

Second Hour Programs

March 12th Poetry

Bring a poem you have written or one which speaks to you and which you are led to share.

Note: Daylight Saving Time begins.

March 19th Worship Sharing

Led by Deirdre Phillips. Worship sharing is a themed worship led by an individual and often centering on a query or queries.

March 26th Friends

Led by Leslie Coston, Mary Elsie Marchant & Deirdre Phillips. The Way that Friends follow. A great second hour for enquirers to learn more about us.

April 2nd Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

Note: Retreat Weekend

[In the spring time the stars . . .]

*In the spring time the stars began looking for him
By summer time they had found him
By autumn time they had wounded him
so that the orange and red of his blood began
to leak from the sky onto the leaves of the trees
By winter time they had slain him
so that his white fat began to melt and drip
falling as snow all over the land*

*And then he would begin to rise again
first as sap in the trees
stretching higher and higher
until his back ached but
knowing he would not stop until
his black fur was hidden
deep among the unborn
behind the dark wall of the night sky*

—John Spaulding



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March 2017

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.**

First Day School for children will be the second Sundays of each month. This month it coincides with our poetry second hour – March 12th. Children may bring a poem to share. Gladys Tiffany and Shelley Buonaiuto will be the leaders of children's first day school.

The new *Clerk of Religious Education Committee* is Mary Elsie Marchant.

The 2017 sessions of *South Central Yearly Meeting* will be held at: Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, Texas, Thursday, April 13th, through Sunday, April 16th, 2017. The theme this **Yearly Meeting** is "*Climate Change, Environmental Racism, Friends' Faith & Practice — What's the Connection?*"

<http://www.scym.org/sessions/annual>

Spring Quarterly will be on May 12th - 14th, 2017 at Dwight Mission, Tahlequah, OK.

Ministry and Oversight Committee welcomes volunteers to lead Second Hour **Worship Sharing** on third Sundays.

Our *Meeting Retreat* will be for the weekend of April 1st. Assembling Friday evening about 6:00 p.m. with all-day Saturday at the idyllic setting of *Wattle Hollow Retreat Center* near West Fork. Overnight accommodation is available. More information from Karen Takemoto.

<http://www.wattlehollow.com/>

Remember to let Mary Elsie Marchant or Jane Purtle know if you have ideas for an **April movie** or Spring book study.

Our **Quaker library** is now re-shelved; and open for business. A database of books available for loan is on-line at:
<http://tinyurl.com/FayFriendsLibrary>

Our 2017 **Rummage Sale** was a great success thanks to all who helped by contributing items and by contributing their time. We raised \$1,777.77 for *Cooperative Emergency Outreach*.

Until the completion of South Central Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice* we follow the **guidance** of Pacific Yearly Meeting's version:

<http://tinyurl.com/faithandpractice>

Our February query was:

- How do we value **steadfast love** in others, regardless of sexual orientation?
- Do we actively support the struggle for freedom of expression of sexual orientation and gender?
- How might we learn from those who are oppressed because of who they are?
Do we lift them up with love and support?
- Do we cherish the rich weave of diversity— and the spiritual gift it brings to our Meeting?

March *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business* approved the following **Minute**: Minute 2017.01.

The Fayetteville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends reaffirms our unqualified support of the protection of the civil rights of everyone. In accordance with our testimonies of equality and community, we remain convinced of the human dignity of all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We extend our support and gratitude for the efforts of the city of Fayetteville to work to protect the rights of and prevent discrimination against its citizens.