

Fort Collins Friends Newsletter  
Fort Collins Friends Meeting, Religious Society of Friends  
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*Meetings for  
Worship  
Sundays, 10am*

*We welcome  
visitors and  
guests*

**Upcoming  
Dates**

**Jan. 29**  
**Gathering at**  
**Snowy Range**  
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**Feb.12** Business  
Meeting

**Feb. 17**  
Pie making with  
Don Smith (p.3)

**March 9-11**  
Women's  
Retreat (p.4)

**June 10-17**  
IMYM



**Outside and...**

Oliver Wallace considers a fast, downhill run at Snowy Range at the 2011 Winter Gathering. The Gathering (for winter sports fans and hanging out in the lodge fans) will take place on Jan. 29.



**Inside**

Don Smith's pie making talents will be on display at a pie-making fund raiser on Feb. 17. The emphasis will be on British pastry skills and, of course, on eating. Participants will take home their pie or tarts.

**Advices and Queries: Simplicity**

From our early days, Friends have deplored and avoided the gambling spirit that permeates our society – in finance and commerce, sports and recreation, for example. It is best to refrain from hazardous speculation and from engaging in business that may be questionable. Such indulgence has caused the material ruin of many, as well as dwarfing their moral and spiritual lives. It is advised that our recreations not become occasions for self-centeredness and that we avoid amusements that debase the emotions by playing upon them.

**Queries:**

Do we choose recreations that strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual lives and avoid those that may prove harmful to ourselves and others?

*On Simplicity, from IMYM Faith and Practice, pgs. 137-138*

## Annual Gathering at Snowy Range Sunday Jan. 29

The annual winter gathering for skiing and related activities will take place on Sunday January 30. Besides skiing and snowboarding, the Winter Gathering offers opportunities for (1) making snow people, (2) sledding, (3) sitting in the lodge and reading, (4) snow shoeing, (5) enjoying the usually beautiful ride up and back to Centennial Wyoming or (6) catching up on your reading or favorite hobby at the lodge.

All Friends and friends of Friends are invited to join the event.

A signup sheet can be found in the First Day School. Because of management changes, we will need to collect the costs (or the portion of costs that can be afforded) prior to the trip. We're asking for payment by Jan. 25. Scholarships are always available so cost should not be a factor in considering attending. The somewhat confusing cost sheet is attached to the sign up sheet however Religious Education will figure out the costs if you wish.

Car pools will leave the Meeting House sharply **at 6:30 a.m.** A stop will be made in Laramie for breakfast. Pack a lunch if you do not wish to purchase it at the lodge. We will head back to Fort Collins at about 3:00 in the afternoon.

If you have any questions or have not been able to get to the sign up sheet, feel free to call Rob Werge (970 218 8495). Additional information about Snowy Range and conditions can be found at: <http://www.snowyrangeski.com/>

## Fund Raising Report Mary Carol Randall



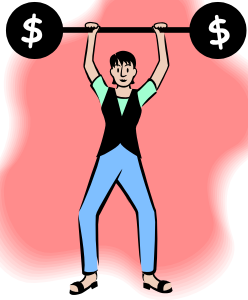
One of Jean Nash's dolls sold at the Friends' Craft Sale

The Crafts Fair this year raised FUN as well as FUNDS. For months ahead of time, people met once a month to

create beautiful aprons, pillows, and button jewelry for sale. The companionship in these work days was wonderful, as was the creativity. Actually all the fundraising activities last year emphasized community building along with funds development. The 2011 totals were:

King Sooper Cards	\$1704
April Yard Sale	531
Joan Dardine Books	53
Gourmet Dinner	825
Silent Auction	305
Dec. Crafts Fair	939
Other	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4404</b>

Congratulations to everyone who worked on and participated in all these activities.



## 12th Month 2011 Treasurer's Report Greg Shubert

December 31, 2011  
balances totaled \$12,818, up  
\$2,191 from November 31.  
Reserves are about \$5,000 of

this total. (I keep some of our reserves in the checking account, to avoid bank service charges.)

Regular contributions for December were \$2,152. This is 92% of the expected contribution (\$2,333). Including interest and rent, regular income was \$2,432. Fundraising proceeds were \$2,069. Friends contributed \$1,828 in response to the appeal letter. Total income was \$6,329.

Regular expenses (mortgage, utilities, supplies, Religious Education, etc.) came to \$1,460. Significant other expenses included \$2,255 for insurance on the meeting house and first day school, \$170 for snow removal, \$50 for fund-raising expenses, and \$203 for appeal letter expenses.

Total expenses were \$4,138. Income exceeded expenses by \$2,191.

We received and passed along \$300 for Mike Gray's ministry.

The totals for 2011 were within 1% of what was budgeted. Total income was \$34,476, and total expenses were \$34,434, for a surplus of \$42. I've put the details in the middle column of the 2012 revised budget proposal.

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.

## Pies, pies....do we got pies? We will on Feb. 17 Shari Due

Most of you know about Don Smith's legendary pie baking talents. As the story goes, Don always loved his British born mother's pies and tarts, but he knew she wouldn't be around forever. So Don asked his mother to tutor him on the fine art of pie making, and now HE is the master.

As a special treat and fundraiser for our Meeting, Don will pass these skills on to us. Mark your calendars **for Friday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m. At the home of Shari Due**

(2424 Sheffield  
Circle East, Fort  
Collins, 80526)  
Don will teach  
his British pastry  
skills for only \$25.00

per person. All ingredients will be provided and you will take home a pie or tarts!

**Bring your own pie dish.** All proceeds will benefit the Fort Collins Friends Meeting.

## First Day Outreach Activities

Over the last year, First Day School youth have loaned \$100 in \$25 increments to small scale entrepreneurs around the world through the website [kiva.org](http://kiva.org).

The first set of loans has all been paid back, and our youth are now on their second set.

Current recipients of loans include the Mzinga Group for motorcycle transport in Tanzania, the Bilqees Group for fruit and vegetable sales in Pakistan, Mario Francesco for improving housing in Nicaragua, and others. If you are interested in loaning money, our youth encourage you to visit the site [kiva.org](http://kiva.org) and are happy to help you navigate the site or select a recipient.

## News from Friends

**Heather Montrose** announces the arrival of her daughter, **Elsie Noreen Montrose-Cowan** on January 14. Mother and daughter are doing well.

**Seth Munson** and **Emily Lieder** have returned from a service mission to the Friends Hospital in



Kaimosi, Kenya. Seth Munson is a graduate of Earlham College ('01) and returned to Kaimosi in December 2011 after a study abroad program to Kenya in 1999. For the most recent visit, Dr. Emily volunteered as

part of an elective rotation in her family practice medicine residency program. The hospital is under the auspices of Friends United Meeting. Seth and Emily currently live in Greeley. They are ready to come to Meeting and give us a talk on their experience.

**Don Smith, Bob and Deb Stucklen** are making a visit to Monteverde in Costa Rica for a few weeks of post-holiday enjoyment with Friends at the Quaker community there.

Our Friend, **Ann Jefferson**, was in Fort Collins for a family reunion over the holidays. She and several siblings joined us for a small, quiet Meeting for Worship on Dec. 25.

Friends have welcomed three new members to Fort Collins Meeting over the past months: **Rosalind Larson, Betsy Munson, and Michelle Bellows**. We will run profiles on these new members in a subsequent edition. A welcoming pot-luck will be held in the spring.

## Some Upcoming Dates

Below are a few dates that those with calendars can mark down. Additional dates will be posted over the coming months.



### **Business Meetings:**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday except for August.

**Pot Luck Sundays:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**Young Friends Coffee House:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

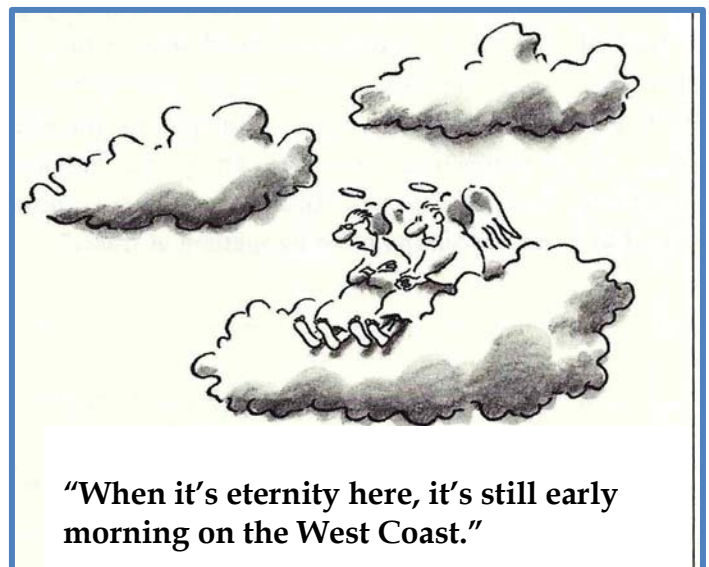
**Women's Retreat at Highlands Ranch:** March 9-11

**Young Friends Rafting Trip**  
May 25-28

**IMYM at Ghost Ranch:**  
June 10 (early days); June 13-17

**Gathering on the Poudre (Camping Trip)**  
August 10-13

**Colorado Regional Gathering (Estes Park)**  
Oct. 19-21



**"When it's eternity here, it's still early morning on the West Coast."**

## QUAKER WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

### *Learning From Each Other*

**March 9-11 Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark, CO**  
*(Registration forms must be postmarked no later than Saturday, February 11)*

**Theme for the weekend:** We all have talents and gifts that have assisted us in our life journeys. We invite you to share your talents and gifts with our community of Quaker women. Saturday morning will be dedicated to a community-building workshop with Dale Grenfell, storyteller, certified mediator, and volunteer with Restorative Justice, among other qualifications. We will also gather as one group in the afternoon, sharing half hour sessions of our own stories or gifts. For example, Emily Northam will lead us in Qigong. What has been an essential tool/query/gift in your journey? Will you share that gift and that part of your story with us?

**Plans:** The retreat begins Friday night with a finger food potluck and introductions. Saturday morning will offer yoga, worship sharing and introductions for Saturday arrivals, then the morning session. Following lunch and free time we'll have our afternoon half-hour sharing sessions. Evening activities will include a peace meditation and games or musical talents. Sunday will offer worship sharing, Meeting for Worship, and, a short business meeting.

**Meals and Accommodations:** There are two options for lodging: 1) Two modern cabins with dorm-style bunk beds, shared bathrooms, and lounge; and 2) One of three retreat center rooms (hotel-style) that sleep up to 4-6 people (2 or 4 twin beds, plus a double sofa bed per room). The camp provides meals for both omnivores and vegetarians beginning with breakfast on Saturday and ending with lunch on Sunday. If you have specific food requirements, the camp encourages you to contact Stuart at 303-747-2888 or by email [food@highlandscamp.org](mailto:food@highlandscamp.org).

**Please consider** sharing a talent/leading us in a half hour session on Saturday afternoon and/or leading a worship sharing group and/or ice-breaker game on Friday night. For more information about this please contact Crystal at 217-390-7340 or [crystalyw@gmail.com](mailto:crystalyw@gmail.com)

**Circle your preference:**

**Yes Share** (tell us what you'd like to share for Saturday afternoon sessions. What will you share?)

**No thanks.** **Lead Worship Sharing?    yes    no**

#### **Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs/requests (dietary, physical, or roommate preferences in Retreat Center): \_\_\_\_\_

Fees	Circle one	Cost	
Cabin Lodging @ \$23/night	Fri    Sat	\$	For more Info contact:Crystal Yates-White <a href="mailto:crystalyw@gmail.com">crystalyw@gmail.com</a> or 217-390-7340
Retreat Center Room (\$33/night)	Fri    Sat	\$	
Breakfast @ \$8.00	Fri    Sat	\$	Make checks payable to: <b>Crystal Yates-White</b>
Lunch @ \$9.00	Sat    Sun	\$	
Dinner @ \$12.00	Sun	\$	
Registration fee (non-refundable) \$20		\$ 20	Send checks and registration to Crystal at <b>2212 Vassar Ave., Fort Collins, 80521</b>
Optional Donation to Scholarship Fund		\$	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		\$	
<b>Request for Scholarship Fund</b>		\$	

**Registration forms must be postmarked no later than February 11, 2012!**

After receiving your registration, Crystal will send you a confirmation letter with directions and suggestions on what to bring. To keep costs low, letter will be sent **via email** to all participants who provide their email address above.