



Las Cruces Friends Meeting Newsletter September 2015

Friendly Words:

"Sometimes we must leave our fixed abode and become sojourners in uncertainty. We need to learn that no one place, however hallowed our memories, is more holy than any other. The earth is the Lord's – the whole earth. Wherever we go, God is with us."
-- Elizabeth Watson (*Nine Contemporary Quaker Women Speak*)

Calendar

Friday Sept 4th – Timer Meeting – a chance to share with others at the home of the Browns at 3:30 PM

Sunday Sept 6th – Meeting for Worship 10 am
Peace Social and Environmental Concerns Committee meets following rise of Meeting. Tom Vaughan will join us to talk about FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation).

Wednesday Sept 9th – Ministry and Oversight will meet at 10 a.m. at Lynda Goin and David Richman's house, 304 Calle Florista in Las Cruces.
If you've got something you'd like M & O to take up, please let Al Galves know.

Sunday Sept 13th – Meeting for Worship 10 am
Potluck following rise of Meeting and Send off for Dave Richman and Lynda Goin on their move to Washington state.

Friday Sept. 19th - Timer Meeting – a chance to share with others at the home of the Browns at 3:30 PM

Sunday Sept. 20th – Meeting for Worship 10 am
Meeting for worship with attention to business
International Day of Peace Vigil at park by the library at 5 pm.

Sunday Sept. 27th – Meeting for worship 10 am

Friday Oct 2nd - Timer Meeting – a chance to share with others at the home of the Browns at 3:30 PM

Sunday Oct. 4th – Meeting for Worship 10 am

Peace Social and Environmental Concerns Committee meets following rise of Meeting.

COMMUNITY NOTES:

From Susan Tweit:

My news is that I've been invited to participate in the Southwest Fiesta of the Written Word in early October, so I'll be in Silver City Oct 2 - 4 for the Festival, and speaking at the Seedboat Gallery there on Saturday, Oct 3rd with another author, Susan Zakin. Fellow Quaker Sharman Russell will be our host, and I'm really looking forward to seeing Sharman and spending some time in Silver City again. Unfortunately, my itinerary takes me west from there to teach at another writing conference in Oregon, so I won't be able to come to Cruces. Another trip...



Queen Butterfly



Western Tanager

From David Richman:

I've been going on birding hikes early in the morning, usually on off days and usually by myself, although occasionally one of my watercolor artist buddies accompanies me (I of course would prefer that Lynda was there, as she has been in the past, but it is better to let her sleep and she never did like to be up too early.) In solitude I have a connection with the environment that is I think my sort of meditation. I take photographs, not just of birds, but of anything that strikes me as interesting. Here are a few examples from the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park and Ice Canyon along the trail to Dripping Springs.

David and Jean Hansen:

Have made it to Iowa. Last Sunday the following article was in the Sun News with David Hansen mentioned a number of times.

Link to sun news article:

http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_28725742/nmsu-teams-up-university-arizona-train-mexican-universities

Christina Dragon:

This is from a notice Christina sent out to a number of friends and family.

As some of you may already know, I work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and as you may also know, there continues to be a terrible need for support staff in the Ebola response teams in West Africa. Given that some of my colleagues are being asked to leave their homes and families on third and fourth deployments, I decided to take stock of what is happening in life, and volunteer as well.

Considering the volatile and unfolding nature of an epidemic, my deployment post may change at the last minute. What I know so far is that I will be deployed to Freetown, Sierra Leone, to work in the Health Promotion and Education team. Hopefully, this means that even if I am in the field I will be staying in a hotel with electricity and running water. If I am deployed to a district I will likely not have electricity or running water for days at a time. I'll keep you posted as the adventure unfolds!

I will be deployed November 14 through January 25. Yes, I know I am missing all the holidays, but I will either try to visit everyone before I leave or when I get back, or both.



Al Jones and Dawn Byrum at the Gila Friends Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial on August 9th

ACTION MINUTES
FROM AUGUST MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS

- Miki has agreed to to clerk until April. **Approved** with gratitude
- The communications committee will gather information on the details of starting a forum.
Approved
- PSEC recommends that the meeting consider the use of the office space by Peace Village in exchange for cleaning or weeding. Recommended that Tim will discuss this possibility with the Peace Village council. **Approved**
- Al will also discuss the possibility of hiring someone to pull the weeds with B&G, **Approved**



From Erica Samuel in Colorado Rocky Mtn. National Park