

New Story News for June 2022

The next meeting of the FMC New Story Group is Monday, June 27, from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Come at 6:30 for fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome. Program: "What can you say from the light and life within?" We will listen to each other in that same light. You have watched videos, attended courses, read books, and thought deeply. This is a time for you to share your insights and views. By listening to each other we will become closer as a community. See you there! Be ready to share!

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.

First timers are always welcome! 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 notices of future meetings contact Cornelia Parkes new-story@fmcquaker.org.

Report on New Story Retreat

The weekend of June 10-12, Mary Coelho, Jane Cutting, Dave and Inge Damm-Luhr, Judith Morse, and Cornelia Parkes joined Gwen Noyes and Art Klipfel at their home in West Falmouth to celebrate the reinstatement of the New Story yearly retreats. Before the retreat we submitted topics that we would like to discuss. These formed the basis of our agenda for the weekend. We had ten-minute plus check-ins on topics that rose up for us, which left us feeling well heard. Some topics and reflections:

- *Decolonizing Wealth: Indigenous wisdom to heal divides and restore balance* by Edgar Villanueva. "
- A [course](#) offered by [Earth Literacies](#) on 'What's Love Got to Do With It' taught by Richard Watson
- The relational theory of quantum physics in *Helgoland: Making Sense of the Quantum Revolution* by Carlo Rovelli.
- Purpose
- The [Job One](#) website
- What to do at the next New Story meeting? We decided to bring extended check-ins to the next New Story group meeting
- What to do with the material from the Cosmic Walk Labyrinth? We will try to find a home for it at Cambridge Friends School.
- Like everyone else I fluctuate between hope and despair but find it helpful to focus on concrete tasks that raise awareness of the climate crisis and hopefully reduce its impact. To work in a group with other women has been comforting and uplifting, as has been sharing our concerns and ideas during this retreat.
- Let's make sure in our work together to highlight what's happening in each of us and in the wider world that shows and supports moving toward living the new story of interdependence, and away from the old story of domination and exploitation.

During the weekend we put post it notes on the wall answering two topics and in closing we grouped the comments into categories. This was another way to capture our thoughts during the process.

1. Shifts **in me** that show movement toward living the New Story
 - I'm opening to the natural world in whatever ways I can.
 - I'm opening more and more to learning from Indigenous wisdom and its lessons.
 - Healing of the individual is not separate from healing of the earth
 - Cultivating our interiors to live the New Story
2. Shifts **in the world** that show movement toward living the New Story
 - So many resources and information available
 - Together we can do what needs to be done
 - How can grow out of our social comfort zone and fully participate in a more diverse realm?
 - I'm seeing/hearing possible "new stories" all over the place.

This and much more made for a rich and full weekend.

Climate Change as Spiritual Practice

Transforming Anxiety into Empowerment

Join Joanna Macy, Author of Active Hope. & Jonathan Gustin, Founder of Purpose Guides Institute, on Tuesday, June 14. 12pm-2pm PDT (3pm-5pm EDT). [Register here](#).(free). A powerful and unlikely spiritual teacher has arrived, sweeping everyone into the shadows of its cloak. This teacher has begun to interrupt life as we know it, showing us the impermanence and fragility of our lifestyle and our way of seeing the world. This teacher goes by the name of Climate Change.

Deeptime Network

Essential Teachings of Creation Spirituality with Matthew Fox

This event took place on March 30, 2022. [Recording Now Available here](#)! Matthew Fox's life work has been to uncover essential teachings of the creation spirituality tradition, a tradition often trampled on, condemned, and almost forgotten due to agendas of empire-building in the name of religion. Yet these teachings, long ignored, have contributed to the New Cosmology movement today and can awaken the very consciousness we need for creating a flourishing future for our planet. Dr. Fox will teach in the 2022-2023 [Deeptime Leadership Program](#).

Not too late

#NotTOOLate is a project to invite newcomers to the climate movement, as well as provide climate facts and encouragement for people who are already engaged but weary. We believe that the truths about the science, the justice-centered solutions, the growing strength of the climate movement and its achievements can help. They can assuage the sorrow and despair, and they can help people see why it's worth doing the work the climate crisis demands of us. [Read more here](#).

Trees at Night

Poem by Helene Johnson read at our May New Story Meeting. [Read it again here](#).

Findhorn Foundation

[Spiritual Psychology Essentials](#) 29 June – 31 August 2022

An empowering online journey of personal growth and inner development through creative tools and transforming techniques. How do we focus our courage and curiosity to create movement and change in our way of being in the world?

[Creating Findhorn Where You Are](#) 12 July-30 August

Join our 8-week journey into creating the life you want to live. Come on a journey with us towards a more balanced and fulfilled life. A life in harmony with nature, each other, and spirit, guided by the Findhorn Community's core practices — Inner Listening, Co-creation with Nature, and Love in Action — and fueled by the collective wisdom of the community.

Harvard Divinity School

[Program for the Evolution of Spirituality](#) offers events and courses.

Harvard Divinity School's Program for the Evolution of Spirituality hosted its inaugural conference on "[Ecological Spiritualities](#)" this past April. The conference featured presentations and workshops exploring the evolution of earth-based spiritual traditions and highlighting innovative spiritual practices that are emerging in response to the painful realities of climate change, mass extinction, biodiversity loss, and the disruption of local and global ecosystems.

Telling Uncomfortable Truths to Progressives by Jem Bendell

"...the uncomfortable truth for Western environmentalists is that the [ecomodern](#) vision of economies thriving on renewable energy within a stable climate is, I am sorry to say, utter bullshit.... Therefore, much of the support for it is due to the corporate and venture capitalists' interests in further plundering the planet for profit, while distracting us from real change, which requires a [Real Green Revolution](#)." [Read it here](#).

Presencing Institute

[Global Forum: Transforming Society and Self](#). June 22-23, 2022.

"As systems fail and collapse what we are left with is basically each other." Otto Scharmer. We invite you to join us for a two-day online / offline event designed around the U-process.

Ecological Civilization: From Emergency to Emergence

by David Korten May 25, 2021. [Read it here](#).

This is a personal white paper directed to those who seek a future that works for all of Earth's people and other beings. It weaves together threads of ongoing conversations with global colleagues in which I am privileged to participate

Local Walks

[Studio without Walls](#) "The Ground We Walk 2022' May 28 –September 24 An Exhibition of Site Responsive sculpture in Riverway Park. Many of the artists of "The Ground We Walk" installations resonate with themes we've surfaced or are exploring. The outdoor works are on view until early September – near the Longwood T stop on the Green Line (D).

[Rebecca McGee Tuck](#) Found Object Fiber Sculptor/Collector of Lost Objects What do we all have in common? We walk on the Earth. The Earth beneath our feet is strong yet fragile. Mushrooms are an unlikely hero. They are our biggest natural recycler. They feed themselves by digesting organic matter then they return the nutrients to the soil. A beautiful circle of life. When thinking about our role and responsibility on this Earth, we must remember that our relationship should model the mushroom, with On View with Studios Without Walls at Riverway Park in Brookline MA along Olmsted's Emerald Necklace until September 2022

New Bedford Art Museum

Stacy Latt Savage on [Entropy in the pandemic](#) “There is something about the sculpture created by Stacy Latt Savage that manages to offer up a kind of timelessness while still being absolutely in and of the moment. Savage takes inspiration from the natural world and the dialogue that exists between it and the humans that inhabit it.” [[South Coast TODAY: The Standard Times](#)]