

Worcester Friends Meeting

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Queries

Do we make ourselves available in a tender and caring way when we sense a need for assistance in time of trouble? Do we trust each other enough to make our needs known to someone in our meeting?
Faith and Practice, New York Yearly Meeting (1998)

Clerk's Corner

I thought some people might like more information on the reading I shared at our Meeting for Business, Second month. It is from the Koran (Al-Qur'an) A Contemporary Translation by Ahmed Ali. Surah 24, The Light, verse 35:

"God is the light of the heavens and the earth.
The semblance of His light is that of a niche
in which is a lamp, the flame within a glass,
the glass a glittering star as it were, lit with the oil
of a blessed tree, the olive, neither of the East
nor of the West, whose oil appears to light up
even though fire touches it not,- light upon light."

"This is the celebrated verse from which Islamic mysticism has derived much gnosis and illumination."

I find this verse elegant and wonderful to meditate on.

Karen Sargent

Did you know that...

Althea Greenstone is in her last semester at Mt. Holyoke College. She was the costume supervisor for the five-college opera production of two operas performed February 27-March 1. Her parents, Phil Stone and Katie Green, report that the productions were fantastic and the costumes were amazing. The operas were *Dido and Aeneas* and *The Seven Deadly Sins*.

Ida Stone is home from the hospital, and is recovering more slowly than she'd like. Recently, she almost fell, and she hurt her back. This has set her back (sorry – no pun intended). Her daughter Susan, from Atlanta, and her daughter-in-law from Seattle, have been helping her out. Call Ida ahead if you want to visit. She has a busy schedule: physical therapy, occupational therapy, home health aide, visiting nurses. Ida appreciates phone calls and letters.

Mark Sullivan will have back surgery on Friday, March 6th at U Mass Memorial Hospital. Best wishes for a successful operation and a speedy recovery.

Connie Riley is hoping to be back to meeting soon. She recently spent the night in the hospital, and is learning more about how diet affects her health. Connie is looking forward to giving a reading from her book *Chair City* at the Gardner Library.

Woolman-inspired tips for talking with Friends about peace, justice, and Earthcare:

- Listen closely, with an ear for “where the words come from.”
- Speak with humility and from personal experience.
- Show respect for differing perspectives.
- Speak your truth with love.
- Be prepared to be transformed.

From February, 2008 FRIENDS JOURNAL

We may soon be able to have a First Day School again!!!

Young Zika Mikkelsen, her cousins Addison and Chloe Green, and the Barnard children, Lucy and Malcolm Barnard have been having what they call “Quaker School” during the adults’ Meeting for Worship. Katie Green tells us that these very-young Friends open and close their 45-50 minute class with silent worship. “The children are quite earnest about the silence. They close their eyes and concentrate on breathing and thinking thoughts that bring them happiness. It’s true,” Katie says. “I’ve peeked, and they have proud grins on their uplifted faces.”

We look forward to seeing our Very-young Friends First Day School expand. Friends are extremely grateful for the care that Laura Sawyer has given to our children for the past several years. Laura will continue to care for our youngest children until she goes to college. We will need to find someone to provide childcare in Laura’s absence.

We are preparing to re-establish a Religious Education Committee in the very near future. If you are interested in serving, contact Karen Sargent, Clerk, or members of the nominating committee.

A Visit from an Unexpected Traveler

The Worcester Friends Meeting had the opportunity to hear **Paul Larudee**, organizer of the **Free Gaza Movement**, speak after our pot luck lunch on Sunday, February 15th. Paul showed us photographs and described how the Free Gaza Movement sailed the first boats to Gaza in 41 years. Members of this international crew have years of experience volunteering in Gaza and Palestine at the invitation of the Palestinians. Today many of them have been refused entry to Israel and the West Bank. They want to raise international awareness about the situation in the Gaza Strip, and to uphold Palestine’s right to welcome international visitor, human rights observers, human rights workers,

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and journalists.

Many Friends are aware that this crisis in the Middle East is complex and divisive. Many Americans believe that if a person questions Israel's actions, it is viewed as anti-Semitic. Quakers have a long history of speaking out against oppression and violence. During these troubled times, we must have the courage to speak about these issues, rather than avoid them, and to listen openly to opposing views.

Friends were appreciative of Paul's attention to semantics. He pointed out that, according to the U.N., when Israel was first created, "the Jewish State of Israel" was located in "the country of Palestine".



I have just come from Jabalia, and I have no words. I do however have pictures. These came from the Azbet area, and cover a space that would take 15 minutes at a brisk walk. But the devastation stretches as far as the eye can see. The estimate is 6,000 -8,000 houses in Gaza damaged, and 5000 completely destroyed. - posted January 2009

To learn more about the Free Gaza Movement, visit www.freegaza.org

The Worcester Friends Meeting is thankful to Claire and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy of the St. Francis and Therese Catholic Worker community for introducing us to Paul Larudee.

QUAKER QUEST WANTS YOU!

QUAKER QUEST WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 28

9 AM – 3 PM

As Friends, we are convinced that our testimonies of Equality, Simplicity, Integrity, and Peace are a powerful force for the good, and that they enable us to create a peaceable kingdom within our families, our communities, and the larger world. One challenge that we all face is explaining Quakerism, which is an experiential religion, to our friends, neighbors, and workplace colleagues.

What is Quaker Quest? Quaker Quest is an outreach movement that began in London in 2002. It is a specific program designed to invite seekers to our Quaker Meeting and to encourage our attenders and Members to examine and articulate our Spiritual message. On March 28th we will learn more about QQ and participate in some of the exercises. All Members and attenders are encouraged to make every effort to attend the Saturday workshop.

The workshop will begin at 9 AM with registration and coffee. Soup and salad will be available for participants at noon, and workshop participants may wish to bring their own lunch and/or something to share. Our Quaker Quest workshop facilitators will be Jane Berger of Chappaqua, New York Yearly Meeting and Susan Loucks of Beacon Hill, NEYM.

Quaker Quest came into being because meetings were finding that their numbers were decreasing, their members were aging, and in many meetings Friends were feeling a need for spiritual renewal. Quaker Quest has met such an enthusiastic reception throughout Britain, that some of the NEYM meetings are also examining it. We at the Worcester Friends Meeting have been discussing this workshop for almost a year now, and we are looking forward

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to learning more about this successful program.

Quaker Quest is based, firstly, on our strongly held belief that we in the liberal Quaker tradition have a valuable gift to share; and secondly, that there are a great number of people who would benefit from it—both those actively seeking a religious home and those who are perhaps unaware that they are seeking at all. We believe that we've found a way of sharing this gift that enriches both the seeker and those of us who are engaged in the sharing.

Quaker Quest presents our Quaker message as being "simple, radical and contemporary." It is simple in our practice of worship, our theology, and, in theory at least, in our organization and business methods. It is radical in its theology, in its assertion that we can all have a direct experience of the Divine, and that in our meetings for worship there can be a mystical communal experience of God.

Friends who wish to learn more may visit their website: www.friendsjournal.org/quaker-quest

Please contact Karen Sargent at (978) 874.2201 or Katie Green (978) 464.5146 by March 23rd, and say that you will be present. We need to know how much soup to prepare!

A Visit to the Worcester Islamic Center Clarence Burley

On February 28 Dr. Ismail Mehr visited the Worcester Islamic Center to tell of his trip as part of a team of eleven doctors and two non-medical persons from American Medical Mission to Gaza lending their skills for ten days to help the sufferers in that war-torn embargoed land. The AMMG doctors entered Gaza, after a week's delay of diplomatic wrangling, through Egypt but past an Israeli border checkpoint. They were not able to bring supplies with them. Even froot loops are contraband at this border.

The team served in an emergency room which tries to provide for an amazing 200 patients an hour, treating mostly trauma and infections from old trauma but also medical cases that were beyond the skills of the resident physicians. Dr. Mehr, an anesthesiologist, worked mostly in surgery often having to treat wounds without the local anesthetic that had to be reserved for the most severe

cases. The horrible photographs Dr. Mehr showed reinforced the talk mightily. Scenes of structural devastation from Israeli, American-made, F-16s were overwhelmed by pictures of personal tragedy.

The presentation began with a review of the history of Palestine since the 19th century, telling how the Arab majority came to be confined to less than one-fourth of the land. It ended, as it should have, with an appeal for help, right there financially, or through opportunities described in www.ammgaza.com.

I cannot close without expressing my joy at sharing in the two periods of communal (but male) prayer which bracketed the talk. My old bones were provided with a chair exempting me from kneeling and bowing towards Mecca. The warm welcome and the delicious meal at the end almost compensated for the off-putting of separate (but equal) entrances to the building, worship sections, and serving lines and tables in the cafeteria. But then I remembered that our Christian churches have not been trying to answer the call to equality for more than a couple hundred of their 2000 years. "The Spirit bloweth where it listeth."

The World Religion Symposium in Westboro on March 11th.

This lofty sounding annual event is exciting, interesting, *and* spiritual!

The 6th graders at Westborough's Mill Pond School have a wonderful opportunity to meet people from different religions. The classrooms meet with each speaker, listen to their presentation, and ask questions. Shannon Barca, who teaches World Cultural Geography at the school, has organized this event for several years, and first asked Friends to participate three years ago. Studying world religions is actually part of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks!

Brian and Betty Poynton represented Friends two years ago, and Clarence Burley and Katie Green represented us last year. All four of these Friends found that being part of this educational experience was fulfilling, gratifying, and challenging. All four of these Friends would be happy to do this again, but would like to invite other Friends to have this opportunity. ***If you are interested in speaking with these young people, please contact Katie Green at 978-464-5146 right away!***

The day begins at 8:15 AM and ends at 2:15 PM. The panel discussion at the end of the day is a highpoint, and creates a very spiritual environment for that last hour of the school day. Oh! If every school took advantage of this educational opportunity, certainly the world would be a place where more dialogue would transpire.

Third Sunday Discussions

Katie Green

Third Sunday Discussion for January was held a week late because of a winter storm. Committees gave reports and Friends contributed their observations for the State of Society Report, which will be written by Ministry and Counsel and presented at the March Meeting for Business.

February's Third Sunday Discussion was led by Benigno Sanchez-Eppler from Northampton Monthly Meeting, NEYM. Benigno gave a clear demonstration of the divisions in Quakerism by using a metaphor of a tree with roots and branches. He reminded us that we all share the same trunk, the strong foundation of Quaker history that grew from the roots of Christianity, and that people's experiences and cultures create different Quaker practices and interpretations. The branches of the tree leave the trunk in different directions. They represent various Quaker groups, such as Evangelical Friends International, Friends United Meeting, Friends General Council, Friends World Committee on Consultation.

Benigno drew dotted lines to continue the trunk in a thick, straight manner. He said, "This might be what people would expect, ideally – that the foundations of Quakerism would continue to grow higher and higher in one direction. But Quakers live in different parts of the U.S. and on different continents – and islands. We live different lives." Our environment, culture, and heritage influence our Spiritual practices and beliefs, so it is natural that Quakerism may grow in different directions. We need to become more understanding and accepting of our differences.

Continuing on the tree analogy, Benigno gave us each a small piece of paper and instructed us to divide it into quarters. The two lower squares represent our roots. On the lower left square, we wrote some ways that we identified ourselves, including our personal religious roots. On the lower right square we were asked to think of reasons why we changed; hurts, disappointments – ways we might have been let down by our religion or life experiences. Benigno said that he thought of Quakers as religious refugees, since so many of us come here as "convinced" Friends.

Benigno spoke of sanctuary trauma. This is what may happen when people leave their original spiritual home and find another. If/when a person suffers an injury in the new spiritual home, the injury evokes older injuries and can become magnified. In the spiritual home, spiritual hurts, disappointments and injuries are re-injuries, more strongly felt – because the person was injured at the place where he expected safety. The response to the new hurt is amplified. Sanctuary trauma may be one reason that the more liberal Quakers have such difficulty with Evangelical Quakers or with some of FUM's policies. We are reminded to remember our common roots, to concentrate on what we have in common, rather than to focus on our differences. We need to be tender with each other, to be open to differences – accepting variety, and to listen.

Our discussion ended before we talked about the top two squares. "That is for you to think about," Benigno smiled. Following the tree analogy, this Friend thinks that the top two squares represent the leaves and fruits that grow out of our heritage and the experiences that caused us to search for something more than we had. There is a Quaker saying that something good comes from everything. It may not be obvious; it may take some seasoning, but with the habit of anxiously waiting for the Light to be seen or felt, we can find the workings of God in all of our lives.

*Note: At the time of this writing, no Third Sunday Discussion is planned for March. **Quaker Quest will take place on the fourth Saturday, March 28th.***

First-ever Mid-Year Sessions of New England Yearly Meeting, April 17-19

Dear Friends,

You are invited to worship with all New England Friends in the first-ever **Mid-Year Sessions of New England Yearly Meeting**. We will gather in the Portland, Maine area over the April 17-19 weekend.

Mid-Year Sessions is being convened in response to Minute 52 approved at our 2008 Sessions, which reads in part:

We are mindful that Friends' testimony on peace calls us "to root out the causes of war from our own lives and from the political and social structure about us.

In addition, having heard an expressed sense by many New England Friends that we need to gather in extended prayer with less official business, we plan to do so listening together to find what God calls us to do. We pray that seeking truth out of a spirited silence may empower our actions and witness as a community.

Since we have no historical experience to base judgment on -it is difficult to judge how many people will attend Mid-year Sessions April 17-19th. We need to know within 10 days whether to plan for a gathering of under 220 Friends or to plan an event that can accommodate up to 500 people. Therefore: Please help us! Respond soon to Registrar@NEYM.org with how many people in your household are more likely than not to attend.

Actual Registration is expected to begin on March 4, 2009. The intention is to have child-care and financial assistance available (via our normal Equalization process) so that those issues will not be barriers. Part-time attendance by some Friends is expected.

We hope very much you will attend Mid-Year Sessions April 17th-19th.

Yours in service,

Linda Jenkins, Presiding Clerk

Worcester Friends Meeting
Annual Meeting
January 18, 2009

Present: Fred Mikkelsen, Whitney Mikkelsen, Xyzika Mikkelsen, Joanna Mikkelsen, Brian Poynton, Betty Poynton, Mark Sullivan, Michael True, Phil Stone, Barbara Sullivan, Mary Chenaille, Josh Valetta, Katie Green, clerk.

01-18-09-01 Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading from *NEYM Faith & Practice*.

01-18-09-01 Mark Sullivan presented the proposal from Nominating Committee. Friends approve with the addition of Betty Poynton to Nominating committee. The committee notes that Karen Sargent has agreed to clerk for one year only, so they are asking Friends to consider if they are called to serve in the future.

The meeting sincerely thanks Katie Green for the excellent job she has done as clerk for the past 3 years!

Karen Sargent assumed clerking of the meeting.

01-18-09-02 Ministry and Counsel gave a verbal report.

01-18-09-03 Brian Poynton gave the Cemetery committee report.

01-18-09-04 Mark Sullivan, treasurer, discussed the budget. It was noted that expenses need to be added for Quaker Quest travel expenses for facilitators. The amount of \$1000 was suggested, putting the budget into a deficit. The meeting wishes to increase the amount to be raised by \$1000 to cover this expense.

01-18-09-05 P&SC/Outreach gave an oral report.

01-18-09-06 There were no other reports available. Committee clerks are asked to submit written reports for the archives.

01-18-09-07 The discussion on the State of Society will be held next First day, January 25 at 9:30, as it was postponed from today due to weather, and the rescheduling of the business/annual meeting.

01-18-09-08 Meeting ended with a period of silence.

Submitted in the Light,
Barbara Sullivan

Worcester Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
January 18, 2009

Present: Phil Stone, Mary Chenaille, Fred Mikkelsen, Whitney Mikkelsen, Xekia Mikkelsen, Brian Poynton, Betty Poynton, Josh Valetta, Michael True, Mark Sullivan, Barbara Sullivan, Katie Green, clerk.

- 01-18-09-01 Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading from *NEYM Faith and Practice*, by Parker Palmer.
- 01-18-09-02 Minutes from the December meeting have been approved and distributed in the newsletter.
- 01-18-09-03 Mark Sullivan, treasurer, discussed the past year's finances. He notes that contributions have increased annually for the last few years. After expenses, the meeting was left with a net income of \$1, 755.95.
The budget will be discussed at the annual meeting today.
- 01-18-09-04 Trustees report was given by Phil Stone. Capital fundraising was discussed-contributions have been received in response to the request for donations for kitchen renovations. Monthly direct donations have been set up and 8 Friends are enrolled. The budget was discussed. The Center for Non-Violent Solutions was discussed.
- 01-18-09-05 Fred Mikkelsen notes that Building & Grounds is in the process of re-glazing the storm windows and one has disappeared.
- 01-18-09-06 Mary Chenaille reported that P&SC/Outreach is preparing a letter to be sent to schools re the Spirit of America' show at the DCU center. More books ("*It's My Life*") to send to schools may be needed from AFSC.
The committee will contact the treasurer re a donation to AFSC to help defray the cost of the books.
- The committee hopes to continue showing movies of interest and making them open to the public.
- Quaker Quest was discussed. This is a project of the entire meeting. The Quaker Quest facilitators will be at the meeting Saturday, March 28, to give an introductory workshop. Coffee will be available at 9:00 am, with the workshop starting at 9:30. All Friends are encouraged to attend. Observers from neighboring Friends meetings will be invited.
- 01-18-09-07 Cemetery committee-Brian Poynton notes the new sign has not yet been put up due to the weather.
- 01-18-09-08 Michael True noted a number of actions being taken locally to protest the current actions against the people of Gaza, including the use of weapons made in the USA.
Sts Francis and Theresa Catholic Worker House has asked that the meeting add our name to an ad to be placed in the Worcester T&G apologizing for the US complicity in the action in Gaza-weapons. The ad was read by Phil Stone and Friends approved signing on and contributing \$200 toward the cost.
- 01-18-09-09 Opportunity having been given for questions and concerns, meeting ended with a period of silence purposing to meet again on second month eighth, or at the call of the clerk.

Submitted in the Light,
Barbara Sullivan, recording clerk

Worcester Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
February 8, 2009

Present: Phil Stone, Mark Sullivan, Brian Poynton, Betty Poynton, Katie Green, Matt Shorten, Clarence Burley, Betty Jones, Barbara Sullivan, Karen Sargent, clerk.

- 02-08-09-01 Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading from *The Koran*.
- 02-08-09-02 Mark Sullivan, treasurer, reported big expenses were paying the insurance (about \$3000), and Reiner Raeichel (about \$1500). A payment was made to the Catholic Worker house for the ad, '*An apology to the Palestinian people of Gaza*'. He noted that Paul Gallagher, the assistant treasurer, will cover after Mark's surgery next month. Friends will hold Mark in the Light during this time.
- 02-08-09-03 Phil noted that Trustees met last week. Though there are two new trustees, Clarence Burley and Ellen Perry, there are still several vacancies. An overview of Trustees activities took much of the time. A special appeal for gifts to Quaker organizations will be undertaken this month.
- 02-08-09-04 Matt Shorten reports that Ministry and Counsel had a short meeting, as not all members could be present; for that reason no clerk has been named. The State of Society report is being written. Ida Stone was hospitalized with heart problems, and is now at Knollwood Rehab Center.
- 02-08-09-05 Mary Chenaill is the new clerk of P&SC/Outreach, Katie Green reported. A letter written by Josie Brown was presented that is proposed to be sent with 'It's My Life', to schools that sent students to *The Spirit of America* at the DCU Center in Worcester. Friends approve and the clerk will sign this letter.
- 02-08-09-06 Phil Stone brought a concern as to how the meeting could help those in need in this difficult economy. After discussion, Friends felt this should be pursued and that Worcester Interfaith was the best group to contact as to what is being done and how we could help. Karen Sargent agreed to contact Worcester Interfaith and liaison with P&SC/Outreach.
- 02-08-09-07 Katie Green announced there will be an AFSC conference at Tufts in March, and she hopes some Friends might attend. She also notes that Mohammed Sawalha, from the Palestinian House of Friendship, and his son will be visiting the US in May-June and she hopes they will be able to visit the meeting. Sts Francis & Theresa have expressed an interest in sponsoring them here.
- 02-08-09-08 There was a discussion on the need for additional members on several committees, and revitalization of others, and the need for Friends to take part in the life of the meeting on committees. There is also a concern to reach out to Friends who have been out of contact with the meeting. The meeting asks the Recorder and the treasurer (who sends the e-mails) to get a current list of attenders & members to Ministry and Counsel. This committee is asked to contact those who have not been active, regarding the meeting's concern for them and opportunities for spiritual growth in the meeting.
- 02-08-09-09 Mark Sullivan has had conversations with Mike True regarding The Center for Non-Violent Solutions and the use of the room on the 3rd floor of the meetinghouse. Mark estimated the rent to be \$400/mo; he will take a firm number to the Trustees in March, and they will bring it to the March meeting for business. The 1st 6 months would be free due to their start up costs (including painting, plastering, and wiring). Friends ask that consideration be made of the fact that the room is on the 3rd floor, and there is no bathroom there. Friends also ask that the group let the meeting know when they hope to start work on the room so Religious Ed can clear the 1st day materials out of the room. Michael True doesn't believe they would move in before late Spring.
- 02-08-09-10 Building and Grounds/House committee is compiling a list of needs. If Friends have something to add to the list, please contact Paul Gallagher.
- 02-08-09-11 Betty Poynton notes that two members of the Overlook Worship Group are in the hospital, and asks that we hold them in the Light. Even so, there were nine attenders at the last meeting (first Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm).
- 02-08-09-12 Opportunity having been given for questions and concerns, meeting ended with a period of silence, purposing to meet again third month, eighth, or at the call of the clerk.

Submitted in the Light,
Barbara Sullivan, recording clerk

A Weekend for Families with Beth Collea & Friends, March 20-22, 2009

Gather with other Quaker families for a weekend of inspiration, support and community as we reflect on raising Quaker children in an often unFriendly culture. Our time together will feature a Saturday workshop for parents, family activities in the evenings, and a children's program on Saturday reveling in the beauty of Woolman Hill. Our special guest will be Pat Weitzman, a Wellesley Friend, developmental psychologist and parenting coach, and mother of two teens. Our parent workshop will be built around Pat's sense that if the Quaker Testimonies are woven into the core of our family relationships, our children will be in the best position possible to meet whatever culture presents. Pat gathers with us not so much as an expert but as a Quaker parent facing the same challenges. We'll balance the search for family-by-family solutions with the broader, bolder dream of creating "a Quaker cultural alternative." **Beth Collea and Pat Weitzman, both of Wellesley Meeting, MA, will be joined by other parents and members of the New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) Christian Education Committee in leading this workshop. The children's program will be led by Emily Gopen and friends, back by popular demand.**

Journaling Towards a Balanced Life

Molly Duplisea-Palmer, April 3-5, 2009

This is an opportunity to explore through writing the spiritual, physical, emotional and playful balance in all parts of our lives. In the safety of the group we will explore our sense of balance, writing from our hearts. With opportunities to share our writing (always optional), we may find additional support in the deep listening within the group. Molly welcomes both experienced journal keepers and newcomers to this weekend.

(Note: this program will run concurrently with Getting Outdoors.)

Getting Outdoors

Mark Fraser, April 3-5, 2009

As a full-time resident on the hill, Mark knows the local landscape through and through. Explore the wonders of the woods, learn about herbs and wild edibles, hear the messages of the forest in outdoor worship, and spend time with other wonderful people who share a love of the natural world. Our annual outdoors program is a perennial favorite, especially for those of us who just can't stand sitting still!

(Note: this program will run concurrently with Journaling Towards a Balanced Life.)

Abandon All Weariness

John Calvi, April 24-26, 2009

John Calvi will teach ways to deeply relax the body and still the mind in a world overloaded with difficult realities, bad news, and stressors obstructing spiritual life. Using massage, energy work, and other tools, each person will find their better balance in ways to rest, ways to work, and the choices of being in the world but not of it. Come and rest. Woolman Hill welcomes John Calvi just back after a year of sabbatical.

Whistle-While-You-Work Weekend

Woolman Hill staff, May 8-10, 2009

Join us for our second annual celebration of community and productivity. Wood-stacking, curtain-making, gardening, window-washing, furniture-repairing...we'll have tasks for everyone! Whether you have a green thumb, or are all thumbs, we'll find a place for you. In the evenings we'll gather for fellowship and deep conversation, or for whatever activity organically emerges from the particular combination of folks that weekend. This was a glorious event last year – come see what all the fun's about!

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