

Quaker Arts Network Newsletter

October 2019



Image: "Bees", one of the Loving Earth project's [panels](#).

Welcome to the Quaker Arts Network newsletter.
A special welcome to those who have joined us since July.

QAN developments

Seeking Routes exhibition

This exhibition was a great success. Artworks shown by 24 artists were of high quality and very varied - some are posted on our Facebook page [@quakerarts](#). They are powerful expressions of Quaker experience and action on the twin themes of stewardship of the Earth and reverence for it.

Congratulations and thanks to Sally Oliver, our lead curator, to Clodhna Mulhearn, Ed Hill and Jane Pearson who selected the works from a wide field, to all the artists and to all those at Swarthmoor Hall who made it happen. Thanks to all the artists who submitted works - whether or not they were selected for this exhibition; space was quite a limitation and there is clearly plenty of scope for future joint exhibitions.

The committee is exploring the possibility of publishing a book based on this exhibition; watch this space!

Fragile Abundance workshops

The four workshops we held at Swarthmoor meeting House were wonderfully rich and varied and we enjoyed a variety of performance offerings at the end of the day.

Special congratulations to Dorothy Jerrome whose poem about the shrill carder bee (written at Lucy Aprhamor's workshop) has just won first prize in a competition held by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. <http://quakerarts.net/category/news/> .

AGMs 2019, 2020 and Committee meetings

The AGM was well attended, and included a wide-ranging discussion about links between art and ministry, witness and outreach.

In 2020 we intend to offer something at Yearly Meeting Gathering, and would like to hold the AGM at a different time, in the Spring. Would you like QAN to come to you in 2020? What would you love to happen? Please get in touch if you have suggestions or could help host an event. See <http://quakerarts.net/2019/10/10/qan-news/>.

AGM minutes, accounts and Annual Report are on our website at <http://quakerarts.net/documents/>. We invite donations from Friends and Meetings - <http://quakerarts.net/contact/joining-and-supporting-us/>.

Our committee is working well and we would also love to have one or two new committee members, to keep our ideas fresh. Get in touch if you'd like to come to a committee meeting or just have a chat about other ways you might get more involved: quakerartsuk@gmail.com.

Our ads in the Friend are attracting new interest. Users say it's easy to put events on the <https://quakerarts.net/events/> page for free publicity for arts events associated with Quakers. Please put your events up there so others can enjoy them, and encourage others to do so. Events usually take a short time to appear as we moderate them to avoid spam. You can also post reminders, comments etc to our Facebook page and use that to share your songs, poetry, art photos etc. Please like and share QAN Facebook posts from time to time, as this helps others see them.

Friendly Folk Dancers (FFD) tour

The Friendly Folk Dancers are an international Quaker folk dance group under the care of the America's Northern Yearly Meeting who travel in the ministry to strengthen the bonds within and without the Quaker community using folk dance as a form of Peace Ministry. They hope to come to Britain in mid April 2020 and would love to hear from Meetings interested in hosting them.

Please contact Lynne or Peter D'Angelo at pvdangelo@hotmail.com to learn more.

Loving Earth Project

We had some delightful contributions to this textile project, at the Seeking Routes exhibition and workshop. You can see them at <http://lovingearth-project.uk/gallery/>. This project makes connections between our personal actions and something we love that is under threat due to climate breakdown, and is attracting interest beyond the Quaker arts community. An interfaith Quiet day and a chattier half-day workshop are already in the pipeline.

Linda is seeking a few volunteers to develop the project, taking it out to others. The project could develop in a number of directions and this could be a concrete way to help develop cultural change towards valuing sustainability as well as being part of a rewarding community arts project, and perhaps doing prayerful or mindful making. It can't happen without a few more people, but shouldn't be very demanding of anyone. More information at <https://quakerarts.net/2019/10/03/loving-earth-project-is-growing/>.

Friends In Tune

Friends In Tune have a workshops coming up in Huddersfield, and welcome invitations to visit other Meetings in the New Year. If you'd like to get together Friends from some of your local Meetings (perhaps inviting other singers too) for some Quaker singing in your area, why not contact Alec and Tony to visit you?

<http://quakerarts.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Friends-in-Tune-A5-FINAL.pdf>

In Friendship,

Linda Murgatroyd, (clerk)

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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