

**Fort Collins Friends Special Nov-Dec Bulletin**  
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Note: Due to the timing of Thanksgiving travel, your editors are unable to put out a full newsletter following this month's business meeting. We, therefore, are putting out this bulletin to remind our faithful readers of upcoming events in early December.

**Gourmet Dinner Set for December 2 at River Rock Common House**



**Rich Harter asking the kitchen staff to “pour it on” at an earlier gourmet dinner**

Fort Collins Friends will hold their annual gourmet dinner fund-raiser on Friday Dec. 2 at the River Rock Common House. The dinner will begin at 6:00. Charlotte Miller, Tom Brenner and Trace Martyn are busy organizing the menu, table settings, and cook staff. Fort Collins Young Friends are making the table decorations and will provide the wait staff. In addition to food and beverage, there will be a silent auction as part of the fund raising effort.

Tickets will be on sale at the Meeting House on Sundays. Prices will be \$30 for single individuals and \$50 for couples. An effort will be made this year to bring friends and neighbors to share the event so that a wider community is helping to raise the funds.

Quakers have a long tradition in small and big business (think Cadbury Chocolate or, even, the State of Pennsylvania) so let's use our entrepreneurial skills to sell those tickets.

A sign-up sheet is in the First Day School on tasks, which can assist in making this a successful event.

**Young Friends  
Sleep out for the  
Homeless on  
Sat. Dec. 3**

From wait staff one night to all night sleep out for the homeless on the next will be the lot of some of our hardy young Friends. This will be the third annual



sleep out for our group. Organized by Plymouth Community Church and other congregations, the sleep out is designed to raise funds for the Homeless Prevention

Program. Funds raised by the tip jar at the Gourmet Dinner will be dedicated to this project. All are invited to the interfaith vigil to be held at Plymouth at 5:00pm. This will be followed by games and educational programs for the youth and finally by “quiet hours” in all those cardboard boxes.

## **Craft Sale...Sat. Dec. 10 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**



A year-long effort by our Fund Raising Committee will culminate in the craft sale taking place at the Meeting House on Sat. Dec. 10. Items have been lovingly sewn, quilted, drawn, put together and designed with care by adult and young Friends alike over a series of Saturdays beginning this past spring.

Come and invite your friends and neighbors to take this opportunity to admire the handiwork and to take home gifts for yourself and putting under all the Christmas trees you can think of .

Other dates to note on your calendars:

Potluck	11/20/11
Next meeting for business	12/11/11

Attached is a copy of the 10<sup>th</sup> month Treasurer’s Report, along with the proposed budget for 2012, which we are seasoning until the 12<sup>th</sup> month Meeting for Business.

## **Fort Collins Friends Meeting 11th Month 2011 Treasurer's Report**

October 31, 2011 balances totaled \$9,937, down \$1,175 from September 30. Reserves are about \$3,000 of this total. (I keep some of our reserves in the checking account, to avoid bank service charges.)

Regular contributions for October were \$1,539. This is 66% of the expected contribution (\$2,333). Including interest and rent, regular income was \$2,091.

Fundraising proceeds were \$53, from the sale of books donated by Joan Dardine. Total income was \$2,144.

Regular expenses (mortgage, utilities, supplies, Religious Education, etc.) came to \$1,342.

Significant other expenses included \$1,000 for the landscaping plan, \$250 towards window repair, \$208 for financial aid for members to attend Colorado Regional Meeting, and \$323 for Quakerism 101.

Total expenses were \$3,320. Expenses exceeded income by \$1,175.

We received a bequest from the estate of Jeanne Nash of \$61,835.81, which will be kept as a special reserve until friends determine how it should be used. Possible uses include endowing a fund to support various Quaker organizations and activities; paying off part of the mortgage (whose current interest rate is 7%); implementing the landscaping plan; and/or keeping long-term reserve funds. Friends may offer suggestions for consideration to members of Finance Committee (Natasha Walter-Fisk, Richard Smart, and Carl Judson) or to the Treasurer.

Contributions may be left in the Quaker Oats container, sent to our Meetinghouse (2222 West Vine Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521-1500), or sent to the treasurer at: 3826 Galileo Dr. #A, Fort Collins, CO 80528-3222.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Greg Shubert*  
*Treasurer*

	<b>End of Year 2010</b>	<b>10/31/2011</b>	<b>10 months difference</b>
Savings	6,606.31	2,108.99	-4,497.32
Checking	6,279.09	7,827.66	+1,548.57
Misc.	-109.46	[61,835.81]	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,775.94</b>	<b>9,936.65</b>	<b>-2,948.75</b>

	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>10 months so far 2011</b>	<b>Estimated 2011 totals</b>	<b>Tentative 2012 budget</b>
Contributions	28,000	20,714	28,500	28,000
Fundraisers	3,000	2,072	3,000	3,000
Rent Income, interest	3,300	3,103	3,383	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,300</b>	<b>25,889</b>	<b>34,883</b>	<b>35,000</b>
Assessment	2,510	2,142	2,142	2,400
B&G repairs	7,000	10,078	10,400	6,000
Mortgage	10,572	8,810	10,572	10,572
Insurance	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
Utilities	4,500	3,616	4,400	4,500
M&C	2,000	980	1,200	2,000
Religious Ed	3,090	1,396	1,600	3,000
Fundraising Exp.	150	90	150	300
Peace & Soc. Conc.	0	20	50	300
Hospitality	0	29	50	510
Library	100	0	0	200
Donations	100	950	950	800
Newsletter	500	233	300	825
Supplies, Fees, Taxes	300	151	200	300
Campsite	340	340	340	350
Travel	500	0	0	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,162</b>	<b>28,839</b>	<b>34,854</b>	<b>34,957</b>
<b>+Surplus/-Deficit</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>-2,950</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>