

Special Events for the Gathering 2016

Plenary Speakers Extra Events

Song Writing with Larry Long of the American Roots Revue facilitating: “Be Humble, Be Faithful, Be Bold”

Larry will facilitate an intergenerational collective songwriting workshop built upon the theme for this year’s Friends General Conference, “Be Humble, Be Faithful, Be Bold. Larry will be applying a community based creative process, which he has developed with communities around the country for 30 years. People of all ages will be engaged in critical conversation about what the words ‘be humble’, ‘be faithful’, ‘be bold’ means to them. From this conversation lyrics will be constructed with melody to be performed with Larry at the evening concert on Wednesday. Led by Larry Long 1:30, Monday and Tuesday. Please sign Up at Info Desk Space is Limited!

Peggy Senger Morrison – Le Flambeau School of Driving - the Spiritual Discipline of Adventure taken to its limits – Author Event

*Le Flambeau School of Driving - the Spiritual Discipline of Adventure taken to its limits - Peggy's practicum – the further adventures of the author of **Miracle Motors: A Pert Near True**. So Come hear Peggy read from these books and speak about her faith. 3:15, Tuesday Gorecki Center 204C*

Rex Ambler – The Quaker Way Author Event

*Rex Ambler’s focus on the Light and experiments has moved many Friends. He will share his latest, **The Quaker Way**, based on a lecture series in the UK for people interested in Friends, and our beliefs and faith - an excellent introduction and resource for long-time as well as new Friends. 3:15, Thursday Gorecki Center 204C*

Rex Ambler – Experiment with Light

Rex will lead us through an Experiment with Light opportunity. 1:30, Friday BAC 109

Other Special Guests

Friendly Opportunity Fair (Staffed Exhibit Tables)

This will be a time where Friends will be able to learn more about the organizations who brought exhibits and how Friends might become more involved on a personal basis. 3:15-5 pm, Monday Gorecki Center: 2nd Floor Balcony and Back of Bookstore

Who Are These Women—The Story of Saint Benedict’s Monastery

The presentation tells the story of the Benedictine Sisters who came to Minnesota in 1857 where they established a monastery with community, liturgy, and service to others as primary. Much of the story will be told through the lives of individual sisters, and in their own words, where possible. 1:30, Tuesday Monastery: Dining Room (meet at Gathering Place)

A New Vision: Abundant Life (Interest Group)

Sister Delores Dufner

*Jesus came to bring abundant life, and as Christians we share in Jesus' mission. This presentation will describe the present environmental crisis and our counter-cultural mission to act on behalf of planet Earth.***7pm, Tuesday Meet at Gathering Place**

Lake Wobegon and Garrison Keillor Local History

Larry Martin talks of nearby Lake Wobegon, Garrison Keillor, KSJR, Benedictines, Stearns County, and Minnesota Public Radio. Memories, images and reflections from a long time acquaintance. Martin lives in Marine on Saint Croix, Minnesota, population 689, the oldest civilian settlement in Minnesota. Keillor has called Marine on Saint Croix the town that most nearly resembles Lake Wobegon, **3:15, Thursday Henrita 128B**

St. Ben's Nature Walk around Campus: *Each day has a different theme Naturalist-led walk through the beautiful site grounds. Accessible. Please note that these sessions will be held outdoors for approximately 60-90 minutes of interactive nature activities involving walking on trails in woods and other natural areas. Children younger than 12 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.*

Monday: *Explore the prairie. Discover the ways that plants and animals survive in sunny, dry places. See how the college is restoring old farm fields to prairie.*

Tuesday: *Explore the woods. Our ramble will be in the 100-acre Monastery Woods with its mix of old growth forest, shrub areas and wetlands.*

Thursday: *Explore the wetland and lake. We will likely get our feet soggy learning about the unique life of wet places using nets and sampling equipment, so wear appropriate footwear.*

Friday: *Explorer's choice. Back to the woods, prairie or water.*

3:15, Gorecki Center: Main Entrance

St. Ben's Monastery Walks

Host-led walk through the lovely monastery. **1:30 and 3:15, Tuesday and Thursday, Walk from Campus. Meet at Gorecki Center: Main Entrance**