



"Jesus wept; Voltaire smiled. Of that divine tear and of that human smile the sweetness of present civilization is composed" – Victor Hugo, 1878.

### **fayetteville monthly meeting**

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- **meeting for worship**  
Sundays 9am, UCM, 902 W. Maple Street  
Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm, UCM library
- **meeting with attention to business**  
First Sundays after worship, except January and July.
- **activities after meeting**  
Most Sundays 10:30am for about 1 hour.  
Coffee and tea available.

**March 8<sup>th</sup> dark chocolate**  
A confection from LaDeana Mullinix.  
Note: Daylight Saving Time starts today.

**March 15<sup>th</sup> pebbles from the beach**  
A worship sharing on a Native American theme led by Richard Phillips.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> language of love**  
Non-violent communication with Susan Schoen.

**March 29<sup>th</sup> friendly coffee house**  
A time to informally socialize, with coffee and whatever refreshments we might bring. A great time for enquirers to visit with us.

**April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for worship with attention to business**  
The Quaker process in action – a spirit led business meeting where all are welcome.

- **Q-life teens**  
Starts at around 5:00pm, Sundays,  
at Elizabeth Bullock-Rest's home.

### **south central yearly meeting**

**Friday 10th to Sunday, April 12th, 2009**  
**Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX.**

The 2009 South Central Yearly Meeting will be again held at Easter weekend. Chuck Fager, author of *Without Apology*, will be the keynote speaker. Yearly Meeting will focus on the theme of *Refining Our Witness: Peace, the Military, and Us*.

### **committees**

*Committee meetings are open to all with the exception of Ministry & Oversight. Contact the clerks for more info.*

- **communication**  
Meets 5pm 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month at UCM.  
Garin Wiggins 479-575-9302  
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- **earthcare witness**  
Meets 4:45pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month at UCM. Parking permit needed for pre-5pm parking.  
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- **education**  
Meets 5pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month at UCM.  
Mary V. Cochran 479-575-9302  
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- **ministry & oversight**  
Friends with any concerns about Meeting, or individual Friends needing assistance, are encouraged to call M&O Co-Clerks Elizabeth Bullock-Rest, 479-283-0942, or David Schoen, 479-251-9255.
- **peace & justice**  
Meets 5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month at UCM.  
Gladys Tiffany 479-973-9049  
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## ***should I stay or should I go?***

The plan to try out a couple of meetings at *St. Martin's Student Center* during March is currently on hold. Our meeting has been pondering a move to a different venue in order to improve access for the disabled and to provide space for children. St Martin's is under consideration. Watch out for updates on dates.

## ***meeting retreat***

**Sat., April 25th - Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Wattle Hollow, nr. Devil's Den State Park, AR**

The intention is to provide an informal and enjoyable weekend gathering of friends where we can get to know one another through games and discussions. The focus will be about our identity as a spiritual community. We also plan to make something together from natural found objects which will be returned to nature after it's completed. And maybe learn some new songs! Wattle Hollow will charge \$50/couple for Saturday night, optional early check-in Friday night \$20.

Contact Mary-Elsie Marchant for more details.

## ***clerking workshop***

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in a clerking workshop facilitated by Susan and David Schoen which will take place on **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 5:30pm** (venue to be decided). It will be a learning session and a dialogue on Quaker Practice and Process and how it relates to the clerking of meetings and committees, and our individual callings, leadings and ministry. Friends will have the opportunity to share from their own experience and to ask questions regarding Quaker practice and process. Everyone in the Meeting is encouraged to attend and participate. All committee clerks and *Ministry and Oversight* members are asked to commit to being there. More details from Thomas Markham.

## ***I am woman ...!***

Godesses, Amazons and Angels are to be found at the intersection of S. Archibald Yell Blvd. & W. South St. in Fayetteville to celebrate the *Goddess Festival* during March. *Harmonia* performs Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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

## ***sands of time***

A Tibetan sand mandala is being constructed at the University of Arkansas Mullins Library. Geshe Dorjee and Gedun Pekar are joined by two visiting scholars of Tibetan culture, Zoepa Gyatso and Lama Agha, and the four are creating a Tibetan sand mandala in the Helen Robson Walton Reading Room. They will also be available to answer questions regarding Tibetan art, multiphonic chanting practices, Buddhist dharma, Buddhist philosophy, and Tibetan culture. Visitors will have an opportunity to watch the mandala being created, live and up-close.

The word "*mandala*" is Sanskrit for "*circle*." Created by hand, mandalas embody traditional meditative designs that represent the universal qualities of harmony, balance and community. Tibetans have long believed that to witness the creation of a mandala is to cultivate these enduring qualities within each of us, and so to witness the creation of a mandala is to lay the foundation for a strong and balanced human community.

For centuries, Tibetan mandalas were seen exclusively by the monks and nuns of Buddhist monasteries. In 1988, however, the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, decreed that a mandala be constructed in full view of the public.

From **March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup>**, Lama Agha will work on the sand painting 9:00am to 11:30 am and 2:00pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 2:00pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 8. Visitors are welcome to watch him work during these hours. At **7:00 pm Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, a finishing ceremony will celebrate and seal the mandala's completion.

From **March 11<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>**, the finished mandala will be on display all hours Mullins Library is open. At **3:00 pm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, a final closing ceremony will be held. Geshe Dorjee and Sidney Burris will give concluding remarks about the experience, after which the mandala will be destroyed, an act symbolizing the transient nature of this world. Small packets of sand from the mandala will be distributed to those who are present.

Running concurrently will be a display of prayer flags, sculptures and color photographs of Tibetan architecture and landscape.