

Programs

- ❖ Deep and tender *Contemplative Retreats* in NY, PA, and WI. 2013-14 marked the 20th year of retreats at Powell House, a second visit to St. Raphaela in Haverford, PA, and for the first time to DeKoven in Racine, WI, with Roger Hansen leading in his home yearly meeting.
- ❖ A sweet conclusion to the 9th class of *On Being a Spiritual Nurturer* with 19 participants from 10 yearly meetings. As their minute of completion states: we pray that their gifts of spiritual nurture be used in the service of God and under guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Members of the 2014 Spiritual Nurturer class making felt for a participant's project

- ❖ Tender sharing from Stephanie Ford fed the 3rd biennial *Spiritual Renewal Retreat* at Avila in November. We were graced with 34 attenders, with participation from the 2nd *Spiritual Nurturer* class (1993-94) and the early *Contemplative Living and Prayer* program to the *The Way of Ministry* and recent *Silent Retreats* and *Spiritual Nurturer* classes.
- ❖ Friends continue to order our first pamphlet, *The Spiritual Care Committee*, through QuakerBooks of FGC.

Service

- ❖ Recognition of Roger Hansen (Milwaukee, WI) as a Contemplative Retreat leader.
- ❖ Movement of Catherine Cox (Goose Creek, VA) and April Allison (Ann Arbor, MI) through the *Contemplative Retreat Leadership Mentoring* program.
- ❖ We say farewell to Patty Levering (Davidson, NC) and Michael Green (Durham, NC) as Core Teachers. Patty has been a Core Teacher for the last 3 classes of *On Being a Spiritual Nurturer* and Mike for the last 5 classes. Patty continues as a leader in our *Contemplative Retreats* program and Mike continues as our able Administrator.



The finished product!

Mike, Beckey, and Patty upon receiving gifts of felting art from the Spiritual Nurturer class just ended

- ❖ After a 6-month search, we celebrate the appointments of Evelyn Jadin (Jamestown, NC) and Rita Willett (Richmond, VA) to join Beckey Phipps (Fresh Pond, MA) as the new Core Teaching Team
- ❖ A warm welcome to Sharon Frame (Gwynedd, PA) and Judy Purvis (Friendship, NC) on to the Board.

Service (cont.)

- ❖ We also welcome Cyndy Nowina (Toronto, ON) on the Teacher Enrichment and Renewal Fund Committee. Cyndy is sister to Sandra Cronk, one of our founding mothers.
- ❖ We will miss both the spiritual groundedness of Carolyn Moon (Gwynedd, PA) and also the deep questions and humor of John Carle (Alexandria, VA) on their retirement from the Board.

Finances

With many thanks to the 62 donors who joined together to achieve our \$20,000 Annual Fund goal.

Operating (non-program)
Expenses and Income (7/2013 – 6/2014)

EXPENSES	\$ 35,316.78
Honoraria	\$ 28,000.00
Teacher Search	\$ 2,458.34
Facility	\$ 2,065.94
Other (incl. Office)	\$ 1,580.00
Travel	\$ 1,212.50
INCOME	\$ 35,316.78
Contributions	\$ 20,701.19
Designated Funds	\$ 8,392.26
Programs	\$ 3,700.00
Reserve Funds	\$ 1,458.34
Interest	\$ 1,064.99

Asset Statement
(6/30/2014)

CASH	\$206,335.84
Reserve Funds	\$79,767.32
Designated Funds	\$66,033.91
Scholarship Funds	\$60,534.61
LIABILITIES	\$700.00
Prepaid Facility	\$700.00
NET	\$205,635.84

Call

A Ministry of Prayer and Learning devoted to the School of the Spirit is dedicated to helping all who wish to be more faithful listeners and responders to the inward work of Christ.

With heartfelt thanks to these Friends for their time, prayers, and gifts in the service to SotS.

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Linda Chidsey (Housatonic, NYYM)
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Core Teachers, Retreat Leaders, and Mentees:

April Allison (M), Jan Blodgett (M), Linda Chidsey (RL), Catherine Cox (M), Michael Green (CT), Roger Hansen (RL), Patty Levering (CT), Carolyn Moon (RL), Becky Phipps (CT)

Non-Board Volunteers:

Catherine Cox, Len Crane, Maureen Flannery, Marsha Green, Lee Junker, Cyndy Nowina, Karen Reixach, Ray Treadway (Treasurer), Marian van Dellen, Barbarajene Williams, Andrew Wright

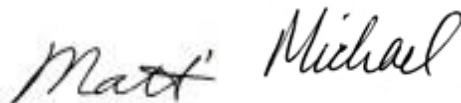
Gratitude and Hopes

As SotS anticipates its 25th year, we recognize that we are in a year of transition. We have expanded our program of Contemplative Retreats, seen the retirement of two Core Teachers, approved the appointment of two new Core Teachers, and received with regret the retirement of Carolyn Moon after two decades on the SotS Board. We are so very grateful.

And we have many hopes for the coming year:

- ❖ For deep and opening *Contemplative Retreats* at four sites (NC, PA, NY, and WI).
- ❖ For the formation of a blessed community among the new Core Teaching Team.
- ❖ For success in inviting the next class of *On Being a Spiritual Nurturer*.
- ❖ For another Friend or two to enter our Contemplative Retreats Mentoring Program.
- ❖ For the success of the new flexible fee structure so that more Friends will make use of the financial assistance available.
- ❖ For preparations for our 4th biennial Spiritual Renewal Retreat in May 2015, that it will nourish the spirit of Friends in ministry.
- ❖ For meeting an increased Annual Fund goal of \$24,000.
- ❖ Perhaps even for the release of a second pamphlet.

And lastly, we remind ourselves that our grounding is prayer in all aspects of life and that we will be faithful in our responding to the nudges of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.



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