



Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

Meetings for Worship

First Day Meeting: 11:15 am
First Day School: 11:30 am
**Fourth Day Meeting: 7:00 pm
still happening via Zoom**
Fifth Day Meeting with PMFS:
8:45 am
**Music Circle: 2:00 – 4:00 pm
every Sunday**
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Summer 2021

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All meetings unless noted will be conducted via Zoom

- All First Day Meetings for Worship will begin at 11:15 am. You may join us on Zoom or **join us live on the patio** any time after 11am and settle in. If joining in person, bring your own chair & mask (**see attachments for safe practices for meeting**) If it's actively raining, check the website for updates
- Wednesday evening Meeting for Worship begins at 7:00pm and will also be held via Zoom as well as **in person on the patio**.

PMM Zoom information always available at plymouthmonthlymeeting@gmail.com or contact Dave Miller



There will be **no music circles on Zoom for the summer** months. Bill Alberts will announce when they will begin again, perhaps in person in the fall if things are safe to do so at that time. We are grateful to Bill for all the wonderful sharing of music and friendship that the music circles brought to us during these difficult times.

Queries for July

Grounding for Transformed Lives: Equality and Justice

How does our meeting benefit from established patterns of prejudice, exploitation and economic convenience? What are we doing to change this?

How and how often does our meeting engage in a self-examination of its attitudes and actions regarding race, ability, gender, sexual orientation or class?

What steps are we taking as a meeting to inform ourselves about social injustice and ecological violence embedded in our political and economic systems?

What steps are we taking as a meeting to assure that our meeting and the committees and institutions under our care are respectful of the earth and its people?

Do I regularly examine myself for attitudes and behavior that indicate any hidden prejudice regarding race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or class?

How do my lifestyle choices affect—positively or negatively—the causes of justice and peace in our nation, the community of nations and the whole of creation?

How do I demonstrate in my way of living, and in what I teach my children, that love of God entails acknowledging “that of God in every person”

News from the Clerk

There are no meetings for Worship & Ministry, Care & Concern, or Business in July and August.

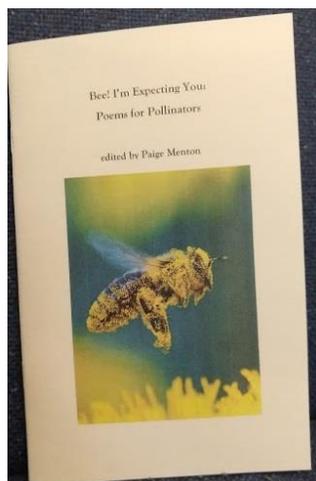
There is going to be a special called meeting to address the concerns about technology in the Meeting House held in the next couple of weeks sometime, but that has not been set yet.

News of Plymouth Grads

Congratulations to Liam O'Melvin who earned a BS this May in Brain and Cognitive Sciences with distinction, from University of Rochester, focusing in psycholinguistics. He attended Plymouth Meeting Friends School from P-K through sixth grade, then attended Springfield High School in Montgomery County. While in college, he worked, tutored at HIAS PA, and was a TA for a semester. He also studied Russian history, language, and literature. Liam is currently applying for jobs in labs to do research, and is pursuing interests in the visual arts. He is considering going back to school in the future to pursue a career as a speech pathologist.

PMM Author News

Chapbook Fundraiser for Gwynedd Pollinator Garden

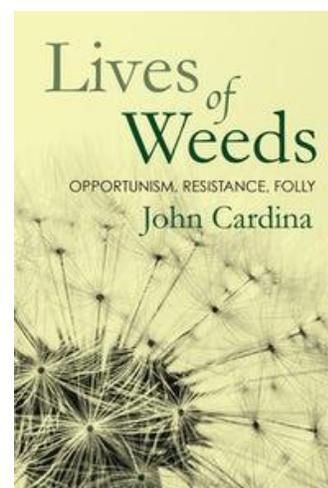


After the recent poetry reading for the Gwynedd Pollinator Garden, some of the participants thought it would be nice to collect the poems shared into a chapbook. *Bee! I'm Expecting You: Poems for Pollinators* includes poems by Plymouth members Carol Coffin and Paige Menton. It is available for \$8, plus \$1.50 for postage and handling if you would like it mailed to you. Please contact Paige at paigementon@gmail.com if you would like to get a copy. All proceeds benefit the Gwynedd Pollinator Garden.

John Cardina's book, *Lives of Weeds: Opportunism, Resistance, Folly* should be available in August or September.

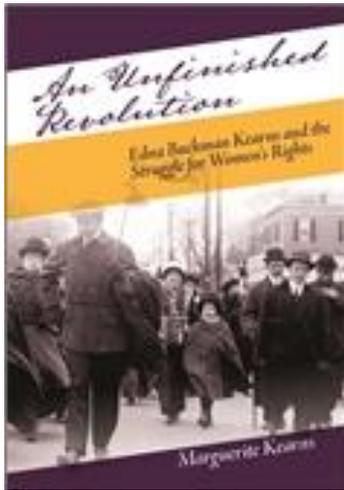
Lives of Weeds explores the tangled history of weeds and their relationship to humans. Through eight interwoven stories, John Cardina offers a fresh perspective on how these tenacious plants came about, why they are both inevitable and essential, and how their ecological success is ensured by determined efforts to eradicate them. Linking botany, history, ecology, and evolutionary biology to the social dimensions of humanity's ancient struggle with feral flora, Cardina shows how weeds have shaped—and are shaped by—the way we live in the natural world.

Weeds and attempts to control them drove nomads toward settled communities, encouraged social stratification, caused environmental disruptions, and have motivated the development of GMO crops. They have snared us in social inequality and economic instability, infested social norms of suburbia, caused rage in the American heartland, and played a part in perpetuating pesticide use worldwide. *Lives of Weeds* reveals how the technologies directed against weeds underlie ethical questions about agriculture and the environment, and leaves readers with a deeper understanding of how the weeds around us are entangled in our daily choices.



<https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9781501758980/lives-of-weeds>

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Marguerite Kearns' book *An Unfinished Revolution* is the story of the suffrage movement and the ongoing struggle for women's rights through the lens of one family's history.

Late last summer Marguerite, working with Tom Armstrong, made sure that a ground plaque was installed in our burial grounds to let everyone know that her late grandmother, Edna Buckman Kearns, is buried there with her parents, May Begley Buckman and Charles Harper Buckman. All three are prominent characters in the book, "An Unfinished Revolution" that's available at SUNY Press and book stores across the nation. Call your favorite book outlet and order a copy. You'll find out about Plymouth over 100 years ago and some of the people and families who have worshipped here over the years.

The Buckman family home was located years ago at Echo Dale, located near White's Road in what was formerly known as Plymouth Heights. You'll recognize familiar names in the book, such as the family physician, Dr. Corson, and how Buckmans participated in Plymouth's activities, including a session in the early 1900s when members and attenders met to discuss women's rights and Edna May Buckman gave a special presentation questioning whether Friends had remained true to their testimonies,

The memoir and family history highlights the leadings of these Quakers who followed the Hicksite tradition of activism in the suffrage and peace movements of the early 20th century. There's considerable content about Quakers, and how activism became a family affair, not only those featured in the narrative, but also how some Quakers in the Philadelphia area were already setting aside plain speech and dress. Quaker faith and practice fills out a considerable portion of the work, but since it's a story about activism, the reader follows the writer's life to where she commits to writing about her family and the larger context of the times.

Marguerite Kearns has a long history with Plymouth. She attended kindergarten and first grade at the school and her mother, Wilma Culp was a teacher there for many years. Marguerite was a member of Santa Fe Monthly Meeting before transferring her membership to Plymouth in 2021. She feels as if she is coming home.

Find out more at: <http://www.sunypress.edu/p-7061-an-unfinished-revolution.aspx> and <https://go.authorsguild.org/members/4469>



Runway to Annual Sessions May 4–July 24, 2021

The Runway to Annual Sessions is filled with virtual workshops, business Q & A's, and a Collaborative Fair

May 4 Threshing: Re-Opening to In-person Gatherings.

May 6 The Roots & Branches of Quaker Advocacy. Workshop Facilitators: Legislative Policy Collaborative and FCNL.

May 11 Gathering: Quarterly Meeting Leadership.

May 13 A Rightly Ordered Life: The Simplicity Testimony, Then & Now. Workshop Facilitator: Claire Hannapel, Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS).

May 18 The Middle East Conflict as a Global Issue of Injustice. Workshop Facilitator: Tony Manasseh.

May 20 Humble Walk Bears Fruit. Workshop Facilitator: sandra boone murphy of the First Reconciliation Collaborative, and Rev. Dr. JR Norwood.

May 25 When the Spirit Calls, Discussion and Reflection. Workshop Facilitator: Jay Marshall.

May 27 F/friends in Unlikely Places: Engaging with Those Who Do Not Agree with You.

For more details, check with: www.pym.org/annual-sessions

Sad News

Rachel Williamson Adamec

After surviving septic shock in early 2018 and battling a series of subsequent health issues, Rachel Williamson Adamec fell on the morning of June 23, 2021, and this time she did not get up.

Rachel was born on July 22, 1958 in Patchogue, NY to the late William Joseph and Grace (Saidler) Adamec, grew up in West Sayville, NY, and spent most of her adult life in the greater Philadelphia area.

Rachel graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with Bachelor of Science (1980) and Master of Engineering (1982) degrees in Electrical Engineering. During that time, she met and married Nancy Aiko Takahashi, her wife until their divorce 14 years later. Rachel completed all but her dissertation for a doctorate program in Adaptive Signal Processing from the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus

(1995) as well as additional coursework towards a Master of Applied Mathematics at Penn State University Capital College and at Drexel University.

Rachel was a senior software engineer and senior electronic development engineer. She applied signal analysis and processing expertise to IoT systems, smart home technology, rail car monitoring systems, radar, CATV systems, commercial aircraft instrumentation, data acquisition, and consumer electronic products. After many years of work deemed too confidential to patent, Rachel was proud of her 2016 patent for "System and Method for Detecting Anomalies in Train Consists and Railcars."

We remember Rachel as a teacher and a mentor. She held that role officially from 1986 to 1995 as Department Head of Electronic Engineering Technology at the Community College of Philadelphia and Professor of Engineering at Penn State University Mont Alto Campus.

Always interested in entrepreneurship, Rachel spent a year working full time on a company she co-founded, Ecological System Controls, LLC. She designed the minimal viable product for an automatic watering system, created business and marketing plans, and networked extensively with entrepreneurs in the Philadelphia area before a career opportunity took her to the Harrisburg, PA area at the end of 2016.

Rachel took great joy in riding Honda Pacific Coast PC800 motorcycles. She found community with the Internet Pacific Coast Riders Club and the Rainbow Riders of the Delaware Valley, organized weekend rides, and biked as far as Louisiana and Maine. A music lover, Rachel played the French horn and the guitar and enjoyed the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra from "the good seats." She never stopped dreaming. We wish Rachel happy motorcycle riding and the best seats in the house.

Rachel is survived by her children Kelcy Takahashi Adamec (spouse David Nelson Adamec) and Daniel Ellis William Adamec, and by her sister Jeanmarie (Adamec) Kirkman.

Cremation was private. All are welcome to remember Rachel at a virtual gathering (details will be posted here as available) or with a delicious meal and a toast in their own celebration of her life.

Rachel's family encourages those whose lives she touched to share their favorite stories here at <https://www.buhrig.com/obituary/Rachel-Williamson-Adamec> and add photos of Rachel to the photo album at <https://bit.ly/rachel-adamec-photos>.

Meeting Together Safely

The Risk Assessment committee has been checking with CDC and other reputable health authorities to see when and how to best re-open Plymouth. Please see the attachment with this email for the procedure as of the beginning of May, 2021. The chart below summarizes current recommendations.

Choosing Safer Activities

		Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor		
Safest			Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
			Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
			Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe			Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe			Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	