

New Story Newsletter May 2024

The next meeting of the FMC New Story Group is **Tuesday, June 4**, from 7:00-9:00pm. Note the change of date. We are not meeting on Memorial Day, but we are not forgetting those who died and suffered in our wars. I hope you can come! 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 "Living the New Story" which includes a personal story by **R.E. Hogan** and **Dave Damm-Luhr** who will lead a discussion on building community as part of living the new story. See below for references that New Story participants have found helpful in the journey.

We are planning our yearly retreat the weekend of June 14 on the theme "Growing Community in Living the New Story." We hope to make one or more session hybrid. What topics would draw you to attend a hybrid session?

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.

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

Forum Sunday, May 26, 9:15-10:15am on site and on Zoom.

"Quakers and the New Story" with **Mary Coelho** and **Cornelia Parkes**

We will be speaking from the New Story [summary here](#) that we prepared for the FMC State of Society report.

To participate on Zoom, [click here](#) or provide the Meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656.

New Story Group: Community Resources and Queries

Request: To support our time together we are very fortunate to have many, many resources in addition to ourselves. These can be books, articles, essays, videos, music, art, websites, or anything that inspires us and supports our discovering or creating paths to live the New Story. Right now, please take a moment to think about one such resource that you find especially helpful or inspiring and recommend to others. Please also capture in one short sentence why that one resource speaks to you.

[Click here](#) to see the responses so far and add your own!



Celebrating Environmental Heroes

Since 1990, Prize winners have inspired audiences with their stories of urgency, action, and courage in protecting the planet. Attendees at the unforgettable ceremonies have included environmental leaders, activists, philanthropists, elected officials, and others who care about the planet. Past ceremony speakers and hosts have included Vice President Al Gore, Jane Fonda, Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, Senator John Kerry, and musicians Lenny Kravitz, Jack Johnson, Angelique Kidjo, and Michael Franti.

[Click here](#) to watch the stories of the 2024 winners.



Reimagining our Story: Hope for the New Humanity

May 31 – June 2, Cape Cod, MA

This is a weekend to consider where our collective consciousness is leading us in this moment of swift change and evolutionary dynamism. Join Matthew Fox and Brian Swimme and Creation Spirituality Communities for two bi-coastal keynote conversations on spiritual transformation and the lure of Cosmogogenesis.

[Click here](#) for the revised flyer. [Click here](#) to register.



Full Moon Rising in Boston

The [Full Flower Moon](#) in [May](#) describes all the flowers blooming in spring. Native Americans called it Budding Moon, Egg Laying Moon, and Planting Moon. The Anglo-Saxon name is Milk Moon, while the Celtic and Old English names are Mothers' Moon, Bright Moon, Hare Moon, and Grass Moon.

Steve Stodola writes: 'I hope that you got to see the northern lights recently, but if you did not the awesome full moon will be around this week for your viewing pleasure.

Please join us to catch a glimpse of the famous Flower Moon rising out of the Boston skyline. The Full Moon will be rising this coming Thursday (5/23) at 8:47 pm about 38 minutes after sunset. It is called the Flower Moon because around this time trees and shrubs start to burst forth in beautiful colors.

It would be wonderful if you could be with us. Come to the Robbins Farm Hill across from the Bracket School on Eastern Avenue in Arlington. Maybe bring a poem or song to share. The temperature will be ~70 degrees and it is usually windy. Be prepared. The direction of the moon rise is 126 degrees east which should put it near the Boston skyline.

Soooo bring your camera/phone/binoculars/compass. Rain and clouds are in the forecast. So use your best judgement about coming or not. Remember it's a practice. Friday the 24th would also be a possibility at 9:54 pm.

Come and celebrate our closest neighbor in this 13.8 billion year old, ever-expanding, ever-evolving universe/home. The universe went to immense effort create the conditions so that it could experience itself through our eyes as we experience wonder and awe as the moon comes up. “

In Search of Sentience

A provocative proposition paves the way for a long-overdue conversation about consciousness.

Mary Gilbert writes, “This is a PDF of a book review in *Science*. March 15, 2024. I think this will be of interest to you, and merits discussion. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Opinion: At the Brink



New York Times Series about the threat of nuclear weapons in an unstable world.
[Click here](#) to read the project papers.

Renate Rose writes, “,,, last Saturday, March 2, I marched with the Poor People's Campaign in Boston from the Old State House to the new one across from the Boston Commons. I was marching in front and some cute pictures of me exists. Would send it to you if I knew how to do it.” Renate is ninety and has been actively protesting nuclear war for many years.

Renate recommends these books:

- Prof. Samuel Moyn of Yale University: *HUMANE, How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War*.
- Clint Smith: *How the Word is Passed*. A reckoning with the history of slavery across America, [and its repercussions and impacts up to this day.] [Little, Brown and Company, 2021]
- James Douglass: *JFK and the Unspeakable*. This is not only about the murder of JFK, but also a record of the hundreds of murders and lies of the CIA over the past 60 years, much of it only relatively recently de-classified.

