

11th Month

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING
 OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
 Damariscotta, Maine
NEWSLETTER

November 2007



Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

--1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)

It is not what we do that is important, but how much love we put into what we do: we should do small things with great love.

--Mother Teresa

November

Saturday	Nov. 3	8:30 a.m.	Vassalboro Qtrly Mtg. (See Oct. newsletter for details.)
Friday	Nov. 16	5:30/7 p.m.	*Potluck/Film: <i>Out of Balance</i>
Sunday	Nov. 18	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Worship for Business

December

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*Look inside for more information regarding these items.

~Calendar events are held at the meetinghouse, unless otherwise noted.~

Sunday Meeting for Worship is held at the meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta, 10:00 a.m.
 Meetinghouse phone: 207-563-3757. Directions: Take US Route 1 to Damariscotta and turn onto Belvedere Rd.
 (left if coming from the south, right if coming from the north--Miles Home Health Care building on the corner).
 The meetinghouse is the second building on the right, .2 mile from the corner.

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Highlights

Monthly Meeting for Business--Tenth Month, 21, 2007

Peace & Social Concerns--Tom Jackson's film *Out of Balance*, on the subject of climate change is tentatively scheduled for November 16. (*Ed. note: no longer tentative: see article last page of this newsletter.*) State Senator Peggy Rotundo was an informative speaker at the recent meeting of MCFPP (Maine Committee on Friends Public Policy). Her reported remarks on the question of Native American casino gambling on the November ballot prompted a lively discussion among us. Carmen Lavertu will hang the "Torture Is Wrong" banner on the meetinghouse railing. Friends have not yet found unity as to whether it should be removed for some occasions.

Ministry & Counsel--The date will soon be announced for the film *The Next Industrial Revolution*, about the birth of a sustainable economy through the green movement. Andy Burt is consulting on this project. The committee continues to work on plans for its Winter Series on the subject of Quaker spirituality.

First-Day School--Karen Cadbury reported her committee's difficulties with lack of children and lack of committee participation. A concern was raised for lack of volunteers to go out with children when they arrive unexpectedly. Friends encouraged the committee to have curriculum and materials prepared, so a potential volunteer need not be prepared in advance. They encouraged the committee to enlist stand-by volunteers from the broader meeting in advance. The need for the meeting to focus on attracting young families was reiterated.

Meetinghouse & Grounds--Work has begun on parking-lot lighting. Repairs to the ramp and porches have been made, and the railing extension is complete. According to a report by Steve Gorry and Paul Diamond, "The committee is still seeking to minimize our carbon footprint while balancing immediate needs of the building and grounds with continuing respect to the budget." Immediate needs remaining include freeze protection and furnace-overheat protection. The committee will initiate a "Frosty, Tender Tush-Cushion Project."

Gifts & Leadings--Friends will please note the list of contact people for each type of volunteer support needed by the meeting during 2008. Please contact that person if you have questions or are led to volunteer. There is particular need for volunteers to serve on Ministry & Counsel.

Hospitality--Help is needed on Saturday, November 3, when we will host Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. Ronda Nichols and Kathie Gass need assistance with inter-generational activities, and Hospitality needs sign-ups for food contributions on the list in circulation. (*Ed. note: Please see article in last month's newsletter.*)

Announcements--Friends are urged not to miss Quarterly Meeting November 2-3 at our meetinghouse. The program will center on Friends United Meeting (FUM), its many worthy projects and the issue surrounding its personnel policy.

The next monthly meeting for business will be on Sunday, November 18, at the rise of meeting.

QUERIES: Meeting Business

Are meetings for business held in a spirit of worship and prayerful search for the way of Truth? Are all members encouraged to use their talents in the service of the meeting? Do you undertake your proper share of the work and financial support of the meeting?



UPDATE: Sally Wood

Sally Wood is comfortable and settled in Hospice House in Charlottesville, VA. She moved there in mid-October. The Charlottesville Meeting is very caring and supportive and had a meeting for worship in her room recently. She loves hearing from friends. Her address is Hospice House, 501 Park St., Charlottesville, VA 22901.

THINK GLOBALLY, ACT (AND EAT!) LOCALLY

Dandelion Spring Farm is excited to offer locally grown root crops and fruit to our community, November through March, through a Winter Roots and Fruits Community Supported Agriculture package.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) refers to the direct relationship established between a grower of food and a consumer. The Dandelion Spring Winter CSA is a CSA in the truest form because as a member, you will be supporting a community of agricultural producers. The Winter Roots and Fruits will come from a collection of certified organic farms all local to Maine. Share pick-up will be the third weekend of each month, with a delivery

to the meetinghouse if there is enough interest. With share size based on a two-person household, cost of the five-month season is \$400 (\$10 per week per person). If this sounds like too much, consider sharing a box with a friend!

Dandelion Spring Farm, based in Washington, is run by Beth Schiller, a former Meeting attendee, who has been producing MOFGA-certified organic produce in the Midcoast for five seasons. With the first delivery scheduled for November 19th, please contact Beth at 380-4199 as soon as possible to reserve a spot. (You may also call her for more information or to request a brochure.)

ADVICES--Meeting Business: In meetings for business, and in all duties connected with them, seek again the leadings of the Light; let our utterances be brief and without repetition. Let us keep from obstinacy and from harshness of tone or manner and admit the possibility of being in error. In all the affairs of the meeting community, let us proceed in a peaceable spirit, with forbearance and warm affection for each other.

~PASSAGES~

Trudell "Trudy" (Green) Brown, 87, of Tiverton, Massachusetts, formerly of Camden for 20 years, passed away on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at the Sarah S. Brayton Nursing Care Facility in Fall River, Mass. Trudy was the wife of James P. Brown--they married September 18, 1948, in the old Merion, Pennsylvania meetinghouse. Many years ago, Jim and Trudy helped start the summer meetings for worship at the Children's Chapel in Rockport and kept those meetings going until they moved to Rhode Island in 2003.

A birthright Quaker, Trudy was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, graduated from Friends Central Academy, earned a B.A. in history from William & Mary College and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and then worked for several years in a Philadelphia law firm. Ever the student, she returned to school after marrying and raising her children, earning a master's degree in library sciences and then working as a school librarian. In addition to living in Connecticut, Maine, and Rhode Island, Trudy lived with her family in Delhi and Calcutta, India.



Trudy loved opera, literature, and gardening, and many remember her as a regular swimmer at the Camden Y in the winter and the waters around Camden in the summer. Her son Clem tells us that Jim and Trudy "celebrated their 59th anniversary together a little over a week before she passed away, together looking through a photograph album of the marriage ceremonies and remembering the faces of friends and family long gone." Trudy is survived by her husband, Jim, her sons Clement and Matthew, her brothers Stanley Green and David Holland, as well as three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial for Trudy at the Children's Chapel next summer, on Sunday, June 15, during meeting for worship, 9-10 a.m. Memorial donations in her memory can be made to Coastal Family Hospice Volunteers, 4 Glen Cove Dr., Rockland, ME, 04841. Correspondence to Jim should be addressed to: Jim Brown, Sakonnet Bay Manor, 1215 Main Rd., Apt. 451, Tiverton, RI 02878.

From Peace & Social Concerns: *Out of Balance*



On Friday, November 16, PS&C will be hosting a potluck, showing a film, and providing a forum for discussion with the film's director. The new documentary *Out of Balance: ExxonMobil's Impact on Climate Change* is an exposé of the oil giant with a particular focus on the company's influence on the US government and public, delaying action against climate change.

Out of Balance looks at the history of the company, showing a pattern of behavior that goes all the way back to Standard Oil days, through the response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill, to its current refusal to take action against climate change. Leading climate scientists and environmentalists join with a former Exxon executive, a US government whistle-blower, and leading authors to explain how we have gotten to this challenging place, with the climate and the influence of the world's largest company out of balance. They conclude with hope and ideas for immediate action.

Director Tom Jackson will join Midcoast Friends and interested members of the public at the meetinghouse on November 16. There will be a potluck supper beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by the film at 7:00, with discussion afterward. For more information about *Out of Balance*, visit the website www.worldoutofbalance.org, the Joe Public Films site at www.joepublicfilms.com, or the MySpace site www.myspace.com/joepublicfilms.