covers our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues and ensures that our activities as a Meeting are sustained. Tithely now allows the user to change the dollar of their gift without making a new donation request Thank you.

PLASTER ETCHING by Peter O'Rourke

Peter O'Rourke, an attender of Grass Valley Friends Meeting, will be sharing his artwork with us on May 1, at the rise of meeting, from 11:30 until 12:30 or so. The presentation will be hybrid, on zoom and in the Grass Valley Friends Meeting House at Sierra Friends Center. All are invited!

Peter grew up in Philadelphia and attended William Penn Charter high school, which has had a lasting effect on his life. There he studied art under Chuck Olson whom he credits with helping him understand how to convert raw materials into the visual arts. He attended Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster PA and studied under Linda Cunningham, a prolific artist who taught him many facets of design.



Peter is married to Hang Nguyen, a telemetry nurse, and has a daughter, Aubrie O'Rourke, a NASA scientist in Florida. He enjoys swimming, gardening, golf, and any type of music. And he looks forward to sharing his artwork with everyone.

To see Peter's work in advance here is the link to Peter's website is: <u>Plasteretching.com</u>
Peter will be telling us how he does the work that you will see and sharing information about the pieces with us. Please join us!

Need for a Recording Clerk Under Study

With a pragmatic eye to the future, Recording Clerk, Amy Cooke is asking for someone to step forward to learn the role of Recording Clerk. She plans to continue in this position for now but wants to know that our Meeting will not be without when her commitments in France make it impossible for her to be Recording Clerk for Grass Valley Friends Meeting. To learn more about what is involved, The Task of the Recording Clerk: Spiritual Exercise and Ministry. If you are interested in training for this position, please email grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com.

The 2022 Grass Valley Friends Meeting Directory is now available. Send a message to grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com to request one if you have not received yours.



Friends World Committee for Consultation World Office

https://fwcc.world/

The purpose of Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) is to encourage fellowship and understanding among all the branches of Quakerism.

They bring all Quakers together in multiple ways to celebrate God, build networks, address issues of our time, and unite Friends within our diversity.

The FWCC is divided into four sections. They are the Africa Section, Asia West-Pacific Section, Europe and Middle East Section, and The Section of the Americas.

FWCC was started in 1937. The second World Conference of Friends created FWCC to act in a consultative capacity to promote better understanding among Friends the world over. Conferences are held every six to eight years in different parts of the world. The next on is in South Africa in 2023.

Khalil Gibran on Fear

It is said that before entering the sea a river trembles with fear.

She looks back at the path she has traveled, from the peaks of the mountains, the long winding road crossing forests and villages.

And in front of her, she sees an ocean so vast, that to enter there seems nothing more than to disappear forever.

But there is no other way. The river can not go back. Nobody can go back. To go back is impossible in existence.

The river needs to take the risk of entering the ocean

because only then will fear disappear, because that's where the river will know it's not about disappearing into the ocean, but of becoming the ocean.

Planning for George Fox's 400th Birthday



May 6 @ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm UTC+0 Virtual Event: 2024, will mark 400 years since the birth of George Fox.

This online creative session on Friday 6 May will explore how Friends would like to mark the event, and share what you are planning already, what resources you would like and what ideas would fill you with anticipation.

Following this session FWCC will start compiling ideas into a programme, which will grow as events are planned between now and then.

Corresponding times for the meeting:

- Central America 9 a.m.
- Peru and Mexico 10 a.m.
- Bolivia and Cuba 11 a.m.
 Philadelphia, USA 11 a.m.

- San Francisco, USA 8 a.mm
- London, UK 4 p.m.
- Madrid, Spain 5 p.m.

Quakers in Kyiv

There are a small group of Quakers in Kyiv. Here is a link for their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/QuakersKyivUkraine/

You can join them on Zoom for silent worship on Sundays. Currently, they are holding two meetings so that Friends can join from different countries: an EARLY meeting at 09:15 Kyiv time, and a LATE meeting at 20:00 Kyiv time. Please check your local time, as some time zones are currently changing with daylight saving. Next Sunday (20 March) the early meeting would start at 18:15 Sydney/Melbourne time, and the late meeting at 10:00 San Francisco, 18:00 London. (You can compare times around the world at www.thetimenow.com.)

For the Zoom details, please visit their Facebook page using this link.

Online Meetings to uphold Ukraine

Friends House Moscow supporters in the USA are running an international online Meeting for Worship, to join other Friends holding in the Light all the people affected by the current crisis in Ukraine. This meeting will run **EVERY DAY**. The start time depends on your time zone. In California (Pacific time, PDT) it starts at 9:00 am. As some time zones are currently changing, with daylight saving time coming in, please check your local time. (You can compare times around the world at www.thetimenow.com.) At the time of writing (14 March) the times are 12:00 pm Eastern US (EDT), 4:00 pm UK, 6:00 pm Kyiv, and 7:00 pm Moscow). Zoom meeting id: 416 500 5614 and passcode: 182805

FWCC/EMES (the collective body for Quaker Meetings in Europe and the Middle East) has also been hosting similar online Meetings. At the time of writing, meetings are planned for Wednesday 16 March at 10:00 am UK time and Saturday 26 March at 09.00 am UK time. For information about these and future meetings (including meeting time and a link to register), please visit this link and scroll down to 'Meetings for Worship'.

Friendship by Mihai Banulescu

Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your friendship.

Why am I crying?

Why and how did this line, Emailed by a Friend Meaning Quaker To a centering prayer group Reach my heart and twist it so?

Is it the *Thanking*?
Infinity asks, what if our only choice,
The totality of our free will,
Is whether to say "Thank You!" or not?

Is it the pronoun You,
Meaning Buber's Thou?
The tip of John's arrow
Pointed straight to my heart
Darling, you need love, the bad way.

Let's be real, it's probably not For, The preposition of tit-for-tat, Transactional relationships And earned, conditional love.

Your is an interesting one Similar to You but not identical, The return ticket that completes A round-trip to Spirit and back.

My heart sighs
Before I even say the word *Friendship*.
Anam Cara, the sacred word.
The bond between God's children
Dissolving barbed-wire borders,
Bringing color to black-and-white lives,
Talking us down off the ledge...

May we get there in time.

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 Boulder, CO

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