Our Clerk Speaks...

Dear Friendly Artists,

Have you ever wondered why the FQA journal is called *Types & Shadows*? What does "types and shadows" mean? It's a reminder that art creates symbols—types, figures or shadows—that point to something else: to Truth, to deeper meanings, to new visions.

In my last column I talked about the next national project for FQA artists, to take place in the merrie month of May 2018. Since that column appeared, the FQA board decided on a different name: "The Arts in a Beloved Community." We think this provides a wider lens for considering diversity by bringing in the theme of beloved community.

Doris Pulone is working on publicity for the project. The official launch will occur soon. Meantime, you can be thinking about how you might participate through art shows, performance, workshops, community discussions or whatever format you choose. As you think about it, you may want to reflect on these queries:

1. As artists and appreciators of art, how can we most powerfully represent the diversity of our world and its people, animals and plants? How can we connect our art with our concern for the earth and its inhabitants, human and other than human?

2. How can we express the depth and breadth of the beloved community in our art? And how can we share our art, our "types and shadows" that point toward a new vision? What are we, as Quaker artists, called to do to explore diversity and help create a beloved community?

Yours for the arts,

Maria

P.S. Esther Mürer, founding editor of T&S, explained our journal's title in her article *Why "Types and Shadows"?* It's in the first issue of T&S, published in 1996. You can read Esther's article on the new FQA website. Go to <fqaquaker.org> and click on LIBRARY. Scroll down to the topic of HISTORY OF FRIENDS RELATION TO THE ARTS, on the left; click on this title. Scroll down the titles of articles to COUNTERPOINT: WHY "TYPES AND SHADOWS"? and click on this title. You can begin reading the article at that point; to see all of it, click on DOWNLOAD ARTICLE in lower left. And have fun exploring the FQA website!
From the editor...

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Enjoy a Southern France Retreat...

Writing Retreat

Saturday 7 April to Sunday 15 April

Are you writing (or thinking of writing) a novel, a script, poetry, non-fiction or a memoir? Escape to the sun for 5 to 8 days and be inspired to write! 475€ for shared occupancy (595€ private room) includes 5 nights’ accommodation, all meals and guidance from Kim Hope.

Music Week

Saturday 23 June to Sunday 1 July, 2018

Lift your spirits with 5 - 8 days of musical adventure at Maison Quaker. Experience or talent not necessary—just a willingness to sing, play, learn or listen. 475€ for shared occupancy (595€ private room) includes 5 nights’ accommodation, all meals and musical fun with Jeff Dershin.

Two Artist Retreats

Friday 11 May to Monday 21 of May And

Friday 21 September to Monday 1 October 2016

We invite artists (professional or amateur) to join us for 6-10 days of creating and camaraderie in the south of France.

Cost: 695€ (575€ for shared occupancy) includes 6 night’s accommodation, most meals, transportation and guidance and encouragement from Kate Hale.

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http://www.maison-quaker-congenies.org/

Pendle Hill Art Opportunities...

Pendle Hill, 331 Pough Mill Rd, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, 19086

Lost in the arts at Pendle Hill...

January 6-April 26, 2018. Joe Faith shows “Faith View” an exhibit of his plein air and abstract paintings in the Barn Gallery 2 to 4 pm with gallery talk and refreshments.

Free February 11, 2018 - Transformation Poetry Coffeehouse. Open mic forum for poetry or stories with refreshments in the Art Studio. Share your work and/or listen to others. 2 to 4 pm. Donation requested.

January 27 and February 17, 2018 – Open Studio, 1:30 to 5:30 pm. Create in a community in our Art Studio with a monitor to help you find materials and get started. Donation requested.

Go to FQA’s great new website for lots of extra tidbits, news and membership information including photos from Editor Seitz’ photojournalism show: www.fqaquaker.org
Meed Barnett: elegant twists

Above: Jewelry, “Luna III.” moonstones by Meed Barnett.

Right: Display of jewelry by Meed at the South Jersey Tr-Quarter Retreat, Medford Lakes, NJ.
Meed Barnett says: I work in many media, drawing from my extensive collection of life experiences and memories. I also make wearable art in copper, brass, and sterling. As an artist, I am feral—not to be tied down to one style, medium or artistic philosophy. If I like a subject, medium, found object, it or they will find a way into my work. My studio is an ever-expanding olio of objects awaiting new life in one of my works.

Fourth-generation artist and craftsperson, I could hold brushes before I could hold a fork. Born in Greenwich Village, New York City, I was taken to Woodstock, NY at age 4, where I grew up surrounded by the art and influence of many fine painters who were working in the Woodstock area at that time….My first art instruction came from grandfather, advertising artist Rudolf Wetterau, who worked out of New York City. At age 15, I won a summer scholarship to the Woodstock branch of the Art Student's League of New York City (now the Woodstock School of Art), and later won all available high school graduation awards for art. I studied art at SUNY New Paltz, and years later at the University of Hawaii... With varied and numerous jobs including welding and singing, I self-financed a BA from SUNY at Buffalo, and an MA from University of Hawaii.

Moving to Philadelphia, I studied with Francis McCarthy at Fleischer Art Memorial in Philadelphia. Marriage brought a move to Southern New Jersey...Over the years, I have shown in many juried shows, had several one-person shows, and have won numerous awards, including several best-of-shows...For five years, I was the art teacher for grades K – 8 at St. Nicholas Catholic School in Egg Harbor City, NJ. I continue to maintain studios at the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts, and in Galloway, NJ. -- Meed Barnett (with editor’s apologies for editing to accommodate space limitations)

Meed’s jewelry creations are displayed in this T&S, though she is also an accomplished painter. We will save her paintings for another edition. Jewelry by Meed Barnett
Adrian Martínez, an FQA member and renowned painter, shows his five year work of life sized paintings evoking the life of Quaker Humphrey Marshall.

Right Humphrey Marshall, Oil, Life-sized, © Adrian Martínez

From Adrian’s history text with the exhibit: “Marshall was born to Abraham and Mary Marshall in their homestead between the forks of the Brandywine River....Despite having little formal education, he became the archetypal American, inventing, ...improvising ...to participate in the creation of a new kind of nation.

“He was a man of prodigious energy and genius and was successful in business... A prominent farmer, mason and miller Humphrey was dismissive of those without a drive for knowledge or the capacity for vigorous physical labor. Some of his civicly minded interests included building bridges, campaigning for better roads, participating in the founding of Westtown School... Marshall also had another life, that of a scientist...His friends...were Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Fothergill and Susanna Wright...and prominent Quakers like Anthony Benezet...”
The Visionary World of Humphry Marshall 1750 - 1800

This art/history project was planned to be two years in the making and in the end it took five. Under great pressure during that time the exhibit evolved into a passionate if somewhat melancholy examination of Quaker aspirations and Quaker reality in 18th century Pennsylvania. Without a carefully elaborated orthodoxy the Quaker “faith and practice” always contained an essential component of personal responsibility. 18th century Colonial Quakers were no different. Their relative wealth and power occasionally gave them profound qualms. After almost a century of colonization it was apparent that within the best intentions of William Penn’s Holy Experiment lurked tragic and unintended consequences. To the best of my ability I illustrated the stories in words and pictures, which seemed to me thrilling, epic, tragic or inspiring. Stories I felt urgently needed telling in this early 21st century. While living and breathing this exhibition for the past five years one thing has become very clear to me; despite our many failings and small numbers the world never needed Quaker aspirations more than now.

Adrian Martinez
Downingtown, PA.
2017

Above: “Portrait of Indian Hannah: Oil, life-size © Adrian Martinez.

Excerpt from Adrian’s text: “...Indian Hannah is imagined at the end of her life, under a full moon, preparing what she knows will be one of her last ritual acts of reverence in her family’s graveyard located on Abraham Marshall’s farm in a stand of ancient trees.”

Left: “The examination of Hannah Freeman,” Oil on Canvas, life-size, © Adrian Martinez

From Adrian’s history: “On July 28, 1797, Moses Marshall, as justice of the peace and overseers of the poor, summoned Hannah to the Chester Co. Courthouse...Her testimony would (enable authorities) to commit her to the soon to be built Chester County Poorhouse.”
“Susanna Wright and Deborah Logan,” Oil on canvas, life size, © Adrian Martinez
Excerpt from Adrian’s text for Susanna Wright on previous page: “This painting is an imaginative representation of two remarkable women, Susanna Wright (1698-1784) and Deborah Logan (1761-1839). Deborah Norris Logan knew and admired Susanna Wright, but they were not close in age. However, they had much in common. Both were born into influential Quaker families, an “elite” who had wealth, political power, education and culture. Humphrey Marshall as businessman, botanist and scientist was also an outstanding member of that elite. Susanna by sheer force of her genius and leadership skills, became the unquestioned head of a brilliant family enterprise creating, on the very edge of the frontier a prosperous business and community. Deborah Norris married the grandson of James Logan, a union of two of the leading Quaker families in Pennsylvania. She was known for her journal writing, poetry and for single-handedly preserving, organizing, copying and eventually publishing four volumes of correspondence between James Logan and William Penn. She was the first woman accepted for membership into the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

(In the painting) “On the left, Susanna is weighting a akein of blue silk of her own manufacture while holding a magnifying lens. Deborah, for the moment Susanna’s amanuensis (scribe), is taking down technical information or perhaps writing in her well-known journal...”

Excerpts from Adrian’s text about his painting, Downings’ Town: “...the second Continental Congress authorized army personnel to build “forage magazines” in Pennsylvania....One...was built in Milltown, also called Downings’ Town...located west of Philadelphia at the midway point along the great road to Lancaster. This small village was settled in large part by English Quakers whose peace testimony mandated that they not support any military actions...Private Joseph Plumb Martin, a continental soldier sent to Downings’ Town to forage in the winter of 1777, said in his diary that the process was”...nothing more nor less than to procure provisions from the inhabitants...at the point of the bayonet.”

“In the background of Downings’ Town you see a furnace with the dramatic pile of slag created in the smelting process; The chaos of the furnace stands in sharp contrast to the peaceful gathering of people on the right. Humphrey and Moses Marshall are engaged in casual conversation with a female member of the Downing family and a soldier from the Continental army. Humphrey occasionally made trips to Downingtown to collect materials he was sending or receiving from Philadelphia...”

“Downings’ Town,” Oil on canvas, © Adrian Martinez
A bit of Adrian’s text on “Lenape and Quaker Relations” below: (Though Adrian explains that it was William Penn’s intent to live peaceably with the Lenape he tells the results) “For centuries the life of the people of the Delaware Valley was stable. (But) the arrival of the Europeans changed that. Smallpox…and the introduction of steel knives, guns and gunpowder proved devastating...”

Left: “Meeting in Downingtown,” Oil on Canvas, below: “Lenape and Quaker Relations” Oil on canvas, both © Adrian Martinez
Margaret Drabble (b. 1939) is a British novelist, short story writer, playwright, biographer and critic. Her novels depict English women who struggle with the choices they make in their lives. They include *A Summer Bird-Cage*; *The Needle’s Eye*; *The Ice Age*; *The Witch of Exmoor*; and *The Peppered Moth*. *A Day in the Life of a Smiling Woman* is a collection of short stories. Her biographies include *Arnold Bennett: A Biography* and *Angus Wilson: A Biography*. Her critical works include *Wordsworth; The Genius of Thomas Hardy; Writer’s Britain: Landscape and Literature* and, as editor, two editions of *The Oxford Companion to English Literature*. *The Pattern in the Carpet: A Personal History with Jigsaws* is a memoir. Drabble has been awarded the John Llewellyn Rhys Memorial Prize; the James Tait Black Memorial Prize; the St. Louis Literary Award; and the Golden PEN Award….The University of Cambridge has awarded her an honorary Doctorate in Letters.

Drabble is not a Friend. She says, however, “I remain very impressed by Quaker faith and behavior”. Her father was a Quaker, and she was raised with an emphasis on integrity and service. She attended Mount in York, a Friends school for girls, where her classmates included her sister, the novelist A.S. Byatt, and the actor Judi Dench...She remembers the evening Meeting for Worship there as “a meditation – a "medi" – a silence to reflect on your day”. Friendly testimonies, like the Inner Light, are an influence in her books. Drabble has been active in feminist and peace causes.

I had been unfamiliar with Margaret Drabble’s work. I am reading *The Peppered Moth* now, a novel about Bessie Bawtry, a Yorkshire woman, and Faro, her granddaughter, both in their times trying to escape their upbringing. It is light, allusive writing with great power. A very good read.

**From Doris Pulone, FQA board:** FQA is looking forward to its next national Arts Project, to happen in May of 2018. We have decided on the theme name, “*Arts in the Beloved Community.*” Through this theme’s events, we hope to be open to including all mediums of arts and all interested artists and to bring forth the richness and importance of our diversity in humanity and nature. The queries we have decided on so far to help organizers and participants think about their programs are:

1. As artists and appreciators of art, how can we most powerfully represent the diversity of our world’s people, animals and plants, waters and air? How can we connect our art with our concern for the earth and its inhabitants, human and other than human? What are we, as Quaker artists, called to do?
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FQA Statement of Purpose

To nurture and showcase the literary, visual, musical and performing arts within the Religious Society of Friends, for purposes of Quaker expression, ministry, witness and outreach. To these ends we will offer spiritual, practical and financial support as way opens.

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“The Doctors,” Oil on canvas, life size, an image of Humphrey Marshall paintings © Adrian Martinez