

## FMC New Story September Newsletter

The next meeting of the New Story Group at Friends Meeting at Cambridge is Monday, September 25, from 7:00 to 9:00pm EDT on Zoom. Come at 6:30 for fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome!

Our topic will be **Basic Berry [Part 4]: Our Way into the Future**. As a follow up on our discussions on Thomas Berry's values of differentiation, subjectivity, and communion, we will explore Chapter 14 "Reinventing the Human" in *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future*.

To review the meeting notes on [Subjectivity](#) and [Communion](#), and much more go to the New Story webpage at <https://fmcquaker.org/outreach/new-story/>

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## Group News



### Mary Coelho

Invites you to come to her Open Studio:

**September 9 & 10, 2023 12:00pm – 6:00pm**  
9 Lee Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

Mary Coelho has been a watercolorist for 40 years. She has exhibited in group shows and single person shows in New York City, New England, and Buenos Aires. She is a signature member of the Northeast Watercolor Society.

And to read her recent publication:

["The Sacred Depths of Nature"](#) August 14, 2023, by Mary Coelho in [Befriending Creation August 2023 Newsletter](#)

## Virginia Swain

[Beason Hill Friends House](#) MIDWEEK presents  
Virginia Swain “Reconciling Relationships and Building Trusting Communities” (HYBRID)  
**September 20, 7:30-8:30pm ET**  
Free, [Registration required](#).

In this MIDWEEK practice, participants will be introduced to the practice of Reconciliation Leadership through an experiential exercise in which participants engage in imaging/visioning (developed by Quaker Elder and Peacebuilder, Elise Boulding) - one of the key tools of Reconciliation Leadership work. Please have paper and colored markers for the exercise.

### [West Falmouth Preparative Meeting](#)

Presents Virginia Swain on “An Introduction to Reconciliation Leadership: A Methodology to Reconcile Relationships and Building Trusting Communities”  
**Sunday, November 12, 12:30-2:30pm ET**

To view the flyer and register, [click here](#).

## Skip Schiel

Recommends the film [ANTHROPOCENE: THE HUMAN EPOCH](#).  
Have you watched it yet? It is a gorgeous and troubling view of humans desecrating the earth. It takes the Frederick Wiseman approach of long sequences without explanation, other than what's created by the scenes themselves juxtaposed with other scenes with minimal narration. The film packs a strong impact. I believe it can encourage people to not only think more about the anthropocene concept but to act to decrease causes and mitigate effects. It is a love letter to a rapidly changing earth.

## Céleste M.E. Hogan

Recommends these websites of interest to the New Story

### [The Tamera Peace Research and Education Center](#)

WE WORK FOR A GLOBAL SYSTEM CHANGE  
from war to peace, from exploitation to cooperation, from fear to trust.

### [Living Earth Movement](#)

Inspiring worldwide cooperation and dramatic action to address the ecological crisis.

### [The Cobb Institute](#)

A community for process and practice.

### [Institute for Post Modern Development of China](#)

Only if China and India (as well as America) soon start to make the postmodern turn does our planet have hope. (David Ray Griffin). Philip Clayton is president.

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## Upcoming Opportunities

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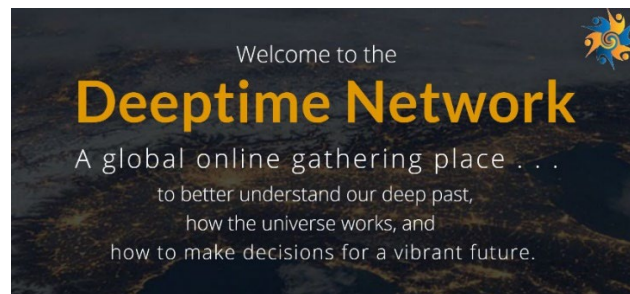
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### Confronting Climate Crisis

#### EVALUATING CLIMATE SOLUTIONS: A National Forum Series

The climate crisis has already started. Will the proposed solutions work – are they effective, scalable, affordable, technically possible, and politically feasible? This series of virtual forums by national experts explores a few of the options.

- Nuclear Power: Expensive Menace or Low-Carbon Solution? **(9/7)** [Register here.](#)
  - Green Banks: Financing Climate Solutions **(9/20)** [Register here.](#)
  - Creating Sustainable Systems: Soil, Carbon, and Food **(9/28)** [Register here.](#)
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### Contemplating the Sun, A Deeptime Experience,

with Stephan Martin and Marianne Rowe

**September 9, 12:00 noon - 1:30 PM ET**

[Click here for info and to register!](#)

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### Thriving in the Emerging New World

Live and Free from Findhorn **September 13**

The energy is mounting. The new world beckons. We'd love to have you join us! Bring your highest dreams, vision, and passion in service to the next stage of humanity's conscious evolution. Featuring Andrew Harvey, Jude Currivan, Jeremy Lent, Aida AL-Shibli, Báýò Akómoláfé, Charles Eisenstein and Michelle Holliday with Host, Mattie Porte. Book Now & Thrive! <http://bit.ly/ThriveInNewWorld>



## Join the March to End Fossil Fuels September 17, New York City

The march will take place ahead of the UN Climate Ambition Summit, where world leaders are planning to demonstrate that there is a collective global will towards a just transition.

On September 17th, join us, and thousands of others, to demand that our government take bold action to End Fossil Fuels. This is not just another protest. This is a powerful faith-driven movement of change, and we need your presence to make a resounding impact. Together, as Friends, we will send a clear message to our leaders that it's time to put an end to the era of fossil fuels and invest in a clean and sustainable future for all.

For local information and to register, read the QEW announcement [here](#).

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## Friends Committee on National Legislation

Poor, developing countries — the Global South — are disproportionately affected by the ongoing climate crisis. The U.S. has committed to helping these countries adapt to climate change — but that promise remains unfulfilled.

**[Sign our petition now: Congress must increase climate impact funding, and provide financial assistance to countries struggling with climate change.](#)**

FCNL is urging Congress to increase direct U.S. climate aid to help vulnerable communities, and to fund joint initiatives to help nations convert to renewable energy and deal with climate crises.

**[Sign our petition if you agree that the United States has a moral obligation to help developing countries deal with climate change.](#)**

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### [Celebrate the Fall Equinox 2023 With CSC](#)

**Sept 23, 9:00 Pacific AM/10:00 Central AM /12:00 Noon Eastern.**

Would you like to spend some time connecting with Mother Nature as she turns the Seasonal Wheel? Join us on September 23 on Zoom for another virtual labyrinth walk with Mary Ann Wamhoff.

[CREATION SPIRITUALITY](#) is about REAWAKENING MYSTICISM & PROTECTING OUR PLANET.

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A Miyawaki Forest in Danehy Park, near Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Cassandra Kios for The New York Times

### [The Miyawaki Forest in Danehy Park, Cambridge, made the New York Times!](#)

Read all about it the *New York Times*, August 24, 2023, "Tiny Forests with Big Benefits."

**Gwen Noyes** writes, "I visited this 'forest' today. The rain has made it incredibly dense. They've taken the fence around it down...no one could possibly move through it!"

It's time the New Story Group made another visit!

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### Late Breaking News

# The New York Times

September 2, 2023

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## The Story of Our Universe May Be Starting to Unravel

***The New York Times*, September 2, 2023, 7:00 a.m. ET, Opinion**

This story has implications for the cosmology of the New Story. Here are some snippets from the Times article.

“The Webb data, though, revealed that some very large galaxies formed really fast, in too short a time, at least according to the standard model. This was no minor discrepancy. The finding is akin to parents and their children appearing in a story when the grandparents are still children themselves.

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Take the matter of how fast the universe is expanding. This is a foundational fact in cosmological science — the so-called Hubble constant — yet scientists have not been able to settle on a number.

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And now new data from the Webb have exacerbated the problem. This trend suggests a flaw in the model, not in the data.

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...we might also have to change the way we think about some of the most basic features of our universe — a conceptual revolution that would have implications far beyond the world of science.

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It is not obvious, to say the least, how such revolutionary reconsiderations of our science might help us better understand the cosmological data that is flummoxing us. (Part of the difficulty is that the data themselves are shaped by the theoretical assumptions of those who collect them.) It would necessarily be a leap of faith to step back and rethink such fundamentals about our science.”

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