

Second Hour Programs

Jan. 11th *Beyond Jim Crow*

Shea Crosby, an affiliate with Legal Aid AR, will talk about issues raised by our book study of *The New Jim Crow*. In particular she will discuss "re-entry" programs aimed to bring offenders successfully back into society.

Jan. 18th *Budget Meeting*

Clerked by Cari Burke. All are welcome to join in planning our expenditure for 2015.

Jan. 25th *Down on the Border*

Bettina Lehovc will discuss her experiences of working with *BorderLinks* in Arizona. *BorderLinks* is a nonprofit educational organization in Tucson that focuses on cross-border relationship building opportunities, issues of immigration, community formation and development, and social justice in the borderlands between Mexico, the U.S., and beyond.

Note: This is Winter Quarterly weekend

Feb. 1st *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

"Only when we see that we are part of the totality of the planet, not a superior part with special privileges, can we work effectively to bring about an earth restored to wholeness.

Darkness is no less desirable than light. It is rather, a rich source of creativity... First there is the darkness of the earth in which the seeds wait all through the winter. Second, there is the darkness of the womb in which the young mammal grows into sufficient viability to be born and take its place on earth, as a separate being... And third, there is the darkness of night, when the garish sun has gone down and the things of earth are blotted out, and we may glimpse the vastness of the universe of which we are part...

We say that God is the Inner Light, but I want to affirm that also the Inner Darkness, and I do not mean desolation or evil, but a quiet waiting and creativity. "The darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." (Psalm 139)"

—*Quaker* Elizabeth Watson (1914-2006)



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January 2015

Meeting for Worship is on Sundays. It begins with worshipful singing and sharing at 9:30 a.m. followed by one hour of silent/waiting worship which starts at 9:45 a.m.

After worship on most Sundays there is a break for fellowship with coffee, tea, and snacks, which is then followed, at about 11:15 a.m., by an enlightening and enjoyable, "second hour" program.

**Visitors and enquirers are always
very welcome.**

January ushers in a New Year and a new crew to steer our meeting. Jay Johnson, is now *Clerk*, our *Associate Clerk* is Mary-Elsie Marchant. *Ministry and Oversight Committee* will include Betty Blanch, Leslie Coston, Deirdre Phillips, and Elizabeth Bullock-Rest. Cari Burke continues as *Treasurer*.

Please get your pledges of financial support for 2015 to Cari Burke, before our budget meeting on January 18th. You can easily pledge online at:-
<http://tinyurl.com/FayPledge2015>

Could you help Meeting by contacting **newspapers** to inform them of meeting activities? Please contact M&O to volunteer.

Cooperative Emergency Outreach reopened January 5th. As always food and financial help is needed. Please don't forget the need for warm coats – adult and children – and warm blankets.

Please be sure to leave spaces for **car parking** at the south/west side of the meeting house for visitors and disabled. Preferred parking for the fit, and those in need of exercise, is at *Liquor World* just up the road. Please leave the parking area next to the restaurant clear for their customers.

Arkansas Oklahoma Winter Quarterly Meeting will be **January 23rd -25th, 2015** at Dwight Mission near Sallisaw, Oklahoma. From Friday evening, after supper, through Sunday. We look forward to seeing you as. No meal will be served on site on Friday evening; bring snacks to share.

We need to finish the planning for the program of the upcoming yearly meeting session, so some time will be set aside for that. In addition there will be workshops, worship sharing, and free time to hang out and have fun. We have not (yet) invited a speaker but are open to suggestions. Saturday night will be movie night again, and, hopefully, dancing with Noel and Jack.

This will be an opportunity to present your favorite workshop! Let us know when you send in your registration, or tell us when you arrive.

Sleeping is dormitory style, with mattresses provided. Friends need to bring their own bedding including pillows, and towels. Also, bring flashlights, games, children's toys and games, songbooks, and warm clothes.

Register ASAP (preferably by Jan. 9th) to Tina Coffin of Little Rock Meeting:
carillontc@AOL.com

South Central Yearly Meeting 2015 is April 2-5 at Greene Family Camp, Waco, TX.

AR-OK Spring Quarterly 2015

Will be **April 24th -26th** at Lake Fort Smith State Park, AR. Note: It is a bit earlier than usual but we could not get our usual May or early June weekend.

The book group completes its study of *The New Jim Crow* on Friday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 at the Meeting House. Maya Porter and Jane Purtle will lead a discussion on the final chapters of the book and a recent seminar they attended about criminal justice issues. In February we are planning a second hour panel discussion about the book.

Suggestions please for a book for our spring **book study** to Mary Elsie Marchant or Jane Purtle.

The first *Friendly Hike* was a great success. We are anticipating more hikes and encourage input from those interested. Contact Eric Fuselier, (501)231-7455, ericfuse81@gmail.com or Jay Johnson, at(479)721-5572, jayjohnson@hughes.net. Preliminary plans include seasonal hikes with a specific focus on learning about each season's wild edibles, medicinal plants and plants for tools.