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1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum Annual Report, 2021

Have you ever felt so proud that you could not keep from grinning ear-to-ear? That is how we felt this year about the Board, volunteers, and supporters of the 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum and about all the programs we co-sponsored with local historical organizations and libraries.

Our Board and volunteers are an amazing group of people. In spite of challenges from COVID and the world around us, they moved forward with energy and enthusiasm to “preserve, maintain, and interpret the 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse as a national site of conscience and a cornerstone of historic movements for equal rights, social justice, and peace, including rights for Native Americans, African Americans, and women, inviting visitors to explore issues of equality and justice in their own lives.”



Jane Rhodes, University of Illinois, “Mary Ann Shadd Cary,” via Zoom



Carolyn Edwards, with Akwaaba, “Fannie Lou Hamer,” Wood Library

Program Review

Led by Kathy Hendrix, Chair of our Program Committee, our programs in 2021 focused on women’s suffrage and race as well as on current work of Haudenosaunee women. Our co-sponsors included Akwaaba, Ganondagan State Historic Site, Friends of Ganondagan, Granger Homestead, Sonnenberg Gardens, and Wood Library. Many thanks to all our speakers and co-sponsors and to the amazing team who made these programs such a success. All programs are available online through our website. Thanks to Humanities NY with help from New York Yearly Meeting of Friends, all of these programs were open to the public and free.

We regret any misspellings or other errors. Please notice us of any corrections.
To support our programs and to further the restoration of the 1816 building, we welcome contributions at our secure website: www.farmingtonmeetinghouse.org or by mail at PO Box 25053 Farmington, NY 14425





Board Members Walking the Meetinghouse Property Lines

Nature Trail

With inspiration from Board members Carol-Elaine Deys and Dave Bruinix, we began work on a nature trail through the woods behind our Meetinghouse. In 2022, we will add interpretive signs with original words from historic figures associated with the 1816 Meetinghouse, including people of Native, African, and European descent.



Board Members Map Out Nature Walk on Meetinghouse Grounds

Board Members

We were very pleased to welcome several new Board members this year: Mary-Kay Belant, Linda Braun, Matthew Cooley, and Dave Bruinix, who bring energies and skills in grant writing, program development, database management, and historic preservation.



Visitors from Syracuse M.M. (Quakers) and Elsewhere

Moving Forward

We continued plans for fund-raising to finish Meetinghouse restoration and develop interpretive exhibits, working on several grant proposals and hiring CauseWave to guide our capital campaign plans in 2022.

We also began a project to transcribe manuscripts from Swarthmore College and the University of Rochester relating to Seneca and Quakers in the 1830s and 1840s. In 1838, the U.S. government tried to move all Haudenosaunee people from their historic homelands to what is now Kansas.



Michelle Shenandoah (left), Oneida, “Rematriation,” Ganondagan State Historic Site, with some audience members

Seneca leaders in council refused to sign the fraudulent Treaty of Buffalo Creek and appealed to Quakers for help. In June 1840, Senecas and Quakers met at the 1816 Farmington Meetinghouse. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities to transcribe these fascinating documents.

Photos by Reg Neale, Stacey Vandenburg, and Judith Wellman



Left: Carol Faulkner, Syracuse University, “Famous Friendship: Susan B. Anthony & Frederick Douglass,” Granger Homestead



Right: Marcia Robinson, Syracuse University, “Frances Ellen Watkins Harper,” Sonnenberg Gardens



Susan Goodier (front Center), SUNY Oneonta, with some of her audience members, “Hester Jeffrey,” Granger Homestead

2021 Operating Budget Summary

Revenue \$20,568

Individual Donors: \$15,668

Foundation Grants: \$4,900

Expenses \$12,473

Postage, Printing: \$871

Insurance, Fees: \$4,908

Professional Memberships: \$238

Programs: \$4,480

Collection Purchases: \$101

Grantwriting Support: \$1,875

Unrestricted contributions not needed for operating expenses are reserved for building restoration

Please consider including the 1816 Meetinghouse in your estate planning and legacy giving.