



Quaker Arts Network Newsletter January 2019

Quaker Arts at Swarthmoor this Summer

An Open Call for Artists

Deadline: 6 April 2019

Swarthmoor Hall *in collaboration with the Quaker Arts Network* is inviting Quaker artists to submit proposals for our new exhibition “*Seeking Routes*” opening in July 2019. The exhibition aims to display art that explores and interprets Quaker experience and action in building a more sustainable Earth. We welcome works in any media, including spoken word, performance, video and music. We will be running a series of events alongside the exhibition to incorporate performance art. Please send your submissions to our curator Sally Oliver: seekingroutes@gmail.com. A selection committee will review all submissions in April 2019. For more extensive information please see here ([link to the document in PDF form](#)) or visit (<https://www.quakerarts.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Info-for-submitting-for-Seeking-Routes-at-Swarthmoor-Hall-2019.pdf>).

Please draw this to the attention of Friends who have been actively concerned with sustainability issues as well as to Quaker artists/musicians/poets/actors etc. This is an opportunity for creative outreach at lots of levels as well as a chance to inspire, nourish and inform people and help us engage more deeply with the the environmental crisis that is unfolding all around us.

AGM SAVE THE DATE : 20 July at Swarthmoor

QAN’s AGM will be at Swarthmoor on Saturday 20 July. It will be part of a day of varied activities, timed so that Friends can also visit the exhibition opening at the Hall.

We have provisionally block booked accommodation at the Hall for the Friday and Saturday nights for those coming from a distance, and some Friends may wish to arrange to stay longer. Details to follow, but if you’d like to make a provisional reservation for accommodation please email quakerartsuk@gmail.com. Likely accommodation prices are on the Swarthmoor Hall [website](#).

We hope to be able to arrange a low cost self-catering camping option at Swarthmoor Meeting House; please contact murgatron@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible if you would be interested in this, so that we can assess likely demand and start setting up arrangements with the Meeting.



Many Friends will know **Journeymen Theatre**, the small touring company through which Friends Dave and Lynn Morris try to challenge injustice and inequality. They can be booked to perform in a variety of venues, including small intimate spaces. Their newest show is **And the Beat Goes On...** charting over 300 years of Quaker Nonviolent Direct Action, from the early Abolitionists, through Quakers living in Nazi Germany and Jean Zaru in Palestine to Trident Ploughshares in the 21st century. A new production **Rock and a Hard Place**, commissioned by Gloucestershire Quakers, will be premiered at the end of February. Details of their current productions and other performance dates are at www.journeymentheatre.com/.

Forthcoming Events

The Events page on our website <https://www.quakerarts.net/events/> includes a range of forthcoming arts events, including performances by *Journeymen Theatre* in Huddersfield, Cober Hill and Stroud, Lucy Aphramor as "*The Naked Dietician*", performing her one-woman shows in London in March, and *Friends in Tune* in Cockermouth, Exeter and elsewhere. Other musical events include a Quaker Music Network event near Scarborough and an exploration with John Lampen of Beethoven's 9th at Woodbrooke.

Later in the year are poetry and art workshops at the Pales (Wales) and Congénies (France), so there's plenty of opportunity for inspiration and Friendly creativity. If you'd like to share news of other arts event with Quaker connections please put it up [here](#). Just click on [Submit a new event](#). You don't need to fill everything in, but please make sure the Title, date, and place are completed and where people can find out more. You can put what you like (including images and links to websites) in the 'description' box.

Early notice of events is good. Events are moderated so won't appear instantly but it shouldn't take long. Once your event is up you can use that link in further publicity, including reminders via Facebook or other social media.

Remembering victims of past and current wars

Finally, a big “thank you” to everyone who participated in the Collateral Damage white poppy project last year. The results were impressive and inclusive; it was wonderful to have such wide participation and so many different victims honoured. A 3 minute video is here <https://youtu.be/M7bh8OQWPDw> and there are lots of photos on the Facebook page [@whitepoppies2018](#). Five panels of poppies (x 2m each) are available for loan for display in the first half of this year; they are particularly impressive and inclusive when shown together. If you'd like to arrange for or any public places near you to display them, do get in touch via collateraldamage2018@gmail.com.

In Friendship,

Linda Murgatroyd

PS - Don't forget to keep an eye for news on the website and to put your events up there, and to post and share Quaker arts news via Facebook, if you can.

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