

Michigan Friends Center

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A Quaker-Oriented Facility for Meetings, Retreats and Conferences

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Current Programs

Winter into Spring 2019

Writings of Nature and Spirit

7:30-9:00 p.m. Friday, January 18, 2019

Donations joyfully accepted.

Writing & Poetry

Join us for a fourth annual evening of sharing favorite poems and nature writings. Each winter we've had rewarding discussions of our favorite writings that explore the ways awareness of Nature hints at Spirit (or divinity, or Yahweh / God / Allah, or Source, or whichever term is most meaningful to each of us) in ways that evoke the deepest and most sustaining mystery of our being. The setting of MFC, in the natural setting of the Friends Lake property, inspires our awareness of the restorative power of Nature for our ongoing work for peace, justice, community and sustainability, as we celebrate the center's 25th year in 2019.

We invite everyone to join this midwinter discussion. Invite your friends, and bring your own favorite poem(s) and short prose statements, to share with the circle. We'll have refreshments, and pass the basket for contributions to the center's ongoing operations.



Winterfest! fundraiser with Laz and San Slomovits

7:30-9:00 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 2019, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House

Suggested donation \$15/person, \$25/family.

Music, Sound and Voice

Gemini, twin brothers San and Laz Slomovits, nationally known for their music for children and families, return to the roots of their music — the classic songs of Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary, Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell, Simon and Garfunkel, etc. Come hear songs like "If I Had a Hammer," "Blowing in the Wind," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "Big Yellow Taxi," "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and many more — and sing along with them!

Fine multi-instrumentalists (guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and a variety of folk flutes and hand percussion) San and Laz add extra spice to the show with acapella versions of a Motown song, one by the Beatles, and even one by Janis Joplin! Rounding out the show, they include a few of their own original songs written in the style of the 60's, as well as traditional songs associated with that era. This the music San and Laz grew up on, and they've put together a tribute / celebration concert of this quintessential music.

We will meet at the Friends Meeting House in Ann Arbor to enjoy an evening performance by musicians Laz and San and their friends.

A Day of Solitude and Meditation Practice led by Carol Blotter

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2; Saturday, May 18; Saturday, September 14; and Saturday, November 16

Suggested donation \$30 or as able. Pre-registration requested; contact Carol Blotter at 475-0942.

Meditation

Each retreat is an opportunity to enjoy the quiet of the country while practicing sitting and walking meditation. This day is appropriate for anyone interested in meditation: beginners will have break-out instruction; experienced meditators can be in silence all day; those in-between can practice and have their questions answered. These retreats are fundraisers for the benefit of Michigan Friends Center.

Contact Carol at (734)475-0942 or cb.meditate@gmail.com to register.

Vernal Equinox Celebration—a multi-generational celebration of balance and rebirth

Wednesday, March 20; potluck 5:30-7 pm, bonfire/circle 7-9 — at the Friends Lake beach fire ring or in

MFC, depending on the weather (look for a sign on the MFC door)

Donations joyfully accepted. *Please register in advance if possible.*

Community – Ceremonies, Celebrations & Festivals—Body, Mind, & Spirit—Live Music, Sound, & Voice

We will celebrate the balance of light and dark and the birth of spring with a pot luck dinner and a circle in which to share thoughts, poems, stories, songs, knowledge. All ages welcome.

Bring something to share -- a verse, a story, a song you like, seasonal lore, or a readiness to partake in what others have brought. What is this season saying to you?

Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

The Michigan Friends Center at Friends Lake Community is northwest of Chelsea:

Take M-52 north out of Chelsea, turn left on Waterloo Road and then right on Clark Lake Road.