

New Story Newsletter April 2024

The FMC New Story meets next from 7:00 to 9:00pm on **Monday, April 29 (fifth Monday of the month)**, on Zoom. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome!

To participate in this event [click this link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

The topic is “Ashes to Ashes: meditations and practices of life lived like rich and healthy soil” presented by **Wren Ribeiro**, as we continue to draw inspiration from the film *Regenerating Life: How to cool the planet, feed the world, and live happily ever after*, a documentary by John Feldman from Hummingbird Films. The evening will include check-ins, reading the poem “Seeds of Aleppo,” a time for reflection, a presentation by Wren, breakout groups, and sharing. **If you would like to view the film in its entirety, contact Gwen Noyes at new-story@fmcquaker.org.**

Mary Coelho and **Cornelia Parkes** will solicit input on an announcement about the New Story Group that they hope to include in the State of Society Report at Friends Meeting at Cambridge.

We need to decide on the date for our May meeting given that the fourth Monday is Memorial Day.

In May **R.E. Hogan** will share his experience of living the change we want to see as we continue with themes from *Regenerating Life*.

What can you say? What can we humans learn from water and soils about community building? What part of the New Story is alive for you? Is there someone you would like to work with in developing a program? **Dave Damm-Luhr** shared an “initial design” ([here](#)) as our context and source of intention. Intention for Dave includes reducing oppression and strengthening alternatives, while building a community in which others come forth later with their themes and features related to the New Story

We are planning our yearly retreat the weekend of June 14 on the theme "Growing Community in Living the New Story" and hatching plans to make some of the sessions hybrid. Let **Gwen Noyes** at new-story@fmcquaker.org know if you would like to attend by Zoom.

For more information and list of resources, please visit the New Story [web page here](#). To be placed on the email list for New Story News and announcements of future meetings contact your Newsletter Editor, **Cornelia Parkes**, at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

Have fun with this short, animated story on the [Wolves in Yellowstone](#) submitted by **Gwen Noyes**.

[And this article](#) “A little bit of dirt is good for you” by Holly Burns April 17, 2024, in the New York Times.

Other New Story News



What would it look like for Quakers to rediscover our Prophetic Voice in these Prophetic Times?

Join us for our semi-annual gathering to discuss the future of QEW, discover new insights, and deepen your faith with an Earthcare-centered community. We will meet online from Thursday, April 25th to Sunday, the 28th. [Click here for more information.](#)

Be sure to watch the [preview of the keynote address](#): “A Civilizational Rite of Passage” with Daniel Schmachtenberger. He blew me away with his right on target message.



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Celebrate Beltane 2024 With CSC on May 1st. [Click here.](#)
