

CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

FOURTH MONTH APRIL 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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Our Meetinghouse is located within the traditional homelands of the Chepenefia band of the Kalapuya speaking Nation.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

See **Wednesday Digest** for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or bob11340@comcast.net

Thursday March 31

Work on Meetinghouse grounds begins (details inside)

Sunday April 3

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship Willamette Park

Contact Bob Ward bobward1948@gmail.com

10:00 am Meeting for Worship via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

Sunday April 10

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:40 am Meeting for Business Hybrid/Blended

Wednesday April 13

7:00 pm to 8:30pm **SEEK: Dr Luhui Whitebear: Having difficult, critical conversations, and self-care while in them.**

Sunday April 17

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship (start and end at Meetinghouse)

9:30 am Joint outdoor potluck at Meetinghouse

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

Monday April 18

5:00 pm Reading Group - ***Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship*** (details inside)

Sunday April 24

8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,

10:00 am Hybrid/Blended Meeting for Worship Zoom and Meetinghouse together

11:45 am Virtual Potluck

Wednesday April 27

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Minute of Support for Indigenous People (details inside)

Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business March 13, 2022

Conducted via Zoom videoconferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Nancy Ewald, Donna Gerry, Laura Horsey, Bob Henderson, John Selker

Meeting began with expectant quiet worship. Susan read the following quotation

To listen another's soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery may be almost the greatest service one human being ever performs for another. ~ Douglas Steere

The minutes of the February Meeting for Business were approved as published in the newsletter

A written Treasurer's Report was provided. A question was raised about the expenses for water and electricity since the meetinghouse is not being used much. No one was able to respond to this. The report was accepted.

A written report from Spiritual Care Committee was presented and reproduced below. Discussion today is in bold type.

1. The Meeting's State of Society Report for 2021 must be submitted to NPYM in the end of April. At the Meeting for Business on March 13 SCC will be seeking input on what topics or items should be included in the Report. In addition, suggestions may be sent directly to Esther Schiedel at ceelf@aol.com. The report will be approved at the April Meeting for Business. **Esther will put a notice in the Wednesday Digest requesting input and inviting others to help draft this. Last years report may be helpful in drafting this.**
2. The first Welcoming Conversation with people who consider themselves new to

Friends was attended by ten people. A few more welcoming conversations will be held.

3. The SCC is recommending that the Hybrid Meetings continue on the second and fourth Sundays each month. Additional hosts for the Zoom meeting are needed. **The rationale for this recommendation was questioned, and concern expressed that the Zoom attenders are feeling excluded. We noted that those at the Meetinghouse this morning were unable to log into the Zoom Meeting and that this is the second time this has happened.**
4. Morning potluck will be held on March 20 at 9:30 between the rise of Walking Meeting and the beginning of In-Person Meeting.
5. The next meeting of the SCC will be April 5 at 1:30 in the Meeting House.

Grounds Volunteer Coordinator Laura Horsey provided a detailed written report with recommendations for the Meetinghouse yard. **Volunteers** include Bob Henderson, Wendy Robinson, Marybetts Sinclair, Jay Thatcher, Laura Horsey

Their focus is on the front yard west of the front walkway into the Meetinghouse (to your left if you are facing the front of the Meetinghouse). Goals are to

1. Retain some existing plants where practical
2. Remove weeds / plants in bed under windows & all grass & spread topsoil extended to include the bed at corner between parking and path
3. New concrete path to connect handicap parking & fill in gap between path & bike rack
4. Plant and bark mulch.

The committee talked to six contractors, reviewed initial estimates and defined decisions to bring to Meeting for Business. The project has an estimated budget of \$7,500.00. **It was noted that for work to happen this spring a decision must be made now.**

Friends discussed the proposal at some length, noting that our donations have been down lately, but acknowledging the work and detailed planning of the committee and the challenges of meeting our goal of an attractive, safe, and sustainable yard. **Friends approved a budget not to exceed \$7,500.00 for this work. We noted that volunteers might be able to do some of the concrete work, but that is not known at this time.**

The committee also had discussed the ideas brought up in past Meetings for Business of creating an outdoor information display, a land acknowledgment, a bench near the sidewalk. **Meeting decided to postpone consideration of these to another time.**

New Business CFM User's Manual was last updated in 2018. Many new members and attenders are unaware of this resource which includes a history of the Meeting, detailed job and committee descriptions and forms. Esther will put a notice in the Wednesday Digest seeking volunteers to work on updating this.

The State of Oregon is no longer mandating facemasks for businesses and gatherings. **Friends decided that we want to continue requiring masks to be worn in the Meetinghouse for worship and other gatherings.**

Meeting closed with worship.

Next Meeting for Business – April 10

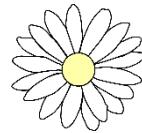
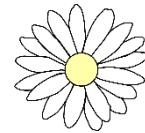
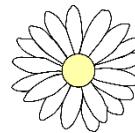
Grounds Update from Laura: The complete proposal from Home Grown Gardens came in at \$6,295 - about \$1,200 under our not to exceed number from Meeting for Business. I put the 50% deposit down yesterday (with a check from the meeting).

Adjustments for volunteers doing the concrete pouring can lower it if we have a team coming forth by 4/4. I also expect a few minor adjustments to plant selections. These will be settled in the second half payment. HGG met

our request for a discount on plant purchases for the project - 10%. The work includes putting a sleeve under the current path and the new path to allow for irrigation lines from the front spigot.

The start date is 3/31 which is one day later than I had previously mentioned. It is to finish by 4/6 and they will keep the front path clear for Sunday meeting and space for a car in handicap parking.

Let me know if you have questions. Appreciate everyone's contributions. -Laura



SEEK (Spiritual Exploring & Engaging Kommittee) moves to Wednesday evenings.

April 12: Dr Luhui Whitebear: Having difficult, critical conversations, and self-care while in them. Note: This will likely go from 7 to 8:30pm.

April 26: 7-8 pm We will discuss the Minute of Support for Indigenous People. The text can be found here:

<https://www.npym.org/sites/default/files/NPYM%20draft%20Minute%20of%20Support%20for%20Indigenous%20People.pdf> There is also a link on npym.org. Each Monthly Meeting - including ours - will consider the Minute this spring and bring our collective wisdom to bear in July at Annual Session.

Reading Group - Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship Monday April 18 05:00 PM

Once per month online: Invitation to read "Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship" by Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye. A myth-breaking history of and by Quakers of color

<https://westernfriend.org/fit-freedom-not-friendship-reading-group>



Mary Jane Gray

1924-2022

Mary Jane was born in Columbus Ohio, June 13th, 1924, and grew up in St Louis where her father, whom she adored, was in charge of building and operating the City transit system. In 1941 she went off to Swarthmore College where she encountered Quakers and embraced their values, graduating in 1945. She chose to attend Washington University School of Medicine, graduating in 1949. She then went east to Columbia University for internship and residency and graduate research in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She was appointed an instructor in Medicine there from 1956-1960, then chose to go to the University of Vermont where she taught and practiced until 1977. In Vermont, she married widowed Quaker Tom Bassett in 1963. They were married for about 15 years, during which she was the active stepmother of John, Miriam, Margot, and Elizabeth, who adopted her as theirs, and she them as hers. She was eventually recruited away by the University of North Carolina medical school. She was a well-respected Professor doing extensive perinatal research and beloved for her prominent advocacy of women's rights to choice in reproduction.

She had a friend and companion, Jayne MD, whom she met in Vermont; the two of them moved together for the rest of her life. When Mary Jane retired in 1990, they moved to Corvallis. Mary Jane worked as a volunteer physician for many years here and was medical director for Linn County Planned Parenthood and did clinical volunteer work from 1992 to 1998. She joined the Corvallis Friends Meeting where she was a serious voice for peace, justice and the environment; she made visiting the sick and infirm a part of her weekly routine. She was an active participant in monthly meetings for business

and social occasions. As she aged into her 90s, her softspoken counsel to Meeting folks was less frequent but treasured as it was always cheerful, wise and kind. Her living example spoke volumes. She died January 23rd, 2022.

Advices & Queries – Sexuality Part 2

Parents support their children's healthy sexuality by providing good examples, constructively supporting each child's natural interest, and answering questions lovingly.

Friends are encouraged to maintain accurate resources on issues of sexuality, sexual behavior, and gender identity and to answer questions, especially from children, honestly and appropriately.

While the meeting can and should be a source of abiding love and support to members and attenders, we acknowledge that some situations may require professional intervention and others may require notification of law-enforcement authorities.

- How safe is our meeting? How do we create an environment appropriate for discussion of deeply personal issues?
- How do we love and respond to those who have been harmed by sexual discrimination, abuse, or violence? How do we love and respond to those who have committed the discrimination, abuse, or violence?
- Do we know how and when to refer members and attenders for professional help? Do we know how and when to contact legal authorities?

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