

Morningside Monthly Meeting

Religious Society of Friends

## Morningside Matters

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### MMM Event Calendar

**May 1 – MEETING FOR BUSINESS 1:00 PM**

**May 7 –** Sally Campbell at the Peoples Voice Café

**May 21 –** New Jim Crow Conference at Riverside Church (details in newsletter)

**May 22 –** Memorial Service for Liz Stone (details in newsletter)

**June 4 –** Morningside Retreat at Riverside Park, 10 AM to 3 PM.

**July 3-9 –** FGC Gathering in Grinnell Iowa (details in newsletter)

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### Celebrating Liz Stone

**Sunday, May 22 we will have a Memorial Meeting for Liz Stone at 1:00pm,** followed by a potluck as requested by Liz. (Everyone is invited to bring something for the potluck.) Any questions, contact Sally Campbell, 212-787-3903; [scampfriend@earthlink.net](mailto:scampfriend@earthlink.net).

### Meeting for Worship

After awhile,  
after the settling down  
waiting,  
in the deep quiet time,  
We are embraced  
by the silence  
that was there,  
expecting us,  
when we entered.

*Helen Morgan Brooks*

*Editor's Note: More of H. M. Brooks's poetry can be found in New Negro Poets (1964)*

## **See You at the Movies New Peace & Justice Documentary Films in Manhattan**

**Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m., Cultures of Resistance** will be screened at Columbia University, Room 417, International Affairs Building, 420 West 118th Street, New York NY 10027. Filmmaker/activist [lara Lee](#) asks, "Does each gesture really make a difference? Can music and dance be weapons of peace? In 2003, on the eve of the Iraq war, I embarked on a journey to better understand a world increasingly embroiled in conflict and, as I saw it, heading for self-destruction. After several years, travelling over five continents, I encountered growing numbers of people who committed their lives to promoting change. **FREE: first come, first seated.** Post-screening party TBA at the event.

**Saturday, April 30, 12:00 p.m., [I Cannot be Silent: Testimonies of Peacemaking](#)** will be screened at 12 noon, Quad Cinema, 34 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011, as part of the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival. Philadelphia-based filmmaker/activist Vic Compher features remarkable older adults sharing their stories of wisdom, peace, and justice with young people in this intergenerational documentary. Tickets may be purchased for \$12.00 at the door or [online](#).

### **Morningsiders Are Invited**

Purchase Quarterly Meeting would like to invite **ALL** Friends to a special program on Sunday May 1, to be held at the Scarsdale Meetinghouse.

Angela Manno, (15th Street) will be the facilitator as we discuss how we can heal the Earth and how we can bring our spiritual strengths to work with others. We will have "breakout" sessions discussing realistic ways we can act to make a change. If time permits, the breakout groups will share with the whole group their plans for action; if there is not enough time, this information can be shared in meeting newsletters.

If you would like to lead a breakout group or bring resources contact [mleagleson@aol.com](mailto:mleagleson@aol.com) or [sweisfeld@juno.com](mailto:sweisfeld@juno.com) or call 914/779-8354. These contacts may also be used if you'd like to attend and need a **train pick-up**.

Worship is at 10:00 a.m., program at 11:15; brown-bag lunch with beverages and desserts provided following the program. The program is also open to the community, so may bring guests.

### **Friends Peace Teams**

As a part of their annual face to face meeting Friends Peace Teams ([friendspeaceteams.org](http://friendspeaceteams.org)) will be giving a public presentation about their work in East Africa, Indonesia and Latin America at Plainfield Meeting 225 Wachung Avenue, Plainfield New Jersey 07060 on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 PM.

### **Summer Intern Position for Pendle Hill**

Pendle Hill will hire a garden/hospitality intern to work with the Pendle Hill full-time staff to provide for the registration and hospitality services of Pendle Hill's programs, and help to maintain our organic gardens. You will learn and participate in the work of our Hospitality Event's Planning Team with the director of operations, the conference sales coordinator, the guest services manager, the registrar and the chef/dining services manager, and have the practical opportunity to learn about organic gardening. For qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, visit [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org) and click on the Employment link.

### **Friends General Conference Gathering "Meeting at the Center"**

The 2011 Gathering will be from July 3–9 at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. The theme will be "Meeting at the Center." The Gathering features Spirit-led programming for children, a dynamic high school program, and opportunities for Friends with common interests to gather. There will also be special opportunities for young adults. Choose from a wide variety of small, week-long workshops such as Quilting, Racism, Lobbying, Truth, Clerking, Bible, Eldership, and Dancing in the Light. Further information is available at [www.fgcquaker.org/gathering](http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering) or from FGC, 1216 Arch St. #2B, Philadelphia PA 19107; 215-561-1700.

### **The New Jim Crow**

Author Michelle Alexander, author of, "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" will give the keynote address at a Riverside Church conference, May 21, 2011 – 12:30 -5:00 PM. Visit <http://www.newjimcrow.org> **to download flyers and to register for the event. Please help spread the word.**

### **Please Help Carry On the Work of Our Meeting**

Pamela Wood

Contributions to the work of the Meeting are welcome. These go to pay our expenses (rent for example), our financial support of New York Yearly Meeting and our outreach to other organizations. They may be given to Bart Dominus, Pamela Wood or Charlene Ray at Meeting or you may request an envelope. Checks should be made out to Morningside Monthly Meeting. Contributions are tax deductible.

## **Quaker House Searching for New Director**

Quaker House, since 1969 an active peace witness in Fayetteville, NC, near Fort Bragg, seeks a DIRECTOR to begin summer/fall 2012, succeeding Chuck Fager, who will retire in November 2012. **Qualifications:** Alignment with Quakerism and its peace testimony; proven leadership, fundraising, writing, management skills; comfortable in a military-oriented environment. Appropriate salary and benefits, including housing/utilities in recently-renovated historic house for Director and small family. Details at: <http://quakerhouse.org/Director-search.html>

## **Quaker Spring Comes to New England**

For the past four summers, Friends from more than 20 yearly meetings representing all the Quaker branches have gathered together in Barnesville, Ohio, for Quaker Spring—an exploration of radically Spirit-led Quakerism via a week which is largely unplanned and open to God's leading. This year Quaker Spring meets June 17–22 at the **Meeting School in Rindge, NH**. All are invited. It's an opportunity to drink from the spring of Living Water, rest at the feet of the Inward Teacher, and connect with other Friends who long to deepen their spiritual life and to listen to ways the winds of the Spirit are blowing. Go to [www.quakerspring.org](http://www.quakerspring.org) for more info.

## **Summer Sessions and May Spark**

Helen Garay Toppins, [office@nyym.org](mailto:office@nyym.org)

Summer Sessions will be held at Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks on the shores of Lake George from July 17–23. The theme is “Peace with Earth: Transforming Our Communities.” Anne Mitchell, general secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness, will be the keynote speaker. There will be worship sharing, a special symposium; an inter-generational Council of All Beings, and fellowship. Details about these events and registration forms for Silver Bay will be in the May *Spark*. If you are not on the *Spark* mailing list and would like to be added please contact [walter@nyym.org](mailto:walter@nyym.org) or write to the New York Yearly Meeting office at 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003.

## **Calling All Young Adult Friends**

Sara Lavenhar

Young Friends, ages 18-35(ish,) are vital to the growth and continuation of the Quaker community. New York Yearly Meeting and Friends General Conference have many resources available for young friends and young individuals who are not Quakers but are like-spirited seekers interested in learning more about the Religious Society of Friends. Morningside Meeting has recently seen an increase in the number of young friends, especially from local

colleges. I would like to work to strengthen this part of the Morningside community, and promote greater interaction of young friends with that community and with young friends at other area meetings.

If you consider yourself a young friend, know a young friend, or know a young person interested in Quakerism, and would like to receive information from NYYM and FGC (and Young Friends groups), please contact Sara Lavenhar at [sara.lavenhar@gmail.com](mailto:sara.lavenhar@gmail.com).

### **Keep those Cards Coming**

Nancy Smith, the jailed 78-year old clerk of Hudson Monthly Meeting, is still serving a 6-month sentence for trespass for her actions at Ft. Benning, Georgia, to protest the School of the Americas. Please keep those cards, notes and letters coming. She also likes newspaper and magazine articles. Her address: Nancy H. Smith #94641-020, Danbury Federal Correctional Institution, Route 37, Danbury CT 06811. She LOVES hearing from Quakers.

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**April Meeting for Business minutes.**

**& to update your Address List information.**

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*"Courage is more exhilarating than fear and in the long run easier. We do not have to become heroes overnight, just a step at a time, meeting each thing as it comes up, seeing it is not as dreadful as it appears, discovering we have the strength to stare it down." - Eleanor Roosevelt*