

Providence Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

### Calendar:

**Sept 16 :** 6:30-8pm  
Green Buildings talk (p6)

**Sept 17-19:**  
YAF event (see p7)

**Sept 18:** 7pm  
Film Festival (see p6, p8)

**Sept 19:** 3-6pm  
Day of Peace (see this page & p6).

**Sept 21:** 12pm (1 minute)  
A Million Minutes for Peace (p8)

**Sept 22:** 1pm (p6)  
Immigrants United meeting

**Sept 27:** 8:30pm (p6)  
Gwyns reading course starts.

**Oct 1 :** RSVP date for RI/Smithfield QTRLY Meeting and Fair (pgs 2-3)

**Oct 2:** (p6)  
Large (national) Washington DC March and Rally

**Oct 3:** 2pm (p6)  
Rachel Corrie play

**Oct 10 :** (after meeting - p3)  
Walk with Eugenia Marks

**Oct 14:** 6pm Potluck & 7pm Meeting For Business (Conanicut, Providence, & Saylesville))

**Oct 16-17 :**  
RI/Smithfield QTRLY Meeting and Fair (pgs 2-3)

**Oct 17 :** (after meeting - p3)  
Walk with Eugenia Marks

**Oct 22-24 :**  
YAF event (see p7)

**Nov 13 :** 9am-4pm (p5)  
Quaker Quest Workshop

The Peace Flag Project  
presents  
the 7th Annual Celebration  
of the  
*International Day  
of Peace*



*Create More  
Peace  
in our Community*

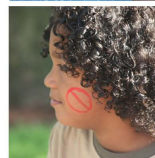
Sunday  
September 19, 2010  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Kennedy Plaza  
Burnside Park  
downtown  
Providence

with  
Storytellers  
Dancers  
Musicians  
Exhibitors  
Activities

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



[www.thePeaceFlagProject.org](http://www.thePeaceFlagProject.org)



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2010

**No Monthly Meeting for Business - Ninth Month – so instead...  
(also, continued on page 3 with related registration form)**



**QUARTERLY MEETING 10-16-2010: AGENDA**

SATURDAY: 10 TO 3 Friendly Arts Fair

@/for The Voluntown Peace (Trust) Farm

(Westerly Friends help with the VPT mortgage payment. Last year we raised the \$1200+ with the Fair. We're hoping Quarterly Friends will bring their art/music/poems/books/cookery/et al—all ages, all welcome. Last year, performers and vendors donated fully or partially.)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING: Walktober "Last Green Valley" art walk in the VPT woods, swim in Beach Pond, read in the Gandhi Peace Library, conversations, naps, more music or poetry or games, (pure)potluck supper, beds and tent space available, floor space for Young Friends in Muste Hall.

SUNDAY: QUARTERLY MEETING

Worship at 10:30 in the meadow, inside if cold or wet, followed by Business and program honoring the many Friends who founded the Committee for Nonviolent Action (CNVA) at the VPT 50 years ago. Videos from the reunion at the Peace Farm in June, including Friends who had been part of the 1960 Polaris Action, the San Francisco to Moscow walk (1960-61), Quebec to Guantanamo (1963-64), draft resistance, civil rights, and nonproliferation activists.

FURTHER INFORMATION

[www.voluntownpeacetrust.org](http://www.voluntownpeacetrust.org)

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**Quarterly Meeting Oct 16/17** From Jane Johnson of Westerly

Dear Quarter Friends,

Westerly Meeting has been busy preparing for our FFFFair/Quarterly Meeting, October 16/17, at the Voluntown Peace Trust farm. For your 9th month meetings for worship for business, we have this updated list of offerings and requests:

**WESTERLY--What we have so far:**

For Saturday's FFFair we have two bands: The Rivergods (roots/fusion, New London) and a "farmers/blues" band from South County (not yet confirmed), and of course The Raging Grannies! We have a cider press and a soup cauldron, an outdoor "art walk" and several potters/artists. We have several poets for a reading around the bonfire, and a wonderful group of roving life-size puppets: the Mystic

Paper Beasts. All activities are appropriate for families, but we also have a "Children's House" planned, with enough playdough to construct an expansive vision of a Peaceful World. For Sunday's Quarterly Meeting, we offer indoor/outdoor space for worship, childcare, more "Walktober" art tours of the Farm and woods, and videos of the 50th Anniversary Reunion of the '60s CNVA Civil Rights and Peace activism at The Farm.

**PROVIDENCE/SMITHFIELD/ WORCESTER/FOSTER/ SAYLESVILLE: Requests:**

RSVP: BY OCTOBER 1, we need to know if you need overnight accommodations. VPT housing/tenting descriptions and photos at [www.voluntownpeacetrust.org](http://www.voluntownpeacetrust.org)

We can also offer a few home guestrooms among Westerly Friends. If you

plan to "commute" or come for one day only, you may make decisions later, but we will still need to know ASAP if you would like to be counted for Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast or Sunday lunch ("registration cards" attached).

**HELP: Here is a list of hopes and needs for help.**

1. Simply come...the more the merrier! Bring friends, help distribute the attached flyers, one for F/friends and one for the FFFair only. Once we know whether, when, and how many, we will assign meals to meetings...or go with "pure" potluck.
2. For the FFFair, bring any vegetable beginning with a "P" (peas, potatoes, peppers, pumpkin...!) for our cauldron of "Whirled Ps" soup. If you have windfall apples in your yard, we can use them in the cider press.

We'll also be looking for baked goods and bread to go with the soup.

3. Bring your piggy banks and change jars. We'll have a creative coin collection for the Farm...and we'll be passing the Quaker bonnets all day.
4. Bring your Friendly Arts and SPICEy music. If you let us know soon, we'd like to mention you in the publicity we're doing for the FFFFair.
5. Tell us what we haven't thought of yet! Our Friends' Fair is a fun way to let the world (a little part of it anyway) know that Quakers still exist in this corner of New England, and what we stand for: Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, and Equality (plus Sustainability and/or Service?). It's also an opportunity to share with each other some of our skills and visions. We'll have tables and chairs, a sound system, and a kitchen. What else?

**Oct. 10 & 17 WALKS AFTER MEETING**

Walking after meeting offers extension of spiritual experience in awareness of the gracious home in which we live, in camaraderie with friends, and in family experience. One walk will be to Chace Farm Lincoln and will take 2 hours including transportation. The other to Audubon's Fisherville Brook Refuge in Exeter will require 3 hours including transportation. Eugenia Marks will serve as guide.

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**RI/SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING & FAIR**

Saturday, Oct. 16/17, 2010, at the Peace Farm  
539 Beach Pond Road (Rte. 165), Voluntown, CT  
[www.voluntownpeacetrust.org](http://www.voluntownpeacetrust.org) info/directions

I \_\_\_\_\_ will come (with f/Friends:

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for lodging @\$35 (\$15 age 2-16)

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for camping @\$15/person.

I will bring food for Saturday pm \_\_\_ Sunday am \_\_\_

I'd like to join in the Friendly Arts Fun as a  
Poet \_\_\_ Musician \_\_\_ Artist \_\_\_ Cook \_\_\_ Helper \_\_\_  
Dancer \_\_\_ Organizer \_\_\_ Gardener \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

I will need childcare for age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I regret that I cannot come to the Friends' Fair, but I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help Friends support the Voluntown Peace Trust work as a center for nonviolent conflict-resolution training, CSA gardening, and a camp for inner-city youth.

## Around the Meeting

### Communications

#### Committee:

#### Meeting Archives

Communications Committee is pleased to announce that the Meeting Archives are up and running. The Archives are a digital repository of current information including the composition of committees, the Meeting Handbook, and our demographic database, as well as minutes of committee meetings, minutes of Meetings for Business, treasurer's reports, newsletters, State of the Society reports, contracts, and grants. The digital documents are stored on a password-protected website dedicated to that purpose, and copies are held by the committee clerk, other members of the committee, and the Presiding Clerk. Some of the current information is also posted on the Meeting website (<http://providencefriends.org/>) for general access, but demographic information is provided to individuals only on an as-needed basis and is otherwise kept confidential. Meeting members and attenders

may request information or documents from the Communications Committee clerk or other members of the committee. Any concerns about the appropriateness of a request will be referred to the committee as a whole and, if necessary, to Ministry and Counsel. Committee clerks are asked to assist in keeping the Archives current by forwarding all minutes and other generated documents to [archivist@providencefriends.org](mailto:archivist@providencefriends.org).

#### Hospitality Committee:



What does Coffee Hour mean to you? Good food? Good friends? Community building? A chance to talk all you want after an hour of silence? Whatever it means to you, Coffee Hour is an important part of our First

Day. The Hospitality Committee facilitates Coffee Hour by making sure we have coffee and other basic supplies as well as supplying soup before Meeting for Business, but the main responsibility for creating this delightful time together lies with all of us. Please sign up to help on the white board just inside the kitchen door. The responsibilities are small.

**Greeter:** Starting at 9:45, greet all at the front door especially newcomers, close the door about 10 and show late-comers to the Library until 10:15 when the children leave.

**Set-up:** Make coffee (directions are posted on the walls in the kitchen), set out cups, tea and tea water, sugar, and any other utensils appropriate to the food brought. There may be cream, milk and juice in the frig, but check the week before if you can and bring them if needed.

**Food:** Three spaces for people to commit to bringing some food. Usually others bring food, also, but if we have three, we will be assured of something.

**Clean-up:** See that dishes get put in appropriate dishwasher and that the dishwasher is fed detergent and turned on; put food away; wipe counters and tables. No need to sweep or take out trash. Usually there are several willing helpers.

Join in the fun of helping to make the Coffee Hour happen!

## Dorothy Stowe – Founder of Greenpeace – was here

### Information Needed for Another Meeting's Memorial Minute - Mark Conley:

Friend:

I have been writing back and forth this Summer with a member of the Vancouver (British Columbia) Monthly Meeting. A dear Friend in their Meeting, Dorothy Stowe, recently died, and they are

in the process of writing a memorial minute.

Apparently Dorothy was a member of our Meeting sometime around 1960. They do not know the exact time she joined or attended our Meeting, though they do know that she transferred to the Auckland, New Zealand Meeting in 1961. She may have been known as Dorothy Strazmich while attending at Providence.

Dorothy and her husband were the founders of Greenpeace.

Do you have any memories of Dorothy that you might be willing to share for Vancouver's Memorial Minute? If so, please contact me and I would be happy to share your message or give you the contact information for the Vancouver Friend writing the minute.

At any rate, we thank you for any help you can give.

In the Light,

Mark

[ed. Note] – A good article can be found at:

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/politics/news/2010/07/23/dorothy-stowe-1920-2010-greenpeace-cofounder-social-justice-advocate>

# Quaker Quest Workshop November 13, 2010

From Dan Lederer –

Friends:

I'm writing on behalf of Ministry and Counsel Committee. As you know, Meeting will be holding a Quaker Quest workshop for members and attenders at the Providence Meetinghouse from 9:00

AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday November 13. The workshop will be led by two facilitators provided by Friends General Conference and will include breakfast (light) and lunch. Our next step is to form a planning committee for the workshop, with the planning committee's responsibilities being to organize food

preparation, arrange overnight accommodations for the two presenters, and send out publicity. I'm hoping that anyone willing to help on the planning committee will contact me right away.

**The success of the workshop will depend on our having a high level of**

**participation**, so please save the date, November 13, on your calendars. If you haven't already done so, you can find out more about Quaker Quest by going to

[www.quakerquestfgc.org](http://www.quakerquestfgc.org).

Dan

# Conanicut Friends Meeting from Marcie Lindsay

Conanicut Friends Meeting recently moved its informational sign from North Main Rd. in Jamestown to Weeden Lane where the front of the 1787 Meetinghouse faces. The Jamestown Historical

Society, which holds the deed to the property, has new historical signage on the main roads for the adjacent windmill and their museum on Narragansett Ave.

The Historical Society has pursued grants to continue with maintenance on the building and is currently re-building the walls around the property.

Worship will continue at the

old Meetinghouse through October; bi-weekly Meetings will be held through the winter at the Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown, as has been done for the last few years.



## CALL FOR ACTION – notes from Bruce Carlsten and Martha Yager

Hi All - The following events are ways that you can get involved in the Peace & Social Justice movement. The list was compiled by Martha Yager and will be updated regularly at [www.afsc.org/office/providence-ri](http://www.afsc.org/office/providence-ri) Of particular note in the information below is an announcement of a big demonstration being planned for October 2 in Washington.

*Events here are listed as a community service and does not imply AFSC sponsorship.*

**Jake Hess will speak at Brown on Tuesday Sept. 14th at 7:00** in room 110 at List Art Center. [after this newsletter published, kept for sake of interest] Jake was working in Turkey among the Kurds when he was arrested by Turkish authorities. He talk is entitled “Human rights and the Kurds in Turkey: An Eyewitness Report” Decision: Rimc will cosponsor the event which is sponsored by the Brown Antiwar Action group.

**Thurs. Sept.16, 6:30 – 8 PM Green Buildings, the first in the Healthy Choices for People and Planet series** at Seekonk Public Library (410 Newman Ave./Route 152). Joseph Newsome, who conceived and oversaw the development of the 17 Gordon Ave business incubator in Providence (RI’s first green commercial building) and David Ward, a LEED consultant, will give a presentation on buildings that increase energy efficiency, make use of renewable energy, reduce water consumption and run-off, maximize the use of natural light, and provide healthy living and work environments.

**Sat. Sept. 18 AFSC-SENE “The Films You Have Been Meaning to See...(and now you can!) Film Festival.** There will be three sets of films shown at 10:30am, 1:30pm, and 4:00 pm, all shown at Community Preparatory School (126 Somerset St, Providence, on the corner of Prairie and Somerset). Daytime films include *Made in LA* (re Latina immigrants working in LA sweatshops embarking on an odyssey to win basic labor protections); *Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers* (for a reminder on why it is so hard to end endless war); Howard Zinn’s *Let the People Speak*; *Daniel Ellsberg: The Most Dangerous Man In America*; Denzel Washington’s *The Siege*; and more. In the evening join us for dessert at the Providence Friends Meeting and a showing of our feature film. Suggested donation: \$5 per film (if you bring three other people who pay, you get in free), \$10 for the evening event and \$20 for a day pass.

**Sun. Sept 19 Celebration of International Day of Peace,** 3-6 PM, Burnside Park, Providence. [see front page] Cultural performances and a few speakers, with lots of opportunities to have fun. AFSC-SENE will have a table, as will many other organizations. The event closes with a walking meditation and interfaith prayers for peace. Sponsored by the Peace Flag Project. [www.thepeaceflagproject.org](http://www.thepeaceflagproject.org)

**Wed. Sept. 22, 1pm RI Immigrants United coalition meeting,** at the International Institute, 645 Elmwood Ave. Prospective members welcome. Strategic planning session.

**Mon. Sept.27 and five Mondays following, 8:30 pm The Radical Quaker Challenge: Reading Doug Gwyns *Unmasking the Idols*.** Quaker Studies Online, hosted by Eric Edwards. A joint program of Beacon Hill Friends House and Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends. Go to [www.bhfh.org/qsp](http://www.bhfh.org/qsp) to sign up and learn more about the course. Cost \$30.

**SAVE THE DATE: One Nation Working Together rally in Washington DC October 2.** The AFL-CIO, SEIU, NAACP, National Council of LaRaza, and almost 200 other groups are organizing what could be a HUGE march and rally in Washington to call for jobs, access to affordable housing and affordable education. While the peace theme isn’t front and center, we know that our huge military expenses and wars are diverting resources from the things we need to be secure at home – jobs, health care, education, and housing- while doing nothing to make us “secure”. If we show up in large numbers with signs making our message clear, it will get across. It also is an important opportunity to link our message with those who are focused on economic issues. Mark your calendar and watch for more information on travel plans soon.

**Sun. Oct. 3, 2:00 pm “My Name is Rachel Corrie”,** a one woman play taken from the writings of Rachel Corrie, edited by Alan Rickman and Katherine Viner. Staring Lindsay Goss, Brown University Dept. of Theater and Performing Arts. At the Firehouse Theater, 4 Equality Park Place, Newport RI. \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors and student. Rachel was part of the International Student Movement in solidarity with Palestinians living under occupation. She was killed by a bulldozer intent on demolishing homes in Gaza as she stood her ground in defense of the families living there. It is a powerful play.

## New Young Friends/YAF Coordinator Nia Koch

Dear Monthly Meetings of New England:

Hi! My name is Nia Koch and I am the new Young Friends and Young Adult Friends Coordinator for NEYM. I am available to the teens, young adults and their families in your meeting for pastoral care or Quaker networking. Please feel free to contact me at [yf.yafcoord@neym.org](mailto:yf.yafcoord@neym.org) or at (617) 945-0373.

Also, I am in the midst of updating the NEYM database. This is a particular challenge with young people who frequently change their addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers. **Please send me current contact information for Friends between 14-35 years old at your meeting so they can be informed of Young Friends and YAF program events and services.**

Last, below are the Young Friends (grades 9-12) retreat dates for the coming school year. I encourage you to print these dates in your meeting's newsletter or post them on a bulletin board.

Sept. 17-19 (Ministry and Counsel only) Putney Meeting, VT  
Oct. 22-24 Portland Meeting, ME- To Create (Art, Music, Bread Making)  
Dec. 10-12 Mt. Toby Meeting, Leverett, MA- Sustainability and Nature  
January 14-17 Grotonwood Retreat Center, Groton, MA- Quakerism & Spirituality  
March 4-6 Wellesley Meeting, MA- Sexuality and Relationships  
April 15-17 (Gender retreats for boys and girls) Locations TBD  
May 20-22 Hartford Meeting, CT- Mind, Body, Renewal  
Seniors retreat- Location TBD

Thank you!

Blessings,  
Nia Koch

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### Meeting for Worship each Sunday

Providence: 10:00 am      Saylesville: 10:30 am  
Jamestown: 10:30 am

**First Day School, Providence** - Sunday. Children join Meeting for Worship from 10:00-10:15 am and then proceed to First Day School from 10:15-11:00 am.

### Other Meetings for Worship (All welcome):

**Monday** - 12:30pm - Moses Brown Upper School  
**Wednesday** - 8:25am - Moses Brown Lower School  
**Wednesday** - 9:40am - Moses Brown Middle School  
**Thursday** - Noon-12:45 pm Brown University in  
J. Walter Wilson room 411

**Potluck, Providence** - each First Sunday

### Meeting for Business

Providence: Second Sunday each month at 12:15pm  
Saylesville: Last Sunday of each month

**AFSC SENE Support Committee** - Second Tuesday, 6:30-9:00 pm  
Volunteers needed and welcome.  
Call (508) 399-6699

## Editor's Disclaimer By Steve Schwartz

Hi all,

This is my first time publishing and editing this newsletter, and while I had great instructions from previous editor Nina Berry, I am bound to have made mistakes, or missed something important. My apologies.

In order to support our local economy and sustainable farming, I suggest going to the farmer's market at Lippert Park on Saturday in order to buy tomatoes and other environmentally friendly things to throw at me.

## Film Festival Sat Sept 18

<http://afsc.org/event/all-films-you-have-been-meaning-see-film-festival> – The film

festival will end with an evening film and desserts at the Providence

Meetinghouse – this

Saturday – Sept 18th at 7pm.  
Suggested donation \$10.00 for the evening. Proceeds to benefit AFSC/SENE.

[Details page 6]

## A Million Minutes For Peace

**12:00-12:01 Sept 21** – one minute of prayer requested – sign up at <http://amillionminutesforpeace.org/>

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