

Yearly Meeting News

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Tuesday

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TUESDAY EVENTS

- 6:30–7am — **Early Morning Worship** [see WORSHIP]
8:30am — **Bible Half-Hour** [see WORSHIP] (*Janikies*)
9:15am — **Meeting for Worship for Business** (*Janikies*)
11am–9:30pm — **Bookstore Open** (232–244, 250)
Lunch — **Simple Meal** ~ Proceeds go to Right Sharing of World Resources. Friends with special dietary needs please ask dining service staff for accommodations.
Lunch — **Annual Meeting of Parents of Special Needs Children, Youth & Adults** ~ Childcare provided. (*near private dining*)
Lunch — **Doug McCown of Pendle Hill** (*dining hall*)
Lunch — **Woolman Hill Program Conversation** “Woolman Hill on the road?” Meet with staff and board. (*dining hall displays*)
Noon — **Meet The Authors!** *Black Fire: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights*, Harold D. Weaver, Jr. and Stephen W. Angell (*Rotunda*)
12:15pm — **Artists’ Meet Up** ~ an informal meeting of artists to get to know each other better and perhaps strategize about how to promote art in NEYM. (*under the tent*)
1:30–3pm — **Anchor Groups** (*Location on back of nametag*)
3:15pm — **Committee Fair, Day 1** ~ Chance to explore service to NEYM. (*Rotunda*)
3:15pm — **Gentle Yoga** ~ Kundalini Yoga with laughter. Bring mat. (M36)
4:15pm — **Committee Clerks Orientation** ~ New clerks, old clerks, and interested Friends are invited to this clerks’ orientation by the YM office, Tue & Wed. We will answer questions and go over the committee calendar, deadlines, processes, and office services. (*Janikies*)
4:15pm — **End of the Line** (DVD) Documentary on disappearance of world’s fish. (347)
4:15pm — **Nuclear Power after Fukushima** ~ *Voices from Chernobyl* (audio drama) (M31)
4:15pm — **Puente de Amor** ~ with Cuban Friends Dikson Santiesteban & Adela Gonzalez-Longoria and three NEYM Friends who traveled to Cuba Tory Rhodin, Noah Baker-Merrill, & Benigno Sanchez-Eppler. (344)
4:15pm — **Ministry & Counsel** (*Nick’s Place, Bryant Center*)
4:15pm — **Committee Meetings** (*see room listing at Info Desk*)
4:15pm — **Permanent Board Workshop on Yearly Meeting Structure: Governance & Decision Making.** (M38)
4:15pm — **Living Our Theme** ~ the Transition Movement, a creative local organizing model. Steve Chase & Friends. (382)
4:15pm — **Staying Strong, Avoiding Burnout** ~ Each person will receive healing energy work from John Calvi, ideas for making compassion pragmatic, suggestions for restoring energy, and ways for staying at our best during difficult work. (M4)
4:15pm — **Friends Philanthropic Network** ~ revitalizing Friends culture of giving. (M34)
4:30pm — **M&C Open Meeting to Hear Concerns** (342)
4:30pm — **Prayer Room for Mourning to End Racism in Our Religious Society** (350)
5:00pm — **FGC Gathering 2012 Rhode Island, All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir** ~ Dinner to discuss the upcoming Gathering and meet the co-clerks. (*near exhibit, dining hall*)
5:30pm — **Call to Witness/Day of Discernment** ~ Meeting for planning group members. (*dining hall*)
6pm — **Daily Twelve-Step Meeting** (354)
6:15pm — **Vespers: Singing for all ages** (*outside Rotunda*)
7pm — **The Fire and the Hammer** ~ (all ages) NEYM singers perform a choral work on George Fox’s life. (*Interfaith Center*)
9pm — **Young Adult Friends (YAFs) Open House** ~ Working on a cool service project and wanna spread the word? Looking to invite young people to your local meeting community? Come network at the YAF Open House. (*Hall 16 Lounge*)
9pm — **Reclaiming Democracy** ~ movement to amend the constitution to abolish corporate “person” rights. (344)
9pm — **Eyewitness Gaza** ~ (film) by Tom Jackson & Skip Schiel. New documentary on conditions & struggles. (353)
9pm — **The Border is Our Backyard** ~ Network with Quakers Concerned with Immigration Justice. (342)
9pm — **Transitioning Gracefully** ~ to a post-petroleum culture. Ruah Swennerfelt shares her calling and experiences visiting Transition Communities in the U.S. and abroad. (354)
9pm — **“How on Earth Do We Live Now?” (pamphlet)** ~ Discussion with Quaker Institute for the Future. (343)

WORSHIP

- Early AM Worship — Tues–Thurs 6:30–7:15am**
Outdoor Worship (*outside Bryant Center ~ if rain, 251*)
Worship for Healing (250, *Note: this is a revised location*)
Bible Half-Hour — Tues–Thurs 8:30am
Maggie Edmondson, pastor of Winthrop Center (ME) Friends Church, will give the Bible Half-Hour. (*Janikies*)
Grace at Meals — 7:30am, 12:15pm, & 6:15pm
Friends will raise hands as a signal to join in prayer for grace.
FLGBTQ Meeting for Worship — 4:15 Tues
All welcome. (343)
Vespers — 6:15–6:45pm ~ Intergenerational Worship (*outside Bello Center, inside if rain*)
Quiet Worship Space
Tues, 8:30am–11:45am; Wed & Thurs, 8:30am–10pm; except during Anchor Groups. (*Interfaith Chapel*)

Find the *YM News* Monday–Wednesday mornings at the Dining Hall & Info Desk—on the web at sessions.neym.org.
Deadlines for submissions: Tues ~ 1:30pm. Drop off materials at the Info Desk in the Rotunda in the Unistructure. Only *Sessions* activities are listed in the *YM News*. Please check at Info Desk for where to post other materials.

ACCESS RESOURCES INFORMATION

Access Resources, Jana Noyes–Dakota and Barbara Dakota, Coordinators. Volunteer or request assistance at the Info Desk

Volunteers STILL needed to carry luggage & trays and drive shuttles (adult w/driver's license) **Contact:** Barbara Dakota, Shuttle Coordinator, at the Info Desk.

Golf Cart Shuttles: for mobility-challenged folks
7–8am & 4:30–5:30pm: dorms to Unistrustructure
12:30–1:30pm & 8:45–9:45pm: Unistrustructure to dorms

Special Dietary Needs: Food Allergies forms (available at Registration/Info Desk). Ask dining staff for your meal at each meal.

NO RUNNING Zone: in the cafeteria and other high-traffic areas! Please be careful not to bump into Friends. All of us should remind Friends who forget.

Special Needs Childcare is available. Parents, please sign up at the Info Desk indicating the times that you hope to have care.

STAFF AVAILABILITY

NEYM Office at Sessions

Jeffrey Hipp and Priscilla Ewen

Hall 16 Suite 307 508-754-6760 –or– x8860

Tues–Wed..... 1–5:30pm

On-Site Sessions Coordinator, Richard Frechette

Contact through NEYM Office or Info Desk x8860

Information Desk is staffed by volunteers during meals and major transition times.

Tues–Thurs, in the Rotunda..... x6996

Registrar, Laurel Brill Swan, Hall 16 Suite 308 x5709

Housing Coordinator, Josiah Erikson, Hall 16 Suite 308

Check-in and report room & key problems to college staff:

Tues–Wed..... 9:30–10:30am, 4:15–5:15pm

Early Check-Out, Simply drop your key in the box at the Info Desk or the Lobby of Hall 16. Leave linens bundled on your bed. It's that simple!

Sessions documents available at sessions.neym.org

FACILITIES & SERVICES

Hang on to your Keys! Lost keys, \$30 each; FOBs, \$10 each.

First Aid & Medical Emergencies First-aid kit, hospital info available at Info Desk. In emergency, call Bryant Public Safety 401-232-6911.

Life-or-Death: dial 9 then 911.

Handicap Parking on campus is for State or Bryant issued **official permits** only! Other cars **will be towed!** To get a permit for Sessions ask at the Info Desk.

RI Fire Code requires all doors with panic bars be kept closed. Please do not prop open those doors.

For **Unistrustructure Handicap Parking** go though the big parking lot and around behind Chase Athletic Center.

Lost & Found is located at the NEYM Info Desk.

BRYANT TELEPHONE INFORMATION

On campus, dial the last four digits only. All rooms have one phone. A printed sheet of instructions is posted nearby.

Bryant Conference Office x6921

Campus Security/Emergency x6911

Campus Security/Emergency (cell) 401-232-6911

Life-or-Death dial 9 then 911

ANNOUNCEMENTS

350 Years! An Illustrated History of NEYM on view in (250)

JYM Wheels Rules ~ State Law Requires Helmets! No riding down stairs, near doors. Slow down or stop near walkers. Be especially careful riding downhill, after dark. **Wheels Parking** at Unistrustructure, same doorway as in past years, despite current contruction. Please DO NOT park wheels at other entrances.

Commuter Meals ~ Cash ONLY Prices: Breakfast \$9 adult/\$6 child; Lunch \$11 adult/\$7 child; Dinner \$14 adult/\$10 child. (ATM in unistrustructure)

Fragrance Free ~ Please use only fragrance free products.

Displays ~ are around the window ledges in the new wing of the Dining Hall. Set up at any regular meal time.

A Bell Will Ring ~ 5 minutes before the end of each Session, reminding us of pick-up time for children.

The Women's Center ~ open *except during Anchor Groups*, 8am to late evening. (BC 2C)

Friends of Color Center ~ open daily, *except during Anchor Groups*. (350)

Evening Childcare for Special Needs Children ~ contact Ed Kerman or Jean McCandless on Message Board.

Games and Puzzles ~ (Rotunda Mezzanine)

2011 Pool Schedule ~ Tues–Wed: 2–5pm; Adult Lap Swim–Thurs: 7–7:45am

Message Boards ~ near the Info Desk. Please visit regularly to check your correspondence!

Volunteers ~ STILL needed to carry trays at breakfast and dinner. Pick up a vest at the Info Desk. Contact Betty Poyton with ?s.

Walk the Labyrinth ~ enjoy this walking prayer-filled meditation. **Please, no running.** (beyond the dining tent)

Art Display ~ visit often (upper level Rotunda, 3rd floor)

Names of Absent Friends ~ collected at the Info Desk where postcards to each of these Friends will be available for notes.

Adult Nap Room ~ The nap room is here to help Friends who need some shut-eye! *Open except during Anchor Groups* (279)

Children's Book Lending Library ~ Parents are welcome to visit, read and sign out JYM Children's Library Books. (M4)

Historical Display ~ Outside the Bello Center library. New England Quaker historical documents, books, and artifacts.

Why I Give to NEYM ~ "You may stumble but you can speak and walk to New England YM." Mary J. Chenaille, Worcester MM

Bookstore Pickup Deadline ~ Please pick up set aside items by 9:30 this evening (7pm in the Children & Family Bookstore) so anything not purchased can be returned to stock.

M&C Listeners are available to you; contact the Info Desk.

FUM Fact ~ Eden Grace, a member of Beacon Hill Friends Meeting, has been Field Staff in the African Ministries Office of Friends United Meeting since 2004.

Classroom Chairs ~ Please do not take classroom chairs outside.

Child and Family Bookstore ~ Books for children and teens, including a large collection of books on climate change issues, nature and stewardship. Materials for teachers, parents and concerned adults: Testimonies and Queries; Other Quaker curriculum and resource books. (250)

Rooms are in Unistrustructure unless otherwise noted.

M=Management Resource Center;

BC= Bryant Center (2nd Floor Only)

