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Walking Cheerfully

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Sydney Bailey's 1993 Swarthmore Lecture recognises some common themes running through the Quaker peace testimony summarised as (1) the refusal to kill, (2) relief of suffering and (3) responding to the call to be peacemakers by building the institutions of peace and removing the causes of war.

In essence though it is about the vocation God has given to us to be peacemakers who (to borrow some words from Margaret Fell) profoundly seek that "others' feet may walk in the same".

'Why I am still a Pacifist', Tim Gee.

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Introductory words to Unley Symphony Orchestra concert, 13th August, 2023.

Peter Webb

The late-18th century German poet, playwright, and philosopher, Johann Friedrich Schiller, once said, "It is a responsibility given to artists to be the guardians of human dignity."

Human dignity worldwide is being shockingly violated by deceit, greed, violence, the lust for power, and the loss of standards of respect, compassion, trust, and truth.

We of the Unley Symphony Orchestra take very seriously our responsibility as artists to safeguard human dignity.

The making of beautiful music highlights that which is innately noble, fine, and true in the human spirit.

It enables us to reach beyond ourselves; and it strives to bring back into balance, if only in a small way, the excesses of our increasingly Orwellian world.

For the next two hours or so we will try to create beautiful things. Perhaps we will manage, even if only a little, to inject some human dignity back into a world in which such dignity seems to be quickly disappearing.

Thoughts on the New Year

Charles Stevenson

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose say the French. The more things change the more it is the same. Certainly we will have more of the same in the new year. The politicians will sometimes get it right, sometimes they will leave us aghast. The environment will continue to be the urgent preoccupation of our age. It will bring consternation as governments prevaricate. What will happen to the island of plastic somewhere in the Pacific? There will be grassroots activity, demonstrations as well as local initiative. War, and greed will continue to cause untold, misery, exploitation, and poverty. "there is nothing new under the sun." Wrote Ecclesiastes thousands of years ago.

There will be the unexpected. That is an essential part of the unknown, "The things that are presence through their absence" as Rumi the Sufi mystic wrote. And in these muddied waters we will need to live adventurously, to walk cheerfully over the world.

I know I flout true Quaker simplicity when I acknowledge that I like the fireworks that bring in the New Year. I realised this on the occasion we watched fireworks over Edinburgh Castle. The skies were momentarily filled with spectacular splendour, joy, and excitement, heralding the inborn optimism of human nature. Gone for the moment were the hideous side of things. Those radiant patterns suggested to me George Fox's infinite ocean of light and love that flows over the ocean of darkness?

As I further contemplate the future it is Whittier's poem, 'the Eternal Goodness' that for me expresses the heart of our faith. "I know not what the future hath of marvel or surprise". What ever befalls us we are in the hands of this Eternal Goodness. This same goodness will continue to flourish "in quiet processes in small circles". This goodness is the heart of the Christian faith. Indeed, it is emphasised by all religions or none. Why do we have New Year resolutions. Is it to give purpose? what better resolution than to put faith in this Eternal Goodness.

Yearly Meeting 2024

6-13th July, West Beach, Adelaide.

This residential Yearly Meeting is to be held at the Sea Rescue Headquarters with accommodation for Friends in twelve shacks at The Retreat, and a packed lunch and dinner at the Westward Ho Golf Club.

Most formal sessions and some preparatory sessions will take place in the Sea Rescue building. Friends can choose to attend in person or in-line. Some sessions may be hybrid

Accommodation at The Retreat is in well-designed, comfortable holiday homes, called Shacks. Some of the Shacks are wheelchair accessible. All have well equipped kitchens which are perfect for self-catering. All have two bedrooms with either one king-size bed or two or three single beds. It is possible to register for your own bedroom or to share with one or two others. A single bedroom will be more expensive than one which is shared. Friends can choose to self-cater, or they can register for a take-away lunch at The Retreat and for dinner at the Golf Club nearby. Westward Ho Golf Club will be catering for vegetarian, gluten free and diabetic diets. Friends with less usual diets will need to self-cater. Friends are asked to organise their own breakfast. There is a bus stop close to the entrance to The Retreat

On Wednesday, in the middle of Yearly Meeting, there will be an afternoon for rest or a range of excursions.

As Junior young Friends and children have not had an opportunity to meet face to face at a Yearly Meeting for five years the organising committee feel it is very important to encourage as many families to come to Yearly Meeting as possible. All children and JYFs will be free. This includes all costs of food and accommodation.

A camp for Junior Young Friends has been organised at the Woodhouse Activity Centre at Mt Lofty. The camp will begin on the second day of Yearly Meeting, Sunday 7th July, and conclude on Thursday the 11th. In residence with the JYFs will be Tracy Bourne and Andy Bray, who are well known to Friends. Also in residence will be Mandy and Bruce Macky, who, experienced Guide/Scout leaders, are known and trusted by South Australian Friends. Both Bruce Macky and Vanny Irakoze (a member of Adelaide Eastern Suburbs Meeting) are qualified chefs.

The children's program will take place at the Poolside Room at The Retreat, which is a spacious area with a playground close by. It will be staffed by two qualified childcare workers who have been engaged from 9am until 5.30 each day. Friends who have a South Australian Working with Children Check are welcome to help and spend time with the children, particularly over the lunch period. Additional activities will be offered to the children by Friends. Childcare will be available during the Backhouse Lecture.

If you have any questions about YM24, contact Jo Jordan josephinaj@icloud.com or Topsy Evans topsy104@icloud.com

It is hoped that all South Australian and Northern Territory Friends will consider attending the Yearly Meeting. They should contact the Regional Meeting clerk about possible financial assistance.



The final meeting of the committee members of Churches Together SA, held in December. Our two Quaker representatives, Jenny Stock and Jo Jordan are in the front row.

WHITHER CHURCHES TOGETHER?

Charles Stevenson.

Churches Together as the Council of Churches has been known in its last two or three years has come to a sudden end as we know it. The Heads of Churches Committee (HoCC) is to take over its role. Finance is the problem. The churches find that they cannot keep up their financial commitment. The secretary, Anne Hewitt (an ordained minister of the Uniting Church), has done an outstanding job, helped ably by her creative assistant, Emma Stephenson. Their appointment was ended rather abruptly just before Christmas.

Jenny Stock writes: “The HoCC is being asked to assume only *some* of the CTA functions, and most of us are dubious about their willingness or ability to fulfil the more grass-roots ecumenical functions. Heads of hierarchical churches, in particular, have no problem 'speaking (their) truth to power', but may have less interest in investing in the sort of low-key co-operative liaising that our previous Executive officers have been so good at.”

The Council of Churches has had an inspiring history in South Australia. It was founded in June 1896, having observed with a bit of envy what the newly formed Council was doing in Victoria. Its aim in Adelaide was to present one united voice to parliament. At the inaugural meeting they lauded the fact that in Sydney the churches had untied together to defeat a bill “which would practically make Sunday a Continental day.” Such a Council in Adelaide “would help God's work and bring about a healthy influence. Such a body might have something to say on the drink and gambling questions, and pernicious literature.”

The initiative to form the South Australian Council sprang from the Baptist Union. The other churches to join were the Congregational Union, the Presbyterian Church, the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, the Bible Christian Conference, and the Primitive Methodist Conference— All this was reported in the *South Australian Register* for 6th June

1896. According to the census for this period these churches represented about half the population of South Australia!

It is doubtful whether any one in the present day Council would support the issues of those times; but that is how the evangelical churches thought in those days. In fact there are those today who, understandably, do not want to acknowledge the earlier Council. But that ignores the rather exciting reinvention of the Council on several occasions. In any case it was a small beginning. It seems that the Churches of Christ joined soon after. Of course the three Methodist Churches (Bible Christians, Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists) united in 1900. It seems that the Society of Friends and the Salvation Army joined the Council in 1906.

The Society of Friends had a moderating influence on the Council. Its first representative was Thomas Binns Robson (for many years the clerk of the Monthly (now Regional Meeting). He appealed to the Council, unsuccessfully, to follow "Christ's teaching against militarism in any form." His daughter-in-law, A. Catherine Robson, was perhaps the first woman to serve on the Council. She came from the well known Fryer family. From 1925 until his death in 1944 J. Raymond Wilton represented Friends. He had the distinction of being the only person to serve twice as president, first in 1927, then by default in 1935 when the president died, and as the vice-president, Wilton took over.

In 1926 the Council began its first reinvention, with a new constitution that aimed for more interdenominational interaction, and seeking a spiritual unity of the Christian church. It was a time of exciting change. There was influence from the already interdenominational organisations: the Student Christian Movement, and the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Yet, there were still aspects which the present day Council would deplore. The prime example was the furore when the University of Adelaide, for its jubilee thanksgiving service, handed the arrangements to the Church of England. Hadn't the university been founded on the generosity of protestants, said the aggrieved council! Though Friends undoubtedly had a moderating influence on the Council, particularly against Sunday observance, and Sunday trading, they were unable to have the abolition of capital punishment accepted.

There were men on the Council (hardly any women in those days) who were large-hearted and concerned for interdenominational dialogue. This happened in 1948 when the Council was again reinvented when the World Council of Churches was finally established. Now the Council became ecumenical. It became far more representative with the entry of the Orthodox Churches, the Church of England, the Lutheran Church, and finally the Catholic Church. The Council is the antithesis of the Christian Lobby of the evangelical churches. A fine procession of both men and women of each of the representative denominations have contributed much to the influence of the Council. In these later years Michael Tolley and Jenny Stock have been notable and long-standing Quaker representatives.

The Council of Churches in its almost oblivious 130 years of existence in South Australia is a stirring example of how each generation must find for itself what the values are that speak to their age. Today we welcome diversity and acknowledge the differing emphases of each church, indeed of each faith.

Quaker Peace and Legislation Committee (QPLC) Action

QPLC has issued an Action Alert on Immigration Detention. The High Court has overturned the indefinite detention policy of successive governments, leading Parliament to quickly devise strict restrictions for released detainees. The repercussions of this decision are yet to unfold, potentially prompting more legal challenges. Issues of mistreatment of asylum seekers and refugees persist, with ongoing calls for more humane policies.

Friends are encouraged to seek opportunities to work with others to

- build campaigns for re-creating an environment based on justice and peace;
- remind political candidates of the importance of ethical standards and integrity in public life;
- support those journalists, whistleblowers and commentators who are willing to investigate and report on what is happening;
- make contact with asylum seekers and refugees in our own neighbourhoods to listen to their stories and advocate on their behalf where possible and appropriate.

The Mini Yearly Meeting

This was held at the end of January at the time when it is necessary for Standing Committee to present the accounts at an annual general meeting. All those who participated in the event spoke highly of its success. Friends in South Australia were particularly pleased with Restina Nininahazwe who presented the report for the SA-NT Regional Meeting.

ESSENTIAL READING

Streamlines is the weekly news and stories from Friends in Australia. It contains vital information about the activities of the various Yearly Meeting committees.

Quake is another important weekly newsletter published on-line by Britain Yearly meeting. It is one of the best sources for reading about the Israeli-Palestine conflict, as well as the celebration activities for the 400th anniversary of the birth of George Fox.

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC).

The FWCC world plenary is to be held in South Africa near Johannesburg 5th to 12 August 2024. The theme is living the spirit of Ubuntu, responding with hope to God's call to care for creation and one another. Ubuntu refers to the deeply held belief, morality, and custom that each person is worthy of being recognised, respected and heard, and that we, as human beings are all interdependent. The Conference is to be held for Friends from around the world in person and online. The conference languages will be English Spanish and Swahili. Information can be seen from the FWCC world office site.

Reflecting on a Quaker Education: Outgoing Principal shares gratitude and insights

Nelson File

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It was February 1973, when I stepped foot for the first time into a classroom at a Quaker school – Abington Friends, school, just outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Unlike Australia, February is the second half of a school year in the United States, so I was really the new kid on the block, joining the school in the middle the first year.

Despite being born and raised in a Quaker family, none in our immediate family attended Quaker schools. During 1970 and 1973, Philadelphia Public School teachers were on repeated strikes. Subsequently, my parents were desperate to get my brother and me back in school, after having our education repeatedly and for extended periods, interrupted. Byberry Monthly Meeting, the Meeting our family had been in continuous membership since its inception in 1683, agreed to provide some financial assistance for my brother and me to leave public education and embark upon our Quaker education. My brother (who was three years older than me) was admitted to George School (north of Philadelphia) and I was enrolled in Abington Friends School (AFS). Not ideal for my parents, but somehow they made it all work.

When I entered AFS, it was a very different setting from the public school, I had been attending. From a city school with 1200 Year seven students to a suburban school with beautiful green grounds and mature trees surrounding the school was quite a change. There were 46 students in my year group – 27 girls and 19 boys. What a difference. What struck me most, however, and what I remember most is the caring relationships the teachers had with the students. The high expectations in the relaxed atmosphere, was immediately evident, with the understanding that everyone was supposed to live up to that which is inside them, to do their best.

What I see here at the Friends' School, where I am completing my journey in Quaker education, is a set of very similar relationships between students and staff. A relaxed, learning atmosphere, full of high expectations that enable students and staff to be their most authentic selves.

We all know the best schools (Quaker or otherwise) are developed through the strong relationships that exist within them – students/students, student/staff, staff/parents, staff/staff. Unless these relationships exist in atmosphere of kindness, common purpose, and a caring community, people are not able to feel in enough of a safe place, develop and grow as they should.

My family and I have been blessed with the opportunities we have had living in different regions of the world and learning about those places and cultures while working in those locations for extended periods of time. Professionally, my family and I have lived and worked in New Delhi, India, (11 years), Muscat, Oman (9 years) and now here in Hobart for 11 years. Now I am returning to an America that is a very different place from where we left 32 years ago.

As I reflect back on my life as a student, starting at Abington Friends School more than 50 years ago, and my life here as the principal at the Friends' School, I realise how fortunate I have been. For me, the Purpose and Concerns sums up Quaker education better

than any other school Quaker school document I have come across. “We seek to help our students develop as people who will think clearly, act with integrity, make decisions for themselves, be sensitive to the needs of others and the environment, be strong in service and hold a global perspective.”

The goal of all Quaker schools across the world is to help develop students into positive, contributing members of society - to build a better world. towards that goal and live in that sort of world?

It has been both heartening and gratifying to see staff, students and the wider Friends’ School community lives out the purpose and concerns. A Quaker saying that comes to mind is let your lives speak. As I have said before, some find that sentence a bit daunting. In reality, we all let our lives speak every day through the choices we make, and how we live our lives. For me, I think it asks each of us to be a bit more conscious of how we choose to live our lives – in modern parlance – to be mindful of the choices we make, – both larger choices, and the daily was.

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to share a warm and deeply felt sense of gratitude to the entire Friends’ School community. My time at the Friends’ School has been a fulfilling and joyous period in my life, littered with challenges, successes and friendships. Thank you.

With friendship, Nelson

BOOK REVIEWS

Animal Liberation Now by Peter Singer, 2023

Wendy Hartley

Forget bucolic images of animals grazing on farms in green paddocks as portrayed in children’s books. Meat for your dinner plate now comes from factory farms in mega agribusiness where only profit matters. Globally, 50 billion animals are slaughtered annually. It’s not just how the animals are slaughtered; it’s their cruel living conditions. (Watch a couple of YouTubes). Hence, the title of this book.

Peter Singer relates how farmers cram animals for life in tiny cages, mutilate horns and tails, separate mothers immediately from newborn offspring, and selectively breed monstrosities. Maximum profit in the minimum time. Chickens in 1925 took 16 weeks to weigh 1.1 kg; now, in 5-7 weeks they weigh 2.9 kg. The introduction to this book written by Yuval Harari states “Animals are the main victims of history and the treatment of domesticated animals [now treated as cogs] in industrial farms is perhaps the worst crime in history.”

This book is a completely rewritten edition of the famous 1975 Animal Liberation. Melbourne philosopher Peter Singer first made people aware of the sentience of the animal world, and its suffering because of speciesism — the assumption of human superiority, leading to the exploitation of animals. Genesis: “[Let man] have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth.” Peter writes, p 178, “It is easy to take a stand against bullfighting in Spain, eating dogs in South Korea, kangaroo shoots in Australia, the Canadian seal slaughter or the bloody massacre of dolphins in Japan, but we reveal our

real values when the issue comes into our own home.” Unfortunately organically raised animals are slaughtered in the same way as factory animals. He states it’s nearly impossible to be a conscientious omnivore, ie learning exactly how your dinner meat has been raised. About 15% of annual global greenhouse emissions come from livestock, about the same amount as from the transport sector. And so much land is needed for growing grain and soy for animals, (whose digestive systems prefer grass) that it drives deforestation.

This is a disturbingly important book. I could not read chapter 2, which details the many millions of different species of animals used for a whole range of experiments annually, for big corporation R and D.

Fortunately, there is some good news. Some veal stalls, sow stalls and battery cages have stopped. Some major fashion brands don’t use fur, pâté de fois gras is banned in some places, glue traps are used less, and fewer animals are used to test new cosmetics. New Zealand is stopping export of live animals this year.

As public awareness changes buying habits, big business has to follow, hence the importance of education and books like this. And worry not, if you really like eating meat, you might think of discontinuing beef and salmon, for environmental and efficiency reasons.

You can read about Peter Singer on wiki. He is a very inspirational human being. Available from your library or a very brave birthday present choice. Feedback welcome, Wendy Hartley wjh2810@gmail.com

Phosphorescence, on awe, wonder and things that sustain you when the world goes dark, and Bright Shining, how grace changes everything, both by Julia Baird, available from your library.

Wendy Hartley

With everything going on in the world-finite relationships, fraying health, fragile economies, a planet in peril,- how do we find, nurture, and carry our own living, inner light-a light to ward off the darkness? People wrote to Julia to “tell me they had read [the book] to dying relatives, spied it in hospitals, asked to be buried with it. It’s an incredible privilege to be with people in some way at those times.”

These books tell of many brave stories to stay alive in the face of extreme odds, and stories of doing more to help people, including small acts of kindness to strangers. In other words, letting your light shine, whatever, and whenever.

I found Phosphorescence a wonderfully thoughtful book, looking with wonder at nature, regarding each other with reverence, and including opportunities to increase our sense of awe, sharing, and giving without thought of results. One of the chapters is called Letter to a



young woman, which I think should be a compulsory handout to every girl entering her teens.

Bright Shining approaches even more difficult and traumatic topics, like put-downs of capable women at work, the stolen generation, surviving extreme sickness, approaching the unforgivable, and restorative justice. These are big areas, approached with excellent research and depth, with the view of coming to terms with the situation by extending the balm of grace, to find healing and a sense of closure and even peace.

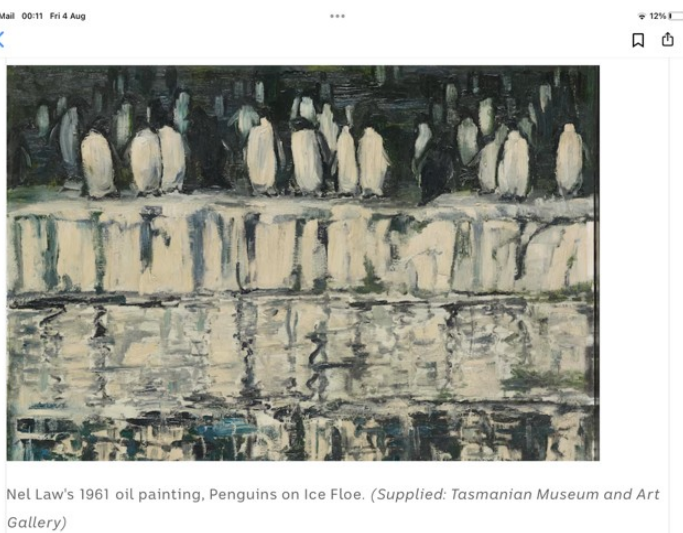
These strong books, written passionately and truthfully by an Australian from her lived experience, have had a big effect on me. I am willingly changing my approach to awareness, receptivity and respect, my attitude to giving, and a revised look at my place in the big scheme of things.

I feel these comments are inadequate given the scope of these books. My opinion is that they are Julia Baird's magnum opuses. There is more than something for everyone.

The art of breaking ice by Rachel Mead.

This book of historical fiction will interest Friends because it is about Wendy Hartley's aunt (Nel Law) who was the first woman from Australia to set foot in Antarctica in 1961.

Rachel Meade lives in the Adelaide hills published by Hachet 1923 price \$28.50



Gifts and Brush Tails

Margaret Hunter

In our family Christmas and birthdays are not celebrated, traditionally. We prefer happy un-Christmases and un-birthdays in giftgiving. You can have more of them, and they are always a surprise. The exception is my daughter who, despite living either interstate or overseas, tries valiantly to have a gift arrive for me close to the date as possible. Thus partakers at Adelaide Meeting morning teas have sometimes enjoyed superb chocolates to help me not overindulge. There have, at times been some presents, disappointing on arrival. Gifts of flowers ordered online have been somewhat chancy — marvellous or close to death. Recently, I have persuaded my daughter that, if she wants to send flowers, it might be better if I choose something local, very special (and extravagant) as a gift from her.

My most recent happy un-Christmas daughter's gift was a rosebush. While pottering over the discounted sick, \$1 plants at the hardware shop, I had stolen a glance at the rose section. Healthy if out of season for planting. As much for conversation, as a pre-purchase enquiry,

I asked your assistant did they stock a bush rose, Mister Lincoln, a popular, and hardy bush rose, which flourished in my son's garden. Her reply stunned me, "we could put a request into our suppling nursery. Go inside to 'special orders'". Now my understanding of this section of the hardware shop was that is where one ordered such things as a complete kitchen, after complicated, pre-planning with staff. Curious, I fronted up to the counter, and, straight-faced, ordered, a Mister Lincoln, red rosebush. My details were taken, and I meandered off, imagining I might possibly be contacted next winter, the proper time for rose planting. A couple of days later, a message came. "Your rosebush has arrived. Could you please collect it." This needed immediate action, as I did not think I could reply on non-gardening section staff to water a potted rosebush.

My Mister Lincoln turned out to be a large, very large and a very well developed, prickly potted plant. Both buses I needed to get myself, and Mister Lincoln, home, were somewhat crowded, which made for a tricky trip, but we made it, despite its gross suitability as a lap parcel. In emailing family members about my wonderful gift, my skill at miss typing resulted in emails, accidentally naming the plant "Jim".

At home, Jim, very quickly acclimatised, and sent forth wonderful deep red blooms, which I photographed to email to my daughter to assure her that she had given me a superb but inedible gift, which keeps on giving.

Those of you who walk to Adelaide Meeting House have probably admired the Saint Marks College, yellow rose beds, and the deep red blooms in the Memorial Garden at the side of Saint Peters Cathedral. When for some time I endeavoured to develop the Quaker Meeting House, gardens, I was thwarted by numerous factors, central to which was the voracious appetite of the local Brush Tailed possums. The cheeky beggars would prance along the top of the fence between the Meeting House courtyard, and the Cathedral ... in broad daylight, and still do. The fence is a possum highway. And they did have an appetite for almost every type of plant I tried. Wow! Traditional possum deterrents proved useless. Maybe this area of Adelaide has a low fox population, perhaps training a Marema Shepherd dog would have worked! To my chagrin the Cathedral roses always seemed off-limits to these hungry varmints.

As usual, this year, the Cathedral roses have bloomed spectacularly, ... and the possums still promenade. The rose blooms look very similar to my Jim's. Curious, I kept popping around the Cathedral before and after Quaker Meeting, but either a service was in progress, or the ornate doors were firmly locked. Tenacious for quenching my curiosity, I emailed the Cathedral, asking the name of their Memorial Garden roses, and I asked were any special measures taken to dissuade the possums from munching the blooms.

The answer came as follows:

"Dear Margaret possums may be among God's creatures, but we are not fond of them. Their main objective seems to be chewing on any exposed wire they can find, and all our attempts possum proofing have failed.

"We are constantly amazed that the Memorial Garden flowers seem to escape their attention. It is a minor blessing.

"The roses there are a unique breed named for Canon. Robert Ray and his late wife, Phillipa. Canon Ray was the bishop's Vicar in the 70s and 80s and Mrs Ray presided over the flower guild for generations. The rose was created by crossing seeds from a couple of the rose bushes in their garden. I cannot speak to the possum-proof qualities, but they seem to be substantial.

Sincerely, Peter Burton Cathedral Administrator."

SILVER WATTLE QUAKER CENTRE COURSES

Harvest festival. 23-27 February.

Come and help us harvest and preserve fruit and vegetables from the Silver Wattle garden & orchard. Learn about food preserving techniques and experience the joy of eating food from paddock to plate in good company.

Donations are encouraged to cover costs, up to \$110/ day.

Quaker Basics Online Sat, Mar 30, 2024 3:30 PM Sat, May 25, 5:00 PM

Led by Sheila Keane

The course comprises 9 weekly Zoom sessions, Saturdays 3:30-5:00pm (AEST) from 30th March through 25th May 2024. Zoom sessions are supplemented with readings and guest presentations. Topics include: Exploring the Light, Experience of Early Friends, Heart and Mind Prepared, Meeting for Worship, Your Voice in the Meeting, Leadings & Discernment, Testimony, How Quakers are Organised, and Membership.

You will be buddied up with 3 or 4 others in a group which will stay together through the entire course. You can be randomly allocated to a group or choose specific people for your group if you prefer. We ask for a commitment to attend all nine sessions for the sake of the group.

This course is suitable for newer attenders and inquirers as well as experienced Friends who are seeking a re-grounding in Quakerism.

For more information contact Sheila.Keane@silverwattle.org.au

Cost is \$90 for this 9 week online course. All reading materials are provided free online

Artists Retreat

Tue, Apr 30, 2024 4:30 PM Mon, May 6, 2024 12:30 PM

This retreat is for anyone who would like to be creative. The intention is to create a space that is supportive and nurturing to all, with time to focus on Spirit and Nature, to reflect on your creative practice and to rest in the Spirit knowing you are enough. We will immerse ourselves in the Country and the Spirit to be inspired to create. Some collaboration and sharing may occur as guided by the Divine.

Limit 12 participants.

Cost \$720 single room/ \$550 per person twin share (COVID restrictions may apply)

Additional fee of \$20 for art supplies

Barbara Huntington is a textile artist living at Fishermans Reach NSW

Brenda Roy is a Quaker, gratefully living in Perth..

Jen Newton lives in Mount Stuart.

Thriving Through Crisis: Restoring the land and relationships in a world of crises and conflicts Fri, Sep 13, 2024 3:30 PM Thu, Sep 19, 2024 2:00 PM

Led by Helen Gould, Arthur Wells and Rowe Morrow

In this time of climate catastrophe and the threat of pandemics, many of us are fearful. But we can find meaning in suffering, develop resilience and make choices about how to reduce ecoside and bring healing to the world.

**anger has dissolved
and all that's left in dying
is awareness of love**

Robin Sinclair

Meetings for Worship

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide: 11 am every Sunday.

Friends Meeting House, 40a Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide.

11.am New ALM Zoom Link. (Please use Chrome search engine for zoom to work best)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82235948640?pwd=cGdWM1NhNFRydXNFd3BMc0FyRE5hZz09>

ID: 822 3594 8640 Password: 521708

Clerk: Geoff Greeves.

Fellowship of Healing: in recess

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Meeting House bookings: RMSANTBookings@quakersaustralia.info

Eastern Suburbs: 10 am every Sunday. Leabrook Guide Hall, Rochester St., Leabrook .

Zoom link every 2nd and last Sunday of the month.

Clerk: Elizabeth Magarey 041 8895 955. WMSEastern@quakersaustralia.info

Fleurieu: 11 am second Sunday of each month. Contact: Chris Collins 0407 049 535

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Hills: 10.30 am second Sunday of each month. Various venues.

Contact: Robin Sinclair 0418 908 163 WMSHills@quakersaustralia.info

Southern: Third Sunday of month. Contact: Barbara Talbot

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NORTHERN TERRITORY

Alice Springs: 4 pm every Sunday at Campfire in the Heart, Ragnesi Road, Alice Springs.

Contact Robyn Carey 0417 808 835 WMSAlice@quakersaustralia.info

Darwin: 4.45 pm first & third Sunday of each month. Salvation Army Community Centre. Cnr Lee Point Rd & Yanyula Dr., Anula, Darwin.

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REGIONAL MEETING.

Business meetings: 1 pm first Sundays of February, April, June, August, October, December.

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