

August 2018

Welcome to a summer edition of InfoShare, the email newsletter from New York Yearly Meeting. Below you will find announcements, learning opportunities, events, job openings, and staff calendars for NYYM. Take a look!

You can **announce your meeting's news** and **submit articles to *Spark*** by emailing me at [communications@nyym.org](mailto:communications@nyym.org). The theme for September's issue of *Spark* is "Spirit-led Structures." New ideas about organizational structure are opening in our yearly meeting. What would an ideal Quaker organization look like? Where are changes needed? Submissions are due soon—**August 13**—but if you'd like to write something and need an extension, email me. Please send your meeting and committee news, too!

The next time we gather is at **Fall Sessions**, this year in Rochester, NY, November 9-11. Look for the September *Spark* for more information. In the meantime, you can keep in touch with your yearly meeting through our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Instagram account](#), and manage your email list subscriptions at [NYYM Connect](#).

- Sarah Way, Editor

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## Notes and Announcements

### New Peace Working Group Listserv!

The NYYM Peace Working Group invites Friends to join our new listserv! Its purpose is to share information among the NYYM community about potential peace witness, and to prompt discernment about peace witness that the Working Group might recommend the yearly meeting support as a body. To join, visit [this page](#) and ask to be added as a member of the group.

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## Funds Available for Friends' Publications and Projects

The Mosher Committee announces that there are limited funds available to assist Friends in the publication/creation of pamphlets, books, recordings, films or any other media. Proposals that have been approved by monthly meetings, worship groups or yearly meeting committees should be submitted to [Anita Paul](#) on behalf of the Mosher Fund Publications Working Group.

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## Calling all Thoughtful Friends

Do you have a [Pendle Hill pamphlet](#) in you? Consider submitting a manuscript! A pamphlet should express a Quaker perspective on a theme of contemporary importance. The topic may arise from an author's spiritual experience, religious concern, and/or special knowledge of a particular person or subject. Submission guidelines: Email manuscripts of no more than 9,000 words, in Microsoft Word or similar format, to [publications@pendlehill.org](mailto:publications@pendlehill.org).

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## Online Course on Meeting for Worship for Business

This [online course](#) is offered by [Woodbrooke](#), Birmingham, U.K., September 17-October 14, 2018. What is actually going on in a meeting for worship for business? Why do we do what we do? This course is for all Friends, to help you to understand our decision making process better. More info [here](#).

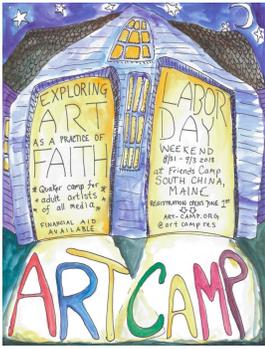
## Upcoming Events

### Annual Flushing Interfaith Council Picnic

The [Flushing Interfaith Council](#)'s goal is to build a community that fulfills and surpasses the dream of toleration voiced by the [Flushing Remonstrance](#) more than 350 years ago. Connect with your neighbors at the annual [Interfaith Picnic](#) on Saturday, August 18, 1:30pm, at Flushing Meetinghouse, 137-16 Northern Blvd, Flushing NY 11354.

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**Quaker Art Camp in Maine over Labor Day Weekend (Aug. 31-Sept. 3)**



[Art Camp](#) is a gathering for artist Friends and creative spiritual folk to explore art as a practice of faith. It's hosted at Friends Camp in South China, Maine, by a small group of camp counselors and artists whose passion is connecting art and spirituality. It's open to artists of all types—visual, music, performance, dance, photo, film, etc. There is financial aid available. Register online at [art-camp.org/register](http://art-camp.org/register) before **August 15th** and follow Art Camp on Facebook and Instagram @artcampres.

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## All Friends Regional Meeting Picnic

August 26 at Dover-Randolph Meeting – 11:00 worship followed by potluck picnic. See <http://www.doverrandolphmeeting.org/> for more.

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## Solitary Housing Unit on Display at Columbia County Fair

Old Chatham Quaker Meeting will again be [exhibiting](#) a replica of a solitary housing unit (SHU), used for disciplinary confinement in prisons, at the Columbia County Fair in Chatham, N.Y. from Wednesday, August 29 through Monday, September 3, 2018. There will be literature available describing the harmful psychological effects of SHU, handouts and books on mass incarceration in America, and a brochure on Quaker's work in prisons throughout the centuries.



## Meet the New General Secretary of American Friends Service Committee

You are invited to a special event with American Friends Service Committee's new General Secretary, Joyce Ajlouny. Come for the cause and stay to watch the sunset in Brooklyn.

Friday, September 7, 2018, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY

For more information, to offer hospitality, or for donation suggestions, please contact [Diane Keefe](#).

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## **Nightingales weekend is September 21-23**

Nightingales is about being in a community singing with love. Getting together and singing as the Nightingales do is about singing from the heart. We are happy to say that we have planned a Nightingales weekend at the Ithaca Third Street Meetinghouse, September 21-23! We look forward to singing with many of you.

For more information and to receive further updates, email Bronwyn: [BJQMohlke@gmail.com](mailto:BJQMohlke@gmail.com)

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## **World Quaker Day is October 7, 2018**

Join the Quaker family around the world in worship and celebration for World Quaker Day, in its 5th year. The theme is **Crossing Cultures, Sharing Stories**. See <http://www.worldquakerday.org/> for more info, ideas, and resources.

## **Job Opportunities**

### **Apply Now for the 2019 FWCC Traveling Ministry Corps**

Applications are now available to join the [FWCC Traveling Ministry Corps](#) in its third year. The TMC uses Quaker practices to build skills in cross-cultural dialogue and local leadership development. They encourage Friends to learn from one another, and, following consultation and discernment with the local communities, proceed to minister through prayer, pastoral counseling and encouragement, religious education, or peace, justice and environmental concerns.

[Applications](#) are due by September 30, 2018. Decisions will be announced in November. The training will take place in March 2019.

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### **Now Hiring Paid Intern**

...to help develop the [Woolman Outdoor School](#) at Sierra Friends Center in Nevada City, California

Our AmeriCorps RISE VISTA intern will have three key functions: to connect with and recruit underserved youth for our summer camp and outdoor school programs from both rural and urban schools; to develop curriculum and support materials to best serve economically disadvantaged youth, including training in cultural inclusion; and to develop relationships with donors and funders to raise money to support these programs.

To Apply, email [Mike Baldwin](#).

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## Staff Travel Calendar

### August

Aug. 24-26: Annual Gathering of the *Fellowship of Friends of African Descent, Philadelphia*: Helen Garay Toppins (Associate Secretary)

### September

Sept. 14-15: *Butternuts Quarter Retreat, Sky Lake conference center*: Steve Mohlke (General Secretary)

Sept. 17-20: *Superintendents & Secretaries Gathering, Powell House*: Steve Mohlke

Sept. 28-30: *ARCH Retreat, Powell House*: Callie Janoff (ARCH Coordinator)

### October

Oct. 6-7: *Outreach Retreat, Chatham-Summit Meeting*: Steve Mohlke

Oct. 15-17: *Pastor's Retreat*: Steve Mohlke

Oct. 19-21: *Brooklyn Meeting Retreat, Powell House*: Callie Janoff, Sarah Way (Communications Director)

Oct. 27: *Budget Saturday, Purchase Meeting*: Callie Janoff, Steve Mohlke

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