

Montana Gathering of Friends

Summer 2015



The Theme for MGOF this August is "Finding our Voices, Singing our Prayers".

There is an inherently generative relationship between Spirit and the creative process. Whatever form creativity takes in our lives, the process of staying open to the leadings of the muse mirrors the process of staying awake to the leadings of Spirit. When we speak from our center we speak with a powerful Voice. With this Voice we can express to the world something about our internal connection with spirit. Voice isn't just about poetry or music or art, but about channeling the internal toward the community. Playing with creative processes may help even the shyest of us to find ways to speak our truth.

Our Friend in Residence will be singer/songwriter Harmony Grisman from Point Reyes California. Harmony has attended Quaker Meetings in various locations around the country throughout her life. Harmony's music arises from her deep connection to Spirit and to her community. Harmony describes her song writing practice as a direct collaboration with Spirit. She is dedicated to helping others find this connection. Truly Harmony's music is healing and prayer.

Harmony will be speaking to us during the Plenary Session about the connections between Quaker practices and spirituality, creativity and prayer. In addition to the Plenary session Harmony will lead an interest group, meet with the children and maybe even take those who are interested on a walking musical meditation. And she is always willing to sing with those who want to sing!

This is not a MGOF about music and singing per se. Music is Harmony's creative path. We each have our own path and we will hopefully be deepening our own practices during the weekend, whatever they are!

Meeting for Worship and Business

Feb. 7, 2015, Great Falls, MT

1. Kate Weiss, Clerk opened the meeting with silence.
2. The Minutes from Summer MGOF 2014 were read by Julia Childs, Acting Recording Clerk for Nora Martin.
3. A discussion of our web presence was lead by Geoff Poole. He collected a list of requirements from Steering Committee and Business Meeting. Concern was expressed that the contact list be used with care. How do we both secure it and make it accessible? Geoff assured us there is a realm of possible solutions. There are two tasks that could be carried by two people, or combined into one:
 - a. The webmaster would be the technician who made it all work.
 - b. Another task would be to send out all the emails.

Concerns:

- a. Non-computer people don't want to be excluded.
- b. Hope that we will have enough trust to make it functional.
- c. Keep it simple!

Minute: We will aim to have a live website by Summer MGOF 2015.

Minute: We deeply appreciate Geoff Poole for his commitment to helping the MGOF community enter the 21st century on the wings of this technological endeavor.

4. Discussion of a new winter location for MGOF:

Ursuline Center: The positives are that everything is in place; there is easy access to the out-of-doors; there are a variety of accommodations on site; the cost is moderate. The negative is that the iconography keeps people away.

Points to keep in mind when looking for a new place: the location should be westerly or central to balance Luccock; a place in line with our values; winter driving accessible, winter comfortable inside; the options to serve our own meals or to be fed; piano, video, wifi, spaces for children inside and out, enough meeting spaces.

The Committee (Tina Visscher, Bev Young, Sandy Boehmler) would welcome anyone interested to join them.

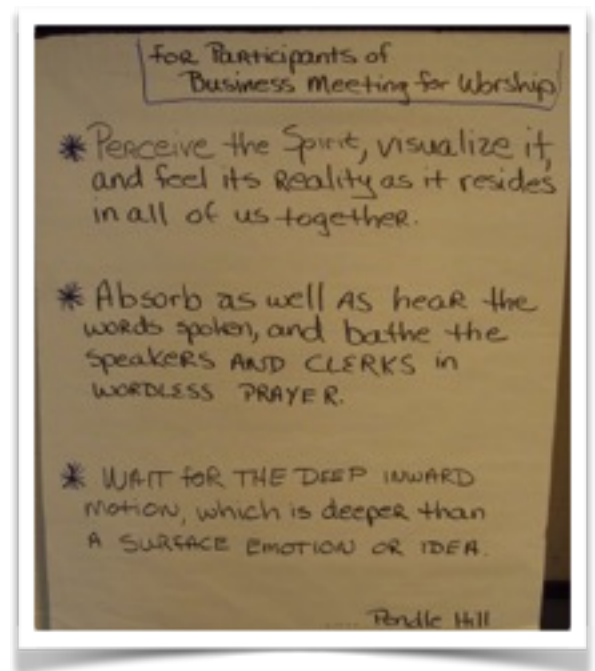
5. Financial Report - Kate Weiss for Cathy Weber: Our balance is \$5800 of which \$600 is from the Monthly Meeting assessment. We need to hold a \$2500 balance in the account for the Quarterly Meeting.

Minute: The Finance Committee as outlined in the Handbook will be resurrected. They are charged with creating two separate budgets for the Quarterly Meeting and for the Monthly Meeting.

Minute: A contribution of \$500 will be made to Luccock Park to be put towards the winterization of Meadow Lodge.

One member stood aside raising the concern that Ursuline could also use \$500 for maintenance. This was taken under advisement to be further discussed at Summer MGOF 2015. It was noted that we have previously helped Ursuline with their heat bill and with piano tuning.

Discussion of the costs and fees for the Gatherings and how they are presented on the registration form: Of special concern was the dilemma presented when an attendee who has not paid withdraws at the last minute after food has been bought for their meals. Since full scholarship is available upon request, lack of MGOF funds is not the issue. Expectations are clear on the registration form so followup should have congruity and integrity.



Nulla nunc lectus
portitor vitae pulvinar
magna. Sed et lacus
quis enim mattis
nonummy sodales.

**There is no way
to find yourself
until you
discover how
utterly to lose
yourself.**

~ Rufus Jones, 1863-1948

Minute: Steering Committee will review the language on the registration form and compose a letter that can be sent to members who withdraw at the last minute without paying. The language is to be clear and simple. The two documents will be congruent and will help members to act with integrity. These documents will be presented for approval at Summer MGOF 2015.

Minute: The possibility of canceling the late fee will be presented for approval at Summer MGOF 2015.

6. Ministry and Counsel - Lucretia Humphry: Membership on this committee is not a drop in affair. Membership was clarified. How isolated Friends might get on M&C needs further clarification.

Minute: Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups will approve and send one or more representatives who will attend on a regular basis. This is to be clarified in the Handbook.

Minute: Kat Northrup was welcomed into membership and presented with the book Friends for 350 Years.

7. Nominating Committee - Jim Humphry

Clerk: Kate Weiss and Julia Childs agreed to be co-clerks through Summer MGOF 2016.

Recording Clerk: We will return to the practice that the Recording Clerk is a Clerk-in-Training to follow Kate and Julia as Clerk.

Regional Representative for AFSC to NPYM: Kat Northrup.

Children's Coordinator: Peter Walker-Kelleher will serve after Summer MGOF 2015. We still need someone for Summer MGOF 2015 and for the winters.

Co-Coordiators for Summer MGOF 2015: Nora Martin and Kat Northrup.

Regional Representative for FCNL to NPYM: open

Representative to NPYM Coordinating Committee: open

Minute: The MGOF community deeply appreciates the time and dedication Jim Humphry has put in over the years on behalf of the Nominating Committee as Clerk. His insights, faithfulness, and steady perseverance will be missed.

Minute: Steering Committee is charged with finding a new Clerk and committee for Nominating Committee.

8.Children's Committee - Tina Visscher: Tina requested that Nominating Committee find one or two non-parental people to join the Children's Committee.

9. Montana Association of Christians- Candida Quinn: Please contact Candida if:

- a. You have legislative issues or concerns.
- b. You would like to participate at the Legislature in regards to a specific issue.

Candida will also represent us on the Abolition (of the death penalty) Coalition.

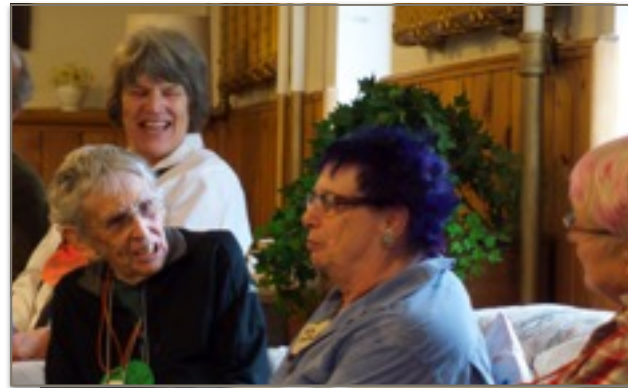
10. NPYM Coordinating Committee - Georgia Foster

- a. There is a Children's Coordinator who is available to visit or consult with us.
- b. There are regular telephone conference calls for M&C members.
- c. There are funds available for Friends to visit other meetings.
- d. There are funds available to support people to participate in NPYM committees eg. travel money, phone bills.
- e. There are Weighty Friends interested in visiting our meetings.

Our assessment to NPYM goes to support these activities on behalf of the whole NPYM area. This committee is made up of representatives from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups and would welcome such people from our membership.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Childs, Acting Recording Clerk for Nora Martin



Meeting for Worship for Business- Steering Committee

Christus Collegium, Bozeman May 9, 2015

Present. Kate Weiss, Clerk, Nora Martin, Geoff Poole, Judy Visscher. Georgia Foster, Jasmine Krotkov, Jim Humphrey, Linnea Wang, Lucretia Humphrey, Julia Childs, Kat Northrup.

Agenda:

1. Brief Check-in
2. Minutes from Winter 2015 SC meeting
3. Winter MGOF Site - DECISION
4. Summer MGOF
5. Committee reports
6. Other?

The meeting was started with silence and a brief Check In

2. Minutes from Winter

The minutes were read and accepted

3. Winter MGOF site

Sites explored by the site committee were discussed. The discussion narrowed it down to the choice between remaining at the Ursuline Center and Camp Make a Dream.

Minute- We will try Camp Make a Dream for winter 2016 with the possibility of rotation between different sites. In case of Camp Make a Dream is unavailable we will revisit the other possibilities.

Minute: We would like to thank the Great Falls Worship Group for the years they have hosted and provided program winter MGOF, even through some challenging low energy times.

4. Summer MGOF

The theme will be Finding our Voice, Singing our Prayers. Harmony Grisman will be our plenary presenter. August 13-16th.

5. Newsletter

For the summer newsletter the deadline will be June 21st. We will be able to send it out by July 1st. Registration will be by Aug 1st.

Chores for the newsletter:

Schedule for summer with 1.5 business meeting- Nora and Kat

Friday night activity- Kat and Nora (story corps?)

Hike or float? Email people who have led in the past

Send minutes-Nora

Description of plenary-Kate and Judy

6. Nominating Committee

Positions needed: Nominating committee members, Winter coordinator, Children's Program Committee for Summer 15 and future Winter gatherings.

Minute: Our thanks to Jim Humphrey for heading nominating committee for so many years.

7. Treasurer's Report

There is plenty of money. Finance is trying to reconvene to determine what funds are Quarterly and which are monthly.

8 Ministry and Council

The M and C clerk reported on clearness committees and a possible membership certificate being created. Summer MGOF theme, *Finding our Voices, Singing our Prayers*, was announced.

9. Web Presence and Communication



It was reported that we are close to being able to have a webpage. Additional information is needed to put on the page. We will have a demonstration and tutorial on how to use the page once it is up.

A question was put forward if we could find a slightly different balance between ease of use, speed and protection of privacy. Steering committee gave permission to Geoff Poole to send limited information to "Mailchimp" in order to speed up the communication process.

10. Future Themes

- Death and Dying
- Speaking the truth with loving Kindness
- Money
- Living sustainability
- Nature/ Climate change and what it means
- Simplicity in today's world
- What do Quakers have to offer the bigger society?

All Friends are encouraged to suggest future themes.

The Meeting ended with silence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nora Martin, Recording Clerk



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Great Falls Worship Group 2015

Great Falls Worship Group is growing stronger, both in numbers and in our ability to engage in our community. As a small isolated worship group on the vast eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, our worship group provides a refuge for seekers of truth in a community that is home to a nuclear missile base. We continue with about 10-12 attenders each week for Meeting for Worship. Meeting in one another's homes, we grow accustomed to dogs, cats, plants and one another's hospitality. As warm and inclusive as this makes us feel, we question if we project an intimacy that can make it hard for others to enter as they seek to find out about Quakers. We are talking about other options for a public place for meeting.

As our numbers have become more consistent, there has evolved a desire for more structure. We have now established a monthly meeting for worship for business with a designated clerk. This allows, among other things, the creation at business meeting queries being produced for our monthly worship sharing rather than at a moment's notice. This continuity has made us feel more focused and clear about the way forward. It has made us more aware of Quaker process and even the struggles of group dynamics. We are made aware of the need for skills in communication to facilitate the growth of individuals as well as the whole group.

One member commented that she was really appreciative of the opportunity to engage with Quaker process, which allows her to be a better person. Others said that more structure and more time with such a small group can bring on new and sometimes difficult dynamics of interaction. Within our Worship Group is a place to practice the people skills we want for the bigger world, but we are still looking for some of those skills and hope to learn them this coming year. Learning how to speak our truth in a kind and gentle way whether for the little issues, or the big issues, are skills many of us are still working on.

With a more defined identity, we have participated with 13 other churches in our community for Family Promise. This commitment to helping homeless families four weeks out of the year has engaged nearly all of our attenders. We have helped with meals, sleep over, laundry and anything else that is needed during our week of being paired with an Episcopal Congregation. We also accepted an invitation from Maurice Warner to visit our group on behalf of FCNL. This was especially supportive of one of our members who is now being nominated to represent NPYM at FCNL. The dialogue Maurice brought about FCNL was very rich for our worship group. Not only did we receive a new connection to FCNL, but the powerful testimony of another Quaker's journey.

As we look ahead, we struggle with wanting to provide a spiritual home for families with children. Also, because we are an older group of Friends for the most part, we want to reach out and engage younger attenders and retain those that have passed through our meeting. Being multi-generational helps nurture vitality.

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Helena Worship Group 2015

The Helena Worship Group has come to unity over the following State of the Meeting report. The Helena Worship Group continues to gather in the Light. It is a group of individuals, who come together each week to center, and renew in the Light. Each week, we leave the Worship Group to bring that Peace, Light, and renewed energy to our individual Leadings. This year, the Helena Worship Group has been visited by new-comers, some who continue to attend, and others who visit. We are examining who we are as a group. Our worship group has a theme of transitions. The Helena Worship Group has a unique make-up, in that a number, but not all attenders have found healing influences from addiction through Silent Worship. This year, 4 attenders, Betty and Bill Lovelady, Candida Quinn, and Katherine Northup have transferred membership and become members of the Montana Gathering of Friends. This year, our dear, elder member, Bill Lovelady passed away, and is held in the Light and loving memory.

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Bozeman Worship Group 2015

Bozeman, Montana, a small college town in the Southwest part of the state, is the location of a small but vibrant worship group that meets once a week near the college campus at an interfaith center for students. The worship group demonstrates an interesting contrast. Sometimes we are well attended and feel close. At other times, we are spread out in our many and varied responsibilities in the community, in our families and in other volunteer efforts. Worship, however, binds us together. Often there is spoken ministry.

A typical meeting has between 2 and 10 people, sometimes including 2 children. We had 4 children in the past, so it was a loss that two girls no longer attend. Despite the challenges, one faithful member still provides program for the two children who attend roughly every other week. We all find joy in their spontaneity and energy.

A surprising finding of our small worship group: four of the key leadership positions of the MGOF Monthly Meeting are held by Bozeman Worship group members or attenders.

Potlucks have been another source of continuity and community. We had a dozen or so people come in December to a potluck with worship sharing. We invited folks from nearby areas and were pleased when some came. Another smaller potluck in January was focused on Right Sharing of World Resources. We watched a video and considered a list of queries, agreeing that we needed to focus on just one query at a time. We planned to meet again in the spring but have not yet done so. A third potluck was held in the early spring with singing as its focus. Many attended including children and some folks we had not seen in a long time. So we conclude that fellowship is essential for developing and maintaining connection in our small group.

Over the last year we have sometimes had visiting young people. We would like to attract even more and hope that some of these folks find a spiritual home among us. Old friends and sojourning friends continue to be important participants in our worship group. One couple comes from the East, another individual comes from further west, but all seem enriched by their presence.

Although the Bozeman Worship Group has a low key presence in our community, the members and attenders are often prominent in their contributions to the city and beyond. We have mental health and medical professionals, retired folks, teachers and professors, sometimes students, wildlife professionals, musicians and artists among us. This diversity of perspective helps deepen our worship and leads us in very different directions. What hold us together is Spirit, touching us

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Billings Worship Group 2015

This will be a very short update, the clerk suffered a hip injury in mid-February and is only now getting back to the Meeting and its activities. However, others stepped in and carried out Worship and welcoming visitors. It is a testament to the basic strength of the Meeting that it did not depend on the presence of the Clerk. In fact, we are experiencing new energy, due to more visitors, more attenders, and a new member.

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Dillon Worship Group 2015

We remain small and constant. We meet for worship at Cathy's home every other Thursday evening, with potluck following on the last meeting Thursday of each month. Usually anywhere from 2 to 5 of us sit together. Many of our attendees travel significant distances to come to meeting. Tim comes over from Bozeman most months to attend our last meeting of the month. It is our joy to have been joined in the past year and a half by Claire who travels faithfully from Virginia City despite sometimes treacherous roads. She brings to us a lifetime of Quaker practice and experience. Norm travels from Twin Bridges and sometimes Noor comes down from Butte. Each person enlarges and enriches meeting by quantum measures. We are deliberate in our intent to be welcoming to new attendees and find that potluck, with the conversation and fellowship it affords, is our most successful activity in incorporating those unfamiliar w/silent meeting for worship. As with many in Montana, summer finds us busy and mostly outdoors, with lots of things growing and lots of comings and goings.

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Montana Gathering of Friends Monthly Meeting 2015

Spread across the middle part of Montana are four worship groups--- Dillon, Helena, Bozeman and Great Falls, plus some isolated Friends which make up the MGOF Monthly Meeting. This meeting is under the umbrella of the Quarterly Meeting of MGOF. Confusing as it may seem, the use of one treasurer, one clerk, one M&C, and one Steering Committee, functions well for us. These four worship groups are from 1 ½ hours to three hours apart by car going the speed limit! Nonetheless, Steering Committee and Ministry and Counsel meet in person four times a year and on two of these occasions the entire community gathers in person for worship sharing and business meeting. In Montana absence makes the heart grow fonder.

The diversity among our worship groups includes a college town, a small ranching town, the state capitol, and a military town. We all see our numbers holding strong, if not growing slightly, yet we have also experienced people moving away, or dying. Each worship group struggles for a program to support families and especially the children in our community that might be interested in Quakers.

Our biannual meetings, winter and summer, have brought us together with one another. One time we were blessed by Dorsey Green and Ann Stever encouraging us with embracing our diversity of faith, and opening the way for more love. At our summer gathering we invited one of our members to lead us in Circles of Trust based on the work of Parker Palmer. This experience showed us how we could enhance our practice of clearness meetings. Those that were able to be in a Circle of Trust commented that the experience was very rich. Both of these gatherings helped many of us to love more completely and deeply.

Among the worship groups, potlucks for special speakers or for times of sharing support our fellowship. The resulting opportunities for discussion connect us with Spirit and deepen our Meetings for Worship. Outreach to our communities also comes in many forms ranging from supporting us as individuals as we separately work in our community to working together with other churches in lobbying efforts or in housing temporarily displaced people through Family Promise. Continuing to keep our door open for newcomers is a special task we all have. To provide ongoing education about what it is to be a Quaker in Montana and in our world in 2015 is a challenge we all wrestle with as we seek to live in the Spirit in that that Love that can transform lives.

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Missoula Worship Group 2015

Missoula Friends have had a good year. Thanks to the efforts of a few energetic Friends, we have a revitalized Quaker Education Committee, which had been rather dormant for quite a while. The following is a partial list of programs and discussions we have had:

- Kitchen Table Conversations about End of Life Choices
- Worship Sharing on the theme of "Hope in a Chaotic World"
- Clearness Committees: How to Find One's Way through Difficult Times
- A Friend's presentation about his experiences during an environmentally focused visit to Vietnam

- Jay Thatcher and Catherine Spinner's presentation on children's program and spiritual growth
- Poetry—sharing of favorite poems
- Quaker Decision Making, based on a Friend's attendance at an Arthur Larabee workshop given at Sidwell School

We have wanted to nurture our relationships with worship groups under our care, and this year a group of Friends traveled to share worship with the Mission Valley Worship Group. An autumn visit is planned with Eureka Friends.

After a conversation between Dorsey Green and Sandy Boehmler at the Winter Montana Gathering of Friends, we considered suggestions and descriptions of common practices of other Friends in NPYM. As a result we will make some changes in the role of our Nominating Committee, which has already done extraordinary work this year. The most significant change will be in the manner in which members of Ministry & Oversight are nominated. Some changes—specifically those regarding term limits—seem inappropriate for our small meeting. Our difficulty continues to be finding enough people to serve on committees—and stay on them for a useful period of time—not individuals who tend to overstay their terms. We greatly value guidance from Friends in various meetings in NPYM, but sometimes our small size affects our ability to follow practices of larger meetings.

We continue our relationships with the Family Promise program for homeless families and with the Poverello Center, which also serves homeless individuals. We have not been able to sustain an ongoing Peace & Social Concerns Committee, but greatly appreciate the contributions of the many Friends who help with these two programs. In May we again held our Simplify Your Life Yard Sale, the proceeds of which go to Right Sharing of World Resources and another group we wish to support. This year we chose to send half of the funds to an organization called Conscious Connections Foundation, which has had decades of experience in supporting communities in Nepal and on whose board a Missoulian well known to us serves. All the proceeds will go to the work of rebuilding a specific village in Nepal.

Most recently, a Friend has offered to take the lead in developing a curriculum for Children's Program. He and his wife (the latter having already implemented some suggestions brought to us by Jay and Catherine) have two children, and they would very much like to have a focused and regular program in which to raise their children. For many years we have struggled with the dilemmas we have faced regarding children's program: we have few children attending, those that do are of widely differing ages, and their attendance is inconsistent. We know that young families who may be attracted to the Quaker tradition also want a program for their children, so this deficit also affects the potential growth of our meeting. We have been fortunate to have had an absolutely wonderful University of Montana student who has provided child care for several years; however, she is not a Friend and has now graduated. Several Friends have assisted with child care. We are heartened by the leading of our Friend and look forward to supporting and working with him.

This report thus far focuses on what we have been *doing*. Most significant is that we of course meet for silent worship each Sunday, share soup and bread together following Meeting for Worship, share the joys and concerns of one another, and are available for support when individuals experience difficulties. As some of you may know, we have lost two dear members in the last couple of years—Grace Lucas and Betty Husted. Bob Lucas is still living at The Springs residence, and although we schedule a Meeting for Worship at The Springs each third Sunday, more recently, we have been able to bring Bob, who needs a wheelchair and support, to the meetinghouse to join us on Sunday mornings.

Some Friends have expressed a desire to have worship sharing sessions on a regular basis. In the busyness of taking care of the tasks associated with caring for the organizational aspects of our Friends Meeting, and with the care of the Meetinghouse itself, it sometimes feels as if the spiritual focus of Meeting is somewhat neglected (not that working together and doing business together is without spiritual focus). We will be considering this matter in the year to come.

We continue to be a small meeting. Two young families are now actively involved. We have had some new attenders, but none of the latter have so far taken on significant roles within meeting. As is evident from our annual Nominating Committee Reports, many of the same people take on the same roles, or alternate roles, and this is a concern to us. Nevertheless, we are a close and loving community, and we look forward to seeing what the coming year will bring.

On behalf of Missoula Friends, we send warm regards to you all.



Schedule for Summer MGOF August 14-16 2015

Friday

3-4:20 Ministry and Counsel Meeting

4:00 REGISTRATION BEGINS (Lodge)

4:30-5:50 Steering Committee Meeting—

Supper is Served---dining room

7:15 -7:45 Gathering in the Lodge for Intergenerational welcoming activity

*** 8 - 9 Spiritual check-in (Lodge)

Saturday

6:30 Early morning Worship in the lodge

7:30-8:15 Breakfast served—Dining Room

***8:30-10:00 Plenary in the Lodge

***10:15-11:45 Worship Sharing

12:00-1:00 Lunch—Dining room—

1:15-2:15 Interest Groups (or free time!)

2:15 - 3:15 Interest groups (or free time!)

3:15 - 4:15 Free time

***4:15-5:45 Meeting for Worship for Business—Lodge

6:00-7:00 Dinner—Dining Room

7:30-9:00 Community Night—Lodge

Singing!!--Lodge

Sunday

6:30 Early morning Worship in the lodge

7:30-8:15 Breakfast—Dining room

***8:45 -10:15 Worship Sharing

10:30-11:00 Singing

***11-12 Worship

Lunch

Clean rooms and Say Good bye

Drive SAFELY!

* Indicates when we will be having the Children's Program

Quaker Artists: An exhibition of the Quiet Faith

An Exhibition of Quaker Artists

The Carroll College Art Gallery, in Helena, Montana, has offered Quakers its gallery space to display work by Quaker artists in January and February, 2016. Professor of Art, Ralph Esposito, approached the Helena Quakers saying that the art of many faiths has been featured in the gallery, but never Quaker art.

We are delighted with this opportunity, and now are inviting Quaker artists to nominate their own work - or the work of other Quakers - for this exhibition. Montana Quaker Artists are welcome, but so are Quaker artists from anywhere. We Quakers have no borders.

So spread the good news to Quaker artists and let us know of interest. This exhibit could be one small way to hold Quaker art in the light of the gallery - and in so doing share our faith with those around us.

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What You'll Need and How to Get There

- From where ever you are get on I 90 heading toward Livingston Montana.
- There are two Livingston exits, take the eastern one.
- At the bottom of the exit ramp, at the light, turn left (south) on US 89.
- Drive South toward Gardener and Yellowstone Park for 4.7 Miles.
- Turn left on East River Road. (If you miss East River Rd you can go down to Pine Creek Rd)
- Drive 7.7 miles you will pass the Pine Creek in and the little white Methodist church.
- Turn left at the entrance road that will lead you to Pine Creek Campground and the Luccock Church camp.
- Wind up the hill, about 2 miles, and then into the forest until the road forks between the church camp entrance and the campground.
- Go to the left, down into the Church camp

Here is the google map link: <https://www.google.ca/maps/dir/Livingston,+Mt,+USA/Luccock+Park+Assembly+Grounds,+Livingston,+Mt+59047,+United+States/@45.5988282,110.5531017,11z/am=t/data=!3m1!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x534513be27a04723:0x459632265a848c4c!2m2!1d110.5599556!2d45.6614105!1m5!1m1!1s0x534f88b146018f31:0x66696e9d66b591a7!2m2!1d-110.528526!2d45.499637!3e0>

What to Bring

Thursday eve (If you are coming)

- Bedding of your choice. Example: sheets and blanket for inside cots. Or sleeping bag and tent for outside.
- Towels for the shower
- All of your regular camping type clothes and personal items.
- Thursday night food to share. Friday morning breakfast items. (Don't forget your tea or coffee)
- Plate and silverware.

Friday-Sunday

- Bedding of your choice
- Towels and personal items
- Clothes for both warm and chilly (it can go either way)
- Flashlight
- Hiking or river gear if you are going on one of those outings.



Pre- and Post- MGOF Activities

There will be a one day **dream retreat** at Luccock Park beginning with a potluck supper at 6PM Thursday evening August 13th and ending midday on Friday August 14th. No previous experience with working with dreams is necessary. In fact it is fine if you never remember your dreams. We approach our dreams, or recurring images through sharing and worship sharing together. There will also likely be laughter and singing and play happening as well! If you are interested in attending email **Judy Visscher** (jkvisscher@yahoo.com). The retreat will be limited to the first 12 people who register!

Theo & Nick hope to **camp in the Beartooth Wilderness** after MGOF. Hope others can join them. They'll probably camp near the Night Lake Trailhead off the Beartooth highway. Connect with Nick at 406.529.5192 or nicks@ctagroup.com

Jasmine will lead a **hike to Pine Creek Lake** on Friday. This hike begins at the Pine Creek campground, and rises some 4,000 feet over four miles. It is a steep trek, but bountiful in ecozones, wildflowers, views and rarified air! Plan to leave at about 8 a.m. on Friday, and bring your camera. Connect with Jasmine at buffalogirlfarms@gmail.com or 406-236-5480