

Among Friends

The Newsletter of the Richmond Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Fifth Month 2012

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Proposed Queries on Children and Young People

How do we provide young people with explicit guidelines in Quaker faith and practice? How do we get to know and care for our children and young people as individuals?

What have we learned from the wisdom expressed by our children?

How do we share our deepest beliefs with children, while leaving them free to develop as the spirit of God may lead them?

Children and Young People: Advices

Rejoice in the presence of children and young people in meeting. Recognize and affirm the gifts that they bring to the life of the meeting community.

Children and Young People: Voices

I want that we may all show our faith by our works, by our honesty and justice and mercy and love; I want love to begin with little children; they should be governed by love, and love only. I am glad the rod is so far banished in the family circles and the schools. Children love peace. The little child knows when it says, Mother, I love everybody. There is a Divine instinct in them which prompts to this feeling.

Lucretia Mott, 1876

Calendar (* indicates story in the newsletter)

- April 28th Work Camp (rain date May 5), gather at the meetinghouse at 8:30 am.
- April 28th Richmond Youth Peace Summit at Northminster Baptist Church, 9:30 am 4 pm.*
- April 29th Forum on Enterprise Virginia at Midlothian Friends Meeting, 12:30 1:30 pm.*
- May 1st Deadline for scholarship requests for Quaker camps.*
- May 2nd Looking into the Dark with author Naseem Rakha sponsored by Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, RPEC, ACLU and Peace & Social Concerns in the Worship Room, 7 - 9 pm. Please use Kensington Avenue entrance.*
- May 6th Singing First Day from 10:35 to 10:55 by the piano.
- May 6th Forum, "Torture: Will There Be Any Accountability?" by Chuck Fager, Director of Quaker House, in the Community Room, 12:45 - 2:30 pm.* May 12th – Take a Second for Peace walk. Meet at The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts at 9 am.
- May 15th Richmond Israel-Palestine Listening Circle worship to send blessings to the peace-seeking people of the Middle East, in the Worship Room, 5:30 - 6:30 pm.*
- May 20^{th} Singing First Day from 10:35 to 10:55 by the piano.
- May 20th Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business from 11 am 12:30 pm.
- May 25-27th Spring Retreat at The Clearing.*
- May 27th Potluck lunch at rise of meeting. Please come and bring a dish. All are welcome.
- June 3rd Hull Street Meal, contact Paula Powdermaker to contribute food or funds.

Child care is available each First Day starting at 9:15 am for Bible Workbench, and 9:30 and 11:00 worship.

News Among Us

Beth Stanford Tubb has felt a repeated calling to reopen the discussion of beginning a Friends School in Richmond. She feels the Richmond Community is both ready for and in need of a Friendly Presence in its educational life. Many parents have already expressed their enthusiasm and desire for such an option for their children. Contact Beth if you would like to be part of the discussion-envisioning process before presenting it to the appropriate committee(s) for feedback.

Sallie Jennings and **Bob Rugg** will be traveling in England from April 18 until May 1, visiting Adam and Will Rugg and Claire, Jessica, Eddie, Ellena, Jonny and Henry Rugg.

Religious Education (RE) May Birthdays

 Emma Blake (14)
 5/25

 Lou Bricker (13)
 5/30

Thrifty Quaker Donation to AFSC

Due to the efforts of Richmond and Midlothian Friends, The Thrifty Quaker raised nearly \$3300 for the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) during March. Thanks to all who donated gently used items, shopped at The Thrifty Quaker, and spread the word to others.

News from Care and Counsel Committee

We wish restored good health to Rita Willett, Genevieve Oei, Melina Bricker and Marie Clark who are recovering from surgery, and to Emily Kimball, who is undergoing treatment at MCV.

Bob Rugg and Sallie Lupton Jennings will marry under the care of Meeting on June 23 at 2 PM at the Meeting House. All are invited.

Scholarships Available for Quaker Summer Camps

Applications for scholarships to Quaker summer camps are being accepted up to May 1. Children aged 9 to 14 are eligible for camp. Teenagers 14 to 18 are eligible for Teen Adventure. Please convey your request to Chris Olson-Vickers, clerk of Care and Counsel Committee, by placing it in the committee's mailbox.



Special Worship on May 15 with Israel-Palestine Listening Circle

May 15th will mark the 64th anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel. For some this day is a cause for celebration. For others, it is a day of mourning. Please join us from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Worship room, as we send our blessings to all peace-seeking people of the Middle East. In the manner of Friends, we will observe contemplative silence, with people speaking as they feel moved. All are welcome.

After Israel's 1948 "War of Independence," which Palestinians commemorate as the "Nakba" (or catastrophe), Palestinian refugees (about three-quarters of a million people) were not permitted to return to their homes. The formation of the state that was intended to deliver safety to a traumatized people in turn inflicted trauma upon another. The legacy of this unhealed wound has claimed countless lives with no end in sight.

In the course of his work to heal another wound, Martin Luther King said, "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." If we believe these words, then we are all Arabs and we are all Jews; we are all Palestinians and we are all Israelis.

This event is sponsored by the Richmond Israel-Palestine Listening Circle, Richmond Peace Education Center and Richmond Friends Meeting.

History and Archives: Quaker History Travel Sites

The United States has many Quaker historic sites. As you plan your next vacation travel, here are some that you might wish to visit.

First, the Christiansburg Institute near Blacksburg, Virginia is the site of a school financed by the Philadelphia Quakers after the Civil War. Opened in 1866, it was finally closed one century later. Set atop Zions Hill overlooking the town of Christiansburg, the school had only two teachers in 1868 but served 232 students, including 85 "night scholars," or adults who worked during the day. Booker T. Washington, a Virginia native, agreed to serve as school supervisor in 1895, marking the beginning of the school's transformation into Christiansburg Industrial Institute. A new farm campus was purchased. A former plantation house served as the classroom building, while the male boarding students slept in renovated slave cabins. By the early 1920s, the campus stood at some 167 acres. It boasted three brick halls, housing dormitories, classrooms, a library, a hospital, a barn and a shop building all surrounded by fields, gardens and an orchard. The Friends Freedman Association continued to play an active role in helping with funds and serving on the board of directors. While the Institute closed in 1966, the local community is engaged in renovation of several remaining buildings and in highlighting the Institute history. For more information and directions, please see the Christiansburg Institute on the web at www.christiansburginstitute.org.



Christiansburg Institute historic marker



The Penn Center celebrates its 150th anniversary

If you are headed down to South Carolina or Georgia, you might wish to stop in Beaufort, SC off I-95 and visit the **Penn Center**. Begun in 1862, it was an experimental program designed to educate Sea Island slaves freed at the beginning of the Civil War, when Union soldiers seized control of the islands. The Freedman's Association of Philadelphia helped to raise funds and recruit teachers. The school was named after William Penn. Laura M. Towne was sent to St. Helena Island to educate the freed slaves. A short time later Ellen Murray joined her and a school was built. In 1865, the PA Freedman's Aid Society sent the first school building, a three-room prefab in three sections, down the Atlantic Ocean by boat to the island to be erected by locals.

The campus underwent major building over the next century but most of those buildings are still in use today. **Penn Center** became a major retreat for civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. The historic 1963 March on Washington, DC, was partially planned on the **Penn Center** campus.

A visitor center with history exhibit, film and gift shop are there for visitors as well as picnic tables if you bring your lunch. For more information, see <u>www.penncenter.com</u> website. For local travel directions, stop at the South Carolina Visitors Center near Beaufort along I-95. (**Penn Center** is about 12 miles off the interstate.)

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The town of Beaufort is also an interesting historic site to visit. Harriet Tubman spent two years in Beaufort during the Civil War as a spy for the Union and a nurse to wounded soldiers. She is credited also for shepherding some 300 slaves north to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

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If you are headed to New England, you might wish to visit the island of **Nantucket**, 24 miles south of Cape Cod, reached by ferry from Hyannis, MA. This should be a place of Quaker pilgrimage. Nantucket Friends date to the 1690s. This island was the site of the great whaling industry, much of which was owned and operated by Quaker families. Since men went off to sea, Quaker women early on became independent and used to decision-making. Petticoat Row, now Main Street, was, in the earliest days, the site of many Quaker women's businesses. In 1716 Nantucket Meeting became the first meeting in the colonies to support the abolition of slavery. Some historians feel that the employment of free blacks by Quakers in the whaling industry helped Friends to reach the early antislavery position.



Nantucket Harbor

By 1770, over 2200 Quakers, over half the island's population, lived on **Nantucket**. To accommodate the growing membership, nine different meetings were built during the 18th and 19th century. Several were lost to fire. Several still exist. The Meetinghouse on Centre Street (completed in 1859), today hosts a coffee shop, a restaurant and small specialty shops. A second, the Fair Street Schoolhouse/Meetinghouse (built 1838) is today owned by the Nantucket Historical Association and used as their library for historical records. It is also the place of worship for the Nantucket Meeting.



Maria Mitchell, Quaker and astronomer

Prominent Quakers included world-renown astronomer Maria Mitchell, whose observatory is still open to the public. William Rotch, a key figure in Nantucket Quakers from 1760-1770s, was one of America's first international businessmen. He was the owner of the ships and tea cargo caught between an angry public and the British administration in the Boston Tea Party. Quaker abolitionist and feminist Lucretia Mott was born on **Nantucket** before her family moved to Boston, when she was age 15.

As whaling declined, many Quakers left **Nantucket**. Some moved inland to New Bedford and Boston. Some left for what is now Guilford County, NC where they learned that farming was not only safer than whaling but also nearly as lucrative. Others moved to Nova Scotia.

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And finally, if you like outdoor Quaker drama, consider a trip down to Alamance County, in central North Carolina, home to **Snow Camp Drama**. Here you can see plays like *The Sword of Peace*, a tribute to the Cane Creek Society of Friends, who during the Revolutionary War, were forced to defend their basic tenet of nonviolence. Also playing is *Pathway to Freedom*, a drama about the Underground Railroad. There is a package deal, which offers overnight accommodations at a local motel and tickets to the two plays. For more information, call 1-800-726-5115 or see www.snowcampdrama.com.



The Sword of Peace historical drama

Looking into the Dark: A Lesson in forgiving the unforgivable

Join Naseem Rakha, author of *The Crying Tree*, for a discussion on capital punishment and the state of our prison system in this country on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 7-9 pm at the RFM. Attendees should use the front entrance on Kensington and not the side entrance on Commonwealth.

Naseem is an award-winning journalist whose stories have been heard on NPR's *All Things Considered, Morning Edition, Marketplace Radio, Christian Science Monitor,* and *Living on Earth.* She is on the advisory board for Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and lives in Oregon with her husband, son and many animals. Learn more about Naseem at: ww.naseemrakha.com.

Her appearance is co-sponsored by Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, The ACLU of Virginia, The Richmond Peace Education Center, and the RFM Peace & Social Concerns Committee.



Naseem Rakha photo: Gretchen Dow Mashkuri

Midlothian Meeting Sponsors Forum on Enterprise Virginia

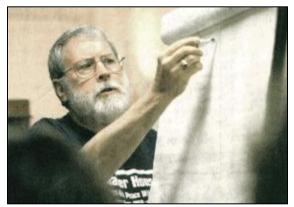
Please join f/Friends from Midlothian Friends Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 12:30-1:30 pm at Midlothian Friends Meetinghouse (use 2502 Huguenot Springs Rd, Midlothian VA 23113 in your GPS). This forum is sponsored by Midlothian Friends Meeting's Peace and Social Action Committee (PSAC).

Enterprise Virginia is a statewide nonprofit partner to the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) that works to reduce poverty in Virginia. Its mission is to grow access to fair lending, financial education, individual savings, use of banking services and microenterprise. Enterprise Virginia has launched 17 micro-businesses in Virginia since the recession began.

All are welcome to attend and hear about this successful social action.

"Torture - Will There be Accountability?" Forum with Chuck Fager

Chuck Fager is Director of Quaker House, a peace project next to Fort Bragg in North Carolina. On May 6, at rise of Meeting (12:45 - 2:30 pm), he will speak on the unfinished issue of accountability for official US torture, and the likelihood of continuing torture in the increasingly secret wars in Afghanistan, Yemen, and elsewhere. There will be time for questions following his talk.



Chuck Fager, Quaker House, NC

There are many links between the Ft. Bragg area and the US torture program in the "War On Terror". Chuck Fager and Quaker House have been calling for an end to torture, and for accountability for those responsible since 2006, when they learned about the abuses at Abu Ghraib and its many local connections.

"Accountability for torture today is the way to prevent torture tomorrow," Fager says. "After a promising start, the current administration has been very disappointing on this issue. I urge those concerned for peace and justice to keep speaking out on torture accountability. If we let torture be forgotten, that helps it become a permanent part of government policy."

Chuck Fager has been a Quaker and an activist for more than forty years. He has written extensively about peace and related issues, and has been Director of Quaker House since 2001.



"Close-Up with Nature: Sharing Our Stories" Richmond Friends Meeting Spring Retreat at the Clearing May 25-27, 2012

(Clearing address is 14006 Genito Rd., Amelia Court House. Directions at <u>www.theclearing.net</u>)

Join *Friends* at The Clearing, a spiritual retreat in a secluded forest setting, for a weekend of community: stories, music, sharing, worship, activities for children

and adults, walks in the woods, meals, wading in the stream, free time, evening campfire circle and whatever happens.

Intergenerational program for Saturday morning: "Close-Up with Nature: Sharing Our Stories." Local artist Denise Bennett will tell original stories, folktales and sacred stories interlaced with harp and vocal music. Performing and teaching in schools, churches, libraries and retirement communities, Denise is also chaplain at the Hermitage in Richmond. Master storyteller Elizabeth Ellis says of her, "Denise Bennett is a storyteller and a musician of exceptional talent. Her work is timeless, and flawless. Her work reminds us of the love that dwells in the deep heart's core." Friends of all ages are invited to experience nature as a pathway to the Spirit at the Center of life. Opportunities to explore the woods and share in small groups will help us know Spirit, self and others.

Young Friends may join programs, be on their own with FAPs, or help with our children.

Children are especially welcome. Childcare for babies through 5 years old will be planned from 9:30 to 12:30, and 2 to 5 Saturday <u>if</u> they are preregistered. Children's programs for ages 6 to 12 are planned from 2 to 5pm Saturday. Parents are responsible for supervision at other times.

SCHEDULE You are welcome for the whole weekend or for any part. Bring flashlight, camp chair

Friday evening: Bring own food. Welcome Circle at 8pm. Sleep in tent or cabin- no electricity.

Saturday:	7-8:30am	Breakfast provided				
	8:15am	Birding Intergenerational Welcome & Opening at the Lodge				
	9:00					
	9:30-12:30	"Close-Up with Nature: Sharing Our Stories" with Denise Bennett				
	12:45	Lunch provided				
	Afternoon O	ptions for All: (Child Care: birth through 5)				
	• 2:00-2	3:15 Nature Walk with Al Best for all ages				
	• 2:00-3	3:15 Dances of Universal Peace &/or Sacred Circle Dance				
	• 3:30-5:00 Worship Sharing: Would John Woolman use a flush toilet & a car?					
	• 2:00–5:00 Arts, Crafts, Activities					
	Anytime	Hiking, wading in stream, naps, visiting				
	5:30	Hooping (all ages -outside the Lodge)				
	6:00	Evening meal provided				
	7:00	Dances with Junior Young Friends at the Lodge				
	7:45	Campfire: singing, stories, s'mores, music, drumming				
<u>Sunday</u> :	7–9am	Breakfast provided				
	9:30	Meeting for Worship				
	10:30-11:30	Clean-up & Farewell				

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REGISTRATION SPRING RETREAT AT THE CLEARING May 25-27, 2012

Name(s)						
Phone number			Email			
Number in party? Adults			Children (Bring		wn folding chairs)	
Staying over (Bring y flashligh	urday sheets or sleeping bag.	Bring a				
PLEASE REG	ISTER IN	ADVANCE	, SO THE COMMITTE	E CAN PLAN FOOD a	nd CHILD CARE.	
Dinner Friday night is on your own.	Numb times Break \$5 for ac \$3 for ch \$0 for un Sat.	\$ for fasts dults hild	Number times \$ for Lunch \$10 for adults \$5 for children \$0 for under 3 Sat. ONLY	Number times \$ for Dinner \$10 for adults \$5 for children \$0 for under 3 Sat. ONLY	TOTAL FEES (not to exceed \$60 per family)	
Adults						
Children						
l	Late regis	stration—a	fter May 20 add \$5.00	for an individual, \$10	.00 for a family	

Special mobility or dietary needs? _____

Names and Ages of Children:

Information about the facilities, and Directions to The Clearing in Amelia County are available at <u>www.theclearing.net</u>

PLEASE DROP THIS in the SPRING RETREAT MAILBOX with your **CHECK payable to** "**Richmond Friends Meeting**" or mail to Janet Thoroman. If a partial or full scholarship is needed, contact Janet Thoroman.

Questions? Contact Mary Fran Hughes-McIntyre_.

Please return this form with payment no later than noon on First Day, May 20!

Richmond Youth Peace Summit April 28, 2012

Registration is now open for the eighth annual Richmond Youth Peace Summit, Saturday, April 28. This year's Summit will be held at Northminster Baptist Church, 3121 Moss Side Avenue Richmond, VA 23222, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is open to young people ages 12-19, free of charge. Lunch will be provided. Participants are asked to arrive by 9:30.

The summit promotes teen leadership, nonviolent conflict resolution, social justice and positive self-expression. Morning and afternoon workshops offer a variety of topics of interest to teens, including conflict resolution, anger management, legal rights, youth leadership, socially-conscious hip-hop, art, theater, yoga and drumming. The summit will also feature a midday performance by talented local youth. Teens are eligible to earn 6 hours of community service credit for participating.

The summit begins at 10 a.m. and concludes by 4:00 p.m. Participants are asked to arrive by 9:45. Participants must register in advance to select their choice of workshops.

Registration forms are available for download at www.rpec.org. Participants can email their registration forms (preferred method) to rypp@rpec.org. Participants can also register by U.S. mail to RPEC, 3500 Patterson Ave., Richmond VA 23221.

This year's Youth Peace Summit is sponsored by RYPP, the Richmond Youth Peace Project, an initiative of the Richmond Peace Education Center; Drums No Guns; The Armstrong Leadership Program/Richmond Hill; and Northminster Baptist Church.

May 19 and 20 Conflict Resolution Workshop for Adults

The Richmond Peace Education Center will hold its Conflict Resolution Training for Trainers on Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 at the Fan Free Clinic Auditorium, 1010 N. Thompson St., Richmond 23221. The workshop will run from 9 A.M.-5 P.M. on each day. CEU/Recertification points available for educators or other youth workers.

Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch for Saturday and Sunday. Water and snacks will be provided. The training is open to community members and educators who wish to learn conflict resolution techniques for their own purposes, for use in the classroom, or to become a facilitator in the RPEC conflict resolution team.

The fee for the weekend training is \$150, which includes a manual. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. To be certified to lead workshops for RPEC, new facilitators must complete an apprenticeship process after taking the training.

Email your name, address and phone number to rpec@rpec.org to pre-register. Please mail your check in advance to RPEC, 3500 Patterson Ave., Richmond, VA 23221 with T4T in the memo line. For more information, call the Peace Center at 804-232-1002, or email rpec@rpec.org

Richmond Friends Meeting Minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Fourth Month 15, 2012

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWB) began at 11:00 a.m. Forty one (41) Friends were in attendance with one (1) Young Friend and seven (7) children. David Bartlett from Ministry and Worship sat on facing bench to hold Meeting in the Light. Jean Washburn from Care and Counsel was the greeter. Frances Stewart read the queries and voices from the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Proposed Queries and Voices on Social Concerns. Friends were invited to respond from the silence in the manner of worship sharing.

Religious Education: Barb Adams reported that the Summer Sign Up sheet for committees to teach a Religious Education class during the summer will be up next week on the bulletin board downstairs. She encouraged committees to sign up quickly for summer slots. Young Friend Maria Marinelli announced Young Friends Book Sale Swap will be held during and after potluck lunch on April 21, 2012. Any books not sold will be sold in another venue.

Disaster Relief Fund: Frances Stewart reported on the trip to Ider, Alabama sponsored by the Disaster Relief Committee. Fourteen volunteers from RFM and elsewhere made the trip. The volunteers worked on a site for an entire week building walls and friendships at the same time.

Ministry and Worship: Diane Bowden read the Spiritual State of the Meeting report for the second time with very minor changes from the first reading. The meeting approved the report with gratitude for the hard work of the committee.

Building and Grounds: Bob Alexander reported on the successful Work Day held just the previous day. Twentyone (21) members and attenders helped oil the pews, clean the tables, work on the gardens and clear up debris. Special recognition was given to both our youngest volunteer, Grae Horner and Anne Gray. Bob also reported on the new security system that does not use a key and has the capacity for nineteen codes. While the old code continues to work, the committee will be meeting next week to determine how to use the new system to the best advantage.

Financial Stewardship: Monica Shaw asked meeting to broaden the criteria for camp scholarships from BYM camps to any Quaker camps. There was discussion around the idea of giving emphasis to BYM camps. In the end, meeting approved the broadening of the criteria for camp scholarships from BYM camps to all Quaker camps, giving Care and Counsel the discretion to allocate scholarships.

Monica updated the meeting on Jean Jones Andersen's Bequest. Adult Spiritual Education and Financial Stewardship will be exploring ways to responsibly invest the money from the restricted contribution.

Monica presented the Quarterly Treasurer's Report with an eye toward helping people understand what they are reading.

Care and Counsel: Jean Washburn announced that the deadline for camp scholarships is May 1, 2012. She gave an appendectomy update indicating that three people who had emergency appendectomies, Genevieve Oei, Rita Willet and Melina Bricker were all recovering. Meeting was delighted to see Rita in person.

Clearing Oversight Committee: Don Miller reported on the need for replacing the roof on the original lodge for a bid \$2500 as well as painting the original building for a bid of \$2000. There are more than sufficient funds in our major maintenance fund for these jobs. Financial Stewardship approved the request. Meeting approval was needed as these costs exceeded \$1000. Meeting approved using \$5,000 from the Major Maintenance Fund to cover the cost of replacing the old roof and painting the original interior as well as any cost overrides.

Work Camp: Plum Cluverius announced that Work Camp is scheduled for April 28, 2012 with a rain date of May 5, 2012. The meeting will be working on the home of a mother with two children in south Richmond. The committee will provide a lunch. More details are in the newsletter.

Peace and Social Concerns: Martha Foster announced two events sponsored by Peace and Social Concerns. On Wednesday May 2, 2012, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at RFM, PSC along with VADP and ACLU will host a presentation entitled *Looking into the Dark-A Lesson in Forgiving the Unforgivable*, a discussion of capital punishment and the state of the prison system.

On May 6, 2012 at the rise of meeting, PSC will host a Forum on Torture-*Will there be Accountability?* with Chuck Fager of Quaker House.

On Tuesday, May, 15, 2012 from 5:30-6:30 at RFM, PSC will co sponsor a Community Vigil for Middle East Peace with the Richmond Israel-Palestine Listening Circle to send blessing to the peace-seeking people of the Middle East. Kelly Kennedy from M&W will sit on facing bench. See the newsletter for additional details. Meeting approved the recommendation from PSC that RFM co-sponsor the event.

Spring Retreat Committee: Mary Fran Hughes-McIntyre announced the dates of May 25-27 for the Spring Retreat entitled *Close up with Nature: Sharing our Stories*. See the newsletter for additional details and sign up information.

Hospitality: Jeff Seibert announced that our next Pot Luck Lunch will be held on April 22, 2012, at the rise of Meeting. All are welcome.

Approval of Minutes from March Business Meeting: Minutes were accepted after one spelling correction was made.

Clerk's Business: Clerk shared that there are a variety of offerings for weekend retreats at Pendle Hill which will be posted on the bulletin board.

All business being concluded, we settled into silence until the rise of Meeting was signaled from the facing bench.

Denna Joy, Clerk Jean Washburn & Denna Joy, Recording Clerks

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Meetings for Worship

9:30 and 11 am Every First Day
Singing
10:35-10:55 am 1st & 3rd First Days
Meeting for Worship with
Concern for Business (MWB)
3rd First Day
Religious Education:
11:20 am First Day School
Pot Luck Lunch:
4th First Day, at rise of meeting

The Clearing

13941 Genito Rd Amelia Court House, VA 23002 http://www.theclearing.net Contact: Kathryn Beaton at kathryn.beaton@gmail.com

Midlothian Monthly Meeting

Meeting for Worship 11 am First Days 900 Preservation Rd. Midlothian VA 23113 www.MidlothianFriends.org (Meeting website) www.MeetinghouseRental.com (to rent the meetinghouse) www.ThriftyQuaker.com (thrift shop) Send news and events to: Quaker_Town_Crier@msn.com



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