

Hamilton Friends June 2018 Newsletter



Advices and Queries

23. Marriage has always been regarded by Friends as a religious commitment rather than a merely civil contract. Both partners should offer with God's help an intention to cherish one another for life. Remember that happiness depends on an understanding and steadfast love on both sides. In times of difficulty remind yourself of the value of prayer, of perseverance and of a sense of humour.

Coffee List

June 17 Beverly Shepard
The rest of the summer is wide open



Calendar

August 3-11: Canadian Yearly Meeting at Georgian College, Barrie. Please see the special notice on page 2 of this newsletter!*

Sunday, September 9: Our next Meeting for Worship for Business

Saturday, October 20: Hamilton Meeting hosts Yonge Street Half-Yearly Meeting. The theme for the programme will await the first consultation of the YSHYM Programme Committee, but we will definitely need a few volunteers to oversee the food for the day.





August 3-11: CYM in Barrie. This is such a rich week! Besides business meetings, there are Special Interest Groups, Special Action Groups, an afternoon of intergenerational activities, many worship opportunities, including a Memorial Meeting and The Experience of the Spirit in My Life, daily Meeting for Healing, the Sunderland P. Gardner lecture, a daily Quaker Studies presentation, an array of different evening programs, post-program evening activities such as group singing and games, ongoing crafts and information tables, and an excursion to Camp NeeKauNis. There are programs for children and teens as well. Registration information and forms are at quaker.ca. If you haven't attended CYM before, you're missing a wonderful Quaker experience!



We have a new Keeper of the Keys! Our Associate Clerk Shirla Schellenberg has taken on this service. If you need a key to the Meeting House, or have one to return, please speak with Shirla.

Congratulations Elise!

Last June Elise was one of five artists-in-residence at St. Andrew's by the Sea. She was encouraged by the benefactor to enter a sculpture contest this June. Before she left for home last summer, she chose the rock she wished to carve. It was a 2000 lb. rock of New Brunswick Granite. She arranged delivery by truck to her home near Dorset, Ontario and managed to carve it into a 1,200 lb. sculpture of a mother and child. Elise and Cirvan were able to load it onto their truck and drive it back to Saint Andrews in time for the contest. She was delighted to win first prize and that made all her efforts worthwhile!

-Submitted by Janis Muller

Eco Churches of West Hamilton (ECOWHam):

Five area churches are involved in a group with a concern for the environment. The group has, for instance, arranged a public meeting on June 22 regarding plastics, which anyone is invited to attend. Don Woodside will report further in September, but meanwhile we seek a Friend who would be interested in representing HMM in this group. If you are interested, please let your clerks or nominating committee know. It would be very much in keeping with our testimonies to become a part of this group!

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Shirla Schellenberg <shirla766@gmail.com>;

Nominating Committee clerk

Christina Edwards <cmeedwards64@gmail.com>.

New HMM Website



Dear members and attenders of Hamilton Monthly Meeting (HMM). At last Sunday's business meeting, it was decided that HMM would be getting a new website!

I have offered to help provide content for the new website, hopefully together as part of a small group. If you would like to join me in developing content for the new website please contact me at: deerspring1@gmail.com

But even if you're not able to take on this level of participation, I'd like to invite you to send me on a one-time (or regular!) basis any suggestions you may have for web links to articles or videos which you have found helpful, or to send me beautiful or Quaker-y images which we could use on the website. I can't promise that everything sent will be used, but I can promise that everything will be appreciated and carefully considered.

Thanks for your help and support as we get to work on our new website!
Wilf Ruland, HMM