



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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April 2014 NEWSLETTER

Every truth enters the world divided into its half truths.

Robert Musil

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 3rd Month, 9, 2014

1. Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30 AM after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Dawn Atwater, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Deborah Cox, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Leigh Anne Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Robert Gladney, Marsie Hawkinson, Thomas Kuntz, Bill Lane, Joyce Macijeski, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Candace Shattuck, Brian Shean, MK Shean, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Peggy Walbert, Meredith Watters, Rob Weiland, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Query; Additional Thoughts: The Third Query on Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education, read during meeting for worship received one additional comment during meeting for business.
4. Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: With the addition of Robert Gladney's name to the list of those attending, the minutes for meeting for business 2nd Month were approved.
5. Facilities Use Annual Report: The Facilities Use Annual Report is as follows:

There is a community need for use of Third Haven facilities by outside organizations. The Facilities Use Committee screens and coordinates requests as they occur. All Meeting activities take precedence over any non-meeting organization and each organization is required to abide by the policies stated in the Meeting directory. A Meeting member oversees each event. Reasons for applications are the sense of unity, tranquility and seeming remoteness projected by the property combined with being a central location.

During the past year the committee has approved rental for one wedding and one memorial service in the Brick Meetinghouse for persons not affiliated with the Meeting. Talbot County District Court Mediators, Talbot Partnership, The Society of Preservation of Maryland

Antiquities, Evergreen Cove, Channel Markers and Smart Recovery have used the Common Room for special meetings.

All organizations and individuals have universally expressed appreciation and gratitude for being allowed to hold events at Third Haven. We look foremost upon this as an outreach activity for the Meeting. There is no set fee for non-profits to use the facilities for a special meeting. Donations amounting to \$2040.00 have been received. Respectfully submitted, Ann Williams and Molly Bond

Although donations given to the Meeting are appreciated, a Friend from Property and Grounds reminded all present that our caretaker does not do a complete cleaning after each outside group meets in the Common Room. It is expected that groups using the Common Room will tidy up after themselves but it is not part of our caretaker's job to clean the restrooms and vacuum after every outside meeting is completed. So far, this has not been a big issue, but we need to remember that every time our building is used, we incur additional expenses in cleaning, utilities, and even in wear and tear to our driveway. We might want to address this issue in the future. The Meeting approved the committee's annual report after this discussion.

6. Property and Grounds: A Spring Clean-Up Day will take place on April 5th from 8am until completed. All are encouraged to attend and bring with them any of their favorite tools such as rakes or cleaning supplies. We will be tending to the interiors and exteriors of our buildings. The Easton Historical Commission has approved the railings for the Old Meeting House. The installation of the railings will start soon.

P&G will be removing the stakes placed around the OMH. These stakes have been in place for some time now and have been used to demonstrate possible choices for handicapped access to the building. The committee hopes to make good color photos showing several different angles of all three access options and will bring them to meeting for business when they are complete.

7. Charitable Contributions Ad Hoc Committee Report: The Ad Hoc committee formed at our last meeting for business met on 2/22/14 to discuss the way THFM makes decisions regarding charitable contributions. The committee's report is as follows:
THFM Charitable Contributions Ad Hoc Committee

The Task of the ad hoc committee is to clarify and simplify THF process of charitable giving.

Present: Mary Cotton, Molly Burgoyne, Ralph Young, Norval Thompson, Sumner Parker and Cynthia Quast.

THFM has had a history of a loosely constructed and overlapping process for charitable giving. Currently, we have four separate categories of charitable giving. These are our Donations line item in our annual budget, T&C annual budget, The Carriage Shed Sale, and the Shoffner International Education Fund.

1- The Donations Line Item of the Meetings Budget. The roughly \$2,000 we give yearly, is brought before Meeting to be approved. There has been a history of giving to Quaker organizations as well as local concerns but there are no clear guidelines for the decision process.

Usually, T&C develops the list of beneficiaries and brings this to Meeting as part of their annual report in November.

2- The T&C budget. This is a line item on the Meetings annual budget and is roughly \$1,500 annually. This fund is administered primarily at the committee's discretion to local and other concerns in accordance with Quaker principles. Examples of gifts administered by T&C are Migrant workers ministry, Talbot interfaith shelter and Good Samaritan Fund. T&C informs the Meeting of their disbursements but these items do not need Meeting approval.

3- The Carriage Shed Sale. This takes place usually on 18-month intervals. It typically produces about \$3-5000 that is usually divided among several gifting projects with some input from T&C, FDS and sometimes the CSS committee. The decision making process for these funds is not clear. In the recent past we have divided the proceeds among a Quaker, a local and an international organization.

4-The Shoffner Fund. This is a designated fund with special attention to world peace through international education. The fund's value is about \$12,000. It is invested with Friends Fiduciary Trust and produces about \$400-600 interest annually. There is a process, approved by Meeting that engages FDS and other designated committee members along with T&C, in choosing the recipients of these funds each year. This group is charged with donating 5% of the funds annually.

Once we defined these four categories, the committee began working on ways to simplify our process of dealing with donations. The committee recommends that T&C budget remain solely managed by T&C. Through their own committee process, they are in the best position to determine what their needs are and what emergency or discretionary needs others may have. Although we discussed ways to best streamline the other three areas, these ideas need further "fleshing out" and we ask the whole Meeting for input at this point. Since smaller, more focused group work seems to function well, we would like to suggest having another meeting together and invite others to join us. Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

Members raised several questions such as: do we give money to Good Sam Fund every year? how do we address any surplus money? how we decide who to give to? and do we need to give any donations at all? Some thoughts were shared that the next steps should be to clarify our decision making process especially as it pertains to the line item of "Donations" currently in our budget. Some Friends spoke of the importance of contributing yearly to Quaker organizations even if it is a nominal amount. A meeting of all involved with the Ad Hoc committee as well as all interested in this topic, is set for next First Day 3/16 after hospitality in the Common Room. The Clerk of Meeting, the assistant Clerk and the Clerk of B&F were asked to attend as well.

8. New Business: The Meeting thanked Joyce for her great job of library organization and Debbie for the new nametags. We are reminded that T&C will host a film, The House That I Live In at Talbot County Library on 3/31. All are welcome.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Facilities Use Annual Report approved

- Spring Clean-Up Day set for April 5th
- Initial report from Charitable Contributions Ad Hoc Committee given

News from the Scholarship Committee:

College-bound high school students are urged to consider attending colleges affiliated with the Religious Society of Friends. The following is a list of Quaker-affiliated colleges in the United States. Each college's web address is included. Additional information about some colleges is available from any member of the Scholarship Committee: Marsie Hawkinson, Pete Howell, Debbie Danser, Lorraine B. Claggett, Doreen Getsinger, Sumner Parker, Benita Cooper, Sally Vermilye or Erik Neil. Students are reminded that Third Haven awards twice as much financial aid to those who attend Quaker colleges.

QUAKER COLLEGES IN THE UNITED STATES

Barclay College, Haviland, Kansas. Associated with Friends Church, "Barclay College is an evangelical Friends school which accepts and embraces persons with evangelical Christian beliefs from a variety of denomination backgrounds." <http://www.barclaycollege.edu>

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Founded as a Quaker institution, now non-denominational. <http://www.brynmawr.edu>

Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. Affiliated with Western Yearly Meeting (FUM). <http://www.earlham.edu>

Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. Founded as a Quaker institution, now non-denominational with "an amicable but independent relationship with the Society of Friends" (EFCI). <http://www.friends.edu>

George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon. Affiliated with Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends (EFCI). <http://www.georgefox.edu/>

Global College. Founded as Friends World College by New York Yearly Meeting (Friends General Conference), now part of Long Island University and unaffiliated with Friends. <http://www.liunet.edu/Global>

Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina. Founded as a Quaker college. College draws on Quaker traditions, but no formal affiliation. <http://www.guilford.edu/>

Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania. Founded by members of the PYM, became part of the Orthodox PYM after the Hicksite-Orthodox schism. Remains rooted in Friends tradition and grounded in Quaker practice, but without formal affiliation. <http://www.haverford.edu/>

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland was founded by a Quaker and most early trustees were Quaker, but was always officially non-denominational. <http://www.jhu.edu/>

Malone University, Canton, Ohio. Sponsored by Evangelical Friends Church - Eastern Region (EFCI). <http://www.malone.edu/>

Shimer College, Chicago, Illinois. Governance & pedagogy is Quakerly but has no official affiliation with Friends. <http://www.shimer.edu/>

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Founded by Hicksite PYM, now independent. <http://www.swarthmore.edu/>

Whittier College, Whittier, California. Founded by Quakers, now secular and independent with "an appreciation for Quaker values." <http://www.whittier.edu/>

William Penn University, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Founded by Quakers, no formal affiliation. "The university is firmly rooted in its Christian heritage with certain characteristics distinctive to Quakers, but welcomes faculty, staff and students from all faiths." <http://www.wmpenn.edu/>

Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio. Founded by Quakers, associated with Wilmington Yearly Meeting (FUM). <http://www.wilmington.edu/>

Underground Railroad Field Trip

Sandra Herbert writes, "There will be an Underground Railroad Field Trip Saturday, April 12, 2014 which may interest some people of the meeting."

Between 1849 and 1860, Harriet Tubman, an escaped slave herself, made at least 13 trips south through Maryland's Eastern Shore to guide family and friends safely to freedom. Join Preservation Maryland members and friends on Saturday, April 12 as we explore some of the buildings that dotted the landscape in the 1850s as Harriet Tubman and other Underground Railroad conductors made their way through the region.

Local historian J.O.K. Walsh and Caroline County Tourism Director Kathy Mackel will be your guides on this day long bus trip. After departing from the Museum of Rural Life in Denton, some of your stops will include a visit to a Quaker meeting house, the cabin of a free African-American farmer, James H. Webb, and his enslaved wife (pictured above), and the pathways that Harriet Tubman likely traversed as she led the way along the road to freedom. Visit our Event Page for more information and to register! Its address is www.preservationmaryland.org

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

PYM news: Arthur Larrabee writes, "I am pleased to report to you that the yearly meeting has enjoyed two full years of fiscal stability each ending with a modest surplus. This has been accomplished thanks to prudent financial management, a concern for sustainable budgeting and generosity from Friends."

Announcements <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>
Calendar of Third Haven activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>
Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>
Username is 3rdhaven Password friends (all lower case)
We welcome notes, photos, questions and address information at 3rdhaven@gmail.com

April 4 (Friday) According to the **Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force**, slavery is “alive and well” in the US today including locally. Learn more by coming to hear activist Christine Dolan will speak on Friday, April 4th at 7:30pm. at Temple B'nai Israel (101 W. Earle Avenue in Easton MD.)

Christine Dolan is an Investigative Journalist and television producer. She has worked for ABC News, CNN as Political Director, owned an international policy series syndicated on PBS, and has covered human trafficking and terrorism worldwide for the last 14 years.

April 5 (Saturday) Spring Cleanup from 8 am until noon. Property and Grounds.

April 6 (Sunday) 11:45am: 2nd session of "The Essence of our Faith and Practice" Religious Education; "Testimonies, Witness and Action", presenter John Gallery. The Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) of Third Haven Friends Meeting, Easton MD, is offering a Quaker religious education program of presentations and discussions on "The Essence of our Faith and Practice". These sessions will provide presentations by leaders, and opportunities for reflection and discussion. They begin after the rise of meeting for worship and hospitality and a light lunch. Further in this series are:

April 27 (Sunday) Quaker Meeting as a Faith Community, Patty Levering
May 5 (Sunday) History and Beliefs of the Religious Society of Friends, Thomas Swain

First Day School: Upcoming lessons you don't want to miss. The FDS committee wishes to thank all the Meeting members who have so generously offered their time and talents to the young families of our Meeting. Susan Claggett, Clerk FDS

April 6- Cooking with Dawn Atwater (common room)

April 13- Godly Play “Easter story” by Cathy Thompson

April 20- Easter—Egg dye and hunt (common room)

Middle and High school class is lead by Catherine Cripps and Mark Beck who have readings, drawings, creative play and thought inducing lessons for our older, mature children. Please come and experience what First Day School has to offer!

May 10 (Saturday) Join us for a celebration of Kenneth Carroll's 90th birthday from 12 noon until 1:30 pm in the common room.

From Worship & Ministry: Census of Attendance for PYM Report

In 4th Month 2013, Connie Lewis—a member of the Third Haven Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) and Third Haven Southern Quarterly Meeting (SQM) Representative—conducted a census of attendance for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM). The PYM report arrived at Third Haven recently. The census was based on observations at 4 meetings for worship in 4th month 2013, counting adults and children separately.

A few findings may be of interest to Third Haven Friends: °There are 105 Meetings in PYM.

°Average attendance at a meeting for worship was 25.8.

°The adult attendance at Third Haven was 64, about 2.5 times the average, ranking 10th, about the 9th percentile.

°35 meetings (1/3) showed growth in attendance. Third Haven was 1 of these.

°According to these data Third Haven adult attendance at meeting for worship has grown: 41 in 2004, 53 in 2007, 58 in 2010 and 64 in 2013.

Announcements about Local Non-profits or Faith Organizations:

With the pressures facing most people today, it is essential to take your mental health seriously. This is especially true for college students and young people, whose lack of experience in the real world could lead to major mental health issues resulting from stress, overwork, fatigue, or even the onset of a more serious mental illness. In fact, up to 75 percent of college students with possible mental health issues do not seek help for what ails them.

Mental Health Resource for college students is available online.

If you would like to make a public statement of your commitment to our Peace Testimony, the opportunity to do so exists each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Peace Vigils are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. The Tuesday vigil is held in Centerville in front of the Queen Anne's County Court House and the Thursday vigil is held in Easton in front of the Talbot County Court House. You are welcome to come at any time during the vigil and stay as long as you wish.

News from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM):°Foundational Minutes:

We have, over the years, adopted a number of minutes as a consequence of a relatively small number of people feeling passionately and with a sense of urgency. Later experience has sometimes revealed a lack of general support for these minutes, largely resulting from a weak, informal or even non-existent process of broad-based discernment across our yearly meeting. We need to include more voices before we act in the name of all of us. Taking the time to write and season what I am calling "Foundational Minutes" would strengthen us. In this approach, all of our monthly meetings would participate in discernment and work on the same project.

Regular Announcements:

Please remember to greet visitors to meeting—answer what questions they have about Friends, our buildings, our programs and activities. We are all emissaries of Third Haven.

Contributions to the meeting can be made by way of the contributions box in the Brick Meetinghouse entranceway. Checks can also be sent to THMM, P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601; or by clicking on the button below:

Are your names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail listings all correct in the Third Haven Directory? Please review your information at Directory. The online directory remains protected: please e-mail 3rdhaven@gmail.com if you need the password. If you have corrections for the Directory, please send them to 3rdhaven@gmail.com.

If you have material for the newsletter, additional announcements, or added information about any of these posted events, please send it to 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Worship and Ministry

On March 25 the Worship & Ministry, a committee of 3rd Haven Quaker Meeting in Easton, as part of its continuing adult education programs, hosted a discussion group on "Higher Consciousness & Spiritual Awakening". Wikipedia, under "Higher Consciousness" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Higher_consciousness opens the door to the subject. See also http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Mysticism

The program was open to all. Feel free to bring friends. Feel free to suggest a topic that you would like the group to share in. For those who have joined us in the past we thank you for your prior participation and a hearty welcome to those who will be joining us for the first time. We look forward to seeing all of you at future discussion. Mark Beck

Essentials of Our Quaker Faith and Practice

A Quaker Religious Education Program

Worship and Ministry Committee, Third Haven Friends Meeting, Easton, Maryland
3.30, 4.6, 4.27 and 5.4.2014

The Worship and Ministry Committee of Third Haven Friends Meeting, Easton MD, offers a Quaker religious education program on "Essentials of our Faith and Practice" in the spring 2014. Third Haven's document on "The Essence of Our Faith and Practice" is available on the Third Haven website at – http://www.thirdhaven.org/quaker_essentials.php .

The program offers 4 sessions, with distinguished presenters:

- 3.30.14 - Worship and the Spiritual Journey - Linda Chidsey
- 4.6.14 - Testimonies, Witness and Action - John Gallery
- 4.27.14 - Quaker Meeting as a Faith Community - Patty Levering
- 5.4.14 - History and Beliefs of the Religious Society of Friends - Thomas Swain

These sessions offer presentations by leaders, and opportunities for reflection and discussion.

They will begin after the 10:00 am meeting for worship and a light lunch on First Day (Sunday). Sessions will be from noon to 1:30-2:00 pm. Suggested readings are available in the Third Haven library. Readings are also available from the Pendle Hill Bookstore, Friends General Conference Bookstore and other online sources. Many of the Pendle Hill Pamphlets (PHP) are widely available among Third Haven Friends.



3.30.14 – Worship and the Spiritual Journey, Linda Chidsey
Linda Chidsey – is a member of Housatonic Meeting in New York Yearly Meeting. A recorded minister, Linda has traveled in the ministry, served as clerk of New York Yearly Meeting and on the New York State Council of Churches. She has been associated with the School of the Spirit for nearly 25 years and leads retreats and workshops on spirituality.

Suggested Readings – Psalm 139 and *Four Doors to Meeting for Worship*, William Taber, PHP 306.

4.6.14 – Testimonies, Witness and Action, John Gallery

John Andrew Gallery – is a member of the Chestnut Hill Meeting and a board member of the Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust. He is the author of *Reflections from a Prayer Vigil For Peace*, PHP 358 (Third Haven Library) and *Living in the Kingdom of God* (library), which is based in part on his 2005 Friends General Conference Gathering presentation “Bible Half Hour Lessons.” Many of John’s essays on Spiritual topics have appeared in *Friends Journal*, including “On Love,” December 2011. In 2013, John retired from the position of Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, for whom he wrote *Sacred Sites of Center City*, a guide to the 45 active places of religious worship in Center City Philadelphia. Information about John’s writing can be found at www.johnandrewgallery.com

Suggested Readings – Since Third Haven Friends are familiar with the Quaker Testimonies, the readings have been selected to give a somewhat different perspective. All readings are relatively short:

- *Light to Live By*, Rex Ambler. This maybe similar to Ambler’s PHP.
- *Where Love is, God Is* by Leo Tolstoy, a short story in the collection *Walk in the Light While There is Light* (library)
- *Meditation: The Light from Within*, Chapter 3, by Harry Glover (library)
- *Friends Journal* articles by John Gallery – “A Perspective on the Peace Testimony” and “At the Movies: The Testimony of Integrity” (library)
- *Friends Journal* article by Eric Moon, “Categorically Not the Testimonies” (library)

Since Patty Levering suggested a movie, I suggest *Motorcycle Diaries* (on which my essay on Integrity is based) and *Inequality for All* for those who have extra time.

4.27.14 – Quaker Meeting as a Faith Community, Patty Levering

Patty Levering – is a member of Davidson (NC) Friends Meeting and a graduate of Earlham School of Religion. She is currently a core teacher in School of the Spirit Ministry’s program “On Being a Spiritual Nurturer.” In 2009, she gave the Friends General Conference Gathering Bible Half Hour Lesson “Listening for the Voice of Truth.” In 2012 she gave the Southeastern Yearly Meeting Michener Lecture, “Listening to Hear: Deepening Faith, Nurturing Community.”

Suggested Readings – There are 2 good background readings for this topic. Thomas Gates, *Members One of Another: The Dynamics of Membership in Quaker Meeting*, PHP 371

(library). In this pamphlet, although Gates is addressing the topic of membership, he is lifting up Friends' corporate vision of Spiritual community. Brian Drayton, *Unity, Disunity, and Diversity: or Some Mysteries of the Holy Spirit's Life at Work in Its Body's Members – A Letter to New England Friends*, Beacon Hill Pamphlet 2007 (library). Drayton, who must have been led to his lengthy title from his dedicated study of early Friends' writings, writes about how we Friends can be a faith community.

Friends could watch the movie *A Late Quartet*. It is the story of a string quartet whose anchor member becomes ill and is not likely to be able to continue playing with the group. Watching to see what it says about individualism versus community is what would make it interesting background preparation for my session (note, this is not the recent movie *Quartet*.)

5.4.14 – History & beliefs of the Religious Society of Friends, Thomas Swain

Thomas Swain – is a member of Middletown Meeting in Lima, Pennsylvania (Concord Quarter), where he has had a variety of responsibilities. He joined the Religious Society of Friends after study with the Shakers and as a teacher at Atlantic City Friends School in the early 1970s. He has traveled in ministry among British Friends since 2005 with a concern for enabling spiritual gifts among Friends. He is an Associate Tutor at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Center where he has regularly taught courses on Shakers and Spirit Given Gifts. He served Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as its Clerk for 6 years. He is a retired public school librarian from Delaware. He lives in the Quaker retirement community of Crosslands in Kennett Square, about 10 miles from both of his married children; sometimes he is absorbed with Downton Abbey.

Suggested Readings – As Friends, we have a rich heritage of over 360 years of real people gathered in a real community who were faithful in carrying our tradition through to us today. What was it that sustained them? What nourished each individual Friend? Is there something each generation valued that was constant in each of the preceding generations?

The Quakers: A Very Short Introduction, Oxford, Ben Pink Dandelion (library). Ben draws the broad outline of our Quaker history. He deals with the growth of the Religious Society of Friends as it emerged from the social unrest of the English civil war and through to our stance against war. He charts the history of the movement from its origins to the diversity of Quaker groups around the world today. He places Quakerism in the wider religious picture, and explores the distinctive worship methods, approaches to belief, theology, and ecumenism, and the future of the movement.

Reclaiming the Transcendent: God in Process, Thomas Gates, PHP 422, (library). Tom Gates writes that God is commonly imagined as a Supreme Being, acting from afar to influence events in the world. For many people today, this image of God has become unbelievable. Tom Gates presents process theology as another way of understanding God that is more congruent with a scientific worldview, as well as with the biblical witness and with the understanding of early Friends. He invites readers to “reclaim the Transcendent” through a vision of God that is less like a king and more like an energy field, constantly but imperceptibly nudging us toward True North, less like a puppeteer and more like an inner yearning toward future possibilities of beauty and harmony. In this way of understanding, God is less a noun and more a verb, “an activity that is going on everywhere rather than a being who exists somewhere.” The author finds this understanding of “God in process” to be deeply congruent with Quaker spirituality.

The Light Within: Then and Now, Rex Ambler, PHP 425, (library). Ambler raises a question that when contemporary Friends speak to one another of the Light Within, do we have a

shared understanding of what we mean? Is it the same Light that George Fox spoke of? Rex Ambler explores how early Friends thought about and engaged with the Light in ways that have mostly been lost to Friends today. How could we be enriched - as individuals and as a community - by recovering some of the early Quaker experiences of Light?

For further information about this program, go to www.thirdhaven.org or contact Tom Corl, Clerk, Worship and Ministry Committee, tom.corl@gmail.com.



Testimonies and Concerns

committee sponsored a showing of The House I Live In at the Talbot County Library. Leigh Anne Dodge, Rob Weiland, Lorraine Claggett and Susan Claggett worked to facilitate the event, providing refreshments and information on the unexpected consequences of the government's war on drugs. A second showing is scheduled for the Caroline County Library on April 19 (Saturday) at noon. Please contact Dona Sorce - 412-334-8185 for additional information.

First Day School has been exploring the world, birding with Mary Cotton and creating terrariums with Marsie Hawkinson. Special thanks to Marsie Hawkinson and all the adult helpers for teaching the children about terrariums and letting them each make one and take it home. Thanks to Marsie's great outreach, we had a record 9 kids in FDS on Sunday. Next Sunday, April 6, we welcomed all children to a "Cupcake making and decorating" class with Dawn Atwater. The following 2 Sundays, our theme will be about Easter. All are welcome, *Susan Claggett, FDS clerk*



Returning Friends and Visitors share good times



Erlend Hoyersten and Marie Nipper visiting from the Aros Art Museum in Aarhus, Denmark

