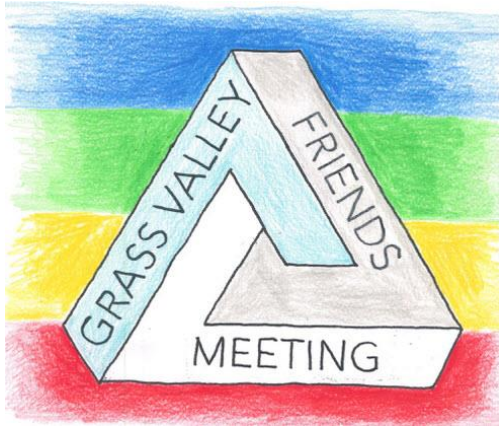




GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

*Of the Religious Society of Friends in the Truth,
College Park Quarterly Meeting,
Pacific Yearly Meeting*

13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959 @
The Sierra Friends Center, off Jones Bar Road,
Nevada City, CA 95959

Website: www.grassvalleyfriends.org (NEW)

Email: grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com

First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting House (in-person and zoom)

10:00 am Silent Meeting for Worship (in-person and zoom)

To receive the zoom link, grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com.

Newsletter, Seventh & Eighth Month, 2024

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MEETING CALENDAR

First Sunday

- Program to be announced.

Second Sunday

- Hybrid Silent Meeting for Worship Meeting, Potluck and for Worship on the Occasion of Business.

Third Sunday

- Program to be announced.

Fourth Sunday

- Spiritual Life

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: Wednesday evenings, 7:00-7:30 pm

HAPPENING NOW

- Sunday, August 18, 2024, 11:30a.m. – Worship Sharing re: Woolman (re) becomes Yulića. See page 11 for details.
- Saturday, August 24, 2024, 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m., Quaker Potluck at Gordon and Mary Starr’s home (See pg. 9 for details.)
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024 – *Warheads to Windmill*. See page 11 for details.
- Wednesday, August 21, 2024 - *Quaker Call to Action*. See page 14 for details.

HAPPENING LATER

- Quaker Seminary: September - June, 2024-25. Third Sundays, 11:30-1 pm. *Deepening our spiritual lives as ministers*. Amy will be facilitating with support/accountability from Spirit and Witness.
- Upcoming Pendle Hill Events, beginning September, 2024. See page 14, 2024
- Beginning September 10, 2024 – *Quaker Youth Leadership Training*. See page 10, for details.
- November 13 – 17, 2024 – FCNL’s *Advocacy that Never Gives Up*. See page 13 for details

NOTE: *College Park Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Ben Lomond Quaker Center this Fall. Details to follow.*

GLOSSARY- Abbreviations and terms used in the GVFM newsletter.

SFC: Sierra Friends Center
M&O: Ministry and Oversight
PacYM: Pacific Yearly Meeting
PHP – Pendle Hill Pamphlet
FGC: Friends General Conference

QUNP: Quaker United Nations Project
FASE: Friends Association for Services to the Elderly
CPQM: College Park Quarterly Meeting
RSWR: Right Sharing of World Resource
UwN: Unity with Nature

Query: The Friends practice of examining our souls and seeking clarity. These questions & exercises help to give time to seek truth about us and our spiritual condition and to tap into Divine insight.

Threshing Session: A meeting at a separate time specifically not for decision-making; normal practices of a Quaker meeting for business are relaxed so that Friends may speak more than once to an issue, speak to a point just made, or ask a question of a previous speaker.

MINUTES & RECORD: Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business August 11, 2024

We met in a hybrid meeting in person at the meetinghouse and on Zoom.

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Jennifer Smith, recording clerk; Gordon Starr, elder to the clerk; Mary Starr, Doug Hamm, Dean Olson, Lo Hamm, fosten wilson, Kathy McCreery, Stuart Smith, Sharon Davisson, Judy Hamilton, Peter O’Rourke, and Marilyn Guida

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query

- Today in meeting one of our young children stood during ministry and reintroduced himself and his family after being gone for the summer. This was his way of saying “This is us and we are important to each other. We belong here and we matter.”
- Query: How is your need for belonging met when you come to Meeting for Worship for Business?
 - Friends spoke out of the silence:
 - Being a part of Meeting for Worship for Business is where the rubber meets the road and it's easier to steer when a “car” is moving. Another member replied that we need all the practice we can get. Another spoke of how this is something they can do to contribute.
 - Being on Zoom feels very different from being in person in the building. That feeling of warmth is not the same as when one is sitting in meeting for worship.
 - One member recalled many years ago asking an elder in meeting “Why are you here? You know all of this already?” when they were reviewing Faith and Practice. The response was “We always go to family gatherings.”
 - Meeting for worship for Business is a “Thank You.”
 - Another member remembered talking to a Friend who considered herself a “Tribal Quaker” and preferred to stick to the Friends close to home. But, this Friend was feeling joy at finding a sense of belonging and community in the greater Quaker world.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

([see reports appended](#), committee clerk is noted in bold)

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke (2024-2027), Stuart Smith (2023-2026), Reed Hamilton (2022-2025), Sharon Davisson (2022-2025), Dean Olson (2023-2026), Dorothy Henderson (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk)

Stuart Smith gave the report, appended.

MINUTE 2024.08.01: The Clearness Committee for membership for Keith Runyan, consisting of Gordon Starr, Reed Hamilton, and Stuart Smith, met with Keith in May of 2024. The Committee reached clearness that Keith is well prepared to join the Society of Friends and Grass Valley Friends Meeting. Grass Valley Friends Meeting wholeheartedly approves his membership.

MINUTE (Seasoning until the 9th month): Grass Valley Friends Meeting releases Dayton Mason from membership in Grass Valley Friends Meeting. We will send a registered letter notifying him in the next 30 days.

MINUTE (Seasoning until the 9th month): Grass Valley Friends Meeting releases Coleman Watts from membership in Grass Valley Friends Meeting. We will send a registered letter notifying him in the next 30 days.

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- One member asked for clarification on where the responsibility lies on the new proposed reporting on organizations. Spirit and Witness proposes that the Newsletter will report on one of these 12 organizations each month. At the same time, members in the meeting will share with the community information on how Spirit moves through these organizations.
- There was a concern that this will add a greater workload to the newsletter editor. We want to make sure this person can speak up for herself about this.
- One member thought we should take a step back and ask ourselves why we are informing each other about these organizations in the first place. This might guide our decision.
- One member pointed out that there are 12 organizations, but only 11 Business Meetings.
- This Minute is being sent back to Spirit and Witness for further discernment.

Stewardship: Gordon Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, David Bowman. Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Mary Starr (ex-officio, Treasurer), Don McCormick (ex-officio, Librarian), Hailey Wilson (ex-officio Tech Support).

Gordon Starr gave the report, appended.

- The treasurer would like to make sure the new computer can run specific software that will cost \$140 per year. This cost will come out of the Technology funds.

MINUTE (Seasoning until the 9th month) Grass Valley Friends Meeting agrees that all financial files older than seven years be shredded, in accordance with current law.

MINUTE 2024.08.02: Grass Valley Friends meeting agrees to buy a new laptop for the meeting at a cost of approximately \$600.

Welcome: Peter O'Rourke (Website and Facebook coordinator), Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cheryl Hendrickson, Cindy Bliss, Lo Hamm, Judy Hamilton (ex-officio email coordinator), Nancy Anderson (ex-officio directory clerk).

Peter O'Rourke gave the report, appended.

- A clarification was needed on the address for the meeting potluck. The address is below, and will be included in the newsletter:
 - 800 Pine Knoll Road, Applegate, CA
- Another announcement that FGC will alternate between in person and online each year.

Nominating Committee: (terms as noted) Judy Hamilton: 2022-2024, Gordon Starr: 2022-2024, Dean Olson 2023-2025, Sharon Davisson 2023-2024.

There was no report.

Children's Program: Keely McDonald, Doug Hamm, Judy Hamilton, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, David Cowan, Lo Hamm.

Doug Hamm gave the report, appended

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer: Mary Starr gave the report, appended.

- There is an extra \$200 in the Nisenan Land Return Funds that needs to be dispersed.

Pacific Yearly Meeting: Doug Hamm gave the report, appended.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: No report given.

Interfaith Nevada County: No report given.

CLERK'S REMARKS:

- This clerk is excited to attend each of the committee meetings to make sure she is fully aware of what is going on in the meeting. She is excited to fully step into this position.
- We also ask that all committee clerks submit their reports by Wednesday before Meeting for Worship for Business so we can have everything ready in a timely manner for the agenda and minutes.

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Facebook:** please 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, and it helps our visibility. Follow this [link](#).
- The **2023-2024 PacYM General Directory** is temporarily unavailable while the website redesign is in progress. When available, the Directory is for use by members and attenders of monthly meetings and worship groups within Pacific Yearly Meeting and by Friends serving on Pacific Yearly Meeting committees. It is not to be shared beyond this community. Dorothy, Doug, and Don have the new password for the PacYM Directory.
- **Carl Magruder:** You can follow Carl's healing journey on the CaringBridge.org website [HERE](#). Friends have also set up a daily Meeting for Healing from 7:30 to 8 am (Pacific) on Zoom [here](#) or contact Amy Cooke at amyliette@gmail.com for the link.
- **Contributions to Grass Valley Friends Meeting** are gratefully accepted. You can give by mailing a check to Mary Starr or through Tithely on the website or our newsletter. Our treasurer is asking for additional funds this month in order to fund our year end donation.

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 jenniferjksmith@gmail.com **THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE MEETING FOR BUSINESS**. Please write reports in **12 point, Times New Roman font**. This formatting will match the formatting in our Meeting for Worship for Business Minutes and Record. And, if possible, write reports in Google Docs and share with both Dorothy and Jennifer.

GVFM Newsletter Reminder: Please have items into Dianne Marshall by Tuesday at 10 am.

The Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully recorded by Jennifer Smith, recording clerk.

APPENDICES

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QUERIES and ADVICES, Seventh Month ~ Reaching Out

Friends fellowship begins and is nurtured within the home and Meeting. It reaches greater fulfillment as we carry our beliefs into the wider community.

Share your Quaker faith. Take time to learn about other people's experiences of the Light and, as you learn, give freely from what you have gained. Respect the experiences and opinions of others, but do not be afraid to say what you value. Welcome the diversity of culture, language, and expressions of faith in your Monthly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting, and the world community of Friends. Encourage discourse with Friends of pastoral and programmed traditions, and with members of other faiths.

Friends have a long history of involvement in public and private education, sharing our values with the world and nurturing future generations. Be mindful of the needs of children in your community and of avenues for deepening understanding between peoples.

How does my life reflect Friends beliefs and thus encourage others to be interested in the Religious Society of Friends?

- Do I respond openly to inquiries about Quaker experience and belief?
- *What does our Meeting do to make others aware of Friends principles and practices?*
- *What are we doing to help people of various races, cultures, and backgrounds feel at home among us and we among them?*
- *How do we encourage newcomers to return and participate in activities of the Meeting?*
- *In what ways do we participate in the life of the interfaith community and in the wider [fellowship of Friends](#)?*

QUERIES and ADVICES, Eighth Month ~ Simplicity

Life is meant to be lived from a Center, a divine Center... a life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It takes no time, but it occupies all our time.

thomas r. kelly, *testament of devotion*, 1941

A life centered in God will be directed toward keeping communication with God open and unencumbered. Simplicity is best achieved through a right ordering of priorities, maintaining humility of spirit, avoiding self-indulgence, resisting the accumulation of unnecessary possessions, and avoiding over-busy lives.

Elise Boulding writes in *My Part in the Quaker Adventure*,

“Simplicity, beauty, and happiness go together if they are a byproduct of a concern for something more important than ourselves.”

- Do I center my life in an awareness of God’s presence so that all things take their rightful place?
- Do I live simply, and promote the right sharing of the world’s bounty?
- Do I keep my life uncluttered with things and activities, avoiding commitments beyond my strength and light?
- How do I maintain simplicity, moderation, and honesty in my speech, my manner of living, and my daily work?
- Do I recognize when I have enough?
- *Is the life of our Meeting so ordered that it helps us to simplify our lives?*

GVFM Treasurer’s Quarterly Report, 08-11-2024

Summary = We’re doing okay but have some year-end challenges.

This report covers April thru June, 2024. The contributions (\$1,836) are somewhat keeping up with our monthly expenses, however we are now in the final quarter of our fiscal year (ending September 30th) and we will be needing an additional \$1,000 - \$1,200 to fund our year-end donations.

The “Fund Balances” and the “Actual Spending vs Budget” reports are available in the Meeting House – near the library – and by contacting me.

Thank-you for all of your help. All gifts, both in service to the Meeting and financial are deeply appreciated. Money contributions can be in-person, mailed to my address below, or online by using the “give” button in our newsletter (below) and at grassvalleyfriends.org.

Mary Starr, Treasurer, P. O. Box 506, Applegate, CA 95703

Email = mstarr2133@aol.com

Your Donations Keep GVFM Viable! Thank you! Donate here!



← ***This button will take you to a secure site.***

- Giving is easy! Click on the Give button above or go to grassvalleyfriends.org and click on “GIVE” You’ll go to a secure site for donations. Monthly contributions are very important. *You may now change the dollar amount of your gift without making a new donation request!*
 - Or mail your donation to **Mary Starr Treasurer, P. O. Box 506, Applegate, CA 95703.**
- Thank you.**
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STAY IN TOUCH! [Grass Valley Friends Meeting Facebook link](#)

Are you a **Facebook** user? Do follow the Grass Valley Friends Meeting page or join the Facebook Grass Valley Friends Meeting group. When you share a post from the page, your friends will see it, and it helps our visibility.

LET'S VISIT! Monthly Potlucks

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Time: 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Place: The home of Mary and Gordon Starr

Address: 800 Pine Knoll Road, Applegate CA95703

RSVP requested: mstarr2133@aol.com



EARTHCARE WITNESS @ JULY 4TH PARADE



Thank you, Reed!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

Please remember, the GVFM website has been completely revamped and several years of meeting minutes, reports to Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, and the newsletter can be found by going to www.grassvalleyfriends.org. Google searching is not going to get us there. The direct link to the newsletters is <https://www.grassvalleyfriends.org/newsletter/>.



PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

QUAKER YOUTH LEADERSHIP

San Francisco MM will offer the Quaker Youth Leadership Program geared for students in 7th - 10th grades this fall. Nate Secrest will be anchoring the program with the help of other young adult Quaker leaders.

This is open to friends of all faiths.

We will start the program at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 13, 2024 with the next meeting at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2024, both at the Meetinghouse at 65 Ninth Street in San Francisco. The Quaker Youth Leadership Program will meet in October and November as well. Here is the full schedule:

All gatherings are at the Meetinghouse, except for the weekend of October 18th.

- Friday, September 13, 5pm
- Sunday, September 15, 11am
- Sunday, September 22, 11am
- Friday, October 4, 5pm
- Sunday, October 6, 11am

October 18, Quarterly Meeting, Quaker Center, Ben Lomond

quakercenter.org

- Sunday, November 3, 11am
- Sunday, November 17, 11am

Contacts:

- Gail Cornwall-Feeley <gailcornwall@gmail.com> or
- Carol Cruickshank carol.cruickshank@gmail.com

What's percolating..

Interested in a Family Camp out in Santa Rosa September. Contact Nate Secrest, 707-703-4903 secrestnm@guilford.edu

Mark your calendars if you are a youth aged 15-18 interested in a Guatemala trip July 28-Aug 9, 2025. The trip planning has only just begun. Stay tuned for more information.

Western Young Adult Friends New Year's Gathering will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. Newyearsgathering.org for more info.

Finding Worth in Our Lives

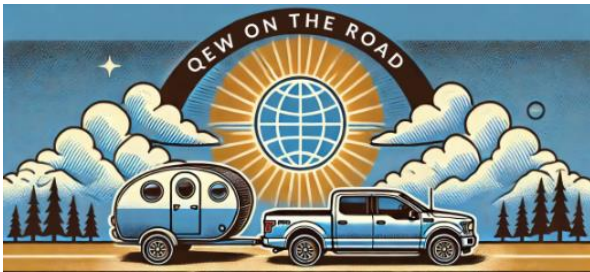
– Harvey Gillman, *A Light Shining in the World* (1997)"

One of the problems [with worship] is the word "worship" itself. It can sound as if one were bowing and scraping before some tyrannical master. In fact, the word derives from the word "worth." It is the time Quakers give to finding worth in their lives. Here there are no hymns, no sermons, no set prayers. There is an hour of stillness, of inward prayer, contemplation, and reflection. . .

To someone looking in from the outside, nothing may appear to be happening. For the participant, however, it is a contemplative and meditative experience, and above all, a corporate activity. . .

The meeting for worship is a public event, to which anyone is welcome. . .

At times, what is said in meeting may not seem to fit in with your personal thoughts or may even sound contradictory. . . Loving another person does not always mean accepting fully what he or she is saying. Above all, Quaker meeting is not a debating chamber. It is not a matter of simply exchanging ideas about the world, however profound these ideas may be. It is a focusing of concern about the world at a deeper level, an affirmation of relationship and community, and a reaching out towards that which is both beyond and within.



QEW on the road! In the past 5 weeks, we've done some pretty amazing outreach for QEW. Here are some fun numbers to capture what we've done;

- 17 Talks * 16 States * 200+ Cloth Diaper Changes
- ~70 Electric Charges * 5 Protests 3 Arrests!

In this time, we've been inspired by who we've met and the ideas fostered in our dialogues with Friends throughout the country. In particular, we've been inspired by conversations with monthly meetings and elsewhere about the work Friends are doing to address the ecological crisis by rewilding their neighborhoods, organizing nonviolent campaigns, influencing their local legislatures, and building resilient communities.

As we've traveled, it's become clear that Friends feel heavily under the weight of the climate crisis but often struggle to move from *paralysis* into *empowerment*! As we've given our talks, we've provided resources and inspiration to these communities to push the Quaker Environmental movement forward. We live in perilous times - yet it's only when we're put against it that we get to see the full beauty of the human spirit! We hope that QEW can become a resource for Friends around the country to begin taking practical and effective action, listening to spirit, and playing a part in seeding and building the kindling of the movement the world needs today.

Thank you! Keith, Nora, and Miche (*and Juniper*)

P.S. You can also help by sharing our organization and story with your networks. Forward this article to Friends who might want to get involved with QEW on the Road

FROM WARHEADS TO WINDMILLS

With Timmon Wallis, Executive Director of NuclearBan US

Climate catastrophe and nuclear war are two existential threats we face as a species. The issues are also connected. They are human-engineered problems that reinforce each other, and there are already solutions for us to implement if we can overcome the misinformation, propaganda, and politicians corrupted by profiteering corporations. Join Timmon Wallis, Executive Director of NuclearBan.US, as we ask the question: How can peace activists, environmentalists, and others working for justice work together on strategies that will address both of these crises?

Register

Timmon's book *Warheads to Windmills: Preventing Climate Catastrophe and Nuclear War* is a toolkit for campaigners working on nuclear disarmament and climate change issues. His previous book, *Disarming the Nuclear Argument: The Truth About Nuclear Weapons*, played a role in the successful July 2017 United Nations negotiations for a Nuclear Ban Treaty and is a handbook for those seeking a safer, saner world.

Join us for this important conversation on Wednesday August 21st, 7 pm Eastern/4 pm Pacific.

Register Here!

With Abundant Hope, Miche McCall, Communications & Outreach Coordinator, Quaker Earthcare Witness

As Woolman becomes Yulica

The Toward Right Relation Witness Committee under the care of Spirit and Witness is offering a Worship-Sharing gathering on August 18 at 11:30a.m. We will consider this time of transition for the Grass Valley Friends Meeting in relationship to CHIRP becoming the new owner of the property. This gathering will help to inform the Clerk of the Meeting, Dorothy Henderson on a letter she will write to CHIRP on behalf of the meeting.

Alaska Native artifacts returned as Quakers continue reparations



Sen. Lisa Murkowski, federal officials hear of roadblocks to proposed cultural healing center

- [Alaska Beacon](#), 8/13/2024, **Claire Stremple**

[At the Kake Dog Salmon Festival on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, residents and visiting Quakers examined artifacts returned to the village by the ancestor of a Quaker missionary. \(Photo courtesy of Jan Bronson\)](#)

Form line carved paddles, beaded slippers, and a small totem were among the items returned to Kake last weekend by a Quaker woman whose ancestor taught in the mission school there in the early 1900s.

Joel Jackson, the Tribal council president for the Organized Village of Kake, said it is nice to have the objects home.

“That wasn’t meant for somebody else to display in their home as an artform or whatever. That’s sacred to us,” he said.

He said the village is working on repatriating other objects that are held privately or in museums across the country.

The return of the objects is part of Quakers' ongoing reparations effort in the Southeast city of roughly 500 people. In January, Quakers with the Alaska Friends Conference and from Oregon and Washington [donated more than \\$90,000](#) to the establishment of a cultural healing center in Kake, which followed [a formal apology in 2022](#) for the Quaker role in the boarding school era.

[Apologize! Report calls for US government to own up to abusive boarding school history](#)

[Read More](#)

Quakers established a mission school in the Tlingit village of Kake in the early 1900s. Presbyterians later took over the school, which was among the boarding schools that forcibly assimilated Alaska Native people.

Julie Downs, the great-granddaughter of one of the Quaker teachers there, was moved to return the objects that had been in her family since then after learning that, in some worldviews, objects can be sacred or even considered to be ancestors. She wondered if the items she now owned might have more meaning than she had previously considered with her Christian worldview.

"We don't humanize objects and say, 'This is an ancestor, and this ancestor has a home and needs to be taken home,'" she said. "And so for me, it was just a really cool thing that I'd inherited that was gorgeous and it was meaningful to me, but not as an ancestor."

Advocacy That Never Gives Up.

This theme for FCNL's 2024 Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute speaks to the persistence and commitment of our powerful community.



[Register](#)

Registration is now open. I hope you will join us, either in-person in Washington, D.C. or online, Nov. 13-17, 2024.

I look forward to seeing you and sharing in community, worship, and advocacy with Quakers and friends gathered in D.C. and across the country. Get a first look at the schedule and event details [on our website](#).

Faith-led advocacy has never been more important. I hope to see you in November.
Sincerely,
Alicia McBride,
Senior Director for Quaker Leadership



**NATIONAL ZOOM CALL ON
WEDNESDAY,
AUG 21, 7- 8:30 PM EDT**

REGISTER [NOW](#) to join us on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, from 7:00-8:30PM EDT** TO LEARN HOW

FRIENDS ARE TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY IN NC, PA AND ELSEWHERE.

Hear first-hand from organizers and participants about state-wide, monthly meeting and individual initiatives. Connect with resources and actions as we approach the November elections. Interact with presenters and hear inspiring stories in this moderated session.

As always, you will receive a zoom link the day before the gathering. Please put info@quakercall.net in your contacts to make sure you receive it.

NOTE: Apologies to Friends in Western time zones. The earlier start time is designed to allow those who are following the Democratic National Convention to tune in to the prime time speakers.

**UPCOMING PENDLE HILL
EVENTS**



[Hand in Hand: Aging Together in the Spirit](#) - Online: Wednesdays, Sep 4-18

A series with members of BYM's End of Life Working Group and authors of its new resource, *A Tender Time: Quaker Voices on the End of Life*.

[Light Within and Light Without ~ The Personal and Political in the Formation of a Palestinian-American Quaker Identity](#) - Hybrid: Sep 9

The 2024 Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture, with Steve Tamari.

[Embracing Spiritual Gifts](#) - On Campus: Sep 20-22

A workshop to explore and nurture spiritual gifts as an antidote to isolation, polarization, despair, and other deep ills, with Adria Gulizia.

[View All Events](#)

Grass Valley Friends Meeting Contact Information (1-16-24)

COMMITTEES: (convener or clerk in bold)

Stewardship: Mary Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, Gordon Starr, Doug Hamm, David Bowman. Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Fosten Wilson (ex-officio, Treasurer), Don McCormick (ex-officio, Librarian), (ex-officio Tech Support).

Welcome: Peter O'Rourke (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cheryl Hendrickson, Cindy Bliss, Lo Hamm, CJ Patterson, Judy Hamilton (ex-officio, email coordinator).

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke, Stuart Smith, Reed Hamilton, Sharon Davisson, Dean Olson, Dorothy Henderson (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk of the Meeting),

Children's Program: Keely McDonald, Dorothy Henderson, Doug Hamm, Judy Hamilton, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, David Cowan, Lo Hamm.

Nominating Committee: (terms as noted)

- Judy Hamilton: 2022-2024
- Gordon Starr: 2022-2024
- Sharon Davisson: 2023-20205
- Dean Olson: 2023-2025

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- **Sierra Friends Center:** Gordon Starr
- **Pacific Yearly Meeting:** Doug Hamm
- **College Park Quarterly Meeting:** Doug Hamm



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