

# QUAKER NEWSLETTER

## GAINESVILLE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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**NEWSLETTER, SIXTH MONTH, 2008**

**JEAN LARSON, CLERK**

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### **QUERIES** for The Sixth Month: HOME, FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Do we make our home a place where love, peace, happiness, friendship, and refreshment of spirit are found, and where the presence of God is experienced?

Do all members of our family receive our affection and understanding?

Do we take care that responsibilities outside the home do not encroach upon the time and loving attention our family needs?

Do we acknowledge and support all relationships and families, whether conventional or not, that are based on love and commitment?

Does our family set aside First Day and other times for worship, service, rest and refreshment of spirit?

**ADVICE:** Live in love and learn from one another. Try to live simply. In our family life, encourage reliance upon God's guidance and help for each day's needs. Remember the value of beauty in all its forms. God's gifts are for all to enjoy; learn to use them wisely.

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⇒ *Newsletter submissions are due the Monday before the last Sunday of the month.*

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## MEETING NEWS AND NOTES



**Audrey Elise Hall** Born May 5, 2008 at 3:15pm at 9lb 2oz.

The Meeting feels great sadness at the unexpected death, from a pulmonary embolism, of **Marylynn Bronwyn Hall** who passed away late Thursday evening, May 8, 2008. Her daughter, **Audrey Elise Hall**, was welcomed joyfully into the world on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Meeting has established a memorial fund for the Hall family.

**Minute 08-05-15** *Gainesville Monthly Meeting approves the establishment of the Marylynn Hall Memorial Fund, for receiving money for Philip Hall, Bronwym Lee Hall and Audrey Elise Hall. Our understanding is that contributions to this fund will not be tax-deductable.*

For those who would like to assist the family with food, there is a website that is being used to organize this effort - < <http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/604591> > Many thanks to Jen Cotter, and Jay Muller!! Be patient, as the site requires administrative approval for new members to join. We expect the calendar with requests to be up and running in a few weeks. Food is not needed NOW, but that will change in the near future. Friends who want help with this or do not have on-line access – contact Karen Porter 352-337-0686.

**Meeting News:** Two recent graduates are to be congratulated. **Devender Sellars**, a member of our meeting and son of Annie McPherson, has received an A.A. degree in Graphics Design from Guilford Community College in Jamestown, North Carolina. **Rebecca Ray**, until very recently a member of our meeting, and daughter of Tim and Connie Ray, has graduated from the Elliot School of International Studies at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. with an M.A. in International Economic Development. **Cody Doran**, son of Shawna Doran, has recently become engaged to be married.

**Hold in the Light:** George Newkirk, Tak Hayakawa, Morrie Trimmer, Phil Klein, and Walter Morris as he undergoes an operation on June 2.

**Forum:** On Sunday, June 1 Cheryl Demers-Holton will present a forum on the topic of “Hospice Care.” Cheryl has spent many years as a nurse for Hospice and is willing to share her considerable knowledge on end of life issues with us.

**Quakerism 101:** Everyone is welcome to attend the next session of Quakerism 101 on Sunday, June 8 at 9:15 a.m. even if you have not attended before. We will gather in the meetinghouse library and will continue our study of Friends’ Testimonies. The reading for this session will be Margaret Hope Bacon’s “Quaker Women as Abolitionists” from her book, As The Way Opens. Copies will be on the shelf on the bookcase under the clock in the foyer behind the social room door. Questions for reflection include: Why do you believe tense relationships existed between women abolitionists and the Religious Society of Friends as a whole? Are such tensions visible in the Society of Friends today? Where? With which testimonies do you most resonate? Are

there any which make you uncomfortable? Why? Have you broken the law on grounds of conscience? If so, describe why you acted as you did. As usual, sharing is voluntary, but very helpful to discussion. (*Connie Ray*)

**Burial of Ashes:** The meeting has recently approved the scattering of the ashes of members on the meeting's property and the burial of the ashes of members in biodegradable containers in the natural area of the property in the wetlands and its buffer zone. Requests are to be made to the Ministry and Nurture Committee who will name a burial coordinator for each request to witness or conduct the event and to be sure that the event is properly recorded. (*Connie Ray*)

**Minute 08-05-17** *The Meeting approves the burial of the ashes of members in biodegradable containers in the natural area of the property in the wetlands and its buffer zone.*

**Hospitality:** HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE We have planned a pre-Holiday craft and bake sale fundraiser on November 8, 2008 at the Meeting House. We tell you this *now* so folks can commit to making and donating articles. Please think what you can "craft" over the summer — for example art work, needle work, jams, jellies, special herb vinegars, bottled fragrances, gifts in a jar foods or Christmas ornaments. Put on your crafting hat and talk to a member of the committee so that we have an idea of how to plan for this fund raising event.

The Hospitality Committee wants to suggest that the after Worship refreshments be "light fare" for the consideration of the volunteers that will be doing this activity during the summer. Suggested light fare would be simple finger foods such as: simple sandwiches, boiled eggs, fruits, muffins, cut-up vegetables along with iced tea and lemonade - clean up will be faster and cooler. The 3rd First Day will continue to be a potluck lunch.

From June through October, Friends will be contacted and asked to find persons to volunteer for the after Worship refreshments for each of the First Days of that particular month. Sign up sheets for each month are on a clipboard in the Social Room. Friends, if you know of a particular time that you can help, please sign up ahead! (*Mona Morris*)

**Movie Night:** Friday, June 20, 2008—7 pm at the Meeting House

"Waking Ned Divine" - a charming heart-warming and extra-ordinarily funny film about a series of events in a small Irish coastal town after one of its residents dies just after winning the lottery, and the neighbors scheme to find a way to collect the money for themselves.

Come join us for an evening of fun and light refreshments. (*Jim Morrison*)

**First-Day School Committee and First-Day School Events:** At a recent Firstday School Committee meeting we made the following plans. We welcome comments and suggestions. For the younger children we decided to have play, sharing and stories for June, July and August.

In September we will begin lessons from the FGC Dr. Seuss curriculum and also continue using lessons from the FGC Sparklers curriculum. We'll divide the younger children into two groups; the groupings will be fluid. The older ones will have the lessons and the younger ones will have play, sharing and stories.

For the teens/pre-teens, during the summer Catherine Puckett will set in motion plans for get-togethers, one of which we hope will include SEYM teens tubing down the Ichetucknee River. When they attend Meeting for Worship they can choose to stay in Meeting for Worship or hanging out with the younger children, or organize some activity (discussion, reading, worship sharing.....) together.

Beginning in September we'll follow a schedule:

First Firstday - remain in Meeting for Worship

Second Firstday - a program/lesson suitable for them, including a unit on Bono

Third Firstday - Earthcare Witness

Fourth Firstday - work with the younger children;

Fifth Firstday - if there is one, is to be arranged. (*Laura Winefordner*)

## Around the Meetinghouse:

The month has been rather dry, with one notable rain that the newspaper reported as leaving 0.2 inches of rainfall, so I or Bill in my place have gone out each day to water the transplanted wax myrtles. Bill has been trimming back the brown foliage and finally new leaves are appearing down low on some of the ones on which I was beginning to give up hope. Persistence pays.

Bill has continued going after exotic invasive plants. He reports that with the pond area dry enough to walk on, yet still not completely dry, he has been able to pull taro roots out more easily. One Saturday he removed two large buckets of taro roots. The air potato vines are sprouting. I found one on a walk through the property that I placed on the cement stairs to the social room with its sprout variously sprawled among the bars of the aluminum railing. Lots of people have noticed it has rudimentary leaves and has been continuing without water in the hot sun on the south facing side of the building. As I walked up the stairs one time, a lizard raced across the landing to perch on the air potato in an inconspicuous pose.

A creature, probably an armadillo according to Phil Buskirk, has been digging in the wet dirt and mulch around the wax myrtles, the plum tree, the olive tree and hibiscus I planted. The holes made are pointed and there are some lines in the dirt that appear to have been made by an armadillo tail. Phil says they armadillo's are attracted to wet places since they are looking for worms to eat. The little hibiscus plants have been dislodged multiple times and the birdsfoot violets buried by all this activity. I placed some wire fencing around the plum tree which has limited the digging to around the outside of the fence.



The largest of the green dragon plants has bright green berries on it. Since it is along the path to the creek that starts at the end of the drive by the mulch pile, I go past it frequently and occasionally check the berries, hoping to see them turn red. The foliage on these plants of the bottomland forest is a lovely shape.

Since I am watering every day, I give a few squirts to the little *Lobelia cardinalis* (Cardinal flower) that has sprouted from the roots of last year's plants. It will be quite a while before these sprouts get big enough to flower, and I hope the rains come to provide the water they need.



Swamp Dogwood



We have passionvine growing in three areas: by the backdoor to the meeting for worship room, in the front retention pond and along the split rail fence. The latter location is growing most strongly and has had two flowers already. Last year the orange with black spike caterpillars of the gulf fritillary butterfly ate the leaves down to the stems. This year I have seen a pair of zebra longwings (the FL state butterfly) dancing near the plant but no gulf fritillaries. The passionvine is larval host to both these butterflies and there are a couple of very small black and white caterpillars that I think are from the zebra longwings.

The coral honeysuckle vine growing on the fence in the children's yard is thriving and blooming profusely. Bill planted two more purchased at the native plant sale, one on each side of the one that has done so well. We have added more yellow jessamine to the fence near the meeting for worship room, to replace what we lost.



Gary Arthur told me about the sale of plants grown by master gardeners, and I found the quality high and the prices low. Three native ferns were planted around a loblolly bay by the back retention pond, an oakleaf hydrangea was put in by the end of the split rail fence near the plum tree, five coreopsis in the children's yard, a cassia (yellow blooms in the fall, may fail to be native) north and west of the worship room. Thanks to Gary, we have two additional coral bean plants: one by the back retention pond and the other nearby on the border with Shir Shalom.

We are getting compliments on the wild flowers, especially the Gaillardia pulchella (Blanket flower) that has reseeded itself by the drive where we come in and in the children's yard.

*(Jean Larson)*



Gainesville Friends Meeting  
2008-2009 Budget

	Last Year				Proposed 2008—2009 budget
	2007—2008 budget	Adjustments	11 month total (actual)	12 month total (estimated) excluding major one time items	
AFSC	\$200		\$200	\$200	\$200
Campus Ministries	\$50		\$50	\$50	\$50
Community Ministries	\$200		\$200	\$200	\$200
FCNL	\$200		\$200	\$200	\$200
FGC	\$150		\$150	\$150	\$150
FWCC	\$350		\$350	\$350	\$350
Pendle Hill	\$50		\$50	\$50	\$50
Pro Nica	\$100		\$100	\$100	\$100
Scholarships	\$500		\$204	\$204	\$500
SEYM	\$8,000		\$8,000	\$8,000	\$7,000
Special Projects	\$400		\$0	\$0	\$400
<b><u>Donations Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,200</u></b>		<b><u>\$7,104</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,504</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,200</u></b>
Insurance	\$3,500		\$3,189	\$3,189	\$3,500
Landscaping	\$500	\$500	\$530	\$1,000	\$500
Grounds Maintenance	\$700	\$1,040	\$1,303	\$1,303	\$700
Building Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,687	\$2,795	\$1,300
Phone	\$700		\$715	\$780	\$800
Hospitality	\$700		\$451	\$492	\$700
Cleaning	\$1,500		\$1,140	\$1,244	\$1,500
Utilities	\$2,800		\$2,418	\$2,637	\$2,800
<b><u>Meetinghouse Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,400</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,040</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,413</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,420</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,800</u></b>
Ministry & Nurture	\$300		\$277	\$302	\$300
Special Events	\$500		\$0	\$0	\$0
Forum	\$50		\$0	\$0	\$50
Peace & Social Concerns	\$100		\$25	\$25	\$100
Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$100		\$0	\$0	\$100
Library	\$350		\$318	\$347	\$350
Firstday School	\$500		\$0	\$0	\$300
Advertising	\$250		\$130	\$130	\$250
Newsletter	\$700		\$557	\$607	\$700
Office Expense	\$175		\$75	\$100	\$150
Annual Corporation Fee	\$70		\$61	\$70	\$70
<b><u>Program Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,095</u></b>		<b><u>\$1,443</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,581</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,370</u></b>
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,695</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,040</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,959</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,505</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,370</u></b>
GF contributions	\$22,495	\$3,040	\$21,533	\$22,033	\$23,000
interest income	\$200	\$420	\$493	\$513	\$300
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,695</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,460</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,026</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,546</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,300</u></b>
<b><u>Surplus (deficit)</u></b>			<b><u>\$1,067</u></b>	<b><u>\$42</u></b>	<b><u>(\$70)</u></b>



# Gainesville Friends Meeting -Nominating Committee Report 2008-2009

## **OFFICERS:**

Clerk: Jean Larson  
Assistant Clerk: Karen Porter  
Recording Clerk: Catherine Puckett  
Treasurer: Bill Mitchell

Corresponding Clerk: Sybil Brennan  
Assistant Corr. Clerk: Jeannie Buskirk  
Membership Recorder: Annie McPherson

## **COMMITTEES:**

### ***Ministry & Nurture***

Clerk: Connie Ray  
Jean Chalmers  
Walter Morris  
Karen Porter  
Arnold Von der Porten

### ***Pastoral Care Sub-committee***

Dick Beardsley  
Sybil Brennan  
Morrie Trimmer

### ***Newsletter & Website***

Editor: Annie McPherson  
Distribution: Annie McPherson  
Website: Bill Mitchell

### ***Peace & Social Concerns***

Clerk: Jim Morrison  
Dick Beardsley  
Gene Beardsley  
Shawna Doran  
Tim Fogarty  
Mona Morris  
Walter Morris

### ***Quaker Earthcare Witness***

Clerk: Karen Arrington  
Assistant Clerk: Dick Beardsley  
Gene Beardsley  
Walter Morris

### ***Meetinghouse***

Clerk: Walter Morris  
Dick Beardsley  
Bud Brennan  
Morrie Trimmer

### ***Grounds***

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bud Brennan  
Phil Buskirk  
Tak Hayakawa  
Bill Mitchell

### ***School Committee***

Clerk: Jeannie Buskirk  
Jean Larson  
Laura Winefordner

### ***First Day School***

Clerk: Laura Winefordner  
Odalis Manduley

Jim Porter

Catherine Puckett

### ***Hospitality***

Clerk: Mona Morris  
Jean Burton  
Carol Clark  
Cheryl Demers-Holton  
Tim Fogarty  
Tak Hayakawa  
Annie McPherson  
Eleanor Merritt  
Doris Nabors

### ***Bible Study***

Ellie Clayton  
Larry Clayton  
Bart Hulett  
Mona Morris

### ***Forum Coordinator***

Jeannie Buskirk

### ***Library***

Clerk: Betty Odum  
Karen Arrington  
Sybil Brennan  
Jean Burton  
Catherine Puckett

### ***Fundraising Committee***

Clerk: Walter Morris  
Polly Doughty  
Mona Morris  
Doris Nabors

### ***Ad Hoc Worship Sharing After Meeting***

Dick Beardsley  
Sybil Brennan  
Ellie Clayton  
Connie Ray

## **REPRESENTATIVES:**

***Campus Ministry:*** Meeting or M & N Clerk

***FGC:*** Betty Odum

***SEYM:*** Cheryl Demers-Holton, Betty Odum, Connie Ray

***SEYM/Earthcare Committee :*** Karen Arrington

***SEYM/Ministry on Racism :*** Betty Odum

***Nominating Committee*** (named by M & N Committee)

**Convenor:** Betty Odum, Jeannie Buskirk, Walter Morris

### SIXTH MONTH 2008 GFM CALENDAR

6/1/08	Sun	9:30am 12:30pm	Meetinghouse & Library Committee meetings Forum: Hospice Care by Cheryl Demers-Holton
6/2/08	Mon	6:30pm	Yoga with Gary Arthur
6/3/08	Tues	11:45am 7pm	Friendly Lunch at Books Inc GI Rights Hotline meeting (Karen Porter)
6/4/08	Wed	7-8:30pm	Non-Violent Communication (Jeannie Buskirk)
6/8/08	Sun	9:15am 12:45pm	Quakerism 101 (Connie Ray) Meeting for Business
6/9/08	Mon	6:30pm	Yoga with Gary Arthur
6/14/08	Sat	1-3pm	Common Ground Conversations (Don Smith)
6/15/08	Sun	12:30pm	Potluck & Quaker Earthcare Witness
6/17/08	Tues	7pm	GI Rights Hotline meeting (Karen Porter)
6/18/08	Wed	7-8:30pm	Non-Violent Communication (Jeannie Buskirk)
6/20/08	Fri	7pm	Movie Night "Waking Ned Divine" (Jim Morrison)
6/22/08	Sun	9:30am 12:45pm	Peace and Social Concerns meeting Bible Study
6/23/08	Mon	6:30pm	Yoga with Gary Arthur Newsletter deadline
6/27/08	Fri	6pm 7pm	Potluck Quaker Study Program
6/28/08	Sat	1-3pm	Common Ground Conversations (Don Smith)
6/30/08	Mon	6:30pm	Yoga with Gary Arthur
7/1/08	Tues	11:45pm	Friendly Lunch at Books Inc
7/2/08	Wed	7-8:30pm	Non-Violent Communication (Jeannie Buskirk)
7/6/08	Sun	9:30am	Meetinghouse & Library Committee meetings No Forum scheduled
7/7/08	Mon	6:30pm	Yoga with Gary Arthur
7/12/08	Sat	1-3pm	Common Ground Conversations (Don Smith)

Unless noted, meetings are at the GF Meetinghouse.

