

Quaker Arts news July 2019

Seeking Routes at Swarthmoor Hall 20 July – 8 September



'Going Going' | Judith Bromley

This promises to be a stunning little exhibition exhibition, exploring Quaker experience and action on sustainability, and curated by Sally Oliver. It's the first public group exhibition organised by QAN. Swarthmoor Hall has organised a varied programme of performances, workshops and lectures to accompany the exhibition. Details on <http://quakerarts.net/events/>. Do try and catch it during the summer. If you're lucky you could even book to stay at this gorgeous historic house, the 'birthplace of Quakerism'. (Image: 'Going Go-

ing' by Judith Bromley.)

20 July at Swarthmoor Meeting House

The timetable and booking form are on the website <http://quakerarts.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Booking-form-QAN-at-Swarthmoor-July-2019.pdf>. Please book as early as possible if you plan to come; most of the accommodation has gone but day places available and local accommodation with Friends may be possible.

£10 for the day (includes lunch, tea and workshops) to quakerartsuk@gmail.com.

QAN AGM: We will consider the Annual Reports and accounts, which are now on our website at <http://quakerarts.net/documents/>, and will be also consider whether and how we wish to develop, in future, including a proposed financial strategy and the possibility of making small grants. If you can't get to the AGM but have views, do let us know quakerartsuk@gmail.com.

On appointments, we have a strong committee willing to continue, but it would be lovely (and good for QAN) to have one or two new faces on the committee, especially younger Friends with social media skills and a variety of arts interests. Please get in touch with Linda on murgatron@yahoo.co.uk to discuss if you're interested.

Using art in Quaker outreach: a wide-ranging discussion of the issues. All Friends are welcome to come and share experience, ideas, questions.

Fragile Abundance workshops: QAN members will be offering workshops open to the public. Advance booking essential direct to info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk. £10; under 18s free. Details at <http://quakerarts.net/documents/>.

Celebration and performance: informal short performances and sharing of their creations in different media, including some made during the afternoon. All welcome. No booking needed. Get in touch if you would like to offer a contribution.



Other Quaker arts events

The events page of our website shows a pretty full and varied programme of Quaker arts events this summer. It includes music and song (protest songs, Quaker animal songs, Friends in Tune, celebrations in music and words of the courage to change), exhibitions, Labyrinth explorations, and workshops and retreats featuring creative writing, art, dance and textiles – in locations from Cumbria to Congénies (painting of Congénies Meeting House above by Karina Knight).

We will continue to advertise these events through the pages of the Friend; so do add your performance, book launch, exhibition etc to our page for free advertising, and to enable other Friends to enjoy it: quakerarts.net/events/. Events need to be approved and normally appear within a day or so.

Art The Arms Fair 2019: 2-13 September



As the huge DSEI arms fair gets under way in London's Excel Centre, and many people protest nearby, Art the Arms Fair will once again be using the arts to publicise this trade in the tools of death and destruction to the wider public, while raising funds for the Campaign Against Arms Trade. More info about ATAF is at <https://artthearmsfair.com> including a splendid video about the 2017 ATAF, which was run by a group largely of young Quakers. As well as an extended art exhibition there will be a varied programme of performances.

ATAF is looking for volunteers to help set up and host the event, including a large number of invigilators to cover the extended period of the exhibition, and help to organise the invigilation rota. This was great fun last year, and very interesting – spending time with the art, talking to the viewers and taking their money. If you think you can help with this or other tasks, take a look at the details here <http://quakerarts.net/documents/> and get in touch with hello@artthearmsfair.com. Some accommodation may be available for those coming from out of town, and if you can offer a room not too far from Peckham, please let them know that too.



Loving Earth Project

This project is taking shape and some splendid textile panels have now arrived at Swarthmoor Hall ready for display as part of the Seeking Routes exhibition. Panels can be added through the summer, and can be sent there until 1 September. After that please send them to Loving Earth Project, c/o FWCC, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

There is wide interest in developing the project after the autumn, both as local projects and individuals contributing to a growing travelling exhibition. If you'd like

to get involved (maybe with your meeting, craft group or school?) take a look or get in touch lovingearthproject@gmail.com. (Image from Christine Cannon.)