



The Arboretum

Wilton Monthly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends Newsletter, Fifth Month 2006

Meetings

Meetings for Worship are held the First Day of each week (Sunday) at 10:00 a.m. at 317 New Canaan Road, Wilton, CT 06897, (203) 762-5669. Adult Religious Education precedes Meeting for Worship at 9 a.m. Children attend the Meeting for the first 15 minutes and then attend First Day School.

CFS Has Chance of a Lifetime Angels—where art thou?

This past First Day, after the rise of Meeting and a devouring of mass amounts of ice cream by all, Mark Danserau, co-head of Connecticut Friends School, described to those attending an almost unbelievable train of events leading to a most unanticipated and possibly fortuitous opportunity for the school.

It all began when a parent at CFS's fund raising event in April, mentioned that the White Barn Theater property was for sale. It encompassed 18.5 acres with a pond in the middle in Norwalk near the Westport border. Unfortunately, the bidding was closed a few days before the fund raiser. That did not phase Mark and Kim. The property was being sold by a trust and sometimes there is leeway in the rules. They informed the board of directors of CFS about it and everyone set about finding out everything they could about the property and its availability. At a meeting of the board, one of the members who had gone out to take a call, came back with a look on his face that might have resembled the double mask representative of the theater—one smiling, the other sad. He had bad news -- the bidding was not only closed,

the bid had been awarded to a developer. But then the bright side—the developer was a good friend of his and would entertain a proposal for an alternate use of the land by the school. To get right to the point, CFS has to raise nearly \$2 million to make a down payment on the property whose total cost is \$4.8 million by the middle of June.

The 148 seat White Barn Theater was the creation of Lucille Lortell, queen of off Broadway Theater. In an arrangement previously made, her legacy now resides at the Westport Theater, and the developer's plan is to raise the historic theater and other buildings to make way for housing lots.

CFS now believes they have a strong argument to

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5th/6th Month, 2006

1st Day Sun	2nd Day Mon	3rd Day Tue	4th Day Wed	5th Day Thu	6th Day Fri	7th Day Sat
28 P—House & Grounds	29 [House & Grounds meets the fourth First Day]	30	31	1	2	3
4 P—Finance R—First Day School. Mtg. for Clari- fication (pg. 8)	5 CFS Board of Directors Meeting	6 [CFS B of D meets First Second Day]	7	8	9	10
11 Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 R—Clerks R—Peace & Service Quaker Inquiry	19 Ministry & Counsel	20 11:30 am Nursery School Com- mittee	21 [Peace & Ser- vice meets the third First Day]	22 [M&C meets First Second Day after MFWWCFB]	23 [Nursery School meets 3rd 3rd Day]	24

Committee meetings are held at the Meeting House unless otherwise noted.

P—Committee meeting held **Prior** to Meeting, 9 a.m.; **R**—Committee meeting held after **Rise** of Meeting
Please call the committee clerk if you plan to attend a committee meeting to verify time and location.

Please note: new clerks may have been established for the year commencing 7/1/05

Connecticut Friends School—Deedie Dominicali (914) 273-4807

Finance—Kristen Howard

First Day School—Becky Bunnell, Jean L'Allier

Helen Gander Friends Nursery School—Martha Gurvich 843-3433

Hospitality—Doris Munger

House & Grounds—Jim Holdsworth, 831-0070

Nominating—Jeff Menoher

Norwalk Clergy Association—Missy Conrad 847-9790

Peace & Service—Diane Keefe & Regina McIlvain 682-6432

Ministry & Counsel—Woody Schemp

Overseers—Marjorie Walton, Sean Higgins

Minutes of Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business Fifth Month 14, 2006

Friends gathered in centering worship at approximately 11:45 AM. Those present were Laura Higgins, Deedie Domenicali, Marjorie Walton, Jim Holdsworth, Rich Francis, Lisa Kuller, Katherine Daniel, Kim Tsocanos, Diane Keefe, Rob DoCommitteers, Jeffrey Menoher, Michel Loth, Becky Bunnell, John Lee, Marilyn Atkin, Jean L'Allier, Sean Higgins, Judy Meikle, Ty Griese, Maggie Stevenson, Missy Conrad, Munro Johnson (Clerk), and Tom Martin (Recording Clerk).

Meeting began in silent worship. Clerk read from the Wilton Meeting Handbook, from Faith and Practice, from the Guide to Practice, and from Quaker Spirituality, reminding Friends of our process and practice in Meeting for Worship for business.

Clerk reviewed the agenda and asked Friends who were responsible for the items for estimates of the time required for each.

Recording Clerk read the notes and minutes of the previous monthly meeting.

1. Overseers – Marjorie Walton reported that Overseers is moving forward on a recommendation to Meeting for establishing Trustees. Gary Foster, an attorney with some experience in such matters, agreed to assist us. At the rise of Meeting on 6/4/06, Overseers will facilitate a meeting for clarification regarding Munro Johnson's leading. A clearness committee of Virginia Perry, Ty Griese and Tom Martin are serving to meet with John Steer about his letter on membership.

2. Report from the Clerk of CFS Board of Trustees, Deedie Domenicali: She read aloud a letter dated May 2006, written to Meeting:

Dear Wilton Monthly Meeting Members and Attenders,

As you know, the trustees and administrators of Connecticut Friends School have labored with you for over a year to find unity and clarity on the future relationship between the School and Wilton Monthly Meeting. We recognize that this process demands great care, tenderness and deliberation, and that clearness has not yet been discerned. We continue to pray that Friends who have a calling and a concern for CFS and for WMM eventually will be able to find the common ground that allows us to proceed together in loving unity.

The CFS trustees are charged with the responsibility to ensure that the school thrives and also remains true to its Quaker founding and mission. The trustees have determined that CFS must develop permanent facilities if it is to survive and that this process needs to begin. Identifying and acquiring property, designing and building permanent structures, and raising the necessary funds is likely to be a lengthy process, and, in the meantime, our ability to attract qualified and suitable students is being adversely affected by our inability to show prospective parents and students permanent classroom structures, or at least plans.

We believe that CFS could successfully follow two possible paths.

Path "A" is for CFS to purchase land adjacent to Wilton Meeting property. Unfortunately, the adjacent properties, even if combined into a single school property, do not provide enough land for CFS to be able to reside entirely on them. Thus, even if CFS can purchase adjacent properties and build academic facilities on them, the School will need to continue using Hastings Hall, the Meeting room (for at least

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the weekly All School Meeting for Worship), the parking lot and outdoor space.

Path “B” is for CFS to acquire land elsewhere. Unfortunately, this would require the School to move some (hopefully modest) distance from Wilton Meeting, but we envision leaving Hastings Hall for Wilton Meeting’s use, while having the modular building removed, if CFS ultimately relocates.

The trustees prefer to be able to follow Path A, but we also are under the weight of our responsibility to ensure that CFS survives. As we work to discern God’s will for the School, we feel called to begin a search for possible permanent sites for CFS, while we continue lovingly to seek unity with Friends of Wilton Monthly Meeting.

We have started working with a commercial real estate agent to identify properties that could meet the needs of the School. In the past, members of Wilton Meeting occasionally have identified locations that might be suitable for the School. We welcome Friends sharing their ideas with us, but ask that contacting the owners or landlords of potential properties be undertaken only by designated CFS trustees and our realtor. The trustees hope that Friends will email me, as the Clerk of the CFS Board, with information about prospective sites and pertinent contacts so that we can pursue those leads.

The next few years will be critical to the success of CFS as a witness of Friends in the Connecticut community. We are excited about the possibilities, but humbled by the complex, difficult and potentially painful decisions we are being called upon to make. We pray that, with the gentle support and assistance of Wilton Meeting Friends, we will be able to hear God’s word and that CFS will emerge as a jewel that radiantly reflects Friends’ values.

In Peace and Love,
Dena A. Domenicali, Clerk
On behalf of the Board of Trustees
of Connecticut Friends School

As the Meeting moved into a period of centering silence, the Clerk asked Friends to offer ministry as led. A Friend suggested that the consultative services of a planner or architect might have a suggestion for more extensive use of the existing buildings already in place and for the space within our property. A Friend suggested we might approach the content of the letter in a mode of joy. A Friend suggested we need to be mindful of the gift of our land by the Dominick family and the trust accepted by Meeting in accordance with the wishes of those donors.

A Friend asked if there were ongoing negotiations with our neighbors, the Stockfish family, or for any other property, and asked what is the vision of the size of the School over the next five years if funding, hypothetically, were not a concern. CFS is not in negotiations with the Stockfish family, and is still looking at the “White Barn” property as an opportunity. The five year plan caps the size of the School at 75 students, K-8 only. Having grades 9-12 is not presently under consideration, especially not in a scenario using Meeting’s property. With the 30 students of HGFNS there is now a potential total of 105 students present at one time on our property. A Friend asked if Munro Johnson’s leading ties in with the proposals/options (A and B) of the letter from Deedie Domenicali? If so, might we look ahead to the Meeting for Clarification on 6/4? This open forum might be used to investigate this opportunity as well as others. There seems to be an overlap at this point between Meeting’s unity on the “There” or “Share” options, and the CFS options, “Share” or “Elsewhere,” with the overlap being the “Share” option.

A Friend asked if the documentation reported to us on the intent of the Dominick family’s donation of our land might be shared with Meeting? Are there limitations in these documents for the usage of our

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property? It was hoped that we could also address these issues at the 6/4 gathering with the specific presence of Maggie Stevenson, Kim Tsocanos, and Deedie Domenicali, as available. A friend offered that we need to be careful and tender in consideration of the original intentions of the donors, keeping mindful of our testimony of integrity.

3. Report from the Treasurer: Rich Francis reported on the coverage with our insurance carrier, that we have one million dollars coverage for liability. A two million dollar umbrella coverage for each incident has been included now, and the additional cost of the increased coverage as been met by two incremental donations from Friends. We also have one million dollar coverage for officer's and director's liability. If we wish to have additional coverage here, there must be extensive documentation and it seems limited to malfeasance with a \$10,000 deductible clause. The cost of this additional coverage was quite high. The task group will further investigate required coverage and report back to Meeting.

A Friend asked if the operating expenses of Meeting that are paid by CFS might be reflected in our financial reporting as good information for all.

4. Ministry & Counsel: (Meeting Clerk Munro Johnson reported for that committee) Friendly forums will be now provided on the fourth first day of each month to avoid conflicts with other committee meetings and events. The State of the Meeting report is not ready yet, and it should be ready next month.

5. Nominating: Tom Martin, clerk of that Committee, presented a preliminary slate of committee positions and leadership positions with the understanding and intention that the item would be held over until next month. A long discussion followed. Friends offered suggestions.

Minute 2006 05 01: We need to add the terms of service for Wilton Friends serving on the CFS Board. As a resource for all we shall also add the names of Friends and Attenders of other Meetings serving on the Board with their terms of service. Friends approved.

Minute 2006 05 02: Nominating was asked to revisit the nominations for Clerk and Assistant Clerk, discerning if other Friends might serve, with the understanding that there are important fiduciary responsibilities and tasks that need to be done on a timely basis. Nominating is asked to report back to meeting its discernment at the next monthly meeting. We need to be mindful that we can ask a clerk, or a clerk can volunteer, to step aside from the responsibility of clerking a meeting for business or clerking any committee or task group when an item comes up for discernment where there is a possible conflict of interest. Friends approved.

6. Purchase Quarterly Meeting – John Lee reported for the joint task group for arrangements and the program (Wilton Meeting and Stamford-Greenwich Meeting) that the program was well received. Tim Barnard, the speaker from FCNL, agreed to return to the Quarter when invited. Many thanks to all.

7. Relationship between the Connecticut Friends School and Meeting. Munro Johnson invited Friends to speak from the silence with ministry as led, reminding all that there was an open Meeting for Clarification on 6/4, to which all are encouraged to attend. Friends offered ministry.

Clerk reminded Friends that end of the year reports are due from committees and submitted to him before the next monthly meeting.

Just past four o'clock Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Martin

Treasure's Report—1st Quarter

Category Description	3 Mos. 2006	2006 Budget	Difference	3 Mos. 2005	3 Mos. 06 vs '05 Actual
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
Connecticut Friends School Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nursery School Rent	0.00	11620.00	(11620.00)	0.00	0.00
Special Purpose Contributions	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
WMM Contributions (note *)	3868.74	45000.00	(41131.26)	3595.00	273.74
TOTAL Sources of Funds	4268.74	56620.00	(52351.26)	3595.00	673.74
USES OF FUNDS					
House & Grounds Expenditures					
Electricity	567.97	1550.00	982.03	449.10	(118.87)
Heating Oil (note ** below)	178.98	4300.00	4121.02	1656.92	1477.94
Insurance	(66.00)	2600.00	2666.00	0.00	66.00
Janitorial Cleaning	1785.00	7200.00	5415.00	2380.00	595.00
Maintenance (Plumbing, repairs, etc.)	415.78	2500.00	2084.22	1318.05	902.27
Playground Maintenance	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
Security & Fire Alarm	0.00	600.00	600.00	444.00	444.00
Snowplowing	525.00	1200.00	675.00	1140.00	615.00
Telephone	135.06	500.00	364.94	84.90	(50.16)
Water	94.63	450.00	355.37	83.46	(11.17)
TOTAL House & Grounds Expenditures	3636.42	21200.00	17563.58	7556.43	3920.01
Program Expenditures					
Childcare	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
First Day School Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	2250.00	2250.00
First Day School Supplies	0.00	400.00	400.00	122.79	122.79
Hospitality	104.69	200.00	95.31	0.00	(104.69)
Library	35.00	200.00	165.00	0.00	(35.00)
M&C Other (New Attender Packet)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
M&C Adult Religious Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nursery School Scholarships (\$2121 approved)	0.00	0.00	0.00		
M&C Scholarship Expense-Silver Bay	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	170.00
Newsletter, Publicity, Communications	327.37	900.00	572.63	207.99	(119.38)
Overseers	0.00	1200.00	1200.00	0.00	0.00
Peace & Service Gillespie Center	0.00				
Peace & Service Other	0.00	1500.00	1500.00	38.90	124.26
Peace & Service Scholarships to ABCD	0.00				
Treasurer Misc.	0.00	250.00	250.00	112.36	112.36
TOTAL Program Expenditures	467.06	5400.00	4932.94	2732.04	2264.98
Quaker Organization Donations					
New York Yearly Meeting	5812.08	21598.00	15785.92	4918.75	(893.33)
Powell House	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
Purchase Quarterly Meeting	0.00	425.00	425.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Quaker Organization Donations	5812.08	22323.00	16510.92	4918.75	(893.33)
TRANSFER to Capital Fund	722.00	5000.00	(4278.00)	0.00	(722.00)
TOTAL USES OF FUNDS	10637.56	53923.00	43285.44	15207.22	4569.66

Capital Account Balance		
Pax Fund: /05 Balance		64,860
3 Mos. Income		619
Unbudgeted Contributions		722
WMM Budgeted Contribution		0
Bequests		0
3/31/06 Balance		66,202
Notes		
*3 Mos. Contributions		
Cash and Checks		4,269
Securities		0
Total		4,269
Operating Account		
Checkbook: 12/31/05 Balance		19,445
3 Mos Net Cash Flow		-6,369
From Peoples Securities		1,379
3/31/06 Balance		14,455
Peoples Securities:		2,000
Contributions		0
Appreciation/Income Net		0
Distributions to Checking		-1,379
3/31/06 Balance		620
3/31/06		15,075

Friends,

Contributions to Wilton Monthly Meeting of \$4,269 totaled \$674 more than last year. Of this, \$400 were matching funds related to a scholarship gift challenge.

As is explained below, expenditures of \$10,638 were substantially lower than the \$15,207 for the first quarter of 2005. This differential of \$4,570 combined with the small increase in contributions resulted in a favorable net sources and uses comparison of \$5,243. This comparison looks even better when we take into account the extra \$722 we transferred to the Capital Account in the first quarter and a like amount contributed as a special gift to New York Yearly Meeting. Both of these transfers were from funds agreed to be in surplus at the end of 2005.

The House and Grounds saving of \$3,920 vs. 2005 was about half due to timing. The heating oil reduction of \$1,478 occurred only because of our lump sum payment last 8th month to take advantage of a \$2.14 per gallon offer from our provider. Similarly, the janitorial cleaning positive of \$595 resulted from four payments having been made in the period last year because the treasurer was going on vacation and prepaid

a month. On the other hand, the maintenance and snowplowing favorable comparisons (\$1,517 together) were real gifts. For Program Expenditures, the savings of \$2,264 was virtually all related to the absence of a first day school coordinator this year.

A portion of the above savings was offset by a \$893 increase in Quaker Organization Donations to \$5,812, all for New York Yearly Meeting. The increase was \$171 for an increase in the regular quarterly covenant donation and \$722 for the one-time gift.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Francis, Treasurer

News of Norwalk-Nagarote Sister City Project

A scholarship has been established to fund student's attendance at elementary school. A \$50 contribution will fund a student for a year.

Thanks to Woody Schempp, Sister City Nicaraguan Coffee is being served at hospitality on First Day for the immediate future. If you like it, the coffee may also be purchased for \$6 per 8 oz. package.

Sister City celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary this year.

Meeting for Clarification—First Day, 4 June 2006

On Sunday, June 4th, at Rise of Meeting there will be an Open Meeting for Clarification regarding Munro Johnson's proposal on the "Right Relationship" between Wilton Meeting & Connecticut Friends School.

For those Friends not familiar with Munro's Right Relationship Proposal it is available to download from Munro's home page, at <http://homepage.mac.com/munrojohnson>. First navigate to the homepage and, from there, click on the "downloads" link, and then on the downward-pointing red arrows in the directory. The larger of the two files (1.1MB) is "PowerPoint"; the smaller (19KB) is text only.

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encourage community support for CFS to obtain the property should CFS find the down payment funds. To have a 145 seat theater ready and waiting when theater plays such a central role in the school (see The Arboretum, 12th Month, 2004) is unbelievable serendipity. The photos below show scenes within the theater building. The murals that

are now subject to a developer's wrecking ball would be preserved and the spirit of the building maintained. The bard of 400 years ago would find yet another amenable home.



CFS would also intend to maintain the natural state of much of the land and hope to make some of it available to the public and to have an educational and environment approach to it. New buildings would be erected for classrooms but the existing administration building would be serviceable for classrooms in the interim.

CFS is moving in uncharted territory (what else is new?) and has many challenges ahead to achieve ownership of the property. What is certain is that if there are any angels about (in true Broadway fashion) they are most welcome to contribute to this venture. Detailed information is available from CFS.



Reporter at Large—Serendipity

One cannot control everything. Not only that, one should not try to control everything. There must be room for serendipity. As I was headed for New York University's Interactive Telecommunications Program end of semester show earlier in this month, I expected to see projects that were often very imaginative, fun and perhaps very useful. Serendipity was at work because, as a result of a last minute suggestion of a, I first attended a lecture on Biomimicry in the Great Hall at Cooper Union, right next door to NYU. [If you are not familiar with the Great Hall, do a search for it. It has quite an illustrious history.]

Biomimicry is a relatively new term coined by the speaker, Janine Benyus, in her book ***Biomimicry: Learning From Nature***. In a world where such wonderful inventions as the internal combustion engine, electricity, and flight now loom as threats to mankind rather than as saviors, it is hopeful to learn that mimicking nature in the production of materials may head us away from looming disasters. Whether that in turn will result in other unintended negative consequences is an important question to keep in the back of our minds.

Ms. Benyus accompanied her talk with a number of fascinating photographs of each topic she discussed. There was a photo of a large whale launching itself out of the water. On its fins were obvious irregularities - scalloped edges. Who would guess that those scalloped edges might add to efficiency as the whale moves through the water? An engineer is conducting wind tunnel tests with such a structure has found that the scalloped edges on an airplane wing reduce drag, making flying more efficient.

When a moth approaches its prey, the last thing it wants to do is have light bounce off its eyes to alert the poor insect it is attacking. Evolution has designed an eye that traps light. Most silicon solar cells reflect a good deal of light. But now some scientists are working on cells that have trapping structures similar to the moth's eye, allowing more of the solar energy to be converted to electricity, making the solar cell more efficient.

To create strong materials, mankind typically uses the "heat, beat, and treat" method, consuming a great deal of energy. Nature, curiously, can grow extremely strong materials with minimal use of energy. Not only that, they "self-assemble," as in sea shells and animal horns. Scientists are attempting to mimic that with ceramics.

Plastics are ever present today. Plastics have carbon as the basis for long chains of polymers. Those carbon chains come from petroleum, a substance that seems to be in short supply. Could you imagine those carbon chains coming from another source of carbon – like from the carbon dioxide in air? Now that would be a small miracle. Not only would it reduce the demand for petroleum, it would decrease a major cause of global warming. A company call Novomer is doing just that. <http://www.novomer.com/>

This talk was being given at an institution where architecture is an important subject. Buildings get dirty. Dirt causes harmful chemicals to accumulate. Getting rid of the dirt costs money. How can a building be self-cleaning? By mimicing nature - By mimicing the lotus flower which is self cleaning. A paint has been developed by a company called Lotus-Effect that creates a roughness on the surface of the building. This roughness, done with micro fibers, causes any dirt to be picked up by water droplets, and washed right off. http://www.nees.uni-bonn.de/bionik_flash_en.html

As Quakers, we are interested in sustainability and recycling. Biomimicry seems to fit right in. I found a few more Internet sites that can be explored if this topic tweaks your imagination:

<http://www.mindfully.org/Sustainability/Biomimicry-Natures-Way27jul02.htm>

<http://www.interfacesustainability.com/oakeyi.html>; <http://www.interfacesustainability.com/biobased.html>
http://www.treehugger.com/files/2005/09/sto_lotusan_bio.php;
http://www.treehugger.com/files/2005/09/keim_paint_appl.php
<http://www.tececo.com/sustainability.biomimicry.php>; <http://www.hypercar.com/>

There was still plenty of time to see the ITP show. The projects that the students create can simply explore a curiosity, entertain, test a technology, or attempt to achieve a social advance. Each year the number of occupational therapy students increases. Patients often need to endlessly practice motor skills that have become impaired in some way. The students invent games that entice the patients to make the required movements. Moving their feet, for example, might cause an image to move on a computer screen. In playing the game, they get their therapeutic exercise.

Remember Rube Goldberg and his wondrous machines? One student created something similar out of electrical components. Pull a string here, lights light up there, something whizzes around on the other side, etc. It was fun and caught the eye.

Are you having medical problems? Do you have to see many doctors? Do you want to know the lab results of all of your tests? Another student created a web site that would access all of your medical records from all of your service providers so that the patient could know as much as the doctors knew about their condition and prospective cure.

Your girl/boy friend has a birthday? A special day? You want a fun present. How about a doll, like a rabbit that lights up when you have email? Turn the sound on and it announces the mail and reads the sender to you and the contents as well if you so choose.

There always seems to be a group with cell phone projects. I find those projects difficult to relate to. I'm always leaving my cell phone at home. But the students use it to communicate and accumulate information from one another. Attach a GPS unit to it and use it to report the location of video monitors around the city. Yes, NYC is now like London. Everywhere you go, you are watched.

Do you miss the old telephone booths? I'm not sure what kind of statement it makes, but one artist created a portable cell phone booth. When she wants to make a call, she simply stretches it out, steps inside, rests the roof on her head, and has immediate privacy.

One project involved toy trains. The train has sensing devices and recorded messages. As it moves around the track, it stops at certain points and announces to the child that it has to pick up or drop off something. The child learns the names of the objects and has fun interacting with the train.

Mad at a politician or other public figure? You can select from a list on a web site and have a boxing match with that public figure. Maybe you will win, maybe he will win, but the thought is that you will feel better when it's all over. That game was not invented by a Quaker.

If you have the time and the inclination, explore ITP's website (<http://itp.nyu.edu/itp/flash/Home>), including the thesis presentation page where you will find a brief description of each student's project. By Ed Shaw

Departure of Friends

Reflections on Wilton Meeting, CFS and our impending move to Boulder

We have been attending Wilton Meeting since Christmas, 2004, and will be moving to Boulder, CO this June. We came to Meeting as a result of our search for a school for our son. After searching the internet, touring many local schools, and trying out a couple of them, we decided to send our son to CFS. We found that it embodied our ideals for education and felt it was a bonus that it was backed by a Quaker Meeting--that Isaac would experience Quakerism on a daily basis. He has truly felt loved every day and has grown in many ways in just one short year of attendance at CFS

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Editorial

Just a few comments—What if as a Meeting we explored Biomimicry and publicized effective attempts to save the environment? What if a young Quaker takes the ITP course and comes up with something to encourage Peace and Understanding?

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and Meeting. We feel blessed to have found Wilton Meeting through CFS, and have greatly enjoyed the relationships we have formed here.

Now that we are faced with a move to Boulder - a very exciting move both professionally for Pete and geographically for us all, we feel torn. We really, really, really do not want to leave CFS or Wilton Meeting. We feel the school is the best place for Isaac and for us as a family. We feel this so much so that I even considered staying here with Isaac for school while Pete lived and worked in Boulder. However, this is not a financially sound decision, nor an appealing familial situation. So, we are all moving after the end of the school year.

We searched for a Friends school in Boulder, but no luck. (There is a Meeting, however.) We have settled on a school that is very similar to CFS in many ways. We feel sad that Isaac won't have the advantage of a Quaker-led education, but we feel that his new school at least implicitly support SPICE values (simplicity, peace, integrity, community and equality) and we will participate in Friendly opportunities outside of school.

Though we will no longer be physically present with our Wilton Friends of all ages, we will continue to hold you all in the light and in our hearts.

Our hope for the future of WM and CFS is that they continue to support each other - that they realize and nurture their interdependence. We also hope that you will hold us in the light, visit us in Boulder, and keep us on the email list!

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Our Name

The Newsletter has been named **The Arboretum** in acknowledgement that trees thrive in the Light and, through photosynthesis, use it to convert suffocating carbon dioxide to life-giving oxygen for other life forms. They might serve as a metaphor for Meeting. Trees play a dominant role in the changing appearance of the acres on which the Meeting House rests. Our memorial garden is nestled amongst them. We trust you find the name agreeable.

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