

# New Garden Friend

Newsletter of New Garden Friends Meeting

March 20, 2024

## *Spring is in bloom at New Garden Friends*

Have you been out and about the grounds at New Garden?

Recently there have been some spectacular views: flowers in bloom, folks walking their dogs, and interesting speckled light trickling through from behind a bush or gravestone.

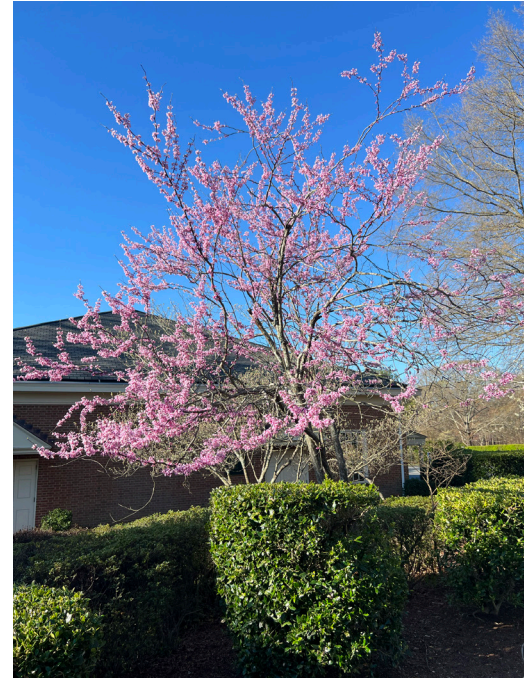


There's a small choir of birds heard everywhere on the property, squirrels and chipmunks scurrying about, the odd bumblebee, and the scent of blooming flowers.

As Easter season approaches, Karin will be preparing easter eggs at this week's Intergenerational First Day. You may know, the easter egg hunt happens on the graveyard grounds. And, didn't we just find some from last year?

Other energy seems to be stirring as well, as tales of travel adventures waft through the air. We've heard tales that Max Carter's service trip to the Middle East has reached full capacity.

If you have images, stories, and wisdom you'd like to share, we're looking for some.



*photos by Tom Lassiter*





## First Day at New Garden

March 24th, 2024

Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship / 9:00 a.m.

Semi-Programmed Meeting for Worship / 11:00 a.m.\*

Worshipful Music: Andy Mock

Welcome: Ashley Wilcox

Announcements: Susan Dorn

Taizé Service: Marc Alley and Kate Seel

Silent Worship

Holding in the Light

\* Friends are also welcome to join the service online either through Facebook Live (view only) <https://www.facebook.com/NewGardenFriendsMeeting> or on Zoom.

Childcare is available in Room 112 beginning at 9:30 a.m. until the rise of Meeting for Worship.

### Please hold these Friends In The Light

|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Family of Bruce Davis, Son of | Karen Hartsoe         |
| John and Linda Danner         | Chuck Kazimir         |
| Sandi Coble                   | Barton & Evelyn Parks |
| Paul Dau                      | Rosemary Stadler      |
| Ann Deagon                    | Mary Stolberg         |
| Virginia Driscoll             | Pat & Edward Tweedy   |

### Housing requested for out of town guests

A family of four is traveling from Portland, Maine where they are active at Portland Friends Meeting. They are coming to Greensboro with their oldest son (a Junior) to visit Guilford College. They will be in Greensboro on April 16 & 17 and are looking for hospitality and accommodations near the college. If you have recommendations or would like to offer hospitality, please contact Jessica Eller and Chris Fitze at [ellerfitze@yahoo.com](mailto:ellerfitze@yahoo.com).

### Visit Ann Deagon

Ann Deagon's daughter Andrea invites Friends to come visit/say good-bye to Ann who will be moving to Wilmington with her.

Moving date is April 1.

You are welcome to call Andrea if you wish to talk with her before coming over.

Andrea's cell is **censored**

## Virginia Driscoll

Virginia Driscoll continues her healing journey. Mail for her should be sent to:

**censored**

Virginia's caring bridge link will prompt you to state how you know her before allowing you to continue:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/virginiadriscoll>

### A Note From Virginia Driscoll

March 14, 2024

Many thanks for all your prayers and words of encouragement, for food and cards, and for waiting patiently until I got a clear diagnosis.

I have been diagnosed with a glioblastoma, a form of brain cancer that is not curable but can be treated to slow down its rate of growth.

I have chosen to receive radiation for three weeks, which may allow me more quality time. I started radiation today and had no issues or side effects.

Please continue to keep me and the medical staff in prayer as I continue on this new journey in life. Your support means so very much to me and my family! I am so very grateful for all your love and concern!

- Virginia Driscoll

### Upcoming Birthdays



#### March 21

Brooks Haworth  
Ellen Murphy  
Dee Stribling

#### 22

Katherine Elaine Fonda  
Dan Paterson

#### 23

Jane Perrin

#### 24

Denzel Dickerson

#### 25

Patricia Anderson  
Finnegan Blake  
Jennifer Satterthwaite

#### 26

Gabriel Hamilton-Genson  
Rusty Maynard  
Don Morgan

# Quaker Call To Action

An invitation to a national dialogue on the urgent threats to our democracy and what's at stake.

Quaker Call to Action National Zoom Call, April 4, 8-9:30 P.M.

[REGISTER HERE](#) to join us on Thursday, April 4 from 8:00-9:30PM EDT for our next national zoom call. You will receive a zoom link the day before the session.

## Zoom Call April 4

On April 4, we will present a brief summary of where we have been with the Urgent Call, share some comments on the current political climate, and offer you an opportunity to take stock of where you are and what short-term actions you will be taking in the run-up to the November elections.

*There will be small worship-sharing groups.*

## Please take this pre-election action poll

In preparation for this call, we are asking everyone on our mailing list, whether you will be joining us on April 4 or not, to click [HERE](#) for an online poll and select your TOP TWO pre-election actions from the list of short-term actions.

We want to know how you are called, and to assess the best ways we can support Friends in the run-up to the November elections. We will discuss the results of this poll on the April 4 National Zoom Call. Thank you!

The Quaker Call National Steering Committee:  
Marian Beane, Bruce Birchard, Sam Caldwell, Gretchen Castle, Mary Ellen McNish, Diane Randall, Jim Waddington, and Michael Wajda (Clerk).

Don't miss this opportunity to support the things you love.

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## Deadlines

- Weekly newsletter deadline is noon on Tuesday.
- Please email all articles and attach original photos to [news@ngfm.org](mailto:news@ngfm.org)
- Please include start date/end date, start time/end time and location of the event.
- Articles should be 375 words or less and newscopy ready.

## Non-Perishable Food Items Needed

There's a new collection box in the connector that consolidates donations for three non-profits that New Garden supports:

☐ Quaker Cupboard – located on Guilford's campus and serving students and staff members who may be experiencing food insecurity. Quinn and Jack Finnegan serve as our liaisons. Items needed are non-perishable food items and hygiene products.

☐ Mustard Seed – providing for some of Greensboro's most underserved residents, the food pantry is a crucial part of a larger ministry. Needed are non-perishable food items.

☐ Higher Ground – serving those impacted by HIV. Request is for snack items and bottled water to be served at group meetings.

Of course, New Garden continues to support Greensboro Urban Ministries through quarterly monetary donations, in-person serving of a home-cooked meal once a month, and serving at their semi-annual food drives.

Thanks for donating!  
Peace and Social Concerns Committee



## Pastoral Minister Search UPDATE

The Selection Committee has decided to extend the application deadline for the Pastor position to **April 15**. This is due to the later than expected publication of Quaker Life magazine that will come out with our ad later in March.

In the meantime we are reviewing applications we have received.

Please continue to share information with your friends and colleagues who may be interested in the position or know someone who may be interested.

Jean Burns Pudlo  
Greensboro, NC

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*As the Pastoral Minister search continues, please feel free to share this job description and posting:*

New Garden Friends Meeting, steeped in Quaker tradition since its founding in 1754, is a progressive, open and affirming faith community in Greensboro, North Carolina. Our meeting emphasizes peace, social justice, and the belief that there is that of God in everyone.

We are seeking a full-time pastoral minister to provide leadership through inspired preaching, compassionate pastoral care, strong support of our community service and social justice efforts, enablement for our members and attenders as partners in ministry, and support and guidance for staff.

Our community values the Quaker belief in continuing revelation and welcomes light from many sources and spiritual traditions, including, but not limited to, Christianity and the Bible. Warmth and humor are appreciated in our faith family.

A parsonage or a housing allowance is available. Salary, if it includes a housing allowance, will range between \$70,000 and \$90,000 and will be based on a candidate's qualifications and experience. Additional compensation in the form of a benefits package, and relocation expenses will also be provided.

Membership in the Religious Society of Friends is preferred, but not required.

If you are an experienced Quaker or Quaker-friendly pastoral minister and are interested in becoming an integral part of our community, please send a resume/profile, a one-page statement of faith, and a cover letter to [NGFMSearch@gmail.com](mailto:NGFMSearch@gmail.com).

## NOMCOM SEASON

### Usher Comittee

**Ushers are an important part of making Friends and visitors feel welcomed when they arrive for Meeting for Worship.**

Most of the time we only see them as they greet us with a program as we come into the Meeting House.

However, they arrive early for worship making sure all is ready for a worshipful experience for all.

#### **Their duties encompass:**

Monitoring the dehumidifier

Ensuring headsets/hearing aid receivers work

Opening the doors that open us to beauty and light before worship and locking after worship

Collecting and securing the donations received

Counting our attendance

*Ushers work on a rotating schedule.*

## Woke Bible Study: is there patriarchy in Heaven?

*lead by Ashley Wilcox*

**Wednesday March 27**

**3 - 4:30 P.M.**

<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses/woke-bible-study-is-there-patriarchy-in-heaven/>



# VILLAGE AGE Cooperative



Playgroup families enjoyed spending Tuesday morning planting flowers and helping to prepare for a new family arriving at the Every Campus a Refuge house at Guilford this week.



## Religious Education

**Karin Heller's office hours:**

**Wednesdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

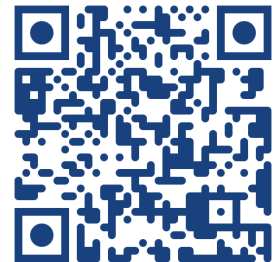
**Downstairs in Room 003**

*Friends are reminded that Karin is off on the third Sunday of each month.*

## Forum Procedures:

The First Day Forum Working Group has launched a new way to suggest/recommend future First Day Forum programming.

If you have an idea for forum, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/mqZRbzEfB5YwQb1n8>





## Iftar Dinner

The Divan Center will provide an Iftar dinner for New Gardeners at New Garden on Sunday the 24th of March.

The dinner will begin at 7. Breaking fast will be at 7:30 with a call to prayer.

Around 8:30 P.M. the dinner should finish.

If you wish to attend, and have not already done so, please contact Clint or Heather so we can provide Divan with an accurate count.

*hold*  
the Date

Contact Heather: [heather.brook@gmail.com](mailto:heather.brook@gmail.com) or Clint: [ccorcora@highpoint.edu](mailto:ccorcora@highpoint.edu)

## *“How our Quaker tradition might directly support election violence prevention work”*

In the peacebuilding field, “election violence” is physical violence, severe psychological violence, or property damage that is either motivated by an election cycle or intended to influence an election cycle. That means it can start many months before an election and continue for some months afterward.

The United States is already experiencing some incidents of election violence attached to the 2024 election cycle, and there are a number of risk factors that make additional violence a real possibility.

This can feel scary. But the situation isn’t hopeless. An overwhelming majority of people in our country do not want violence, regardless of their political positions, and Friends have been practicing election violence prevention in other countries for many years.

We can learn from them and from other experts to build communities that are less likely to experience election violence—and more likely to respond resiliently if they do.

In this series of conversations, we’ll begin with spiritual disciplines that are already part of our Quaker tradition, learning how these directly support election violence prevention work. Then, we’ll study practical strategies.

We’ll support each other in discernment about how we’re led to act, knowing that everyone’s gifts and callings are different. Finally, we’ll dig deep into how, exactly, we can build the relationships across differences that are so vital to election violence prevention.

Series hosted by Emily Provance of Friends United Meeting. Series continues series 2 p.m. March 24:  
<https://tinyurl.com/mryw6y29>



JOIN US EASTER SUNDAY AT THE RISE OF MEETING  
FOR WORSHIP (12P.M.) FOR OUR

# Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

NEW GARDEN FRIENDS MEETING  
801 NEW GARDEN RD.

# EASTER SUNRISE MEETING FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

GUILFORD COLLEGE LAKE  
SILENT GATHERING AT 6:45AM  
PROGRAMMED WORSHIP AT 7AM  
LED BY LLOYD LEE WILSON, NCYM(C)

GUILFORD  
COLLEGE  
FRIENDS CENTER

COFFEE AND DONUTS SERVED AFTER WORSHIP.  
QUESTIONS? EMAIL MEAGAN HOLLEMAN (HOLLEMANM@GUILFORD.EDU).

## New Garden Classifieds

### CUSTODIAN NEEDED FOR NGFM

On Saturday, March 9, several House Committee members pitched in to dust, mop and vacuum the building, and sanitize the bathrooms.

*Thanks to Lois Baldwin, Jeff Edwards, James Ellis and Roger Seel!*

The House Committee has been in search of a new custodian.

Please spread the word, and offer any suggestions to Roger, our House Clerk: [fisherdog@gmail.com](mailto:fisherdog@gmail.com) or 336-681-6499.

### Windows laptop needed

Do you have a surplus laptop capable of running Windows 10 or later? New Garden's office manager, Charlene Cufur, is in need of a fairly recent

Windows laptop for those occasions when she needs to access the Meeting's database from home.

The laptop would allow her to tackle necessary chores if she were taking a sick day or if a clerk needed crucial data after hours or on a weekend. The Meeting's PowerChurch software requires using a computer capable of running Windows 10 or later.

If you have a surplus Windows laptop, please contact Charlene at 336-292-5487.

### Mooresville Friends Church/ White Lick Meeting is seeking candidates for the position of full-time Pastor or a full-time Trained Interim Pastor.

Mooresville Friends Church/White Lick Meeting, a nearly 200-year-old Quaker meeting located in Mooresville, Indiana, is seeking candidates for the position of full-time Pastor or a full time Trained Interim Pastor. Applicants should be deeply rooted in the historic faith and practice of Quakerism, while also being open and sensitive to current leadings of the spirit in our midst. Compensation includes salary package and parsonage with paid utilities. Please submit all resumes with cover letter and/or inquiries regarding the position to [pastorsearch.mfc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsearch.mfc@gmail.com). Check us out at [mooresvillefriends.net](http://mooresvillefriends.net).

## Piedmont Friends Spring Gathering to occur April 6



Charlotte Hawkins Brown

Your family is invited for fellowship with Piedmont Friends from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 6.

Bring your own picnic to the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, located between Greensboro and Burlington.

All ages are welcome and the site includes hiking trails, historic building and outdoor areas.

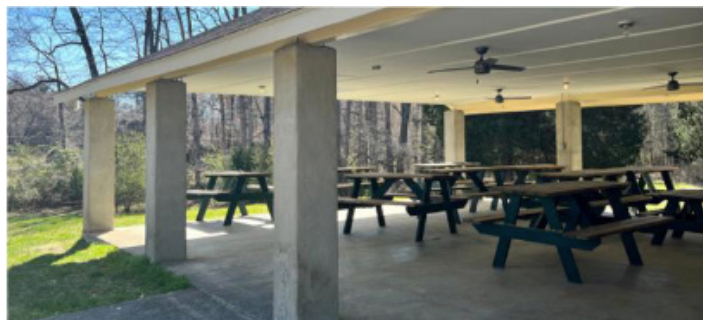
Following the picnic fellowship there will be a guided tour to learn the history of the site, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, and the Palmer Memorial Institute.

Founded in 1902 by Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Palmer Memorial Institute transformed the lives of more than two thousand African American students. Today, the campus provides a setting where visitors can explore this unique environment where boys and girls lived and learned during the greater part of the twentieth century.

Piedmont Friends will be paying the fee for the picnic shelter rental and the guided tour. Friends may choose to make a donation with their registration.

North Carolina Historic Site  
Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum  
6136 Burlington Rd.  
Gibsonville, NC 27249

To register: <http://tinyurl.com/2s3zukrf>



Picnic shelter at Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum



# NGFS ALUMNI, YOU'RE INVITED!



**Saturday, April 6th**

5k Start Time : 9am      NGFS Lower School  
Family Fun: 11am-1pm      1128 New Garden Road

Take a trip down memory lane on NGFS Lower Campus for The Running of the Bears!

Join us for our 5K walk/run and post-race celebration to support our spring fundraiser. The post race event is free to attend, and will include food vendors, NGFS student performances, a collaborative art project, games, and raffles!

This year, we are fundraising for a new bus, so that NGFS students for years to come can continue to take learning beyond the classroom!



Scan the QR code

to register for the 5K and 1 Mile Cubs Course.

Sign up by Friday, March 15th to guarantee a 5K shirt.



5K Run or Walk



Games & Inflatables



Food Vendors



Student Performances

Can't attend, but still want to support? Scan the QR Code



Support by sharing: Help us reach our goal by sharing our 5K info with your friends!

## Upcoming Guilford College Programs

### Conceptualizing Peace Forum

Conceptualizing Peace is a one-day forum at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., for members of the education, faith and business communities regionally to explore long-term education and activity on matters of peace.

In the wake of increased conflict in the Middle East and in Europe and increased violence in communities across the United States, attendees on Friday, April 12, will discuss strategies for investing in and sustaining peace.

Registration: <https://www.guilford.edu/peaceforum>

### The Guilford Dialogues

The Guilford Dialogues invites leaders from a cross-section of fields, generations, viewpoints, and regions to Guilford College to consider relevant social problems and strategize on values-based solutions.

The next conference will be held June 6-7, 2024, building upon the previous Guilford Dialogues, which focused on the themes of economic and educational inclusion.

Registration: <https://www.guilford.edu/GuilfordDialogues>

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