



2017 FGC Gathering

A week of Quaker worship, workshops, and community for all ages.

July 2 to 8, 2017

Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York



Apology

It has come to our attention that in the Monday Evening plenary question and answer period the moderator focused on calling on a disproportionate number of white men at a time when women and people of color were seeking to be recognized. We apologize to the entire Gathering Community. This concern has been carried to the Gathering Committee to ensure that the pattern is not repeated. We can all receive this as a reminder that being inclusive requires steady attention to our habits or patterns that exclude others.

Steve Mohlke and Katrina McQuail, Gathering Co-Clerks

Today's Events

Community Worship

8:15-8:45am, upper-level Gallagher
Worship will be led by Adult Young Friends and is semi-programmed. Thurs. will be led by FLGBTQC and Friday by Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Quaker Books Author Event

The correct time for the Author Event with Greg Barnes and Nancy Haines is 3:15-4:15, Gallagher 110.

Today's Query: Are you able to push back against fear, when needed, to act in accordance with your leadings and beliefs? -Anonymous

Run Niagara Gorge Rim Trail

5:45am, outside O'Shea, every day
6-12 miles, 9 minute to 10:30 minute/mile pace. Call ahead, Dave Wells: 602-301-1439.

Japanese Tea Ceremony Demo

3:15-5, Dunleavy 227
The ancient, spirit-deepening art of hospitality in serving a bowl of tea. Harmony, respect, purity and tranquility are conveyed.

Family Place

1:30-4:30, Academic 130
We have blocks, legos, knitting looms and potholder looms, as well as balls and books available for borrowing. Bring a pillow and a lovey and join us for a rest today. Sew a simple stuffed pin for yourself or a stuffed friend.

Quaker Arts Center

1:30-5:30, St. Vincent 315
Fiber artist Joann Neuroth, 1:30-3:30
Nadine Hoover from the Power of Goodness Project, all afternoon. The open studio table is ready too.

12-Step Meetings

Al-anon meets at 3:15, while an Open AA Meeting (All Are Welcome) is scheduled for 4:30. Both meet at Dunleavy 208.

Friends House Moscow

4:30, Academic 228

What's happening in Russia? How is it changing? Health care? Economy? CO's? Putin? Attitudes? How are Quakers contributing to a civil society? Inspiring. Eye-opening.

Nightingales

9:15pm, Academic 228

Nightingales is a Midwest-based, free form group of a cappella singers. Friends come together to share harmonies. Join us!

Announcements

Tick Alert--Be Vigilant

Friends have reported finding Deer ticks (the type that carry Lyme Disease) on their skin and clothes. The Healing Center recommends that anyone walking through or spending time in the grass, or coming into contact with any other vegetation in the surrounding area, check themselves for ticks.

Half Gathering Check-Out Lower Level Gallagher

8am-12pm, Info Desk

12-3, with NU Staff

If you are checking out on 7/5, please return the following: purple lanyard with plastic pouch, hard key, swipe card, and **linen set**.

Dress for Making Ripples Plenary

Friends are invited to wear clothing in "watery" colors. Flowing garments are highly encouraged. Bring a shaker or a bell if you can.

Workshop Leaders--Urgent Emergency Measures Document

The Workshop Committee (given the importance of its contents) is requiring all Workshop Leaders that have not yet received a print copy of the Emergency Measures Document to pick up a copy by Wednesday. Copies will be available at the Workshop Table until 1:30, or after that, at the Info Desk. Identifying yourself as a Workshop Leader will cue staff as to what document you're seeking.

Access Resources--Returning Equipment Reminder

Access Resources wants to remind everyone who rented or borrowed equipment to make sure it is returned. Power scooters and manual wheelchairs should be returned to Kiernan. All other equipment should be returned to Access Resources in Gallagher.

Love Books? Help the Bookstore

Lend-a-Hand is seeking volunteers to help out in the Bookstore (no special skills needed), Wednesday-Friday, from 9am to 8pm. The need is greatest during meal times. Sign up at the Lend-a-Hand table, lower-level Gallagher.

**Wednesday Night Plenary
Led by Vonn New**

7:00pm, Upper Level Gallagher

Traveling Minute for Vonn New

To Friends Gathered at Niagara University,
July 2-8, 2017

Bulls Head-Oswego Monthly Meeting is delighted to introduce our beloved member Vonn New. Vonn is a musician, and experiences the Spirit with zir whole body. Zir gift of hearing the Spirit in unexpected places has helped us to broaden our experience of connecting with the Divine.

Vonn has shown us that there are many doorways into worship, beyond the pattern of silence and sequential speaking which has been the path for most of us.

Over the last 9 years Bulls Head-Oswego Monthly Meeting has supported Vonn's leading to travel with zir workshop "Sounding the Divine." It has been offered at several FGC Gatherings, and at Friends Meetings around the country, helping many Friends to reach for other ways to enter worship.

In sharing zir ministry ze has stretched us beyond our comfort zones, helped us to worship with all our senses, shown enormous kindness, empathy and generosity, and honored whatever each person has brought to the experience.

Please welcome zir, play with zir, give yourselves over to the worship into which ze invites you.

For Bulls Head-Oswego Monthly Meeting,
Lee Haring, Acting Clerk May 14, 2017

Dining Hall Lines

All Junior Gathering staff are welcome to go to the front of the lines in the dining areas. Their time for meals is short.

Dining Notes

We are the largest group this dining service as ever served, and we are by far the largest group of vegetarians. They are handling it admirably as they grow with us. If you have food concerns, complaints, or allergy needs that are not being met, please address them to Suzanne Cole, the FGC Food Coordinator instead of dining staff. Suzanne is your liaison with the cafeteria staff.

EVENT SCHEDULING CHANGES

Broadway Sing-along

The Broadway sing-along has been moved to the Gathering Store in Gallagher, around the piano. Come browse books and sing with us, Wed.-Fri. 9:15pm.

Sacred Harmonies

Sacred Harmonies will move to St. Vincent's 407.

Movies Room

The afternoon and evening movies will be shown in Dunleavy 127 on Thurs. and Fri.

All Capoeira Meets Cancelled

All Slow Flowing Capoeira meets, originally scheduled to be led by Howard Gibbs-Hobgood, have been cancelled for the week.