

Friends Newsletter San Antonio

June 2018

Calendar of Events at Meetinghouse

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed	5/30	5-6 pm	Yoga - all are welcome
Sat	6/2	8 am-7 pm	Reformed Congregation of the Goddess
Sun	6/3	10 am	Meeting for Worship - all are welcome
	6/3	11:15 am	Pot Luck Lunch - all are welcome
Mon	6/4	4:30-5:30 pm	Yoga with Peggy - all are welcome
	6/4	6:30-9:30 pm	Insight Meditation
Tue	6/5	6:30-8:30 pm	Plum Branch Sangha
Wed	6/6	5-6 pm	Yoga - all are welcome
	6/6	6:30-9:30 pm	Celebration Circle
Sun	6/10	10:00 am	Meeting for Worship - all are welcome
	6/10	11:30-12:30	Forum: Finding the Spirit in Quaker Business, Jim Spickard
Mon	6/11	6:30-9:30 pm	Insight Meditation
Tue	6/12	6:30-8:30 pm	Plum Branch Sangha
Wed	6/13	5 - 6:00 pm	Yoga - all are welcome
	6/13	6:30-9:30 pm	Celebration Circle

Thur	6/14	6:00-8:00 pm	Soup and 6:00 ... followed by Worship at 7:00 - all are welcome
Sun	6/17	10 am	Meeting for Worship - all are welcome
	6/17	11:30	Meeting for Business - all are welcome
	6/17		Deadline for Newsletter - all are welcome to submit
Mon	6/18	4:30-5:30 pm	Yoga with Greg - all are welcome
Tue	6/19	6:30-8:30 pm	Plum Branch Sangha
Wed	6/20	5-6:00 pm	Yogaia - all are welcome
	6/20	6:30-9:30 pm	Celebration Circle
Thur	6/21	5- 10:00 pm	Reformed Congregation of the Goddess
Sun	6/24	10 am	Meeting for Worship - all are welcome
	6/24	11:30-12:30	Forum: our response to the FWCC Minute on sustainability with Greg Casillas
Mon	6/25	6:30-9:30 pm	Insight Meditation
Tue	6/26	6:30-8:30 pm	Plum Branch Sangha
Wed	6/27	5-6:00 pm	Yogaia - all are welcome
	6/27	6:30-9:30 pm	Celebration Circle
	6/27	7:00 pm	Mid Week Worship, home of Gary & Vivian

Scenes from the Friends Festival

“The Day was yummy! Everywhere I looked, people were having a good time, a joyful time.” Peggy Dial

The suggestion to move Books & Rummage sale down to the breezeway was a stroke of genius, thanks to Joni. All day, fair-goers visited the Meeting house, some sitting for periods of time, some getting a review of our principles from Laura. Several suggested they would like to come to experience worship. This was community-building at its best. Community-building among our members and attenders was evident from the enthusiasm they showed in their interactions. Participation in the preparation and on the day was higher than any other fair so far.

The day started with five grown men flailing sections of tent poles in the air and finally finding the right connections. Tents went up with bright tops inviting the neighbors to investigate. In fact, one tent literally went up off the ground in a strong gust of wind, nearly missing a neighbor getting her face painted by Elizabeth. Caught in mid-air, it did no damage and was securely anchored to a tree branch.

With George at the helm and a tireless crew, baked goods flew off the table and by 2:00, not one mini-muffin could be found, not one cookie. The ample and quality items in the rummage sale drew hopeful bargain hunters, who were not disappointed. The loaded book tables drew a steady stream of browsers who were greeted with information and conversation.

Suzanne led delighted children on ponies down the hill to the dry creek, through our “woods,” and showed them where the children’s room and worship room are. Katherine, Josh, Jillian and Annabelle helped with the children’s activities, including lobbing bean bags at a lovely forest scene Mimi painted on a 4-foot panel. Ben introduced his daughters to the children’s room treasures ‘til they became more comfortable with our campus.

The most colorful booth award goes to Peggy for her artful flower arrangements. The single most profitable goes to Ken, whose collection of Malaysian and East Asian carvings drew a collector: We suspect we'll see them again on E-Bay. The litter of black & white, and tan puppies were hugged and cuddled. We hope some parents signed up for more information about adoption.

Next to the puppies was an array of toys for dogs & cats, and next to that, toys for girls and boys. This was a new booth this year, and did well. Parents bought toys that the children were drawn to, and emptied the pockets of delighted parents.

Another first this year, Greg brought several of the staff and young people from Thrive to volunteer for whatever needed doing at the time. RAICES was represented and Sara informed fair-goers about the Migrant Center for Human Rights. Val doubled as Friends Peace Teams and Friends Meeting docent. At one point Stephen took a group of six on a tour of our facilities.

The joyful mood and outcome can be traced to the teamwork that developed both before and during the day. In the end, we were exhausted and exhilarated in equal measure. Is the effort worth the rewards? In monetary terms, probably not. But in joy and comradeship? definitely. "Next year we can..."

June Query

In what ways am I experiencing (or do I long to experience) transformation in myself, my work, my community and the world at large?



A poem song
by Mark Lee
Hickman

i can go
i can be
a reflection of a
windstorm.

i can go
i can be a
reflection of the
sea.

anywhere
any time
you might find
me
any where
any time
i might be.

in the city street

in the alleys
you might find me
by the side of a drunken man.

when you hold
a distressed child
who is lonely
in your heart
in your soul
in your home.

if you walk alone

you might find me
by your side
a warm friend
i can be.
have no fear
i can listen
without judging
all your life
trust in me
and be free.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and



cereal offerings, I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look
upon.

Take away from Me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like water,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24-25:

An offering of scripture Ken S

